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## **Algonquin Nation Secretariat Supports Rally in Opposition to NSDF Project**

**Anishnabe Algonquin Traditional Territory (February 13, 2024)** - The communities represented by the Algonquin Nation Secretariat are joining the many voices in support of the rally planned for February 14, 2024 at Parliament Hill, Ottawa in opposition of the approval of the Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) at the Chalk River Laboratories Site.

The NSDF plan is to house nuclear waste from the Chalk River Laboratories site in a facility that is very close to the Kichi Sipi (Ottawa River). The lack of meaningful consultation with the Algonquin communities has been voiced by several leaders and remains an issue. Being so close to the Kichi Sipi is a huge concern for the Algonquin People. The Kichi Sipi is the backbone of our Territory and watershed is vital to all the people and animals of the area. The River is an important piece of the Anishnabe identity and there are many sacred sites close to the planned facility.

The Algonquin people are not alone in their opposition to the NSDF project. They join the over 150 municipalities in Quebec and Ontario as well as the Anishnabek Nation and Iroquois Caucus in opposing the NSDF project.

In relation to the project, Grand Chief Lisa Robinson said “As Anishnabeg, we are the people of the Kitchi Sibi (Ottawa River). It is our duty to protect the land and water for future generations, for all life that the land and water sustains. Protection of water is of the utmost importance not only for Anishnabeg, but for all who live and connect with the Kitchi Sibi. Say no to the NSDF. Together we are stronger, protect the Kichi Sipi.”

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