

Media advisory

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Cyclists ride for a green energy future, not a nuclear one (Photo op)

11 September 2015 (Toronto) Cyclists and environmentalists will cycle from the Pickering to Darlington nuclear stations this Sunday to show their support for renewable energy and to highlight the risks of nuclear power in Durham Region.

What: Photo Opportunity - Ride for Renewables cyclists in front of windmill

When: Sunday September 13, 2015 at 10:30 am

Where: 700 Sandy Beach Road, Alex Robertson Park, Pickering, ON

“We’re cycling from Pickering to Darlington to draw attention to the significant risks that go with nuclear power and to encourage Ontario to invest renewable energy instead,” said Shawn-Patrick Stensil, a senior nuclear analyst with Greenpeace.

The unnecessary risks of nuclear power are shown by the distribution of potassium Iodide (KI) pills to the 200,000 residents of Durham Region next month. Taking a KI pill can reduce the risk of thyroid cancer in the event of an nuclear accident, but not protect from other types of cancer.

The KI pills are being distributed only within 10 km of the Darlington and Pickering nuclear stations leaving some many residents of Durham Region unprotected. In New Brunswick, KI pills are distributed to everyone within 20 km of the Point Lepreau reactor and in Switzerland every household within 50 km of a nuclear plant has the pills.

The ‘Ride for Renewables’ will cycle the 45 km Waterfront Trail from the Pickering to Darlington nuclear stations, passing through Pickering, Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa.

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