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Submission Letter to CNSC re: EIS CNL's Proposal for NSDF at Chalk River, Ontario

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To: Nicole Frigault, CNSC  
Cc: The Hon. Catherine McKenna, MP, Minister of the Environment  
Cc: The Honourable James Gordon Carr, MP, Minister of Natural Resources

It is not difficult to become frustrated with the bromides emitted by the so-called Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. We all have so much learning to do about responsible environmental practices and so little time to do it in. That this proposal, to store nuclear waste so close to the Ottawa River, could even be vaguely imagined, is horrifying.

I have made countless presentations to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, doing the due diligence of research and editing. Each time I experience a greater sense of futility. Those who are caught in the mesh of the system can't see beyond what's in their supposed self-interest. That's clear. So I am not going to plaster your built-in resistance with facts and figures about the dangers you must already know.

How could you be reached with some sense of what your legacy will be? Or if that doesn't matter to you, let's put it this way – if you have children, friends, extended family, do you sense the risk they are being exposed to? Do you feel, as an individual, any sense of agency, a way you could act responsibly here? If so, I would love to hear from you, as would others concerned about how we can heal the damage we have done to the beautiful Earth we live on.

Let's hope this wish of mine has not become, for you, a cliché.

Yours truly,

Jo Hayward-Haines

Thomas Berry says, " In this historic transition from one era to another, something new is happening, a new vision, a new sacred story is coming into being...A vast transformation is occurring in the depths of human consciousness which is leading to a recovery of the soul, the earth, the universe and a sense of the sacred."