



November 3, 2015

## The Inverhuron Committee

Dear Inverhuron Resident:

For Canadian Residents.

Please contact your newly elected Member of Parliament to congratulate them on their win and to ensure that they are aware of the OPG proposal and the serious risk if this project is approved by the Minister of the Environment on December 2, 2015. A sample letter is provided below.

For all those not living in Canada permanently or are US citizens please share this newsletter with your Canadian friends.

Let us know how your Member of Parliament responds. Send updates to our Government Relations Coordinator, [Doug Hunter](#).

### Sample Letter

Mr./Ms.:

Congratulations on being the successful candidate in -----riding. It is obvious from the results of the Federal Election that Canadians are looking for change.

I would like to bring your attention to an impending decision that will be made by the Federal Minister of the Environment, scheduled for December 2, 2015. Ontario Power Generation is the proponent of a project which will see the creation of a deep geologic repository (DGR) for low and intermediate nuclear waste on the shores of Lake Huron next to the Bruce Nuclear site. This waste will be radioactive for at least 100,00 years. Due to the serious problems and risks associated with this project, 178 resolutions opposing this project have been passed by City Councils, Counties and Associations across Canada and the United States representing approximately 22 million citizens.

The primary concern is the safety of Lake Huron. Our Great Lakes have received more and more attention by Canadians and Americans as an essential natural resource that must be protected. These lakes provide 40 million citizens with their drinking water and represent 21% of the world's fresh water supply.

Several other concerns are as follows:

- The Municipality of Kincardine has agreed to host this project without transparent consultation. They will also gain 36 million dollars for their municipal coffers. No other site was explored by Ontario Power Generation - certainly outside the norm for a project of this size and impact.
- In fact, earlier (1999) a site in the granite of the Canadian Shield was the preferred location as per the Seaborne Commission. The Kincardine site, layered in limestone, would be the first nuclear waste site in this type of rock.
- As well, in 1986, the United States were looking at sites in Vermont to bury nuclear waste. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Joe Clark, and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney intervened and issued a statement that the United States had honoured Canada's request to exclude any sites within 40 km of the Canadian border. This agreement has surely set a precedent.
- If other repositories are to be resources for this project then we have much about which to be concerned. Two international examples, the only precedents for this project, have leaked. Asse 2 in Germany, and the other, the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP) in New Mexico, USA, which leaked in February 2014, have been closed. There has been no resolution to the situation in either country.
- Ontario Power Generation continues to say that it is "unlikely" that there will be a leak and, even if there was a leak, the radioactive elements would be diluted in the lakes.
- The necessity for this DGR of which 80% of the wastes are to be low level? The Joint Review Panel in their report suggest that there may be other options to deal with low level waste in the near future. As citizens we have concerns about the continual changing criteria for this DGR.
- Long term management and abandonment of nuclear waste in a DGR has not been addressed. How can we approve a plan that proposes abandonment when no protocols exist and no procedures are in place to rectify a plan that might go terribly wrong.
- The new Minister of Environment should be given ample time (a new timeline) to review the volumes of data about the proposed DGR before a decision is made.

I am a resident of your riding and also a seasonal resident of Kincardine (in the community of Inverhuron which is 2 kilometres from the proposed site) and I am deeply opposed to this project as are many of my neighbours.

We ask you to study this project carefully, obtain as much information as possible outside of the proponent's marketing documents, and take the time required by a project of such weight in order to make a decision that will effect our country for over 100,000 years.

Please contact me at:

Your Signature

Thank you for your help.

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