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OPG STATEMENT ON DEEP GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY

Toronto – The Minister of the Environment and Climate Change today announced there will be a decision on OPG’s proposed Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) on March 1, 2016. Ontario Power Generation (OPG) respects the Minister’s need for more time to review the Joint Review Panel’s recommendation to move forward with the project.

OPG has spent more than a decade studying the feasibility of a DGR at its Bruce site in Kincardine, Ontario and has conducted considerable public consultations. The federal environmental assessment DGR included more than 12,500 pages of peer reviewed data.

The proposed DGR, which would be located at the Bruce nuclear facility in Kincardine, will safely store more than 200,000 cubic metres of low and intermediate level waste from 40 years of operating Ontario’s nuclear stations. Used fuel would not be stored in the DGR.

Buried 680 metres in stable rock formations that are over 450 million years old, the proposed DGR would permanently isolate and contain the waste deep underground and protect the water and surrounding environment.

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