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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

NEWTONVILLE, ONTARIO – Expert scientists and engineers will discuss the results of three years' detailed study and analysis of the potential environmental effects of the Port Granby Long-term Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Project at an Open House in Newtonville on January 18, 2005.

Local residents and interested members of the public are invited to drop in at Newtonville Hall between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Tuesday January 18th to discuss the effect of the proposed project on the air we breathe, the water we drink and any other effects the Port Granby 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 Environmental Assessment findings.

Today, Glenn Case of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Office (LLRWMO) gave Clarington 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 encapsulate the 500,000 cubic metres of low-level radioactive waste now located in the Port Granby Waste Management Facility on the existing site next to Lake Ontario.

- 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 22, 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 the review of the Environmental Assessment studies by federal agencies.

After the January Open House, draft environmental effects assessment reports can be reviewed at the main branch of the Clarington Public Library in Bowmanville. 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 Granby Project.

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