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Canadian Association Of Nuclear Host Communities

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To municipal councils in Ontario,

Re: Municipal Support and Endorsement for Ontario Power Generation Proposal to Develop a Deep Geologic Repository for Low- and Intermediate-Level Radioactive Waste in Kincardine

We are writing to confirm our full support for the proposal by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to develop a Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) at the Bruce Nuclear site. We recognize that other municipalities in Ontario may have an interest in this project.

The Municipality of Kincardine – as host community for the DGR – has reaffirmed its support for the project for more than a decade, from an agreement with OPG that council ratified in October 2004, to a resolution of support that council passed this past February 2017.

As the most recent Kincardine council resolution states, "Council has based its support on the solid scientific evidence and strong community social license for the proposal." The resolution concludes with a recommendation that the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change "approve the project and take the necessary steps to move the project forward."

The DGR proposal has been the subject of thorough study, including extensive public consultation, hearings and scrutiny by a Joint Review Panel under the auspices of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA). The panel's report in 2015 leaves no doubt that the DGR is a safe and prudent way to permanently dispose of the low- and intermediate-level waste, which is currently stored on an interim basis above ground at the Bruce site.

We urge you to avail yourself of information available from OPG, the CNSC and the CEAA on the DGR's safety case. This project, supported by public review and volumes of scientific studies, deserves the support of municipal leaders and councils across Ontario, given our constituents' shared interests in obtaining safe, low-cost and clean energy, dealing responsibly with nuclear waste and protecting the environment.

We welcome any questions you may have about our evidence-based support for the DGR.

Best regards,

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