



Notice of Hearing

November 27, 2006

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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a hearing to consider the results of an Environmental Assessment Screening (EA Screening) of Cameco Corporation's (Cameco) proposed project to modify the operation of the Blind River Refinery Incinerator located in Blind River, Ontario.

Cameco has notified the CNSC of its intention to request authorization to upgrade its Blind River Refinery Incinerator. The proposed upgrades would increase the capacity of the incinerator to handle contaminated combustible by-products from Cameco's operations in both Port Hope and Blind River. The proposed upgrades would also include the installation of pollution control equipment and on-line monitoring equipment as well as an oil injection system to allow for the incineration of contaminated uranium-bearing waste oil.

Under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), an environmental assessment must be completed to determine if the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, taking into account the appropriate mitigation measures. If the Commission concludes that the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, it may proceed with a licensing hearing on Cameco's application.

The Commission has determined that a public hearing in this case is not necessary to consider the results of the EA Screening. The hearing will be conducted by way of written submissions. The public and specific stakeholders were consulted on the draft EA Screening, and the results of those consultations form part of the submission for the hearing. There is no opportunity for the public to participate at this hearing unless members of the public make such a request. A request to intervene shall include a written intervention and be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission at the address below no later than December 4, 2006.

Following the deliberations and decision of the Commission on this matter, a *Record of Proceedings, including Reasons for Decision* will be published on the CNSC Web site.

Agendas and information on the public hearing process are available at the CNSC Web site: www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca. Hearing documents (submissions) are not available on-line and must be requested through the Secretariat at the address below:

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