



Notice of Public Hearing and Participant Funding

June 9, 2017

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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a public hearing in January 2018 to consider an application from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) for the renewal of its nuclear research and test establishment operating licence for the Chalk River Laboratories (CRL) with a proposed expiry date of April 1, 2028. This facility is located near Chalk River, ON, approximately 180 kilometres northwest of Ottawa, ON.

The current licence, which expires on March 31, 2018, authorizes CNL to operate the CRL site, composed of a range of nuclear facilities, radioisotope labs, waste management facilities and other supporting facilities. With the request for licence renewal, CNL is seeking approval to continue operation of the site for a 10-year period during which it will modernize and consolidate its CRL operations, including the shutdown of the National Research Universal reactor and various infrastructure and site improvements.

Dates: January 24–25, 2018
Place: Best Western Pembroke Inn & Conference Centre, Copeland/MacKay meeting room, 1 International Drive, Pembroke, ON
Time: As set by the agenda published prior to the hearing date

The public hearing will be webcast live and available for 90 days on the CNSC website at nuclearsafety.gc.ca.

Through its Participant Funding Program, the CNSC is offering a total of **\$75,000** in funding to assist members of the public, Indigenous groups and other stakeholders in reviewing CNL's application and associated documents, and for participating in the Commission hearing process by providing topic-specific interventions to the Commission. The deadline to submit a participant funding application form to the CNSC is **September 15, 2017**.

Members of the public 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 **December 11, 2017** using the [online request form](#) or following the coordinates below. Pursuant to the *Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure*, **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 are available to the public 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 after **November 10, 2017**. To obtain copies of these documents, please contact the Secretariat at the coordinates below or request them directly from the website. Further information on this hearing or the public Commission hearing process is available on the CNSC website.

Note:

The Commission will not accept any submission or make any decision related to CNL's proposed Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) at the CRL site during the public hearing to consider CNL's application for the renewal of its nuclear research and test establishment operating licence for the Chalk River Laboratories. The Commission will schedule a separate public hearing for this matter at a later date.

For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:

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