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Please accept this submission "O CNSC" on behalf of the Ottawa Raging Grannies. Sung to the tune of 'O Canada', it highlights some of our concerns about the proposed entombment rather than safe decommissioning of the defunct nuclear reactor located in Renfrew County at Rolphton, Ontario. The Ottawa Raging Grannies are worried about the stability and longevity of a cement and grout 'tomb', especially given winter/spring 'thaw and freeze' cycles in the Valley and the site's proximity to the Ottawa River. (Our research suggests this current proposal does not meet Canada's international obligations under the "*Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management*") Our grandchildren's future depends on wise decision-making now, so we ask that you seek out and heed informed opinion on ethical disposal, with a focus on implementing people-centred health and safety standards. The price of 'quick-fix entombment' may be low, but the potential cost to Ontario's health is much too high. We require state-of-the-art procedures and facilities to confront the toxic legacy of radioactive wastes across our country, beginning in our own backyard! The Ottawa River is not only our source of drinking water but also is 'our' river, essential to the wellbeing of myriad Ottawa Valley communities. So, CNSC, please sing-along with the Ottawa Raging Grannies. And consider how we ever got to the point of even *thinking* about such foolishness! Imagine 'entombing' long-lived radioactive waste in short-lived cement and grout on the south bank of the Ottawa River! Yikes! Let's decommission the site in the safest way possible, please.

Thank you, Ottawa Raging Grannies
Lesley Anne Paveling

O CNSC!
(Tune: O Canada!)

CNSC,
Please act responsibly.
Love Canada,
Protect air, land and sea!
And keep us safe
From toxic wastes
That poison biosphere.
Save us from leaks
On river banks,
Don't entomb waste
Near here!
Winter thaw/freeze
upheaves cement and grout,
O CNSC, throw this proposal out!
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Raging Grannies

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