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Subject: CNSC Notification of Requirement for CNL to Decide on the Scope for the Near Surface Disposal Facility

Dear Mr. Pilkington:

Following the commencement of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF), preliminary submissions received by the CNSC are not consistent with the Project Description submitted by CNL [1]; specifically, the preliminary submissions indicate the inclusion of some intermediate level waste in the project scope.

The regulatory process has been halted until there is consistency in the scope between the submissions.

As you are aware, an accurate Project Description of the scope of the project is a key component of the EA process under CEAA 2012 triggering input on the scope of the EA from the public and indigenous communities.

The CNSC requires CNL to decide on the scope of the NSDF project, and then submit a Project Description and a preliminary EIS Group 1 submission that are consistent.

To meet the Draft EIS and Licensing submission timelines in the established Administrative Protocol [2], CNL should provide this information by October 3, 2016.

Yours sincerely,
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References:

- [1] Project Description: Near Surface Disposal Facility at Chalk River Laboratories (e-Doc 4969861).
- [2] Administrative protocol between CNSC and CNL (e-Doc 5021273).