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Chief Greg Nadjiwon
Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
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Chief Lester Anoquot
Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation
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Dear Chief Nadjiwon and Chief Anoquot:

Thank you for your letter of July 24, 2017 regarding the environmental assessment process for Ontario Power Generation's (the proponent) proposed Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste Project (the Project).

In this letter, you reiterate that the Project should not move forward until the Saugeen Ojibway Nation communities are supportive of it, pursuant to the commitment the proponent has made. You have stated that through this community-driven process, "Anishnaabekiing, Anishnaabe Inwewin, Anishaabe Naaknigewin – Our Territory, Our Voice, Our Decisions", your communities will be able to make a well-informed decision on whether they can support the Project.

I agree that the outcomes of your community-driven process will be an important consideration in my decisions under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012). As a result, I have asked the proponent to provide an updated cumulative effects assessment, taking into account the results of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation Community Process (see Enclosure). This will ensure that this information is available to inform my decisions under CEAA 2012.

In an effort to support and facilitate the Saugeen Ojibway Nation Community Process, the Agency would appreciate receiving progress updates from you every six months.

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Following the submission of updated cumulative effects analysis, the Agency will make its draft report available for comment by the public and Indigenous groups, as well as potential conditions, should the Project be allowed to proceed.

I will make a decision based on science and traditional knowledge, taking into account the Joint Review Panel Report and the report by the Agency on the additional information, including the views of Indigenous Peoples, the public and other stakeholders.

Should you have additional comments or questions, please contact the Agency at *CEAA.DGR.Project-Projet.DGR.ACEE@ceaa-acee.gc.ca*.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P

Enclosure



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Ms. Lise Morton
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Dear Ms. Morton:

On July 24, 2017, I received a letter from the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, regarding the environmental assessment process for Ontario Power Generation's proposed Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste Project.

In this letter, the Saugeen Ojibway Nation reiterated that the Project should not move forward until the Nation's communities are supportive of it, pursuant to the Saugeen Ojibway Nation – Ontario Power Generation Commitment. The Saugeen Ojibway Nation stated that through this community-driven process "Anishnaabekiing, Anishnaabe Inwewin, Anishaabe Naaknigewin – Our Territory, Our Voice, Our Decisions", their communities will be able to make a well-informed decision on whether they can support the Project.

The Government of Canada believes Indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision making in matters that affect their rights and that Indigenous governments, laws and jurisdictions must be respected. Canada is committed to developing creative and innovative mechanisms that will help build deeper collaboration, consensus and new ways of working together.

Your commitment to not move forward with the Project without the support of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, as expressed in your August 7, 2013 letter, is an example of how reconciliation practices can be implemented on the ground. I recognize and commend you for your work in this regard and encourage you to continue to work collaboratively with the Saugeen Ojibway Nation. The Saugeen Ojibway Nation have indicated that the potential impacts of the Project to the Nation can only be identified, understood and resolved through a process with the Nation and its communities.

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In light of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation's letter of July 24, 2017, pursuant to subsection 47(2) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012), I request that Ontario Power Generation update its cumulative effects analysis of the potential cumulative effects of the Project on physical and cultural heritage as per subsection 5(1)(c)(ii) of the CEAA 2012.

In order to ensure that I have the information I require to make my decisions under CEAA 2012, the update must include a clear description of the potential cumulative effects of the Project on Saugeen Ojibway Nation's cultural heritage, including a description of the potential effects of the Project on the Nation's spiritual and cultural connection to the land. The results of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation Community Process must inform the analysis and be incorporated into the response. The response can take the form of an update to your response to Information Request 2.6, issued by the Agency on April 5, 2017 (available at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/documents/p17520/118537E.pdf).

Following the submission of the updated cumulative effects analysis, the Agency will make its draft report available for comment by the public and Indigenous groups, as well as potential conditions, should the Project be allowed to proceed. I will make a decision based on science and traditional knowledge, taking into account the Joint Review Panel Report and the report by the Agency on the additional information, including the views of Indigenous Peoples, the public and other stakeholders.

Should you have additional comments or questions, please contact the Agency at CEAA.DGR.Project-Projet.DGR.ACEE@ceaa-acee.gc.ca.

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Cc: Dr. Michael Binder, President, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission