

May 20, 2025

Dr. Susan O'Donnell

Dr. Susan O'Donnell:

Subject: Request for Information under the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* – 2526-RTI-009 – Communications Related to Nuclear Energy Topics

We have reviewed your request received on May 4, 2025, under the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and are granting you partial access to the attached documentation.

Part of the information contained in the records you requested is protected under the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Please be advised that the following information has been redacted from the attached documentation:

- Information that is not relevant to the request, pursuant to subsection 16(1.1), and
- Personal information of an individual, pursuant to subsection 21(1), where the release of this information would constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy.

Kindly note that in addition to the information provided, NB Power has recently registered an environmental impact assessment for the installation of a small modular nuclear reactor unit at the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station which may be of interest. Information related to that project, including all the documents that have been submitted by the proponent are available at the following link:

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/elg/environment/content/environmental_impac_tassessment/comprehensive_reviews/arc-clean-technology.html

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<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/information-access-and-privacy/make-an-access-complaint.html>

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If you have any RTIPPA related questions regarding the documentation that has been provided in response to your request, you may contact Colin Heighton at 506-429-2430 or elq.access.egl@qnb.ca.

Sincerely,



Charbel Awad
Deputy Minister
Environment and Local Government

Enclosure

From: [Hope, Brittany \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
To: [Atkinson, Susan \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Meeting at Net-Zero Forum this week?
Date: Monday, May 13, 2024 2:25:14 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thoughts on this? Redirect to NRED if he'd like to discuss nuclear waste?

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From: Ranziba Nehrin <rnehin@nwm.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 1:02:54 p.m.
To: Hope, Brittany (ELG/EGL) <Brittany.Hope@gnb.ca>
Subject: Meeting at Net-Zero Forum this week?

ATTENTION! External email / courriel externe.

Hello Brittany,

I hope this email finds you well.

My name is Ranziba and I work with the [Nuclear Waste Management Organization](#) (NWMO) on the government and external relations team. I understand that we are both attending The Transition Accelerator's Net-Zero Forum event in Toronto this week and am reaching out to see if you would have time to connect around the event for a coffee.

As you may know, the NWMO is implementing [Canada's plan](#) for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel, to protect people and the environment for generations to come. Canada's plan involves containing and isolating all the country's used nuclear fuel, involving Quebec, underground in a deep geological repository. Following a gradual process of narrowing down, two areas remain as potential hosts for Canada's deep geological repository – and we will be making an announcement about the siting location this year.

With your background and with New Brunswick's Climate Change Secretariat, I thought a discussion about our shared priorities and our organization's work may be of interest to you as an opportunity for a worthwhile exchange. If this is of interest and feasible for you, please let me know and we can find a time to connect.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to connecting soon.

Ranziba

Ranziba Nehrin (she/her), M.P.P., B.A. (Hons)
Government and External Relations Associate



Nuclear Waste Management Organization / Société de gestion des déchets nucléaires

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From: [Léger, Danielle \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
To: [MacPhail, Alexandra \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
Subject: RE: Letter of Congratulations - Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 10:40:00 AM
Attachments: [image009.png](#)
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[image017.png](#)
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Hi Alex,

Did this end up going to NRED?

Best,

Danielle Léger, MPA
Director, Climate Change Adaptation / Directrice, Adaptation aux changements climatiques
Climate Change Secretariat / Secrétariat des changements climatiques
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From: MacPhail, Alexandra (ELG/EGL) <Alexandra.MacPhail2@gnb.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2024 2:11 PM
To: Léger, Danielle (ELG/EGL) <Danielle.Leger@gnb.ca>; Higgins, Joanne (ELG/EGL) <Joanne.Higgins@gnb.ca>
Subject: FW: Letter of Congratulations - Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries

Nuclear energy... Is this us or an NRED response? Thank you

From: Robinson, Hayley (ELG/EGL) <Hayley.Robinson@gnb.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2024 11:05 AM
To: MacPhail, Alexandra (ELG/EGL) <Alexandra.MacPhail2@gnb.ca>
Cc: Hachey-Holland, Hélène (ELG/EGL) <Helene.Hachey-Holland@gnb.ca>; Collett, Leona (ELG/EGL)

<Leona.Collett@gnb.ca>

Subject: FW: Letter of Congratulations - Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries

Hi Alex,

I think this would be for your group to draft the response and we could feed into it. Can you check with Joanne?

Thanks,
Hayley

From: Hachey-Holland, H  l  ne (ELG/EGL) <Helene.Hachey-Holland@gnb.ca> **On Behalf Of** LePage, Gilles Hon. (ECC-RDC/SDC)

Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 2:06 PM

To: Robinson, Hayley (ELG/EGL) <Hayley.Robinson@gnb.ca>

Cc: Collett, Leona (ELG/EGL) <Leona.Collett@gnb.ca>

Subject: FW: Letter of Congratulations - Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries

Hi Hayley,

Can we log for response for Minister's signature.

Thanks,

H  l  ne

H  l  ne Hachey-Holland

Executive Secretary | Secr  taire de direction

Minister's Office | Cabinet du ministre

Environment and Climate Change | Environnement et Changement climatique

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From: Wil Robertson <wrobertson@strategycorp.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:49 AM
To: LePage, Gilles Hon. (ECC-RDC/SDC) <Gilles.LePage@gnb.ca>
Subject: Letter of Congratulations - Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries

Vous n'obtenez pas souvent d'e-mail à partir de wrobertson@strategycorp.com. [Pourquoi c'est important](#)

ATTENTION! External email / courriel externe.

Good morning,

Please see the attached letter of congratulations, sent on behalf of the Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries, for the attention of Minister LePage.

OCNI is a trade association representing more than 240 Canadian nuclear suppliers, with four members located within New Brunswick. OCNI member companies collectively employ more than 20,000 highly skilled and specialized workers who manufacture major equipment and components for Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), as well as provide engineering services to the 18 operating CANDU nuclear reactors in Canada, including Point Lepreau's Nuclear Generating Station.

OCNI greatly looks forward to meeting with you and working with your office and team going forward.

Best,



Wil Robertson (he/him) (il)
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From: [Awad, Charbel \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
To: [Wilkins, Jennifer \(ELG/EGL\)](#); [Faulkner, Cynde \(ELG-EGL\)](#); [Higgins, Joanne \(ELG/EGL\)](#); [Ward, Christie \(ELG/EGL\)](#); [Pettie, Katie \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
Subject: Fw: 2024 Fall Economic Statement / Énoncé économique de l'automne de 2024
Date: Monday, December 16, 2024 8:45:28 PM
Attachments: [Federal Economic and Fiscal Update 2024.docx](#)
[Federal Economic and Fiscal Update Overview Dec. 2024 EN - Final.docx](#)

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Charbel Awad

Deputy Minister / Sous-ministre

Department of Environment and Local Government / Ministère de l'Environnement et Gouvernements locaux

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From: Ayles, Charles (IGA/MAI) <Charles.Ayles@gnb.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2024 8:42:47 PM
To: Cain, Kelly (PO/CPM) <Kelly.Cain@gnb.ca>; LaRochelle, Cathy (DAAF/MAAP) <cathy.larochelle@gnb.ca>; Greene, Paul (ECO/BCE) <Paul.Greene@gnb.ca>; Donaghy, Ryan (EECD/EDPE) <ryan.donaghy@gnb.ca>; Mason, Julie (EECD/EDPE) <Julie.Mason@gnb.ca>; Awad, Charbel (ELG/EGL) <Charbel.Awad@gnb.ca>; Wagner, Judy (ECO/BCE) <Judy.Wagner@gnb.ca>; Bergin, Travis (FTB/FCT) <Travis.Bergin@gnb.ca>; Beaulieu, Eric (DH/MS) <Eric.Beaulieu@gnb.ca>; Boutot, François (HNB) <Francois.Boutot@gnb.ca>; Libby, Cade (DNRED/MRNDE - DIA/MAA) <Cade.Libby@gnb.ca>; Simmons, Traci (ONB) <Traci.Simmons@onbcanada.ca>; Mills, Daniel (PETL/EPFT) <Daniel.Mills@gnb.ca>; Dickinson, Joel (RDC/SDR - ECO/BCE) <Joel.Dickinson@gnb.ca>; Roy, Alan (SNB) <Alan.Roy@snb.ca>; Mehan, Jim (SD/DS) <Jim.Mehan@gnb.ca>; Taylor, Rob (DTI/MTI) <Rob.Taylor@gnb.ca>; Wilson, Shannon (THC/TPC) <Shannon.Wilson@gnb.ca>
Cc: Culligan Yeamans, Carrie (IGA/MAI) <Carrie.CulliganYeamans@gnb.ca>
Subject: 2024 Fall Economic Statement / Énoncé économique de l'automne de 2024

Dear colleagues:

Please find attached summary documents on the federal government's Fall Economic Statement [2024 Fall Economic Statement](#), prepared by Intergovernmental Affairs. A French version will follow after translation.

These documents provide highlights of the federal Finance Minister's statement and details on program announcements.

Please direct your officials to review these documents. My officials will be following up with their counterparts in your departments to determine where opportunities exist to obtain federal funding to support New Brunswick's objectives.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Chers collègues,

Je vous transmets des documents résumant l'Énoncé économique de l'automne du gouvernement fédéral [Énoncé économique de l'automne de 2024](#), préparés par l'équipe des Affaires intergouvernementales. Une version française suivra après traduction.

Vous y trouverez les points importants de la déclaration du ministre fédéral des Finances et des précisions sur ses annonces.

Veuillez les transmettre à votre équipe pour qu'elle en prenne connaissance. Les membres de mon équipe communiqueront avec leurs homologues de vos ministères pour déterminer s'il y a des possibilités d'obtenir du financement fédéral pour réaliser des objectifs du Nouveau-Brunswick.

Merci de votre collaboration.

Sincères salutations,

Charles Ayles

Acting Deputy Minister / Sous-ministre par intérim

Department of Intergovernmental Affairs / Affaires intergouvernementales

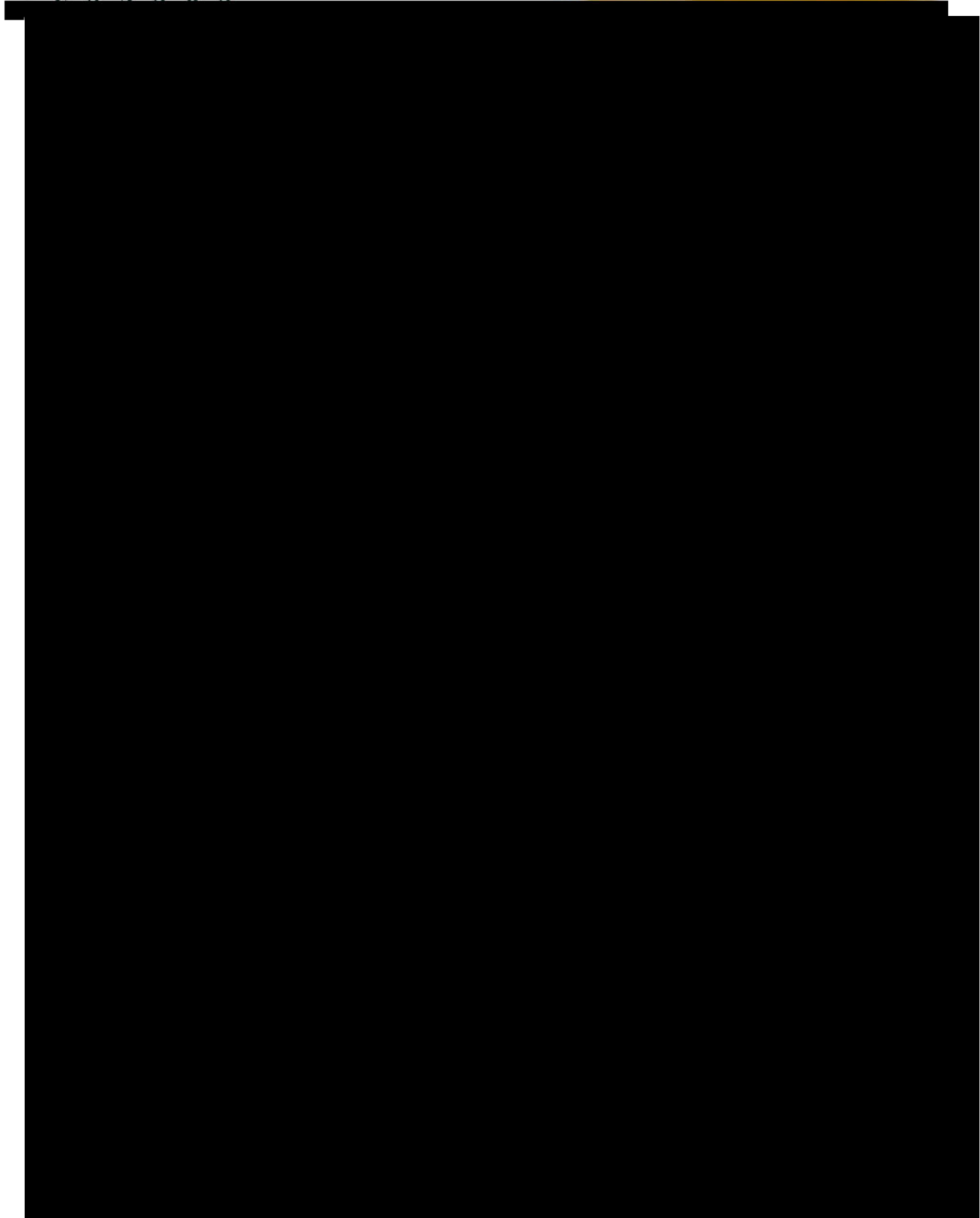
Federal Economic and Fiscal Update 2024

December 16, 2024

Key Issues for New Brunswick

Overview:

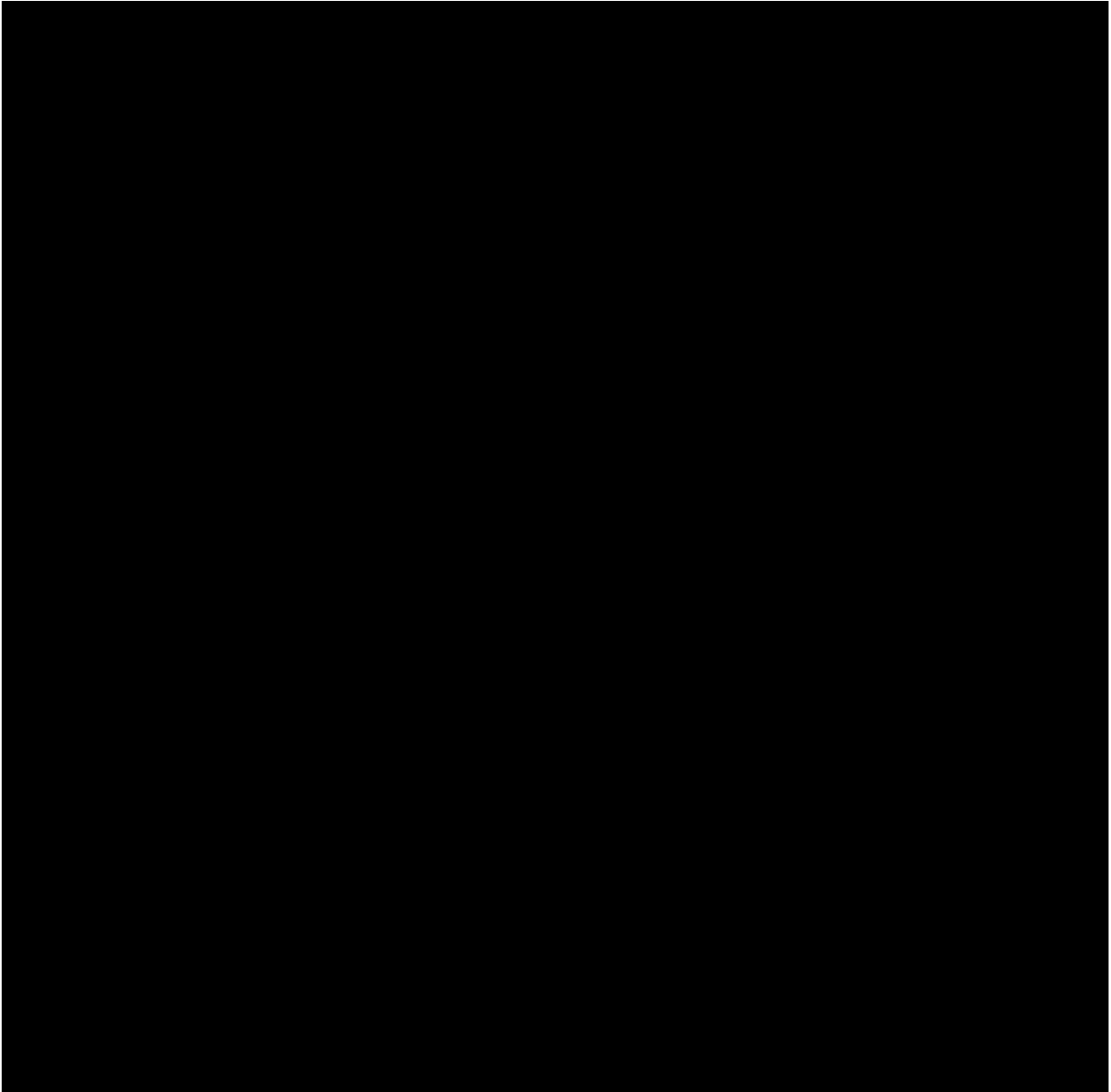
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Getting Major Projects Done, Faster

Building on these efforts, the 2024 Fall Economic Statement announces the government's intent to:

- o Removing some physical activities so as to rely to a greater degree on federal lifecycle regulators, such as solely having the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's process apply to certain brownfield nuclear projects, as opposed to also requiring a federal impact assessment.

Strengthening Nuclear Fuel Supply Chains

- Backstop up to \$500 million in enriched nuclear fuel purchase contracts from the United States or other allied countries, including high-assay low-enriched uranium (HALEU), subject to further consultations with industry stakeholders on program details, and provide \$4 million over 10 years, starting in 2024-25, for Natural Resources Canada to administer the program. (p. 154)

Annex 2: Debt Management Strategy

- In October 2024, Canada successfully re-opened its second Canadian-dollar-denominated green bond to raise an additional \$2 billion, following the initial \$4 billion issuance in February 2024 which includes certain nuclear energy

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December 16, 2024

From: [Léger, Danielle \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
To: [Atkinson, Susan \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
Cc: [MacPhail, Alexandra \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
Subject: FW: Log 25192 - [REDACTED] for Assignment
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 8:24:00 AM
Attachments: [25192 - \[REDACTED\].pdf](#)
[25192 - \[REDACTED\] - Premier Holt - Letterhead-Template.docx](#)
[25192 - \[REDACTED\] Premier approval sheet - feuille approbation.doc](#)
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Good morning Susan,

Another one for Premier's signature. Note the deadline is Monday.

Best,

Danielle Léger, MPA
Director, Climate Change Adaptation / Directrice, Adaptation aux changements climatiques
Climate Change Secretariat / Secrétariat des changements climatiques
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Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 6:11 PM
To: Léger, Danielle (ELG/EGL) <Danielle.Leger@gnb.ca>
Cc: Higgins, Joanne (ELG/EGL) <Joanne.Higgins@gnb.ca>
Subject: Log 25192 - [REDACTED] for Assignment

Hello,

Please see attached log 25192 – [REDACTED], for PO.

Please note BF date – **Monday, January 20, 2025.**

As always let me know where it goes please and thank you!

Thanks,



Alexandra MacPhail (*she/her/elle/la sienne*)
Administrative Assistant | Adjointe administrative

Department of Environment and Local Government | Environnement et Gouvernements locaux
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Department of Environment and Local Government
Ministère de l'Environnement et des Gouvernements locaux

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Log # / # du log:

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Opening date / Date d'ouverture:

1/13/25

Best before date / Date d'expiration:

1/20/25

Division:

- Authorizations and Compliance Division / Division des autorisations et de la conformité - (Christie Ward)
- Corporate Services, Community Funding Division / Division des services généraux et du financement Communautaire - (Alex Berry)
- Environmental Science and Protection Division / Division de la science et de la protection de L'environnement - (Katie Pettie)
- Local Government Division / Division des Gouvernements locaux - (Jennifer Wilkins)
- Policy, Public Education and Engagement / Division des politiques, sensibilisation et engagement du public – (Joanne Higgins)
- Climate Change Secretariat / Secrétariat du changement climatique - (Joanne Higgins)

Please prepare a reply for : / S.V.P. préparer une réponse pour :

- Minister's signature / Signature du Ministre
- Deputy Minister's Signature / Signature du Sous-ministre
- Premier's Signature / Signature du Premier ministre

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 - For your information
À titre de renseignements

- Please comment
Pour vos commentaires
- Use appropriate action
Prendre les mesures
Appropriées

Comments / Commentaires : French Letter

PREMIER Please and thank you

From: [ELG Correspondence \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
To: [MacPhail, Alexandra \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
Cc: [Higgins, Joanne \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
Subject: FW: Climate action urgently needed
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 2:29:24 PM
Attachments: [Dear Premier Susan Holt.pdf](#)

Hi Alexandra:

Please log for the PO signature.

thank you,
Leona

-----Original Message-----

From: Holt, Susan Premier (PO/CPM) <Susan.Holt@gnb.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 2:11 PM
To: ELG Correspondence (ELG/EGL) <ELG.Correspondence@GNB.CA>
Subject: FW: Climate action urgently needed

HI!

Please prepare a response for the Premier's signature.
Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: **21(1)**
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2024 6:06 PM
To: Holt, Susan Premier (PO/CPM) <Susan.Holt@gnb.ca>
Subject: Climate action urgently needed

ATTENTION! External email / courriel externe.

Dear Premier Susan Holt:

Please read and consider the attached letter on the urgent need for climate action.



Premier's Office
Chancery Place, 675 King Street
Fredericton, New Brunswick
E3B 1E9
premier@gnb.ca

31.12.2024

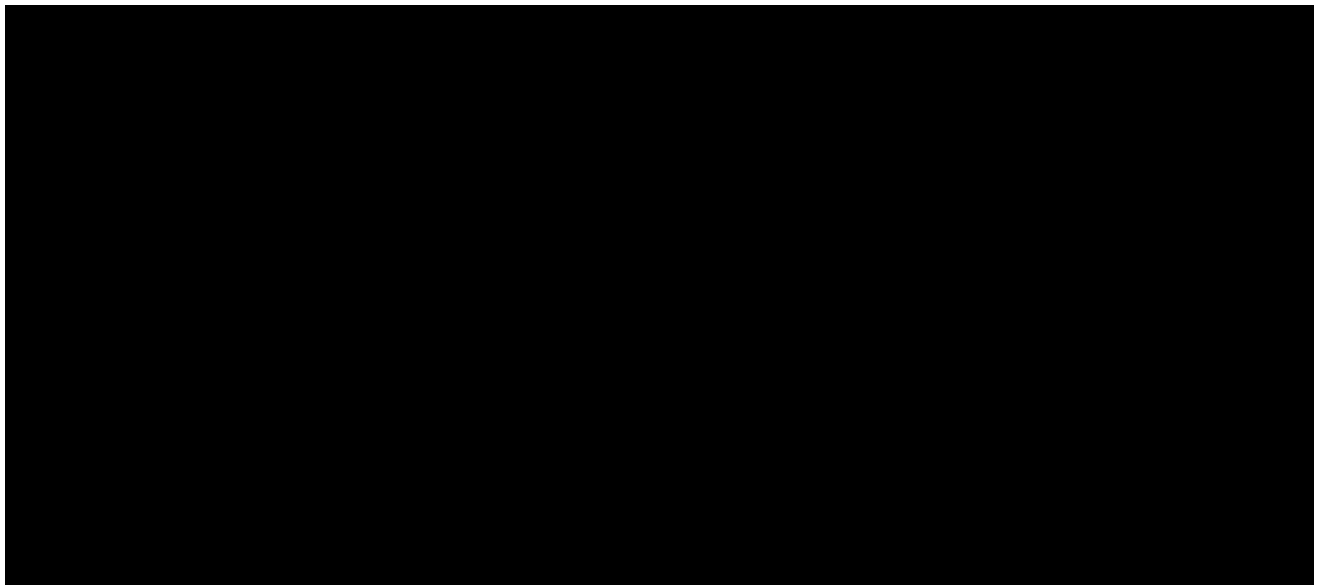
Dear Premier Susan Holt:

I'm a

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I've become acutely concerned about the environment that most people seem to take for granted, and the climate emergency that is threatening the future for our own beloved families, and all future generations. I'm certain that you are concerned about this as well. You may be aware that 2025 will most likely be declared the year when the global temperature will reach 1.5° C above pre-industrial levels — the line we've been repeatedly warned should not be crossed. This was declared by the 2015 COP21 Paris Agreement in collaboration with the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), as well as by meteorologists and many climate experts.

As the premier of the province, you may feel that you are limited in what you can do to help avert the looming global climate disaster. And yet, every country, state and province must reduce its dependence on carbon producing energy and use. Canada is one of the leading offending countries producing high carbon emissions per resident, with the average Canadian emitting roughly three times the global average. There are numerous things that as premier you could do that would help lower carbon emissions in our province, especially by NB Power, while providing leadership and climate wisdom to other provinces and the federal government. For a start here are my seven suggestions:



• Small modular reactors (SMRs), or large new CANDU nuclear reactors, should not be built in N.B. – or anywhere for that matter. Nuclear power is very costly, risky, and is not clean energy, as claimed by its proponents. After 75 years of nuclear power worldwide, no nation has yet been able to open and operate a deep geological repository to safely bury its radioactive waste forever. As well, the plutonium produced in nuclear powerplants creates a dangerous source for nuclear proliferation. Plutonium is used by the military in atomic bombs and weapons of mass destruction and is vulnerable to terrorist attacks.

This new article in the Globe and Mail concerns the affordability of Hitachi BWRX-300 SMR:
Prospective buyers wait for the final tally as construction of the first SMR looms.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/gift/f4c46703dc44b8a2a9cb9f7d83147bdd7ecc201cc16ec4788dc345b80bbcd7a2/VO3H22A3VRCIPBPNMWYB6AHCLQ>

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There is so much to consider, but with no time left to do so. I trust that you are the right premier for desperately needed decisive, and swift action on the climate file!

Sincere regards,



Correspondence for the Premier's Office / Correspondance pour le bureau de la première ministre

Date sent / Name of Department::
Date envoyée / Nom du ministère :

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Sujet :

Climate Change

For the signature of:
Pour la signature de :

Premier / Première ministre

To be completed by the department / A remplir par le ministère

Draft prepared by:
Ébauche préparée par :

Date:

Approved by Director:
Approuvé par directeur(trice) :

Date:

Approved by ADM:
Approuvé par SMA :

Date:

Approved by Deputy Minister:
Approuvé par sous-ministre :

Date:

Approved by Minister (if applicable):
Approuvé par ministre (si applicable) :

Date:

Correspondence Coordinator:
Coordinateur(trice) de la
correspondance :

Date:

Date sent to Premier's Office:
Date envoyer au bureau de la
première ministre :

Date:

COMMENTS / COMMENTAIRES : ELG Log 25192

DUE DATE REMINDER: Draft versions of responses should be sent to the Premier's Office within **10-15 business days** of receiving request (we know there are exceptions)

RAPPEL DE LA DATE D'ÉCHÉANCE : Les ébauches des réponses devraient être envoyées au bureau du premier ministre dans les **10 à 15 jours ouvrables** suivant la réception de la demande (nous savons qu'il y a des exceptions).

From: [MacPhail, Alexandra \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
To: [Higgins, Joanne \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
Subject: Log 25192 - [REDACTED] for Approval - PO
Date: Friday, January 17, 2025 2:33:25 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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[25192 - \[REDACTED\].pdf](#)
Importance: High

For approval please.

From: Léger, Danielle (ELG/EGL) <Danielle.Leger@gnb.ca>
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Subject: FW: Log 25192 - [REDACTED] for Assignment

Approved.

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From: Atkinson, Susan (ELG/EGL) <Susan.Atkinson@gnb.ca>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2025 12:38 PM
To: Léger, Danielle (ELG/EGL) <Danielle.Leger@gnb.ca>
Cc: MacPhail, Alexandra (ELG/EGL) <Alexandra.MacPhail2@gnb.ca>; Hope, Brittany (ELG/EGL) <Brittany.Hope@gnb.ca>
Subject: RE: Log 25192 - [REDACTED] for Assignment

Hi Danielle and Alex,

Attached is our drafted correspondence and tracking sheet.

Regards,

Susan

From: Léger, Danielle (ELG/EGL) <Danielle.Leger@gnb.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 8:25 AM
To: Atkinson, Susan (ELG/EGL) <Susan.Atkinson@gnb.ca>
Cc: MacPhail, Alexandra (ELG/EGL) <Alexandra.MacPhail2@gnb.ca>
Subject: FW: Log 25192 - **21(1)** for Assignment

Good morning Susan,

Another one for Premier's signature. Note the deadline is Monday.

Best,

Danielle Léger, MPA
Director, Climate Change Adaptation / Directrice, Adaptation aux changements climatiques
Climate Change Secretariat / Secrétariat des changements climatiques
Environment and Local Government / Environnement et Gouvernements locaux

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Correspondence for the Premier's Office / Correspondance pour le bureau de la première ministre

Date sent / Name of Department:: Date envoyée / Nom du ministère :	January 17 2025, Department of Environment and Local Government
Subject: Sujet :	Climate Change
For the signature of: Pour la signature de :	<input type="checkbox"/> Premier / Première ministre

To be completed by the department / A remplir par le ministère

Draft prepared by: Ébauche préparée par :	Susan Atkinson	Date: Jan 17 2025	
Approved by Director: Approuvé par directeur(trice) :	Danielle Léger	Date: Jan 17 2025	
Approved by ADM: Approuvé par SMA :	Joanne Higgins	Date:	
Approved by Deputy Minister: Approuvé par sous-ministre :	Charbel Awad	Date:	
Approved by Minister (if applicable): Approuvé par ministre (si applicable) :		Date:	
Correspondence Coordinator: Coordinateur(trice) de la correspondance :		Date:	
Date sent to Premier's Office: Date envoyer au bureau de la première ministre :		Date:	

COMMENTS / COMMENTAIRES : ELG Log 25192

DUE DATE REMINDER: Draft versions of responses should be sent to the Premier's Office within **10-15 business days** of receiving request (we know there are exceptions)
RAPPEL DE LA DATE D'ÉCHÉANCE: Les ébauches des réponses devraient être envoyées au bureau du premier ministre dans les **10 à 15 jours ouvrables** suivant la réception de la demande (nous savons qu'il y a des exceptions).

January 17, 2025

21(1)

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Since our first Climate Change Action Plan in 2007 and subsequent plans, New Brunswick has successfully built a strong foundation for climate action. However, it has never been clearer that to limit global warming to near 1.5 degrees Celsius, New Brunswick must do more to contribute to national and global efforts. In fact, staff of the Government of New Brunswick's Climate Change Secretariat attended COP 21 in Paris and we were very engaged in the development of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Climate Change, and all subsequent climate related national plans and policies.

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With gratitude,

Premier Susan Holt

From: [Higgins, Joanne \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
To: [Price, Tonya \(ELG/EGL\)](#)
Subject: FW: HPRM: Climate action urgently needed
Date: Friday, February 28, 2025 10:39:59 AM
Attachments: [Dear Premier Susan Holt.pdf](#)
[25192 - 21\(1\) Response.pdf](#)

Final response sent by PO

-----Original Message-----

From: Holt, Susan Premier (PO/CPM) <Susan.Holt@gnb.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 10:34 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Higgins, Joanne (ELG/EGL) <Joanne.Higgins@gnb.ca>; Hoyt, Jeff (DNRED/MRNDE) <Jeff.Hoyt@gnb.ca>
Subject: FW: HPRM: Climate action urgently needed

Hello,

Please see the attached response from Premier Holt.

Thank you,
Premier's Correspondence Coordinator

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2024 6:06 PM
To: Holt, Susan Premier (PO/CPM) <Susan.Holt@gnb.ca>
Subject: HPRM: Climate action urgently needed

ATTENTION! External email / courriel externe.

Dear Premier Susan Holt:

Please read and consider the attached letter on the urgent need for climate action.

[REDACTED]

February 14, 2025

21(1)

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Premier

c.c. Joanne Higgins, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Environment and Local Government
Jeff Hoyt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development