

## Support for Motion 10.37 International Best Practices & Nuclear Emergency Response

**To:** Mayor Tory and Executive Committee  
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**Re:** Support for Motion Ex. 10.37 – Nuclear Emergency Response

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**Recommendation:** Executive Committee approve the three recommendations made by all Scarborough City Councillors and Councillor Layton.

### Background

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's (CNSC) recent hearings on Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) licence renewal application raised more questions than it answered on how decisions will be made on the distribution of potassium iodide (KI) pills outside of the 10 km "primary zones" around the Pickering and Darlington nuclear stations.

Throughout the four-day hearings members of the public, CNSC Commissioners and CNSC staff asked for clarity on the province's plans for the distribution of KI pills to citizens and vulnerable communities outside of the primary zone.

For example, CNSC Vice President Ramzi Jammal asked the following question: *"But I would like to ask directly, Ontario, because Ontario colleagues have not really responded to the question is, there will (sic) be KI pills available to the members of the public who need to have the KI being given to them. And I think the public needs to hear from the Ontario Emergency colleagues; do they have enough KI pills to be distributed in the case of the emergency above and beyond the 10-kilometre zone."* (CNSC Hearing Transcripts, November 4, pg. 33)

A review of the hearing transcripts shows that provincial officials provided no clear response to Mr. Jammal's question (nor to many others). In Greenpeace's view, this raises questions about whether the province is appropriately assuming its responsibilities for offsite nuclear emergency plans.

For these reasons, Greenpeace encourages Executive Committee to request the suggested report from the City Manager, the Medical Officer of Health, and the Office of Emergency Management. Such a report will likely identify weaknesses in current offsite nuclear emergency plans and propose possible solutions.

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