



Oral Presentation

Exposé oral

**Written submission from
United Steelworkers, Local 14193**

**Mémoire du Syndicat des
Métallos, section locale 14193**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

Cameco Fuel Manufacturing Inc.

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Application to Renew the Class IB Nuclear Fuel Facility Licence for Cameco Fuel Manufacturing Inc. in Port Hope, Ontario

Demande de renouvellement du permis d'exploitation de l'installation de combustible nucléaire de catégorie IB pour Cameco Fuel Manufacturing Inc. à Port Hope (Ontario)

Commission Public Hearing

Audience publique de la Commission

November 23-24, 2022

23 et 24 novembre 2022

September 28, 2022

Tribunal Officer, Secretariat

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

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Re: Cameco Fuel Manufacturing's licence renewal

Application (Nov. 23-24, 2022, Hearing)

Dear President and Commission Members,

My name is Mike Hargreaves. I am a Fuel Assembly Operator, and currently the President of USW Local 14193 at Cameco Fuel Manufacturing. I have worked at Cameco Fuel Manufacturing for 20 years and have held various positions within the local union for the past 10 years. I am writing in support of CFM's 20-year licence renewal request.

Cameco Fuel Manufacturing is one of two fuel suppliers to Canada's CANDU reactors. CFM also fabricates zirconium reactor components for CANDU reactors worldwide. CFM's fuel manufacturing business is conducted in two facilities, one in Port Hope Ontario, where we process the uranium dioxide powder into fuel bundles. The other facility is in Cobourg Ontario, where the reactor components are produced. CFM has built more than 1.5 million fuel bundles in its history and currently employs approximately 140 people at its Port Hope location.

Cameco Fuel Manufacturing is requesting a 20-year licence renewal so that it can provide a stable supply of work for its employees, stable supply of fuel to its customers, stable benefits to the local economy and community, and a long-term commitment to clean air energy. The renewal request is also for an increase in production limits so that the current facility can operate at capacity when future demands on electricity are increased.

At CFM, safety is important and taken seriously. We have a joint health and safety committee that meets bi-weekly to address safety issues and any incidents that arise. We have several processes to continually check that our health is not being compromised. Those include a bi-weekly urinalysis program, and a bi-annual lung monitoring program that is conducted at the Cameco conversion facility. We also have a continuous air monitoring system that collects real time data of any possible air contamination. There is also an Environmental Protection Program that includes monitoring of the soil, water, and air of the facility and surrounding area.

CFM is heavily involved in the community with various sponsorships and fundraising events throughout the year. We have provided tours of the facility to demonstrate what we do. Those tours sometimes involve elected officials from all levels of government. CFM also regularly conducts public opinion polls of residents in Port Hope and those polls always show the strong support from the community. The most recent survey showed that 93% support Cameco's continued operations, and 91% agree that Port Hope is a safe and healthy place to live.

I believe that Cameco Fuel Manufacturing should be granted a 20-year licence renewal and production increase because of the continued level of trust and confidence that the public has shown towards CFM. CFM also continues to provide a safe level of supportive actions towards the citizens of Cobourg, Port Hope and surrounding areas, as well as providing highly skilled, high quality local jobs; while constantly performing strongly to help produce clean air energy that combats climate change.

Respectfully,

Mike Hargreaves

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President