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## **OPG REMAINS COMMITTED TO RESPONSIBLE, LONG-TERM STORAGE OF NUCLEAR WASTE**

**Toronto** – Ontario Power Generation (OPG) announced today that the Joint Review Panel (JRP) recommended the Federal Government approve the Deep Geologic Repository (DGR).

The panel concludes “that the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.”

“The idea for this project came from the community. OPG developed the DGR with one goal in mind: to create permanent, safe storage for Ontario’s low and intermediate-level nuclear waste,” said Laurie Swami, Senior Vice President, OPG. “We are pleased with the Panel’s conclusion that the project will safely protect the environment.”

The Panel’s recommendation comes after more than 14 years of study and consultation. The JRP conducted the most comprehensive and science-based nuclear waste storage review in Canadian history and their report reflects the input of hundreds of Canadians and Americans.

“The deep geologic repository will be designed to protect the Great Lakes’ unique natural environment and precious resources,” Swami said. “OPG and a team of scientists will closely analyze the Panel’s conditions, many of which reinforce our commitment to the stewardship of the Great Lakes.”

OPG is reviewing the recommendations outlined in [the Panel’s report](#).

The deep geologic repository would be located at the Bruce nuclear facility in Kincardine, Ontario. It would safely store about 200,000 cubic metres of low and intermediate level waste from more than 40 years of operating Ontario’s nuclear stations. The DGR will safely isolate and contain the waste deep underground, ensuring protection of the water and the environment permanently. It will be buried 680 metres in stable rock formations that are over 450 million years old.

The Federal Minister of the Environment is expected to render her final decision on the DGR in 120 days.

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