



Notice of Upcoming Commission Decision on the Scope of an Environmental Assessment

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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will render a decision in February 2020, based on written submissions by CNSC staff, on the proposed scope of factors to be considered in the conduct of an environmental assessment (EA) for a project proposed by NexGen Energy Ltd. (NexGen). NexGen has submitted a project description for its proposed Rook I Project, consisting of a proposal for a new uranium mining and milling operation located on the Patterson Lake peninsula in northern Saskatchewan.

CNSC staff determined that NexGen's proposed [Rook I Project](#) meets the definition of a "designated project" under the *Regulations Designating Physical Activities* and is therefore subject to an EA under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012), with the CNSC as the sole Responsible Authority. Although the *Impact Assessment Act* came into force in August 2019, it includes provisions to allow ongoing projects with EAs initiated under CEAA 2012 to continue under their existing EA processes. On May 31, 2019, NexGen's project description for its proposed Rook I Project was posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for a 30-day public comment period.

The decision in this matter will not represent a licensing decision. Rather, the Commission is required to determine the scope of factors to be considered in the EA for the proposed Rook I Project, taking into consideration all comments received during the public comment period conducted in 2019. Following the completion of the EA and upon application by NexGen, the Commission will hold public hearings, with public participation, in respect of its decisions on whether to approve the EA and to license NexGen's Rook I Project.

The [submissions from CNSC](#) staff are available on the CNSC website at nuclearsafety.gc.ca or on request to the Secretariat.

Following the deliberations and Commission decision on this matter, a record of decision will be published on the CNSC website at nuclearsafety.gc.ca and made available on request.

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