

**Integrated Assessment Team for the Proposed
New Nuclear at Wesleyville Project**

Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

Review Panel Division

wesleyville@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

Dan Rudka

<personal information removed>

August 17 2026

Regarding the proposed Wesleyville Nuclear Project;

For over the last 30 years I have been a regular user of the Lakeshore Road through Wesleyville to Port Hope. I have enjoyed the peace and quiet of the area, and frequenting the wildlife along the drive, including deer, coyote, martins, and in the last few year's bald eagles.

I have already witnessed the deterioration and extra traffic on the Lakeshore Road from the assessment work alone. To proceed to develop this area will destroy that pristine portion of the Ontario lakefront. A lakefront already overwhelmed with other nuclear facilities that have been proven in the past and to this date, to cause environmental damage. The people are part of that environment, often forgotten.

Lake Ontario is essential and cannot take on more nuclear pollution, it is already overwhelmed. Port Hope will also change. No longer will the small town exist as a small town and the rural community will never be as it was with this nuclear plan.

I am a proven nuclear exposure victim, (1995) a result of brief employment in the nuclear industry in Port Hope. During all these years I have survived only after a double lung transplant. I awake most every morning and am sick to my stomach - for over thirty years now. I am still very ill with multiple threatening health

conditions including cancer. I have cost the medical system well over three million dollars and growing, for my continued existence. All due to nuclear and never compensated or assisted by the company or the regulators, as the 'system', the nuclear industry and politicians, will not acknowledge proof and actual evidence, as that would be admitting to a problem and danger of nuclear.

As a result of my experience I have read extensively on the subject of nuclear, numerous related books from the different reactors, the accidents, exposure, long term health issues near nuclear reactors, health risks of ionizing radiation and overall danger to human health, and especially to women and children. I have read and actually experienced the suffering. And is all left to the medical system to resolve. Our tax dollars finance nuclear, and our tax dollars also finance our health care system that treat our ill population. And nuclear exposure has been proven as a culprit for many of these health conditions - sort of a vicious circle that is all on the population to pay for.

The denial we face as this nuclear project pushes ahead with "faster approvals" for this project, and at the risk of endangering the environment and population is straight out careless and dangerous. Approvals should be tightened, more restricted – not loosened, this is a dangerous product, the most dangerous on this earth. Any exposure to nuclear is dangerous. There is no safe level of exposure to radiation.

Nuclear reactors have been proven to be a cancer risk for those living within five mile radius. The risk is less the further the distance from a reactor. The plan for five reactors in Wesleyville will put out substantial levels of nuclear pollution affecting the environment and risks to the workers and public (The Dangers of Ionising Radiation, Ian Fairlie, 2026), already a concern in Port Hope due to Cameco operations.

And if lake water cooling systems are planned, the lake also will be further polluted, affecting our water supply. The overall area of land required for this project will be enormous. And so will be the cost, always more than will be estimated initially. It will change the area forever and not for the better.

One must wonder why all this risk, expense and why alternative sources of power are not being considered first? Solar, wind and energy storage systems are

advancing and have far lesser costs all the way around, safer, no pollution and this appears to be what the public prefers.

And we wonder why all the advertising and the cost of that advertising stating that this project is going ahead - when nothing has been approved? It appears that no matter what, the decision to go ahead with more nuclear has already been made. This is not a good situation for the local population to have to face, many already feel defeated. And every time I hear the government advertisement on the radio stating this nuclear effort is going ahead, after all that I have been through and now know about nuclear, I wonder why do these powers promoting nuclear want to harm the people? Because that is what more nuclear will enable. These ads are actually cruel, thoughtless and uncaring for people like me that know nuclear exposure on a personal level.

The Assessment Team must understand the health dangers that are rarely recognized as they relate to nuclear, not rush as approvals as advertised, understand the risks at all levels to workers, the public and the environment, rather than someone's estimated results of risk, and learn from victims of exposure.

I can assure the Assessment Team that a nuclear Wesleyville is NOT a good idea by any measure.

Where will I and others find the comfort and peace that can be experienced on the Lakeshore Road...

Dan Rudka

Nuclear exposure victim