



Notice of Public Hearing and Participant Funding

February 18, 2019

Ref. 2019-H-03

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a public hearing on October 2 and 3, 2019, to consider an application from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Ltd. (CNL) to renew its Nuclear Research and Test Establishment Decommissioning Licence (NRTEDL) for the Whiteshell Laboratories (WL) site for a period of ten years. The WL site is located near Pinawa, Manitoba, approximately 100 km northeast of Winnipeg.

The current licence, which expires on December 31, 2019, authorizes CNL to conduct decommissioning activities at WL site facilities, including the WR-1 reactor, waste management areas, storage facilities and other nuclear and non-nuclear buildings. The proposed licence renewal would allow CNL to continue conducting previously-approved decommissioning activities at the WL site.

This proceeding is to consider CNL's licence renewal application for the WL site. Although CNL has indicated that its preferred decommissioning approach for the WR-1 reactor is *in situ* disposal, a proposal for which an environmental assessment (EA) under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* is currently underway, the decision regarding the EA and proposal for *in situ* decommissioning of the WR-1 reactor is to be considered at a future Commission public hearing, with public participation. As such, the Commission will not, in this hearing, consider submissions related to CNL's proposed *in situ* decommissioning of the WR-1 reactor.

Date: October 2-3, 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 CNL'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 10, 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 on CNL'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
- 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 and telephone number

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.

CNL'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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