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Subject: RE: Ontario Power Generation's DGR Project: Information exchanges between the Proponent and Federal Authorities

Attachments: E-DOCS-#3601561-v1-Agenda_for_April_19-20_2010_NWMO_Presentation_on_DGR_Geosynthesis.DOC; E-DOCS-#3601560-v1-Agenda_for_April_19-20th_2010_NWMO_Presentations_on_DGR_Geosphere.DOC; E-DOCS-#3601462-v1-NWMO_Meeting_with_CNCS_staff_to_discuss_Preliminary_DGR_Design.DOC
Ms. Lloyd,

I will try to respond to your request by discussing each meeting separately and then provide some general comments at the end of my e-mail.

April 14, 2010 - Preliminary Design for OPG's DGR for Low and Intermediate Level Waste - Meeting between NWMO and CNSC staff

The meeting presentation (provided by the proponent) is posted on the CEA Registry (**doc 203**). The Agenda (which includes the invitee list) will be **posted shortly**. I have attached a copy of the agenda to this e-mail. This meeting did not include NRCAN (as the title on the CEA Registry suggests - that will be edited). Notes and a record of discussion were not taken, as this was a proponent presentation to CNSC staff on state of the design for the DGR at the time of the presentation. A letter was sent to the proponent after the meeting indicating areas of concern/interest that CNSC staff had (**doc 204** on the Registry). The NWMO has responded to this letter, however, at this time, the letter is protected due to some design specifications. **A note will be posted** that parts of this letter are available by request. The final design that will be submitted will not be considered a protected document.

April 19-20, 2010 - Geosphere and Geosynthesis Reports - Meeting with NWMO (and their consultants), NRCAN and CNSC staff

The meeting presentations (**doc 205** on the registry) outlined the Geosphere and Geosynthesis (version 2) reports that were the subject of the presentations at that meeting. The Geosphere report was subsequently provided to the CNSC and NRCAN for comment, and the Geosynthesis (V2) Report is yet to be provided. The Geosphere (version 1) report **will be posted** on the registry during the next registry update (coming very soon). Attendees at this meeting included the Geoscience experts/staff from both NRCAN and CNSC, along with licensing and environmental assessment specialists. The NWMO staff included their consultants that have been contracted to provide this type of expert advice. Meeting notes were not taken as the presentation was for the purpose of keeping the CNSC and NRCAN informed of progress in characterizing the site. CNSC and NRCAN staff provided comments on the Geosphere (V1) Report and these **will soon be posted** on the Registry.

May 4, 2010 - Workshop on DGR EA Technical Support Documents - Meeting with NWMO, CNSC, EC, and CEAA staff

The meeting agenda (with invitee list) and presentations (**doc 202**) are on the Registry. Four of the seven reports were submitted shortly after (**doc 206**) with another report submitted recently (**to be posted soon**). There are 2 outstanding reports that are expected. There were no meeting notes/minutes taken. Once federal comments are submitted to the NWMO on these draft reports, they **will be posted** on the Registry.

Notes about these meetings and the registry documents:

These meetings are scheduled between the proponent and the Responsible Authorities and Federal Authorities to ensure that draft reports that are being submitted are understood. These meetings have been scheduled at the request of the proponent to update the authorities and as new draft documents are expected to be available. At this time, there are no future meetings scheduled. The proponent does offer many open houses, with notice

posted on their website where a lot of this information is provided.

Until recently, guidance given to the CNSC on what documents were to be posted on the registry had been conflicting in nature. All parties now understand that meeting notices/agendas/presentations/reports/letters must be on the registry. CNSC staff is working at adding the appropriate documents to the registry at this time. I apologize for documents that have been missing and intend to have the situation rectified as soon as possible.

I hope this helps answer your questions and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any more questions.

sincerely,
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Ms. Lloyd,

Thank you for your e-mail of August 4, 2010 with respect to Ontario Power Generation's Deep Geologic Repository project. I have forwarded your correspondence to Kiza Francis, Environmental Assessment Specialist for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. Ms. Francis is the Project Manager for this project and will be able to answer your specific questions regarding the meetings between the CNSC and the NWMO which were held on April 16 and April 19-20, 2010.

Thank you,

Robyn

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Authorities

Thank you for your February 16th response to my inquiry with respect to Document #189 as posted on the CEAAIR regarding Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) Deep Geological Repository project.

I am writing to request additional details with respect to recent postings 203 through 206, which include

- an agenda and presentation slides for a May 4, 2010 meeting with OPG and federal departments,
- a May 21st cover letter from NWMO and 4 Draft Technical Support Documents,
- slides for Proponent presentations given at the April 19-20, 2010 workshop, and
- slides for a Proponent presentation given to Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and Natural Resources Canada on April 14, 2010

I am trying to understand the context, objectives, and process-related outcomes of each of the three above noted sessions. The anticipated meeting participants are identified for the May 4th meeting but not for the April 14, or April 19th-20th sessions, and I can find no record of the meetings, other than the followup letter from CNSC staff to the NWMO commenting on some omissions from the April 14, 2010 Presentation of the Preliminary Design for OPG's DGR for L&ILW.

Further to your Agency's commitment to facilitating public access to information and allowing all interested parties to participate meaningfully in the review process, I am writing to request the following:

- a list of participants and presenters in each of the April 14th and April 19-20th sessions
- notes or records of discussion for each of the above noted sessions
- an indication of what future similar sessions are anticipated, ie project related information exchanges between the proponent or their agents and the federal departments and agencies, including NRCan, CEAA and CNSC, and
- whether such sessions are open to other interested parties, in the spirit of transparency and openness of process

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

Regards,

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