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Attn Nicole Frigault re. NSDF

Submission Letter to CNSC re: EIS CNL's Proposal for NSDF at Chalk River, Ontario

To: Nicole Frigault, CNSC  
Cc: The Hon. Catherine McKenna, MP, Minister of the Environment

Dear Ms. Frigault:

With great concern, I am writing to you about EIS CNL's proposal for a NSDF at Chalk River. This project cannot be allowed to proceed in its current state.

As a cottager at Old Fort William, Quebec, I am co-owner of a family cottage just downriver from the Chalk River facility, and I feel very strongly that the area that I have known and loved all my life, and which my mother and grandmother before me loved all their life, is threatened by this project. However, today I write you not because of my family and our property, but because I am concerned that the poorly and hastily planned NSDF threatens the health of people and wildlife all along the river to Ottawa, Montreal and further. It is unconscionable.

I am specifically concerned about the proposal for the NSDF for the following reasons:

- it is too close to the water
- it is located in a marshy area
- the Engineered Container Mound is not a proven or safe disposal method as claimed by CNL
- it is not designed to contain intermediate-level waste which will be hazardous for hundreds of years
- there will certainly be leaks, and the filter system is not designed to filter out all radioactive material
- once the contaminants get into the water, there is no way of removing them
- it does not meet international standards

I would add that it is shocking that such an important and long-lasting safety issue with is administered by a for-profit company.

Sincerely,  
Alex Thomson