Written submission from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories

In the Matter of Whiteshell Laboratories

Request by CNL to renew the Whiteshell Laboratories Decommissioning Licence for a one-year period to December 31, 2019, with the same terms and conditions as the current licence.

Public Hearing - Hearing in writing based on written submissions

March 2018

Mémoire des Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens

À l’égard de Laboratoires de Whiteshell

Demande des LNC concernant le renouvellement du permis de déclassement des Laboratoires de Whiteshell pour une période d’un an, jusqu’au 31 décembre 2019, avec les mêmes modalités et conditions que le permis actuel

Audience Publique - Audience fondée sur des mémoires

Mars 2018
Dear Mr. Leblanc:

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF THE WHITESHELL LABORATORIES DECOMMISSIONING LICENCE, NRTEDL-W5-8.04/2018

The purpose of this letter is to apply for a licence renewal for a period of one year from the current expiry date of the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) Whiteshell Laboratories (WL) Nuclear Research and Test Establishment Decommissioning Licence (NRTEDL-W5-8.04/2018), which is currently in effect. This application is submitted in accordance with Section 24(2) of the Nuclear Safety and Control Act. No changes to the existing terms and conditions of the existing licence or to the associated Licence Conditions Handbook are being requested, except to the proposed licence expiry date. CNL will continue its commitment, at all times, for the provision of safe operational practices at WL.

On 2017 September 01, CNL submitted an application for the renewal of the WL Decommissioning Licence for a proposed ten year period [1], and on 2017 September 15, CNL submitted a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) [2] [3] for the proposed in situ decommissioning of the WR-1 reactor at the WL site. To date, CNL has received a large number of information requests from provincial and federal regulators, members of the public, and various Indigenous groups as part of the ongoing environmental assessment and licensing review process. CNL is currently reviewing all of these comments and needs additional time to provide adequate responses to all interested stakeholders. Therefore, CNL’s current request is for a licence renewal for a period of one year to the current 2018 December 31 expiry date, so that hearings regarding CNL’s prior requests [1, 2, 3] can take place once all of these information requests have been adequately addressed.

CNL looks forward to hearing from the Commission with respect to this application. In the interim, should you require any further information, please contact Mr. Shaun Cotnam, Senior Director, Compliance and Chief Regulatory Officer at 613-584-8811, extension 48291 or myself.
Yours sincerely,

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