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## MEMORANDUM TO MINISTER NOTE DE SERVICE AU MINISTRE

Subject / Objet  
  
Bruce Used Fuel Dry Storage Facility,  
Ontario

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Approval and Signature

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### ISSUE

Whether the construction by Ontario Hydro of the Bruce Used Fuel Dry Storage Facility at the Bruce Nuclear Power Development site in Ontario should be referred back to the responsible authority (Atomic Energy Control Board) for action, or requires further environmental assessment by a mediator or review panel.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that you reply to the President of the Atomic Energy Control Board (AECB), Dr. Agnes J. Bishop, indicating that:

1. you have concluded that the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects and that you are referring the project back to the AECB for action under subsection 37(1) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*;

2. the responsible authority:

a) ensure that all mitigation measures described in the comprehensive study report are implemented;

b) ensure that a follow-up program is developed that can determine the effectiveness of measures taken to mitigate any adverse environmental effects of the project, and can verify the accuracy of the environmental assessment of the project; and

c) is encouraged to issue a public notice outlining its course of action; and

3. the Agency will follow up with the responsible authority to ensure that the mitigation measures as described are undertaken and that the prediction of environmental effects was accurate.

This response will fulfill your requirements under the Act comprehensive study process. It will also allow the AECB to complete its decision-making process under the Act.

If you accept this course of action, a letter to Dr. Bishop has been prepared for your signature.

A copy of pertinent background information on the technical review of the project and on the comments received from the public is attached for your consideration.

I would be pleased to discuss this decision-making process or the environmental assessment of the project at your convenience.

  
Sid Gershberg

Attachments

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