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## Extending the life of Darlington reactors, not worth the risk says Greenpeace analyst

**02 November 2015 (Toronto, ON)** Greenpeace Canada, together with other environmental groups and individuals, is submitting an objection to Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) request for an unprecedented 13 year license extension for the aging nuclear reactors at Darlington.

The submission from Shawn-Patrick Stensil, Senior Energy Analyst at Greenpeace Canada, will focus on the possibility of a large-scale accident at the reactor site. Among other concerns, he will point out that major accidents were wrongly excluded from the environmental review on the proposed Darlington life-extension, which makes it impossible to verify the adequacy of offsite emergency plans. If they are inadequate, millions who live near that site are at potential risk.

**Who:** Shawn-Patrick Stensil, a Senior Energy Analyst with Greenpeace

**What:** Public hearings into OPG's application to renew its operating licence and extend the life of the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station.

**When:** Tuesday November 3 at 8:30 AM

**Where:** Hope Fellowship Church, [1685 Bloor Street, Courtice](#), ON.

Greenpeace recommends giving OPG a licence of 1 to 4 years, since OPG's request for an unprecedented 13-year operational licence will reduce public oversight of OPG and the staff of the nuclear watchdog, the CNSC.

Other topics raised as concern are:

- the increased risk of large-scale accidents, as happened at Fukushima
- the effect the reactors have on the Great Lakes water and marine life
- the lack of comprehensive emergency preparedness
- effectiveness of the CNSC to protect the health of Canadians
- plans to bury toxic waste beside Lake Huron despite cross-border opposition

The meeting will be webcast live at: <http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca>

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