# Record of Proceedings, Including Reasons for Decision

In the Matter of

**Subject** 

Redetermination of a Commission's Decision

Regarding Future Licence Amendments for the

Port Granby Project

**Date** 

December 17, 2014

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Purpose: Redetermination of a Commission's Decision Regarding

Future Licence Amendments for the Port Granby Project

Date: December 17, 2014

Location: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)

280 Slater St., Ottawa, Ontario

Members present: M. Binder, Chair

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**Decision:** Redetermined

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1. Following a public hearing held on September 27, 2011, the Commission issued a Waste Nuclear Substance Licence to Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) for the Port Granby Project<sup>1</sup>. In this decision, the Commission delegated its powers to a Designated Officer to render decisions regarding future licence amendments and Phase III of the Port Granby Project.
- 2. Following a separate public hearing held on October 24, 2012 on the replacement of the Waste Nuclear Substance Licence for the Port Hope Long-Term Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Project<sup>2</sup>, the Commission decided not to accept CNSC staff's recommendation to delegate to a Designated Officer the power to consider or authorize future amendments and Phase III of the Port Hope Project.
- 3. In light of the information provided and on the basis of consistency, the Commission has determined that it would be advisable to redetermine its decision for the Port Granby Project related to the delegation of its powers to a Designated Officer, as described above.

### **Redetermination**

- 4. Pursuant to subsection 43(3) of the NSCA, the Commission can, on its own initiative, redetermine any decision or order made by it or a Designated Officer.
- 5. Pursuant to subsection 3(1) of the *Rules of Procedures*, the Commission has determined that it would vary these Rules and that the notice of redetermination referred to in subrule 31(2) of the *Rules of Procedure* would not be sent to persons who were participants in the matter being redetermined. This notice is not being sent as the redetermination would affect the decision-making process that is internal to the CNSC and would not impact the participants.

#### 2.0 DECISION

6. Based on its consideration of the matter, the Commission concludes that a redetermination is warranted. Therefore,

the Commission has redetermined that it does not delegate its powers to a Designated Officer to render decisions regarding future licence amendments and Phase III of the Port Granby Project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Record of Proceedings, including Reasons for Decision, *Application by Atomic Energy of Canada Limited for a Waste Nuclear Substance Licence for the Port Granby Long-Term Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Project*, published November 29, 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Record of Proceedings, including Reasons for Decision, *Application for Amendment of Waste Nucleear Substance Licence for the Port Hope Long-Term Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Project*, published February 5, 2013.

#### 3.0 CONCLUSION

7. The Commission has considered the information described above and is satisfied that the redetermination is warranted. The Commission does not delegate to a Designated Officer any future licensing action related to the Port Granby Project, since the Commission itself will do the licensing in this case. The Commission therefore corrects paragraph 126 of the November 2011 Record of Proceedings for the Port Granby Project licence issuance.

Michael Binder

President,

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

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