



Notice of Hearing

November 19, 2014

Ref. 2015-H-100

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a hearing on or before January 16, 2015 to consider amending, on its own motion, licences for nuclear substances, prescribed equipment and Class II nuclear facilities to include requirements for financial guarantees for licensed activities.

Since the NSCA came into force in 2000, the Commission has required financial guarantees for all major nuclear facilities across Canada, including nuclear power plants, uranium mines and mills, research reactors and major waste facilities. In 2011, the Commission published discussion paper DIS-11-01, *Implementation of Financial Guarantees for Licensees*, which stated that, going forward, all other licensees must also have financial guarantees acceptable to the Commission. At the August 21, 2014 Commission meeting, CNSC staff presented a technical briefing to the Commission. This briefing was to explain and familiarize the proposed financial guarantee program for CNSC licences issued for nuclear substances, prescribed equipment and Class II nuclear facilities. The Commission agreed with the principles and structure of the proposed financial guarantees; however, before making a final decision it wishes to give potentially affected licensees an opportunity to be heard.

The Commission will consider these amendments in a closed session, using CNSC staff's written submission, transcripts and minutes from the August 21, 2014 Commission meeting, as well as written submissions from licensees and other interested parties. The requested changes do not raise matters related to health, safety or environmental protection that would warrant consideration in the context of a public hearing.

Potentially affected licensees and other interested persons are invited to comment in writing on the proposed amendments. Requests to intervene must be filed online with the Commission Secretary by January 5, 2015, at nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/the-commission/intervention/index.cfm or through the coordinates below. Requests must include the following information, as per the *Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure*:

- a written submission of the comments
- requester's name, address and telephone number

Personal information like addresses and telephone numbers is essential for linking submissions to authors. Please submit personal information on a separate page if you wish to ensure confidentiality. Note that all submissions are available to the public upon request to the Secretariat.

Following the Commission's deliberations and decision on this matter, a *Record of Proceedings, Including Reasons for Decision*, will be published on the CNSC website and made available to the public.

CNSC staff's [presentation](#), [submission](#), [transcripts](#) and meeting [minutes](#) from the August 21, 2014 Commission meeting are available online or can be requested through the Secretariat:

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