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**Subject: Outcome of Federal-Provincial Review Team Review of Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Near Surface Disposal Facility Project**

Dear Ms. Faught,

Thank you for your May 28, 2021 submission to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) of the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) Project which was resubmitted on June 7, 2021 with an attachment in the cover letter for additional clarifications [1,2]. CNSC staff have completed their review of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' (CNL) submission, to form an opinion on whether the final EIS could be deemed acceptable, to enable the CNSC to proceed with drafting the Environmental Assessment Report (EA Report).

Based on CNSC staff's review of CNL's May 20, 2021 and June 7, 2021 submissions, CNL has responded to all of the outstanding requests, as detailed in [CNSC staff's letter to CNL in January 2021](#), in a level of detail that is acceptable. Of note, CNL has provided both summaries and full details of their engagement with Indigenous groups, tracking of issues and concerns raised and activities undertaken to validate the work. CNSC staff have deemed that the recent information provided by CNL is complete and, as such, the final 2021 EIS is deemed acceptable.

As per Step 33 of [Appendix A of the Administrative Protocol](#), CNSC staff will proceed with the posting of the final EIS and comment tables on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry and the CNSC webpage. Additionally, as per Step 34 of Appendix A, the preparation of the EA Report will now commence.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Environmental Assessment Specialist for the NSDF Project, Nicole Frigault, directly by phone at 343-542-7657 or by email at [Nicole.Frigault@cnsccsn.gc.ca](mailto:Nicole.Frigault@cnsccsn.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

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**References:**

- [1] Letter, M. Vickerd (CNL) to N. Frigault (CNSC), Submission of 2021 Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Near Surface Disposal Facility at Chalk River Laboratories, 232-CNNO-21-009-L, May 28 2021 (e-Doc: 6574866)
- [2] Letter, S. Faught (CNL) to N. Frigault (CNSC), Submission of 2021 Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Near Surface Disposal Facility at Chalk River Laboratories, 232-CNNO-21-009-L REV-1, June 7, 2021 (e-Doc: 6580499)