



# CNSC Participant Funding Program Decision

Cameco Corporation Licence Renewal:  
Blind River Refinery in Blind River, ON

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**PFP**  
Participant Funding  
Program

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## **CNSC Decision on Allocation of CNSC Participant Funding for Cameco's Licence Renewal for the Blind River Refinery**

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) announced on August 16, 2011 that it was offering up to \$25,000 under its Participant Funding Program (PFP) to help members of the public, Aboriginal groups, and other interested stakeholders participate in the regulatory process related to Cameco Corporation's application to renew the Operating Licence for its Blind River Refinery for ten years. The deadline for submitting Participant Funding Applications to the CNSC was October 14, 2011.

### **Background**

Participant Funding was made available by the CNSC

- for the provision of new, distinctive and valuable information to the CNSC through informed and topic-specific interventions; and
- to assist interested parties in preparing for and participating in "Day Two" of Commission Tribunal's Public Hearing process for the matter at hand, on January 18 and 19, 2012 in Port Hope, Ontario.

A Funding Review Committee (FRC), independent from the CNSC, was established to review the Funding Applications received by the CNSC's PFP Administrator, and to make recommendations on the allocation of up to \$25,000 to eligible applicants.

The FRC members were: Mr. Guy Riverin, Environmental Assessment expert and retired federal public servant, Mr. Paul Scott, retired regional director of the CEA Agency's Vancouver office; and Ms. Heather Jarrett, Environmental Assessment expert and retired federal public servant.

On October 27, 2011, the FRC met to review the three (3) Participant Funding Applications received by the CNSC, requesting a total of \$59,694.00.

### **Eligibility and Funding Criteria**

Eligible applicants included individuals, Aboriginal groups or not-for-profit organizations who could demonstrate that they had:

- A direct, local interest in the project, such as living or owning property near the project area; or
- Aboriginal traditional knowledge and/or local community insight, relevant to the proposed project; or
- Interests in potential project impacts on treaty lands, settlement lands or traditional territories or related claims and rights; or
- Plans to provide value-added information relevant to the mandate of the CNSC and the specific matter before the Commission Tribunal.

The FRC also took into consideration whether each of the Funding Applications was complete, received on time, reasonable and justifiable for the matter at hand.

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Additional factors considered by the FRC are published in the [CNSC's Participant Funding Guide](#), and included:

In order of priority, the degree to which the applicant:

- is likely to be *directly* affected by the project.
- could provide:
  - Aboriginal traditional or community knowledge, or significant local insight.
  - a useful perspective or insight to issues of relevance to the matter at hand.
  - expertise from credible and reputable professional sources.
- represents many directly affected parties with one voice for the matter at hand.
- does not have access to other funding that could support input to the matter at hand.

The degree to which the funding proposal and the nature of the proposed activities and related costs:

- are reasonable for the matter at hand;
- fit within the scope of the matter at hand *and* maximum funding available;
- do not duplicate or overlap with work undertaken by others;
- are not already conducted in the normal course of the applicant's business;
- brings value-added expertise or information to CNSC for the matter at hand.

### **CNSC Participant Funding Decision**

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission has carefully considered the Funding Review Committee's recommendations for the allocation of Participant Funding in the matter of Cameco Corporation's application to renew the Operating Licence for the Blind River Refinery.

With regards to the Funding Applicants in the matter at hand, the CNSC accepts all the recommendations of the FRC and approves the reimbursement of up to \$19,500.00 in participant funding to the Recipients listed below.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Maximum amount of PFP available</b>
<b>Northwatch</b>	<b>Up to \$13,000.00</b>
<b>Serpent River First Nation</b>	<b>Up to \$ 6,500.00</b>

In order for funds to be released, Recipients must sign a Contribution Agreement that will specify the maximum amount of funding approved for their proposal and the deliverables required for Day Two of the Commission Tribunal public hearing.

#### **Additional Information:**

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