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To: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)

Subject: the Fukushima Omnibus project.

I find that although the Commission appears on the surface to be strengthening the protection of public health and safety in its deliberations on the Fukushima Omnibus project, it remains a promoter of nuclear power and refuses to address the fundamental problems presented by the ongoing, unstoppable nuclear disasters at Fukushima, Japan and everywhere else that nuclear power generators are being allowed to operate.

In my humble opinion, nuclear power is a failed experiment and this technology must be eradicated as soon as is practicable. The cost, both in ecological and financial terms, is too high. It was with great hope and optimism that I learned of the recent decisions by Hydro Québec and the Québec government to shut down Gentilly-2 nuclear power plant. Québec clearly understands that the risks are too great and that all humanity now has the ability to produce power without utilizing fuels and technologies that contaminate Earth's ecosystems.

The Commission has already heard from numerous members of Aboriginal communities in Canada. All are firmly opposed to the continuance of nuclear power. Indeed, a number have of Aboriginal leaders, nations and groups have officially requested that you respect and honour their right to deny approval of any nuclear power and waste operations in their ancestral territories. Therefore, it is my considered opinion that the CNSC is acting illegally wherever Aboriginal people have spoken against the continuance of these operations and the Commission has ignored or denied their rights and responsibilities to decide in the proliferation of nuclear technologies in their territories.

The costs of severe nuclear accidents is beyond calculation and the detrimental effects on all biological ecosystems, including human bodies, persist for countless generations. The same can be said for nuclear waste facilities and for the transport of all fissile materials.

Although I agree with the submission from Chris Rouse of CCNB Action (attached) in that I generally support any changes that strengthen nuclear regulations in Canada, I believe that Canada is so far from meeting its responsibility to ensure that regulators act independently and in the interest of public and worker health and safety at present, that nothing less than a complete overhaul of the regulatory regimes governing the presence and use of nuclear technology will give the public any measure of confidence in their intent and ability to keep us safe from industry-caused radioactive exposures.

I request that the Commission consider the truths contained in this letter, further consider the mandate of the Fukushima Omnibus project and in the interim, place a moratorium on licensing any nuclear power and waste facilities until it can provide proper independent science and oversight of its activities and the industry itself and secure the approval of the First Peoples of

the respective territories.

All My Relations

<signed>

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