



CNSC Participant Funding Program Decision

AECL's proposed 5-year licence renewal
for its Chalk River Laboratories



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CNSC Decision on Allocation of Participant Funding for AECL's Proposed Five-year Licence Renewal for its Chalk River Laboratories

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) announced on March 7, 2011, that it was offering up to \$75,000 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 Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's application to renew the Nuclear Research and Test Establishment Operating Licence for Chalk River Laboratories for five years. The deadline for submitting participant funding applications to the CNSC was May 20, 2011.

Background

Participant funding was made available by the CNSC:

- to provide new, distinctive and valuable information to the CNSC through informed and topic-specific interventions
- to assist interested parties in preparing for and participating in Day Two of the Commission Tribunal's [public hearing](#) process for the matter at hand, on October 5 and 6, 2011, in Chalk River, 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 \$75,000 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 Mr. Bruce Young, retired CEA Agency director.

On June 8, 2011, the FRC met to review the four participant funding applications received by the CNSC, requesting a total of \$86,221.

Eligibility and funding criteria

Eligible applicants included individuals, Aboriginal group 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 took into consideration whether each funding application met the above eligibility criteria and whether it was complete, received on time, reasonable and justifiable for the matter at hand.

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

- 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
 - bring value-added expertise or information to CNSC for the matter at hand.

The CNSC's participant funding decision

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission has carefully considered the FRC's recommendations for the allocation of participant funding in the matter of AECL's proposed five-year licence renewal for its Chalk River Laboratories. With regard 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 \$ 29,811.00 in participant funding to the recipients listed below.

Applicant	Maximum amount of participant funding available
Mr. Eric Campbell	Up to \$ 5,211.00
Métis Nation of Ontario	Up to \$ 18,850.00
Concerned Citizens of Renfrew County	Up to \$ 5,750.00

In order for funds to be released, recipients must sign a Contribution Agreement specifying 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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