



Notice of Hearing

May 24, 2012

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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a hearing in May to consider the Proposed Project-Specific Guidelines Scoping Document (Proposed Guidelines) for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for Cameco Corporation's (Cameco) proposed Rabbit Lake Tailings North Pit Expansion Project. Cameco intends to extend the life of the Rabbit Lake Operation by extending the tailings storage capacity from the current nine million cubic metres (Mm³) to 12 Mm³. The Rabbit Lake Operation is a uranium mining and milling operation located 750 kilometres north of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Before the Commission can consider authorizing the proposed project to go forward, the Commission must make a decision on an environmental assessment (EA) of the proposal. The CNSC is required to ensure that a screening EA of the project is performed and that the Screening Report is approved by the Commission before it can make a licensing decision under the NSCA to allow the project to proceed in whole or in part. The proposed Guidelines describe the basis for carrying out the EA.

The Commission has determined that a public hearing is not necessary to consider the Proposed Guidelines. The hearing will be conducted by way of written submissions from CNSC staff and Cameco.

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

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