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To: Candida Cianci, Environmental Assessment Specialist
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Subject line: In Situ Decommissioning of the Whiteshell Reactor #1 Project - Submission

CEAA Reference number: 80124

Comments:

Dear Ms. Cianci:

Please see attached for a submission on behalf of the Whiteshell Laboratories Public Liaison Committee. Please confirm receipt.

With kind regards,
Michelle

November 22, 2017

Ms. Candida Cianci
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RE: Statement of Whiteshell Laboratories Public Liaison Committee activity related to WR-1 EIS

Dear Ms. Cianci:

The Public Liaison Committee (PLC) offers this letter as documentation of the committee's involvement in the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Environmental Impact Statement In Situ Decommissioning of WR-1 at the Whiteshell Laboratories (WL) Site (WR-1 EIS).

The committee has been in place since 2003 to facilitate two-way communication and consultation with surrounding communities and stakeholders. The committee meets approximately two times a year and includes the following representatives: The Local Government District of Pinawa; The Rural Municipality (RM) of Lac du Bonnet; Town of Lac du Bonnet; Town of Powerview – Pinefalls; Town of Beausejour; RM of Brokenhead; RM of Whitemouth; RM of Alexander; Acision Industries Inc; and Manitoba Sustainable Development (formerly Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship).

As per the committee's Terms of Reference, its mandate is to provide a forum to share information and discuss health, safety, environment and regulatory issues and projects related to the WL decommissioning. The PLC also provides members with an opportunity to report on input and questions received from their constituents and will provide members with timely, accurate information to share back to constituents.

Specific activity related to the WR-1 EIS has included PLC meeting presentations & discussions on October 24, 2016 as well as May 18 and October 12, 2017.

Topics discussed related to the WR-1 EIS:

- Environmental protection
- Monitoring
- Value components
- Local economic development

The PLC has also offered suggestions and feedback to CNL on how best to engage additional stakeholders, area communities and the public on the WR-1 EIS, and several PLC members have worked with CNL on, or attended, tours, presentations and open houses related to the EIS. Specific suggestions from the committee for communications and engagement have included:

- Social media/Facebook,
- The Clipper
- Fact Sheets/FAQ
- Presentations with Q&A on requests

- Indigenous engagement including direct outreach, tours

The PLC continues to discuss the above topics and others related to health, safety, environment and regulatory issues and projects related to the WL decommissioning. At the October 12 2017 meeting of the PLC Committee members in attendance expressed satisfaction with the decommissioning and WR-1 EIS information shared in local papers and open houses noting “all parties are doing their part to inform the public.”

Prepared on November 22 2017 by:

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Reviewed and accepted December 8 2017 by:
Whiteshell Laboratories Public Liaison Committee