

Statement

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Kudos to Environment Minister McKenna for Rejecting Nuke Waste Dump says Greenpeace

18 February 2016 (Toronto) – Following Environment Minister Catherine McKenna’s announcement that the federal government is asking Ontario Power Generation (OPG) for additional information on possible alternatives to proposal to bury radioactive waste in a geological repository beside Lake Huron, Greenpeace’s Senior Energy Analyst Shawn-Patrick Stensil said:

“Minister McKenna has made the right decision. It’s refreshing to see that the new government recognizes there can be more desirable alternatives to industry proposals. Public opposition to burying OPG’s radioactive waste near the Great Lakes is widespread. This decision recognizes a radioactive waste dump beside Lake Huron has no social acceptance. It would have been foolhardy to approve a project that could threaten the Great Lakes for thousands of years before assessing alternatives or reviewing the huge gaps in the project’s environmental assessment report.

Now it’s time for Ontario’s Wynne government to recognize its responsibility for creating these radioactive wastes. Earlier this year, Premier Wynne approved the production of even more radioactive garbage when she gave the green light to rebuild the Bruce and Darlington nuclear stations. Approving reactor life-extensions without an acceptable long-term plan for managing radioactive waste is irresponsible.”

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Minister McKenna’s letter to OPG and the Chair of the Joint Review Panel can be found here:
<http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/050/documents/p17520/104965E.pdf>