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Mr. Chapman:

Environmental Assessment Document #189, titled "Meeting request to discuss upcoming activities" from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to the Nuclear Waste Management Organization raises a number of questions, including the following:

- did the meeting take place on April 15, 2009 between 10 am and noon, as the letter indicates it will?
- if the meeting did take place, who attended on behalf of the CNSC? In particular, was this a meeting between the NWMO and CNSC staff, or were Commission members included? If the latter, were those Commission members included on the basis of it being anticipated that they will be named to the hearing panel, or that they will not be named to the hearing panel?
- if the meeting did take place, what record / transcript was kept of the meeting and why is it not posted on the public registry for this review? How can we access a copy of the record or transcript of this meeting?
- why is a letter dated February 20th, 2009 not posted until October 28th, 2009?
- the above referenced letter from the CNSC to the NWMO appears to be replying to a letter from F. King, NWMO, to P. Elder and P. Thompson of the CNSC, dated February 11, 2009, but we could not find this letter posted in the public registry of Proponents documents. Is that letter posted, and if so, could you please provide us with the url for the posting? If not, could you please explain why the letter from the NWMO to the CNSC dated February 11th 2009 and directly related to the project under review

and its review would not be posted?

Environmental Assessment Document #186, titled "Briefing Meeting Presentations" from Ontario Power Generation to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission also raises a number of questions, including the following:

- the presentation materials indicate that the briefing took place on December 8th, 2008 but the materials were not posted until October 28, 2009 - what is the reason for the delay of 14 months between the briefing and the posting of the briefing materials?
- who attended on behalf of the CNSC? In particular, was this a meeting between OPG and CNSC staff, or were Commission members included? If the latter, were those Commission members included on the basis of it being anticipated that they will be named to the hearing panel, or that they will not be named to the hearing panel?
- what record / transcript was kept of the meeting and why is it not posted on the public registry for this review? How can we access a copy of the record or transcript of this meeting?

Northwatch was a participant in Phase I of the review of Ontario Power Generation's proposed Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Wastes, and we continue to be an interested party. The review of this project should be conducted in an open and transparent, and the timely and reliable maintaining of the public registry are important elements of an open and transparent review process, as are full disclosure of information or perspectives that the proponent may be sharing with decision-makers.

Thank you for your time and attention,

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