



**Written submission from
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In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Ontario Power Generation Inc. -
Darlington Waste Management Facility**

**Ontario Power Generation Inc. - Installation
de gestion des déchets de Darlington**

Application to Renew the Class IB Waste
Facility Operating Licence for Ontario Power
Generation in Darlington, Ontario

Demande de renouvellement du permis
d'installation de déchets de catégorie IB pour
Ontario Power Generation à Darlington
(Ontario)

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Subject: Re: OPG's application to renew operating license for the Darlington Waste Management Facility

To the Commission, to the attention of president Velshi,

My submission today is brief: the licence renewal for Darlington Waste Management facility, if it is approved, should be very limited in time (to 5 years) and require that OPG make clear and specific plans for its windup to present to the Commission in that time. The facility should not be given an extended licence, nor should the Commission give serious consideration to extending the life of the facility much longer, as the risks increase with the wear and tear on the aged infrastructure despite "upgrades" and repairs.

Nuclear energy is NOT a solution to climate change and the burning of fossil fuels; rather, it is an extremely expensive form of energy with significant and intolerable waste generation which is equally harmful to the environment and public health. The monies invested by the public purse and OPG in nuclear would be better spent developing cleaner and truly sustainable alternative energies.

Further, the facility should NOT be permitted to change its name to "Nuclear Sustainability Services Darlington" as proposed, for the reason explained, above, and because such a name represents the worst of corporate green-washing and misrepresentation of the real costs of nuclear. There is still no long term plan for storing high level waste and even the planned NSDF at Chalk River for "lower-level waste" is problematic. A form of energy which produces such lasting, highly toxic waste--for which the country and the world lack a comprehensive and truly safe plan, should never be given the label of "sustainability." If the Commission accepts this type of greenwashing, instead of maintaining the more honest name of the facility, then it does a disservice to the public and to its own reputation.

Sincerely,

Denise Giroux