

**Public Comment Invited on the Draft Project-Specific Guidelines and Scoping Document for the Proposed Midwest Uranium Mine Development Project**

AREVA Resources Canada Inc. (AREVA) proposes changes to the Midwest uranium mine development (Midwest Project) and to extend the milling activities at the McClean Lake Operation to include the Midwest Project. The proposed project involves open-pit mining of a uranium deposit located near the eastern margin of the Athabasca basin in northern Saskatchewan, and transportation of the ore along a new dedicated haul road to the McClean Lake Operation for milling. A faster rate of milling of the Midwest ore at the JEB mill is also included in the proposal.

The project is subject to both a comprehensive study under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and an environmental assessment under the Saskatchewan *Environmental Assessment Act*. To achieve efficiency in the federal and provincial processes, a cooperative environmental assessment will be undertaken as per the *Canada-Saskatchewan Agreement on Environmental Assessment Cooperation*, with Saskatchewan Environment as the lead party.

The public is invited to comment on the draft Project-Specific Guidelines and Scoping Document for the cooperative assessment, which incorporates the respective requirements of the federal and provincial environmental assessment processes. It identifies key issues and studies required in the Environmental Impact Assessment to be completed by AREVA. **Comments on the document must be received no later than January 5, 2007 and will be shared with both provincial and federal governments in order that each responsible authority may review all submissions.**

Interested individuals may view a copy of the draft Project-Specific Guidelines and Scoping Document at First Nations and Northern Hamlet offices in the Athabasca Region. It may also be viewed on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (the Agency) Web site: [www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca](http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca), reference number [06-03-17519](http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca). The document as well as AREVA's proposal may also be viewed at the websites of Saskatchewan Environment ([www.se.gov.sk.ca](http://www.se.gov.sk.ca)).

To obtain a copy of the draft document and/or submit comments, please contact:

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