



Mr. Michael Binder, President and CEO  
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Dear Mr. Binder:

On behalf of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, I write to express our interest and serious concern over the proposed shipment on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway of radioactive steam generators from Bruce Power to Sweden.

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is an association of over 70 mayors, representing over 13 million people in Canada and the United States, dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence are a vital resource and provide drinking water for over 40 million people.

The Cities Initiative is concerned about the lack of public consultation, lack of transparency and potential environmental and public health impacts of the proposed shipment. Based on the concerns heard around the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence basin, we support the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's decision to hold a public hearing.

At this time, we are seeking additional information to help us understand the risks of the shipment on the Great Lakes and through the St. Lawrence. Specifically, we are concerned about whether this shipment is necessary; whether all alternatives to this shipment, including recycling on site or at a closer facility, have been fully explored; if the shipment is approved, the measures to notify local governments and other parties along the shipment route; the timing of the shipment given the potential for bad weather in late fall/ early winter; methods to prevent an accident with the shipment; methods to minimise security risks; measures to respond to an accident; the potential environmental impact of an accident and the potential precedent setting nature of the shipment. Also of concern are the low water levels in the St. Lawrence. Specific information about the age and condition of the ship that will be used, as well as the safety and environmental record of the shipper are also important, and are requested.

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We are looking forward to receiving and reviewing the technical studies including the emergency security plan, shipping plan, environmental impact and radiological dose and others now under way at the CNSC. As part of these technical reviews, we would encourage the Commission to fully consider the essential need to protect the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence. There should be no shipment until a full, open, and transparent process is completed and all relevant questions are answered.

Thank you,

Denis Lapointe  
Mayor of Salaberry de Valleyfield  
Chair, GLSLCI

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