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Public invited to discuss preliminary results of environmental assessment studies on project to manage low-level radioactive waste for hundreds of years

PORT HOPE, ONTARIO – Expert scientists and engineers will discuss the results of three years' detailed study and analysis of the potential environmental effects of the Port Hope Long-term Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Project at an Open House in Port Hope on January 19, 2005.

Local residents and interested members of the public are invited to drop in at Lions Centre between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Wednesday January 19th to sit down with the specialists and discuss the effect of the proposed project on the air we breathe, the water we drink and any other effects the Port Hope Project might have on people and the environment. At 4 p.m. and at 7 p.m. there will be presentations on highlights of the findings of the studies.

Today, Glenn Case of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Office (LLRWMO) gave Port Hope Council a brief preview of the results of the four draft studies now under review by the Municipal peer review team (atmospheric, aquatic, terrestrial, geology and groundwater). He also described the socio-economic and human health and safety studies that will undergo municipal review later this month.

He concluded the presentation by outlining the next steps in the project to clean up and consolidate in one long term management facility approximately 1.2 million cubic metres of low-level radioactive waste now located in both wards of Port Hope. The recommended project would consolidate all the waste in a new facility to be located west of Baulch Road and south of Highway 401.

- By February, these six draft reports on the potential effect of the project on the natural and human environment will be incorporated into the Draft Environmental Assessment Study Report. This draft report will be presented to the public on February 23 and 24, 2005.
- This Spring, after public and expert review, the study will be submitted by the LLRWMO to the federal authorities responsible for the environmental assessment being conducted under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.
- Public consultation will continue during detailed engineering and planning and during review of the Environmental Assessment studies by federal agencies.

After the January Open House, draft environmental effects assessment reports can be reviewed at the Port Hope Public Library. All project-related reports are available at the Project Information Exchange at 110 Walton Street in Port Hope. From 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday visitors can drop-in, discuss their views and pick up information on the Port Hope Project.

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