



Revised Notice of Public Hearing including Procedural Guidance for Questions and Written Final Submissions

May 11, 2022

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Revision 2

CNSC to conduct a public hearing on Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' application to amend its Chalk River Laboratories site licence to authorize the construction of a near surface disposal facility

Note: This revised notice of public hearing provides additional procedural guidance regarding questions from participants and final submissions. The start date of Part 2 of the hearing has also been revised to **May 30, 2022**. This procedural guidance applies in relation to this hearing only and should be read in conjunction with the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#).

The [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission](#) (CNSC) is holding a 2-part public hearing to consider an application from CNL to amend its nuclear research and test establishment operating licence for the Chalk River Laboratories (CRL) site to authorize the construction of the proposed near surface disposal facility for low-level radioactive waste. The CRL site is located in Deep River, Ontario, and on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. Part 1 of the hearing was held on February 22, 2022. Part 2 will start at 9:00 am on **May 30, 2022**.

Hearing Details

Date (Part 2): **May 30 to June 3, 2022**
Place: Pembroke, ON (Best Western Pembroke Inn and Conference Centre) and virtual (via Zoom)
Time: As set by the agenda published prior to the hearing date

The deadline to submit an intervention was April 11, 2022. All interventions and submissions from CNL, CNSC staff and participants are available on the [CNSC website](#).

Procedural Guidance for Questions from Registered Intervenors

Each presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer period led by the President. As indicated in the [Revised Notice of Public Hearing including Procedural Guidance for Intervenors](#), registered intervenors will have the opportunity to ask questions.



Registered intervenors may ask questions in two ways:

1. As part of an oral presentation (oral intervenors only)
2. In writing (any registered intervenor)

The President will determine whether and how questions are addressed. The President may limit or exclude questions that fall outside the scope of the hearing; are repetitive or not relevant; or have already been addressed to the Commission's satisfaction. Clarity and brevity are encouraged. Decorum is to be observed. If a person to whom a question is directed is not able to answer a question when asked, the President may direct that person to undertake to provide an answer to the question at a later point, prior to the close of the record for the hearing.

Guidance for asking questions:

As part of an oral presentation

Persons or groups permitted to give an oral intervention are provided a maximum of 10 minutes to present to the Commission. During the course of an oral presentation, a participant may propose questions to be put to CNSC staff, CNL or another participant or entity. Questions must be directed to the President, who will determine whether and how the question may be addressed, as appropriate.

In writing

Registered intervenors are invited to file written questions with the Commission Registry no later than 6 pm on June 2, 2022. Written questions are to specify:

- the person/entity/participant to whom the question is suggested to be directed; and
- the hearing issue to which the question pertains

Written questions can be submitted in a written legible format to a member of the Registry staff during the hearing or sent via e-mail to: interventions@cnsccsn.gc.ca.

Time permitting, the President will direct accepted questions during an appropriate portion of the hearing or during the final round of questions, scheduled for the last hearing day.

Procedural Guidance for Written Final Submissions

The Commission will provide CNL and intervenors who have registered for oral presentations the opportunity to submit written final submissions following Part 2 of the public hearing. The provision of written final submissions is optional.

Written final submissions may briefly summarize the position and/or the opinion of the writer with respect to this matter. **New information may not be presented in final submissions.** Written final submissions shall be limited to a maximum of 5,000 words for registered intervenors and 30,000 words for CNL. Final submissions that do not follow these instructions will not be accepted.



Following Part 2 of the oral public hearing, intervenors who have registered for oral presentations will have **20 days** to submit written final submissions. CNL will have **35 days** following Part 2 to submit written final submissions. Final submissions shall be submitted to the Commission Registry using the [online request form](#), [by email](#), or the contact information below. The Commission Registry will provide a notice advising the exact due date for receipt of final submissions at the conclusion of Part 2 of the hearing. Late submissions will not be accepted. All accepted submissions will be made available as part of the record for this matter.

Following receipt of any written final submissions, the Commission will confer regarding the sufficiency of the record. Once the Commission decides that it has obtained all the information it requires, the record will be closed, and no further information will be considered.

Contact Information

For further information on the public Commission hearing process on this matter, or to request documents, contact:

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