



Notice of Hearing in Writing

April 20, 2021

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CNSC to conduct a hearing in writing on a request for temporary exemption from subsection 36(2) of the *Nuclear Security Regulations*

In April 2021, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a hearing based on written submissions. The Commission will consider whether to temporarily exempt, pursuant to section 7 of the [Nuclear Safety and Control Act](#), high-security site licensees from subsection 36(2) of the [Nuclear Security Regulations](#) (NSR).

Bruce Power Inc., Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, Hydro-Québec, New Brunswick Power Corporation and Ontario Power Generation Inc. (the licensees) have informed the CNSC that security exercises at their facilities were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Subsection 36(2) of the NSR specifies that the licensees, with involvement of CNSC staff and other external partner organizations, must conduct security exercises every two years. The COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health measures have affected the ability of the licensees to complete these security exercises within the required timeframe. The requested temporary exemption would allow licensees to adhere to COVID-19 public health measures and guidelines while continuing to ensure the safe and secure operation of their facilities.

Pursuant to Rule 3 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#) (the Rules), the Commission has decided to vary the Rules in order to ensure that this hearing is dealt with as informally and expeditiously as the circumstances and the considerations of fairness permit. The Commission will consider a written submission from CNSC staff. A panel of the Commission will then deliberate and render a decision on whether to grant the exemption.

Due to the confidential nature of the information involving nuclear security, CNSC staff's CMD is not available to the public.

For further information on the public Commission hearing process, or on the licensees or the facilities being considered in this matter, or to request documents, contact:

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