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Notice to Interested Parties

The Joint Review Panel for the Deep Geologic Repository Project for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste (DGR) hereby gives notice that the Panel has closed the record for the environmental assessment. The information that the Panel requires to complete its mandate has been obtained and made available on the public registry. Effective immediately, no additional comments or information will be accepted by the Panel.

The Joint Review Panel is proceeding with the preparation of its Environmental Assessment Report which will set out the rationale, conclusions and recommendations of the Panel, and a summary of comments received from the public during the course of the review.

The Joint Review Panel has written to the Minister of the Environment and the President of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to indicate that, due to the volume and complexity of the information received, it is not feasible for the Panel to complete its report within 90 days of the close of the record as stipulated in the original Joint Review Panel Agreement Terms of Reference. The Panel will, however, complete its report within the timeline set out in the amended Joint Review Panel Agreement of August 2012. The Panel will deliver its Report to the Minister of the Environment on or before May 6, 2015, which is 515 days following the coming into force of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (July 6, 2012). The 515 days does not include the time that was taken by the proponent to provide additional information as required by the Panel.

Following the submission of the Panel Report, and subject to the Government of Canada's decision on whether the project may proceed, the Panel may then make a decision on the proponent's application for a Licence to Prepare a Site and Construct the DGR.

Documents related to the review are available on the online public registry at ceaa.gc.ca, reference number [17520](http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/documents/p17520/100520E.pdf). The letter from the Joint Review Panel to the Minister of the Environment and the President of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission can be accessed directly at <http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/documents/p17520/100520E.pdf>.

About the Project

The DGR is a proposal by Ontario Power Generation to prepare a site, and construct and operate a facility for the long-term management of low and intermediate level radioactive waste at the Bruce Nuclear site, within the Municipality of Kincardine, Ontario. Low level radioactive waste consists of industrial items that have become contaminated during routine clean up and maintenance activities at nuclear generating stations. Intermediate level radioactive waste consists primarily of used nuclear reactor components, ion-exchange resins, and filters used to purify reactor systems. Used nuclear fuel will not be stored or managed in the DGR.