



June 15, 2020

Ms. Lise Morton
Vice President, Nuclear Waste Management
Ontario Power Generation
1340 Pickering Place, P84, Fourth Floor
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Dear Ms. Morton:

Thank you for your letter of May 27, 2020, requesting that the Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste Project (the Project) be withdrawn from the federal environmental assessment process.

The environmental assessment of the Project was referred to a review panel in June 2007. In January 2012, the former Minister of the Environment entered into an agreement to establish a Joint Review Panel with Mr. Michael Binder, the former President of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, and the three members of the Joint Review Panel were appointed.

On May 6, 2015, the Joint Review Panel submitted its report containing its conclusions and recommendations on the Project.

I accept Ontario Power Generation's request to withdraw the Project from the federal environmental assessment process, and I have terminated the environmental assessment pursuant to section 62 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. Your May 27, 2020 letter and a Notice of Termination will be posted to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry.

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada will also notify Indigenous groups who were being consulted on the Project of the termination of the environmental assessment.

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Termination of this federal environmental assessment does not limit the future application of federal environmental assessment legislation. Should you or any other proponent propose this or a similar project at a future date, the new project would be considered pursuant to the requirements of *Impact Assessment Act*.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.