



### **PORT HOPE AREA INITIATIVE LAUNCHES PUBLIC ATTITUDE SURVEY**

**Port Hope, ON.** (October 09, 2018) – Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) is polling local residents once again to find out their attitudes about the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) cleanup and safe long-term management of historic low-level radioactive waste in the Port Granby area of Southeast Clarington.

Conducted by CCI Research Inc., an independent Canadian research firm, the survey is being mailed to approximately 700 residents who live within a 10-km radius of the Port Granby Project area. Residents will also have the option to complete the survey online or by telephone, which will take about 20 minutes. The survey will be conducted this month and concludes this November.

“With the Port Granby Long-Term Waste Management Facility now under construction, it is more important than ever that we hear from the community,” said Alex Mahabir, Manager of Communications for CNL. “The information we collect through the survey provides valuable insight into the views of the community and measures the effectiveness of how we communicate with residents about project activities and progress.”

Since the last public attitude survey in 2016, significant progress has been made on the removal of low-level radioactive waste from the Legacy Waste Management Site south of Lakeshore Road and placement of the waste at the newly constructed engineered aboveground mound at the project’s long-term waste management facility.

The survey seeks to determine how aware residents are about the project to clean up and manage the historic waste in Port Granby and how confident they are that the work can be done safely and with minimal impacts to the local community.

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#### **ABOUT THE PHAI**

The Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) is a federal environmental clean-up program. Its mandate is the remediation and local, long-term, safe management of historic low-level radioactive waste in Port Hope and the Port Granby area of Southeast Clarington. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories is implementing these projects on behalf of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, a federal Crown corporation.

#### **ABOUT THE PORT GRANBY PROJECT**

The Port Granby Project involves the relocation of approximately 450,000 cubic metres of historic low-level radioactive waste, located at an existing site on the shoreline of Lake Ontario in Southeast Clarington, to a new, engineered aboveground mound. Ongoing maintenance and monitoring will continue for hundreds of years after the facility is capped and closed. The historic waste resulted from radium and uranium refining operations of the former Crown corporation Eldorado Nuclear and its private sector predecessors, which operated from the 1930s to 1988.

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