



# The Old Fort William Cottagers' Association

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## Proxy: OFWCA's Proposed NPD Resolution

To be voted on at the 2018 AGM, Saturday, July 21, 2018, Hotel Pontiac, Fort William.

### Opposing Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' proposal for the Decommissioning of the Nuclear Power Demonstration (NPD) Reactor at Rolphton, Ontario

OFWCA strongly opposes CNL's flawed proposal to entomb the NPD reactor at Rolphton, Ontario, by filling it with grout and covering it with a concrete cap.

The NPD reactor vessel and components are highly contaminated with "post-fission" radioactive materials (including both low-level and intermediate-level). Entombing plutonium and other human-made radioactive materials (by-products of nuclear fission) as well as other mixed wastes such as mercury, lead, asbestos and PCBs just below the surface is completely against International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) standards.

The IAEA states that entombment should only be considered under exceptional circumstances (e.g., a severe accident) and should not be an option in the case of a planned permanent shutdown.

Entombing and abandoning these same radioactive materials that will be hazardous for hundreds of thousands of years as well as other toxic mixed wastes a hundred metres from the Ottawa River, where all surface water and groundwater migrates to that river, is totally unacceptable.

Extracting this radioactive material from this grouting and concrete in order to transfer it from Rolphton to a proper facility (when one becomes available) would be difficult and costly.

There are no guarantees that the grouting will not crack allowing water to infiltrate this shallow underground grave. And there are no guarantees that the concrete will last anywhere near as long as the radioactive materials will remain hazardous.

OFWCA calls for a halt to the current entombment plan and a proper assessment of the alternatives to entombment. OFWCA calls for public consultations on managing radioactive wastes, including consideration of Retrievable Storage or "Rolling Stewardship" in which radioactive waste is contained, retrievable and monitored; and information and responsibility are transferred from one generation to the next ([http://www.cnr.org/Rolling\\_Stewardship.pdf](http://www.cnr.org/Rolling_Stewardship.pdf)). OFWCA requests that an independent science-based body operating under the auspices of the Minister of Environment and Climate Change be charged with conducting environmental assessments related to radioactive waste management.

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Print, sign, and mail to David L. Prentice, 123 Tapp Road, Sheenboro, QC J0X 2Z0, to arrive by Thursday, July 19, 2018. *or* hand your signed form to someone who will be at the meeting.

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