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Ontario Government Repeats the Energy Mistakes of the Past

Windsor, Ontario – Today the Ontario government announced that it would proceed with the main components of the Ontario Power Authority's recommended 20-year electricity supply mix plan. The key component of the plan is the refurbishment of existing reactors and building new reactors so that nuclear power will continue to be the single-largest source of power for Ontario's electricity in 2025.

"Nuclear power creates enormous environmental problems through its life-cycle, it's prohibitively expensive and unreliable," stated Derek Coronado, Research and Policy Coordinator of the Citizens Environment Alliance (CEA). "It will take many years to build new nuclear facilities, meanwhile the province will miss a tremendous opportunity to create a green, sustainable energy future," stated Coronado.

In previous submissions to the government the CEA, and other public interest environmental organizations, have urged the government to adopt an energy strategy that has been successful in other jurisdictions: stop wasting energy; use renewable energy, and; use the cleanest available fossil fuel in the most efficient way possible as an interim measure.

The government's plan represents a step backward from building a "culture of conservation". Meanwhile, a report released yesterday said that Ontario has more than 62,000 megawatts of green energy that can be developed by 2020.

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