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Dear Corey Shefman:

On behalf of the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, thank you for your letter on behalf of the Sagkeeng First Nation dated February 8, 2021, requesting the establishment of a committee to conduct a Strategic Assessment on In Situ Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities under the *Impact Assessment Act*.

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (Agency) is currently reviewing your request and will provide advice to the Minister to inform his decision on whether or not to conduct a strategic assessment. We anticipate that the Minister's decision, with reasons, will be posted by May 7, 2021, to the publicly-available Canadian Impact Assessment Registry, in accordance with the Agency's *Operational Guide: Requesting a Regional or Strategic Assessment under the Impact Assessment Act*. The Canadian Impact Assessment Registry is available at [Canada.ca/iaac](http://Canada.ca/iaac). You will also receive a direct response to your request on or before this date.

The Agency will ensure that the information provided in the request is reflected in its advice to the Minister. The Agency may also engage other federal authorities with responsibilities related to the request.

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Further questions regarding your request and its analysis can be directed to Kevin Blair, Manager – Regional and Strategic Assessment Policy, by email at *Kevin.Blair@canada.ca* or by telephone at (613) 668-9744.

Sincerely,

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