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

CEAA Reference number: 80122

Ms Nicole Frigault
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

Dear Ms Frigault,

I write to you today to add my voice to all of those coming to understand the full impact of the proposed nuclear waste dump facility proposed for Chalk River, On.

I will avoid evoking too much empathy, but will emphasize I am a citizen of the city of Ottawa and a lifelong enthusiast of the beautiful waters of the Upper Ottawa River near Chalk River. My family and I have flourished for over one hundred years at different sections of the river's wondrous shores. I say this despite the fact these evocations can be easily dismissed as emotional pleading and not reasoned debate.

I will not fill your time here reiterating what I think our some of the dubious political decisions that have led to this proposal, though I've extensive political experience and feel they are relevant. For these thoughts might be cast aside as either partisan or ideological.

Nor will I engage you on what I believe are a number of glaring technical deficiencies with the plan, as proponents of the plan will no doubt have buttressed their arguments with (paid for) technical expertise in support of it. Similarly, for what I believe is so unsound about the plan's entire concept. A whole host of very qualified technical people have already submitted to you their research and opinions.

Rather, I would just use my time and space here to pose one simple question to those who would let this plan proceed. And I believe my question cuts to the core of the what is most worrisome about the plan. The question is which of these two, completely incompatible forces has had a greater input on the formation of the plan: A corporate mandate to generate revenue OR the greater long and short term good to public health of the people of this country?

I ask the question, yet it is not just me but all Canadians, who deserve a clear and honest answer. I suspect that, once past the noise generated by hired expertise and planners and the like, that reasonable minds might well know the answer.

And the answer is crucial for it underlines the faulty foundation on which the plan has been made.

Again, what has driven this: Good public health policy OR profit/ revenue?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ken Sproule

cc: The Hon Catherine McKenna
The Hon James Gordon Carr