
Sample Letter Template

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Transmission: original by email (Michael.Goffin@canada.ca, Davis.cameron@Epa.gov)

Dear Michael Goffin and Cameron Davis:

(Name of Organization / Individual) supports the nomination of radionuclides that was submitted by 110 environmental, health and other advocacy groups on March 2, 2016, as a Chemical of Mutual Concern under Annex 3, Part B, Sec. 2 of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement 2012.

With a large number of operating and decommissioned nuclear power plants, fuel storage facilities and uranium mining operations and processing plants located within the Great Lakes Basin (especially near the shoreline), and the associated ongoing discharges of radionuclides into the lakes and sediments along with the potential for accidental spills, the US and Canadian governments should take steps to address radionuclides in the waters of the Great Lakes..

Annex 3 of the GLWQA provides a sound, systematic framework for determining the presence of the chemicals of concern, assessing the risk they present, and developing a binational strategy to effectively manage them. It is essential to designate radionuclides as a Chemical of Mutual Concern so that much-needed data can be generated and preventive actions can be taken to protect the Great Lakes from the threats posed by radionuclides. This is a situation where we can anticipate a potential problem before it becomes an emergency and take reasonable actions to reduce the risk.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

(Name of Organization / Individual)

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