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MP CHERYL GALLANT WELCOMES ANNOUNCEMENT GOVERNMENT OF CANADA SEEKING INTEREST IN AECL LABORATORIES

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[CHALK RIVER, ONTARIO](#) — Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, welcomed the announcement by the Honourable Joe Oliver, Canada's Minister of Natural Resources, on the launching of a process inviting Expression of Interest in the activities of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's (AECL's) Nuclear Laboratories. This process will allow the Government to benefit from the experiences of organizations, domestic or international, involved in the management or restructuring of nuclear science and technology or radioactive waste management.

“On behalf of the thousands of Canadians who are employed in the Canadian Nuclear Industry, this announcement is exciting news,” stated Cheryl Gallant, MP. “It is my pleasure to acknowledge the active role local residents played as members of the Chalk River Employees Ad Hoc Taskforce (CREATE) committee. CREATE was formed at my direction by a group of current and former employees to help me champion the cause of re-vitalizing Chalk River Laboratories (CRL) after years of cutbacks by the former government. I look forward to continue working with the CREATE committee to take advantage of this opportunity.”

The Canadian decision to enter the atomic energy field has enabled our country to develop and maintain a leadership position as a peaceful developer of this unique and abundant energy source.

The excellent work of the scientific and engineering staffs at the Chalk River Laboratories has placed Canada among the world leaders in nuclear research, with our proven expertise in the development, design, construction and maintenance of nuclear power plants constructed in Canada by Canadians, and with Canadian know-how around the world.

Nuclear generated electricity has the added benefit of being a clean energy source, producing no green-house gas emissions. This is a technological advantage for Canadians that contributes to a clean environment as well as domestic energy security, advantages that must not be lost.

The Government of Canada will continue its role in maintaining safety, security and environmental stewardship in all aspects of the nuclear industry. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), Canada's nuclear regulator, will continue to regulate all parts of the entire nuclear industry in Canada.

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