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Proposed Darlington New Nuclear Power Plant Project Joint Review Panel - Biographical Notes

Mr. Alan R. Graham

Mr. Alan R. Graham was first appointed a member of the former Atomic Energy Control Board in 1999, and has since been reappointed a member of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC).

Mr. Graham is a native of Main River, New Brunswick. He was first elected as a Member of the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly (MLA) in 1967 and served as MLA for the riding of Kent for 31 years until his retirement in 1998. He was Minister of Agriculture from 1987 to 1991. He was Minister of Natural Resources and Energy from 1991 to 1998 and served on Cabinet committees on Policy and Priorities, Board of Management, and Budget. From 1997 to 1998, he was Deputy Premier of New Brunswick. During his political career, Mr. Graham served on numerous legislative committees. While in opposition, he acted as critic for Agriculture, Natural Resources, Housing, Health, and Alcoholism and Drug Dependency. He was also Liberal Caucus Chairperson and Opposition House Leader. Now self-employed, Mr. Graham resides with his wife, Connie, in Rexton, New Brunswick.

A long-time community activist, Mr. Graham serves on numerous corporate boards at the local, national and international level. He is a trustee of the Nature Conservancy of Canada, and a member of the Board of the Atlantic Salmon Federation and of the Miramichi-Uganda Foundation Inc. He also serves on several boards of family-owned businesses related to lumbering, transportation and export.

Ms. Jocelyne Beaudet

Ms. Jocelyne Beaudet is a communications consultant with more than twenty years of experience in various fields related to the environment and public participation. She holds a bachelor's degree in physical anthropology from the University of Montreal and a master's degree in cultural anthropology from McGill University. She resides in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.

Ms. Beaudet has developed communications plans and public consultation strategies for numerous environmental initiatives. As a consultant, she has advised the Office of the Auditor General of Canada on issues related to the Canadian North, organized strategies on climate change and air pollution, and advised the Task Force on Sustainable Transportation for the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy. While working for Tecsub Inc., she developed communications and public consultation plans for transportation and mining projects in Quebec and Africa.

Ms. Beaudet has extensive experience undertaking public consultation as a panel member for federal, provincial and municipal environmental agencies. She served on the joint federal-provincial review panel for the Eastmain 1-A/Rupert Hydroelectric Project in Quebec and acted as the Provincial Executive Co-Secretary of the joint review panel for the Lachine Canal Decontamination Project. She has served on seven panels for the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement du Quebec, presiding over five.

Several of her mandates addressed Aboriginal issues. She has been an ad hoc member with the Office of Public Consultation of Montreal since 2002, recently presiding over the review of a family policy.

Mr. Joseph Kenneth Pereira

Mr. Joseph Kenneth Pereira graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of London, United Kingdom (UK) in 1968 and obtained a Masters of Science degree in the same field from the University of Manchester in 1969. He started his engineering career in the UK as a design engineer with Rolls Royce, a researcher with British Steel Corporation, a consulting engineer with W.S. Atkins & Partners, and a professional and technology officer with HM Inspectorate of Nuclear Installations.

Mr. Pereira joined the Canadian Atomic Energy Control Board (AECB) in 1981 as a scientific advisor for the Components and Quality Assurance Division. In 1991, he was named Head of the Research and Support Division at AECB and in 1998, became the Director for the Performance Evaluation Division. In 2000, he was named Director General, Fuel Cycle and Materials Regulation of the CNSC, formally AECB. From 2002 until his retirement in 2007, Mr. Pereira served as Vice-President and Executive Vice-President of the Operations Branch. As part of the executives of the CNSC, he provided strategic leadership and direction to the nuclear regulatory framework in Canada.

Mr. Pereira was also an advisor to the International Atomic Energy Agency from 2002 to 2007 and is still sitting as an advisor to the Canadian Government External Advisory Panel of the Federal Executive Committee on Generation IV Reactor Technology.

Mr. Pereira is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario.