



Notice of Hearing

August 8, 2007

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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a one-day hearing on the Environmental Assessment (EA) Guidelines regarding AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s (AREVA) proposal to amend its existing licence for the McClean Lake Operation, located in McClean Lake, Saskatchewan, to include a new ore body known as the Caribou.

Hearing: October 31, 2007

Place: CNSC Public Hearing Room, 14th floor, 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario

Hearings follow the agenda published prior to the hearing date.

The project proposed by AREVA is to mine and mill new ore reserves associated with the Caribou ore body at its existing development. The Caribou ore body would be mined as an open pit and the ore would be milled at the JEB mill. No changes would be required to the mill, the tailings management facility or to the existing water treatment facilities. A Screening Environmental Assessment of the proposed project must be conducted pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) before the CNSC can proceed with a decision on a licence application from AREVA.

A notice that the Draft Environmental Assessment Guidelines (EA Guidelines) were available for public comment was published on August 1, 2007, and the comment period will close on August 31, 2007. The revised EA Guidelines, taking public comments into account, will be made available to the public after October 1st, 2007.

The EA Guidelines, as approved or modified by the Commission following the hearing, will be used to prepare an Environmental Assessment Screening Report of the proposed project. At the hearing, the Commission will also determine whether it will consider the completed EA Screening Report in the context of a public hearing of the Commission.

In a decision made following a public meeting of the Commission in March 2005, most EA Guidelines are no longer considered in the context of a public hearing. The hearing will be conducted by way of written submissions from CNSC staff and AREVA. CNSC staff and AREVA will be present to answer questions and provide additional information should the Commission require any.

The public is welcome to observe this hearing. Agendas and information on the hearing process, including how to participate in public hearings, 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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