



May 12, 2021

Mayor Jim Watson
City of Ottawa
110 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, ON K1P 1J1
<Email address removed>

Dear Mayor Watson,

On behalf of the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, thank you for your letter dated May 3, 2021, in which you requested a regional assessment of radioactive disposal projects in the Ottawa Valley region.

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) is currently reviewing your request and will provide advice to the Minister to inform his decision on whether or not to conduct such a regional assessment. We anticipate that the Minister's decision, with reasons, will be provided to you by July 30, 2021, at which time it will also be posted to the publicly-available Canadian Impact Assessment Registry, available at <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/index?culture=en-CA>.

The Agency will ensure that the information you have provided in relation to this regional assessment request is also posted to the Registry, and is reflected in the advice to the Minister. Agency staff may also be in touch with you to obtain additional information related to your request, as required. Since the area identified for the purposes of the potential regional assessment is not entirely on federal lands, other jurisdictions with responsibilities in the region will be engaged to determine their interest in collaborating on such a regional assessment.

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Further questions regarding your request and its analysis can be directed to myself, by email at Stephen.Bonnell@canada.ca or by telephone at (709) 682-4912 or to Carys Burgess, Senior Analyst – Strategic and Regional Assessments, by email at Carys.Burgess@canada.ca or by telephone at (902) 237-0913.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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