

# **CNSC Participant Funding Program Decision**

CNSC Staff Meeting with the Mississauga First Nation Regarding the Performance of the Blind River Facility, Environmental Monitoring of the Elliot Lake Watershed, and Health Effects of Radiation relating to Cameco's Blind River Refinery



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Through its Participant Funding Program (PFP), the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) offered up to \$2,400 to facilitate a meeting between the Mississauga First Nation and CNSC staff. The Mississauga First Nation, which is located adjacent to the Blind River Refinery, requested the meeting to discuss the performance of the Blind River facility, the health effects of radiation associated with the facility, and environmental monitoring in the Elliot Lake Watershed.

This funding offer was made as part of the PFP's support for CNSC meetings on matters of regulatory interest. The information gathered from the meeting will be included in a relevant Commission member document, so as to bring any valuable information gathered to the Commission's attention. The deadline for submitting the participant funding application to the CNSC was September 29, 2016.

### **Background**

Participant funding support for CNSC meetings on matters of regulatory interest was made available by the CNSC to:

- enhance Indigenous and stakeholder participation in the CNSC's regulatory oversight and licensing processes
- help stakeholders bring valuable information to the Commission

A funding review committee (FRC), independent from the CNSC, was established to review the funding application, and make recommendations on the allocation of up to \$2,400 to the applicant (the amount requested by the applicant).

The FRC members were:

- Mr. Guy Riverin, an environmental assessment expert and retired federal public servant
- Mr. Paul Scott, a retired regional director of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
- Mr. Bruce Young, a retired director of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

The FRC reviewed the PFP application and provided its recommendations to the CNSC.

## Eligibility and funding criteria

For more information on participant funding and how it works, including details on eligibility and funding criteria, please read the <u>PFP Guide</u>.

### **CNSC** participant funding decision

The CNSC carefully considered the FRC's recommendations on the allocation of participant funding in the matter of a meeting between CNSC staff and the Mississauga First Nation to discuss the Blind River facility, the health effects of radiation associated with the facility, and environmental monitoring of the Elliot Lake Watershed, and approved the reimbursement of up to \$2,400 to the following recipient:

Applicant	Maximum amount of PFP funding available

Mississauga First Nation	\$2,400
Total	\$2,400

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