



Notice of Public Hearing and Participant Funding

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CNSC to conduct a public hearing on Orano's licence amendment request for the expansion of the JEB Tailings Management Facility at the McClean Lake Operation

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a one-part public hearing in September 2021 to consider an application from Orano Canada Inc. (Orano) to amend its uranium mine operating licence for the expansion of the JEB Tailings Management Facility (TMF) at the McClean Lake Operation. The McClean Lake Operation is located in the Athabasca Basin of northern Saskatchewan, approximately 750 kilometres north of Saskatoon.

The current 10-year licence, which expires on June 30, 2027, authorizes Orano to operate a uranium ore mining facility, produce uranium concentrates and operate the JEB TMF. In its licence amendment request, Orano is seeking approval to expand the JEB TMF to a consolidated tailings elevation of 462 metres above sea level (mASL), up from 448 mASL, in order to ensure that there is adequate tailings capacity in the future. The proposed expansion will be achieved through the continued construction of an engineered embankment and the placement of a bentonite-amended crushed waste rock liner.

Dates: September 22–23, 2021
Place: To be determined (at this time, a virtual hearing)
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 **\$100,000** through its [Participant Funding Program](#). The purpose of the funding is to assist Indigenous peoples, members of the public and stakeholders in reviewing Orano'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 \$100,000 will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline to submit a completed participant funding application form to the CNSC is **April 1, 2021**.

Orano's licence amendment application is posted on its [website](#). Orano'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 **June 9, 2021**.

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 on Orano's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Secretariat by **August 9, 2021**, 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
- a statement setting out whether the requester wishes to intervene by way of written submission only or by way of written submission and oral presentation
- the requester's name, address, telephone number and email address

All submissions will be available for download on the CNSC website or on request to the [Secretariat](#). Personal information, such as email 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.

For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:

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For further information on the public Commission hearing process, or on the licensee or the facility being considered in this matter, or to request documents, contact:

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