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Mr. Cliff Barua Commercial Chemicals and Nuclear Programs Section Environment Canada 4905 Dufferin Street Toronto, Ontario M3H 5T4

Subject: Bruce Used Fuel Dry Storage Facility Comprehensive Study

Dear Mr. Barua:

The public consultation period for the Comprehensive Study Report for the Bruce Used Fuel Dry Storage Project was concluded on November 21, 1998. Approximately 170 submissions were received by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. Of those, 20 submissions supported the project and the remainder demanded a full and transparent public review. The majority of submissions were form letters, however the attached submissions constituted the bulk of the concerns.

- 1. Submission by Birchall Northey
- 2. Submission by the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation

The proponent, Ontario Hydro, has concluded their design system study and has indicated three major design changes:

The Pickering container currently in use at the Pickering Used Fuel Dry Storage Facility will be used for the Bruce Used Fuel Dry Storage Project;

The processing of the containers (welding, helium backfilling, etc.) will be conducted at the BNPD Used Fuel Dry Storage Facility rather than at the Bruce A and Bruce B Generating Stations; and,

The filled containers will be stored indoors. 3.

The Atomic Energy Control Board, as the responsible authority for this project, in consultation with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the proponent, has determined that a further public consultation period was warranted.

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The intent would be to provide the public with information on the above-mentioned design changes and to address the concerns expressed during the initial public consultation period.

This is being provided to you for information purposes. Once the <u>addendum</u> mentioned above is ready, we will send you a copy for your review and comment.

Should you have any questions about this information please do not hesitate to contact me. My fax number is (613) 995-5086, and my telephone number is (613) 996-9997, and my E-mail address is richard.b@atomcon.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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