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## Environment Portfolio Chief to speak at joint press conference with Anishinabek Nation in Gatineau (Ottawa) today

For Immediate Release

(Kahnawake – 2, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2017) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to advise the community that Ratsénhaienhs Clinton Phillips, who holds the Environment Portfolio on behalf of the MCK, will participate in a joint press conference with the Anishinabek Nation on the issue of the proposed transportation and storage of radioactive liquids on their territories.

Ratsénhaienhs Phillips will speak on behalf of the Iroquois Caucus and Kahnawà:ke Grand Chief Joseph Tokwiro Norton at the event, which is being held during the Chiefs of Ontario Special Assembly meeting of Ontario Chiefs in Gatineau, Quebec.

"The Iroquois Caucus and Anishinabek Nation have been working together with others to prevent a disaster that's just waiting to happen," said Ratsénhaienhs Phillips. "Our message has to keep spreading across Turtle Island. Anishinabek Grand Chief Patrick Madahbee and I will be joined by Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day at the press conference. Additionally, Regional Chief Ghislain Picard has given me the proxy to speak on behalf of the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador. So, we're continuing to build a more wide-spread consensus, which will give us greater strength in fighting this important battle."

The Iroquois Caucus consists of the elected Councils of seven Iroquois communities (Akwesasne, Kanesatake, Kahnawà:ke, Six Nations, Tyendinaga, Wahta and the Oneidas of the Thames). The Anishinabek Nation represents 40 communities in Ontario.

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