



Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Launches Public Attitude Survey

Port Hope, ON. (October 05, 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 Port Hope.

Conducted by CCI Research Inc., an independent Canadian research firm, the telephone survey – which begins this month and concludes in November – will poll randomly selected residents in urban and rural Port Hope.

“With the cleanup of sites within the community now underway, it is more important than ever that we hear from residents,” said Alex Mahabir, Manager of Communications for Canadian Nuclear Laboratories. “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.”

CNL has conducted 13 public attitude surveys since the project began in 2001. Since the last survey, a number of significant project activities have taken place, including construction of the long-term waste management facility, remediation of the temporary storage site on the Centre Pier, and the start of private property remediation.

The survey seeks to determine how aware residents are of the project to clean up and manage the historic low-level radioactive waste in Port Hope, and how confident they are that the work can be done safely.

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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 HOPE PROJECT

The Port Hope Project involves the construction of an engineered aboveground mound and supporting infrastructure for the safe, long-term management of approximately 1.2 million cubic metres of historic low-level radioactive waste, cleanup of the waste from various sites in Port Hope and its transportation to the waste management facility, located south of Highway 401 and west of Baulch Road. 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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