



Notice of Hearing

May 1, 2012

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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a hearing in May to consider AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s (AREVA) Final Comprehensive Study Report for the proposed Midwest Mining and Milling Project in Northern Saskatchewan (Midwest Project).

CNSC staff is recommending the acceptance from the Commission of the Final Comprehensive Study Report for the proposed project. CNSC staff concludes that the Midwest Project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects after the implementation of mitigation measures. CNSC staff is also recommending that the Commission, as the lead Responsible Authority, provide the Final Comprehensive Study Report to the Minister of the Environment and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency for public consultation and Aboriginal engagement and Ministerial Decision.

The Midwest Project involves extending the mining and milling activities at AREVA's existing McClean Lake Operation to include the mining and milling of uranium ore at the Midwest site by open pit mining methods, hauling ore along a transportation and utility corridor linking the Midwest site with the McClean Lake Operation, and milling the uranium ore at the JEB Mill located at the McClean Lake Operation. The McClean Lake Operation site lies approximately 15 kilometres east of the Midwest site.

The Commission has determined that a public hearing is not necessary to consider the Final Comprehensive Study Report. The hearing will be conducted by way of written submissions from CNSC staff and AREVA.

Following the deliberations and decision of the Commission on this matter, a *Record of Proceedings, including Reasons for Decision* will be published on the CNSC Web site and made available to the public.

CNSC staff's recommendations and AREVA's submission are not available on-line and must be requested through the Secretariat at the address below:

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