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**To Whom It May Concern**

I wish to confirm my ongoing research collaboration with the researchers at the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR).

I am currently holding an NSERC-UNENE Industrial Research Chair at the University of Waterloo (Ontario) in Risk and Life Cycle Management of Nuclear plant systems.

Research work conducted under this program requires data about the operating experience of various nuclear plants systems, such as steam generators, fuel channels and feeder pipe system. The data are used to synthesize and validate reliability models.

The University of Waterloo has a formal agreement with the Gentilly Nuclear Plant about sharing the data. I am also jointly supervising the research of graduate students registered at UQTR (School of Engineering; Department of Industrial Engineering) in the field of reliability and risk assessment and management. It was possible thanks to a strong engagement of Professor Georges Abdunour who has had a successful collaboration for many years with the Reliability Team at Gentilly-2. Based on this collaboration, we have developed reliability models for CANDU plants that are not only useful to G2 Station but also to the CANDU community at large.

The decision to close the G2 Plant seriously jeopardizes this research collaboration on two accounts: the availability of real data from G2 Plant ceases and collaboration with UQTR will be impaired due to lack of graduate students wanting to work in the nuclear risk and reliability area.

In summary, the continuation of G2 Plant is necessary to maintain healthy research collaboration with researchers at UQTR.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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