

● In the very unlikely event of an accident or damage to Canadians or their property, the U.S. government has provided written assurances to the Canadian government with respect to liability and compensation. The U.S. Navy has agreed to settle claims fairly and promptly.

● The Canadian Government has reviewed the environmental aspects of the transits and has concluded that the environmental consequences from consenting to the passage are not significant. In over 84 million miles and 3,700 reactor years of operation, American nuclear-powered vessels, including submarines, have had no reactor accidents or any radioactivity release which has had a significant or discernible effect on the quality of the environment.

● In order to protect the environment and assure the safety of Canadians, water samples are taken prior to, during and after each visit by nuclear-powered ships to Canadian ports. In addition, bottom samples are taken once every six months at locations where nuclear-powered ships berth, and from designated upstream and downstream locations. Analyzed water and bottom samples have consistently shown that no radioactive contamination that might have resulted from the presence of a nuclear-powered ship has ever been detected.