Notice of Public Hearing and Participant Funding

March 25, 2019 Ref. 2019-H-04

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a public hearing on October 2 or 3, 2019 to consider an application from Cameco Corporation (Cameco) to amend its Waste Facility Operating Licence to allow for the removal of 20 properties at the Beaverlodge Project from its licence. The Beaverlodge Project is located near Uranium City in northern Saskatchewan.

The Beaverlodge Project is a decommissioned uranium mine and mill site that consists of 65 individual decommissioned properties. Cameco’s current licence authorizes it to manage the ongoing reclamation, maintenance and monitoring activities at the 65 properties that make up the Beaverlodge site. In its application, Cameco submitted that 20 of the 65 Beaverlodge properties meet the performance criteria previously recognized by the Commission and the Province of Saskatchewan, making them eligible for acceptance into the Province of Saskatchewan’s Institutional Control Program (ICP). Cameco is requesting a licence amendment to remove these 20 properties from its CNSC licence for the Beaverlodge Project to enable those properties requiring institutional control to be accepted into Saskatchewan’s ICP.

As the removal of the properties from Cameco’s licence is being requested for the purpose of transferring these properties into the ICP, and noting that the provincial regulations establishing the ICP require that the province be exempt from CNSC licensing in relation to any properties entering the program, the Commission will also consider whether the province of Saskatchewan should be granted an exemption under section 7 of the Nuclear Safety and Control Act.

Date: October 2 or 3, 2019
Place: To be announced (Manitoba)
Time: As set by the agenda published prior to the hearing date

The public hearing will be webcast live and available on the CNSC website at nuclearsafety.gc.ca.

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC is making available up to $50,000 through its Participant Funding Program. The purpose of the funding is to assist Indigenous peoples, members of the public and stakeholders in reviewing Cameco’s application and associated documents, and in participating in the Commission hearing process by providing topic-specific interventions to the Commission. Please note that the $50,000 will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline to submit a completed participant funding application form to the CNSC is May 24, 2019.
Pursuant to rule 19 of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure, persons who have an interest or expertise in this matter or information that may be useful to the Commission in coming to a decision are invited to comment, in writing, on Cameco’s application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Secretariat by September 3, 2019 using the online request form or the contact information below.

The request to intervene must include the following information:

- A written submission of the comments to be presented to the Commission
- The requester’s name, address and telephone number

In addition, the CNSC will allow Indigenous intervenors the opportunity to make oral presentations in the spirit of reconciliation and in recognition of the Indigenous oral tradition for sharing knowledge.

All submissions will be available for download on the CNSC website or on request to the Secretariat. Personal information, such as address and telephone number, is essential for linking the submission to its author. If you wish to ensure the confidentiality of your personal information, please submit it on a separate page.

Cameco’s submission and CNSC staff’s recommendations to be considered at the hearing will be available on the CNSC website, or on request to the Secretariat, after August 2, 2019.

For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:

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For further information on the public Commission hearing process, contact:

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