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PWU Opposes Changes to TSSA Path 2

This past week, the Power Workers' Union (PWU) wrote a letter to Minister of Government and Consumer Services, the Honorable Lisa Thompson. The purpose of this letter was to compel Minister Thompson to intervene and stop the imminent changes made by the Technical Standards & Safety Authority (TSSA).

The letter specifically speaks to the implementation of a Path 2 Risk Safety Management Plan as an "Alternate Rule" to the existing Operating Engineers Regulation O. Reg 219/01. These proposed changes by the TSSA will undermine the safe operation of generating facilities in Ontario.

Currently, The Operating Engineers Act, which is supported by inspection services from the TSSA, has governed the safe operation of Ontario's electricity generation facilities extremely well in its current form for decades using predictable, prescriptive, and transparent regulatory oversight requires compliance with clear rules in the safe operation of otherwise extremely hazardous facilities.

There are no generating companies whom support the implementation of Path 2. Like other stakeholders, The PWU sincerely believes that Path 2 will severely weaken regulatory oversight in electricity generation, unnecessarily threaten public safety, generating facility employees and the reliability of electricity generation in Ontario.

The following links are provided if you would like to read more about the issues.

Operating Engineer Regulatory Review Findings & Recommendations

<https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/showAttachment.do?postingId=24645&attachmentId=34771>

Institute of Power Engineers, Ontario Area

<http://www.ipe.org/#>

TSSA Advisory Council

<https://www.tssa.org/en/operating-engineers/advisory-council.aspx>

TSSA Consultation Page

<https://engagetssa.org/>

Petition against Path 2

<http://chnq.it/HRZNHnMq>

Sincerely,
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