

November 20, 2013

The Honorable Sarah Roberts
Michigan House of Representatives
18th District
State Capitol
P.O. Box 30014
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Dear Ms. Roberts:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of September 26, 2013, regarding your concerns with Ontario Power Generation's proposal to construct a Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) for low and intermediate level radioactive waste at the Bruce Nuclear site in Tiverton, Ontario, Canada. As you know, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), not the NRC, is responsible for any decision with regard to this proposal.

The NRC works closely with our international counterparts, including the CNSC, regarding safety and security of nuclear material and facilities. Like the NRC, the CNSC mission includes protection of the health and safety of the public and the environment. Our two organizations work together through bilateral technical exchanges of information, and coordinate activities related to a broad range of nuclear issues. I meet periodically with my counterpart at CNSC and will mention your concern at our next meeting.

We understand that the CNSC is also conducting technical assessments of the proposed design and safety assessments. Because CNSC is best suited to explain these activities in detail, you may wish to contact that agency or the U.S. Department of State if you require further information.

Sincerely,

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Identical letter sent to:

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