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Chudleigh calls Minister's response to power plant petition "inadequate"

Minister Brad Duguid's response to the petition against the Oakville location for a gas fired power plant is "grossly inadequate," according to petition sponsor Ted Chudleigh, MPP Halton.

"The Minister of Energy and Infrastructure has not even addressed the issues raised in the petition," said Mr. Chudleigh. "His response is grossly inadequate and a slap in the face to those residents of Oakville who passionately fear the consequences of a huge gas-fired electrical generating station on a very small piece of property in east Oakville."

In his response to issues raised in the petition Minister Duguid dismissed air quality concerns as something the government is working on. He provided nothing concrete in terms of emission reductions. Regarding a recent explosion at a Connecticut gas fired generation station mentioned in the petition; the Minister was equally dismissive saying only that such events are "extremely rare" and that the government will ensure that safety requirements are met.

"Nowhere does the Minister acknowledge the proximity of homes and schools, he ignores the request for an independent Environmental Assessment and most disturbingly he makes no mention of the power plant buffer zone Bill introduced by his own colleague, Oakville MPP Kevin Flynn," said Mr. Chudleigh. "His oversight on the last point alone shows the relative value the Liberal government assigns to Mr. Flynn's bill and their lack of commitment to it."

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Attached - PDF copy of Petition and Minister's Response

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PETITION

TO the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario through the Ontario Energy Board has selected a location for a gas fired electrical generating power station within three kilometres of 16 schools and more than 11,000 homes; and

WHEREAS the Oakville - Clarkson airshed is already one of the most polluted in Canada; and

WHEREAS no independent Environmental Assessment has been completed for this proposed building location; and

WHEREAS Ontario has experienced a significant reduction in demand for electrical power; and

WHEREAS a recent accident at a power plant in Connecticut demonstrated the dangers that nearby residents face;

WE THE UNDERSIGNED petition the Government of Ontario to immediately rescind the existing plan to build a power plant at or near the current planned location on Lands owned by the Ford Motor Company on Royal Windsor Drive in Oakville and initiate a complete review of area power needs and potential building sites including Environmental Assessments and a realistic assessment of required danger zone buffer areas.

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Petition Relating to the Oakville-Clarkson Airshed (Sessional Paper No. P-18)
Mr. Chudleigh (Tabled May 12, 2010)

The government recognizes the Clarkson airshed study findings and that's why, in September 2009, we launched a plan to improve air quality in the southwest GTA. We announced measures designed to reduce emissions as well as reduce industrial energy consumption in the area.

In November, 2009 the government appointed Dr. David Balsillie to chair a new task force that will develop a detailed action plan to improve air quality in the region. Their report is due by the end of June 2010. This task force has been working with a community advisory committee to establish targets, timelines and strategies to improve air quality in the southwest GTA.

The events that unfolded at the Connecticut gas plant are extremely rare. Natural gas plants have been operating safely in Ontario since the early 1990s.

We have stringent safety requirements in place for natural gas pipelines and facilities. Gas plants are inspected on a regular basis to ensure continued safe operation. We will continue to work closely with our energy agencies and utility partners to ensure the highest level of safety.

The Ontario government remains committed to both maintaining a reliable power supply and reducing harmful emission in the southwest GTA – a region that requires local generation to assure long-term reliability and where urban expansion has resulted in above-average growth in peak demand.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Duguid".

The Honourable Brad Duguid
Minister