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Une modification de permis

Cameco Corporation

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Rabbit Lake Operation

**Établissement minier de
Rabbit Lake**

**Financial Guarantee
Review and Licence
Modernization
Amendments**

**Examen de la garantie
financière et
modifications aux fins de
modernisation du permis**

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Summary

This CMD presents information about the following matters of regulatory interest with respect to Cameco Corporation's Rabbit Lake Operation:

- the revision of the financial guarantee for the Rabbit Lake Operation
- the amendment of Uranium Mine and Mill Licence (UMOL-MINEMILL-RABBIT.00/2023) to include standard licence conditions.

CNSC staff recommend that the Commission take the following actions:

- Accept the proposed revised amount of the financial guarantee for the Rabbit Lake Operation.
- Issue the proposed Uranium Mine and Mill Licence (UML-MINEMILL-RABBIT.01/2023), that has been updated to the current CNSC standard licence format.
- Direct Cameco Corporation to submit revised financial instruments to the Commission within 90 days of the publication of a decision.

The following items are attached:

- Current licence UMOL-MINEMILL-RABBIT.00/2023
- Proposed amended licence UML-MINEMILL-RABBIT.01/2023
- Draft Licence Conditions Handbook, Revision 2

Résumé

Le présent CMD fournit de l'information sur les questions d'intérêt réglementaire suivantes qui ont trait à l'établissement minier de Rabbit Lake de Cameco Corporation:

- la révision de la garantie financière pour l'établissement minier de Rabbit Lake
- la modification du permis de mine et d'usine d'uranium (UMOL-MINEMILL-RABBIT.00/2023) afin d'y inclure les conditions de permis normalisées.

La Commission pourrait considérer prendre les mesures suivantes :

- Accepter le montant révisé qui est proposé dans la garantie financière pour l'établissement minier de Rabbit Lake.
- Émettre le permis de mine et d'usine d'uranium modifié (UML-MINEMILL-RABBIT.01/2023) dans le format actualisé en ligne avec les permis normalisées de la CCSN.
- Demander à Cameco Corporation de fournir à la Commission, dans les 90 jours suivant la publication de la décision, les instruments financiers révisés.

Les pièces suivantes sont jointes :

- Le permis actuel, UMOL-MINEMILL-RABBIT.00/2023
- Le permis modifié proposé, UML-MINEMILL-RABBIT.01/2023
- L'ébauche du Manuel des conditions de permis, Révision 2

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with subsection 24(5) of the [Nuclear Safety and Control Act](#), a licence may contain a condition that the applicant provide a financial guarantee in a form that is acceptable to the Commission. Accordingly, licence condition 12.3 of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) licence issued to Cameco Corporation's Rabbit Lake Operation (UMOL-MINEMILL-RABBIT.00/2023) requires the licensee to maintain a financial guarantee acceptable to the Commission. The financial guarantee must be reviewed and updated at minimum every five years, or if there are material changes to the licensee's operational activities.

To fulfill the five-year update requirement, Cameco Corporation (Cameco) submitted a request on June 3, 2020 to the CNSC to update their financial guarantee for the Rabbit Lake Operation. This request included a proposed revision to the value of Cameco's financial guarantee from C\$202.7 million to C\$213.4 million. The licence is also being updated to the standard licence conditions and licence conditions handbook format as part of this licence amendment request.

Cameco submitted its Preliminary Decommissioning Plan and Preliminary Decommissioning Cost Estimate. Following reviews by both the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment and CNSC staff, the financial instruments were found to be acceptable, and the Preliminary Decommissioning Plan and Preliminary Decommissioning Cost Estimate were confirmed to be credible for future decommissioning of the Rabbit Lake Operation. CNSC staff determined that the decommissioning activities, which will take place in a staged manner over years, and the cost estimate, which includes contingency funds, are robust. Therefore, the proposed financial guarantee remains sufficient to cover the decommissioning liabilities. In addition, the value of the proposed financial instrument remains constant and is not dependent on the market outcome. Based on CNSC staff's review and assessment of Cameco's submitted information, CNSC staff recommend that the Commission:

- accept the proposed revised amount of the financial guarantee for the Rabbit Lake Operation
- issue the proposed Uranium Mine and Mill Licence (UML-MINEMILL-RABBIT.01/2023) which has been updated to the current CNSC standard licence format
- direct Cameco Corporation to submit revised financial instruments to the Commission within 90 days of the publication of a decision.

Referenced documents in this Commission member document are available to the public upon request, subject to confidentiality and proprietary considerations.

PART ONE

This Commission Member Document (CMD) is presented in two parts.

Part One includes:

1. An overview of the matter being presented.
2. General discussion pertaining to the matters for consideration that are relevant to this submission.
3. Discussion about other matters of regulatory interest.
4. Overall conclusions and recommendations.
5. Appendices A and B.

PART TWO

Part Two provides information pertaining directly to the current and proposed licence.

1. OVERVIEW

1.1 Background

Owned and operated by Cameco Corporation (Cameco), the Rabbit Lake Operation is located approximately 750 kilometres north of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (figure 1). The Eagle Point underground mine is located at the northern margin of the property. Moving southward, three mined-out pits, two reclaimed, A-Zone and D-Zone, and one flooded, B-Zone pit all border Collins Bay of Wollaston Lake. The B-Zone pit remains isolated from Collins Bay by an intact dyke. In the central part of the property, the mined-out Rabbit Lake pit was converted to a tailings management facility (TMF). Adjacent to the in-pit TMF is the mill. South of the mill is the above ground TMF, which has not received tailings since 1985. At the southern margin, after passage through settling ponds, all treated effluent, which must meet discharge limits, is continuously discharged and eventually reaches Hidden Bay of Wollaston Lake. The general site layout of the Rabbit Lake Operation is shown in appendix A of this Commission Member Document (CMD).

Figure 1: Rabbit Lake Operation – location map



Following an October 2013 Commission hearing, the Commission renewed the Uranium Mine and Mill Licence: Cameco Corporation, Rabbit Lake Operation (UMOL-MINEMILL-RABBIT.00/2023) which is valid to October 31, 2023.

As part of Cameco's application to renew the Uranium Mine and Mill Licence, Cameco had submitted revised Preliminary Decommissioning Plan (PDP) and Preliminary Decommissioning Cost Estimate (PDCE) documents to the CNSC.

The revised PDP and PDCE (March 2013) [1] were reviewed by staff from the CNSC and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (SMOE). The Commission accepted the revised financial guarantee in the amount of C\$202.7 million during the October 2013 hearing [2] which is the current financial guarantee for the Rabbit Lake Operation.

According to the five-year review cycle on PDPs, on May 4, 2018 Cameco submitted an updated draft PDP and PDCE for review by SMOE and CNSC staff. After addressing technical review comments from both agencies, a revised PDP [3] and PDCE [4] were submitted by Cameco on June 3, 2020. The revised PDP [3] outlines the end state of the operation, as described in section 2.1 of this CMD, and the steps the licensee will take to reach that end state. The revised PDCE [4] outlines the basis for the value of the financial guarantee and is based on the project end state as described in the PDP. CNSC specialists reviewed and assessed the PDP and PDCE against Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Group standard N294.0 and CNSC regulatory documents (appendix B.2) and confirmed that Cameco meets regulatory requirements and confirmed the acceptability of the PDP and credibility of the PDCE.

Under [*The Mineral Industry Environmental Protection Regulations, 1996*](#), SMOE requires that mining and milling operations prepare decommissioning plans and financial assurances. SMOE's independent review of the Rabbit Lake Operation PDCE and financial assurance (equivalent to the term financial guarantee under the [*Nuclear Safety and Control Act*](#)) is complementary to CNSC staff's review.

A memorandum of understanding between the CNSC and the province of Saskatchewan on reclamation and financial guarantees guides the nature of the cooperation between the parties [5]. The memorandum of understanding stipulates that it is not intended to require owners and/or operators of uranium mining and milling facilities in Saskatchewan to provide separate and distinct financial guarantees to satisfy federal and provincial requirements. The CNSC and SMOE work closely in aligning and coordinating decommissioning and financial guarantee requirements. The SMOE is the owner of the lands, beneficiary of the financial guarantee for all operating and decommissioned uranium mines and mills in Saskatchewan, and provides conditional acceptance of the financial guarantee until approved by the Commission. The CNSC or SMOE can invoke the Commission-approved financial guarantee to ensure decommissioning is carried out under extenuating circumstances such as bankruptcy or a failure of the licensee to meet regulatory requirements.

1.2 Highlights

The following is a summary of the financial guarantee regulatory review:

- Cameco submitted an updated draft PDP and PDCE in May 2018 for review by CNSC and SMOE staff.
- Cameco revised the PDP and PDCE in response to CNSC and SMOE staff regulatory review comments and submitted a revised PDP [3] and PDCE [4] in June 2020.
- CNSC staff concluded the revised PDP [3] and PDCE [4] meet the criteria of CNSC regulatory guides and documents (appendix B).
- SMOE accepted the updated PDP and PDCE on June 11, 2020 [6].
- As part of the submission of the revised PDP and PDCE, Cameco formally requested the Commission approve the value of Cameco's Rabbit Lake Operation financial guarantee and amend the Rabbit Lake Operating Licence (UMOL-MINEMILL-RABBIT.00/2023) to a format that includes standard licence conditions [3][4].
- Based on CNSC staffs' technical assessment of the information submitted by Cameco, CNSC staff prepared a proposed amended licence, updated licence conditions handbook (LCH) and this CMD, including staff's conclusions and recommendations, for the Commission's consideration.

2. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2.1 Summary of Preliminary Decommissioning Plan Activities

In accordance with paragraph 3(a)(viii) of the [Uranium Mines and Mills Regulations](#), Cameco is required to submit a proposed plan to decommission the Rabbit Lake Operation. Planning for decommissioning is an ongoing process, taking place throughout each stage of the licensed facility lifecycle. PDPs at operating uranium mines and mills are updated and submitted to CNSC and SMOE a minimum of every five years or as a result of material changes to operational activities. PDPs provide the basis for the cost estimate for decommissioning and establishing the value of the financial guarantee, under a decommission tomorrow principle. Cameco will develop a detailed decommissioning plan prior to being authorized by the CNSC to begin decommissioning.

As stated by Cameco in the PDP [3], the end state objective is to decommission and reclaim the site to an ecological and radiological condition that is as similar as is reasonably achievable to the pre-mining conditions at site and suitable for traditional land use. The PDP outlines the following activities for the decommissioning of infrastructure at the Rabbit Lake Operation [7]. Key locations where decommissioning activities will take place are referenced in the general site layout map as shown in appendix A.

B-Zone pond/pit

- Once acceptable water quality has been achieved, the B-Zone pond dyke will be breached, reintegrating the B-Zone pond into the Collins Bay water system.

Ore and waste rock storage areas

- Mineralized waste stockpiles, the high carbonate low-grade ore pile and site ore pads will be transported to the Rabbit Lake In-Pit Tailings Management Facility (RLITMF) for disposal.
- The West #5 Waste Rock Pile will be covered with an engineered cover system and seeded to promote development of vegetation.
- Eagle Point Waste Rock Pile will be used to backfill the Eagle Point Mine access ramp and for general Rabbit Lake decommissioning and reclamation activities.

Above-Ground Tailings Management Facility (AGTMF)

- Frozen tailings will be allowed to thaw and consolidate.
- The AGTMF will be covered with an engineered cover system and seeded to promote development of vegetation.

Rabbit Lake In-Pit Tailings Management Facility (RLITMF)

- Frozen in-pit tailings will be thawed and allowed to consolidate.
- Waste will be placed in the facility.
- An engineered cover system will be put in place and seeded to promote development of vegetation.
- RLITMF water will be pumped and treated until consolidation of the tailings is complete.

Surface buildings and facilities

- Contaminated surface infrastructure will be dismantled and disposed of within the AGTMF or RLITMF.
- Non-contaminated surface infrastructure will be disassembled and placed in the Rabbit Lake landfill.
- Hazardous substances (e.g., hydraulic oil, diesel fuel, gasoline, paint, engine coolant, etc.) will be used in the decommissioning process or transported off-site for recycling or disposal in accordance with applicable regulations.

Eagle Point Mine facilities

- Underground hazardous substances will be moved to surface for use or transported off-site for recycling or disposal in accordance with applicable regulations.
- The mine will be allowed to flood naturally.
- The access ramp will be sealed with clean waste rock.
- The ventilation air raises will be covered with engineered caps.

Upper Link Lake

- Water quality in Upper Link Lake will be allowed to recover naturally.

Site roads and borrow areas

- Site roads and borrow areas will be decommissioned, contoured and seeded with native vegetation.

2.2 Preliminary Decommissioning Plan and Preliminary Decommissioning Cost Estimate Update

In accordance with the requirement to update the financial guarantee every five years, as specified under licence condition 12.3, on May 4, 2018 Cameco submitted to the CNSC and SMOE a revised draft PDP and PDCE for regulatory review. The regulatory review was completed and Cameco submitted a revised PDP and PDCE on June 3, 2020. There are no significant modifications or deviations from the previously accepted PDP and PDCE. The revised PDP and PDCE requires an increase in the value of the financial guarantee from C\$202.7 to C\$213.4 million, primarily to account for inflation. The PDP, based on a decommissioning tomorrow scenario, includes planned facilities and activities at the Rabbit Lake Operation until the next financial guarantee update, which is expected to be submitted in 2023.

On June 11, 2020, SMOE submitted a letter to Cameco [6] that confirmed the PDP and PDCE meet provincial regulatory requirements and are acceptable.

CNSC staff's review concluded the revised PDP and PDCE meet the requirements of:

- CNSC Regulatory Guide G-219, *Decommissioning Planning for Licensed Activities*
- CSA Group standard N294-09, *Decommissioning of facilities containing nuclear substances*.

CNSC staff conclude from their review of the PDP and PDCE that the proposed amount of C\$213.4 million is credible and acceptable for decommissioning the Rabbit Lake Operation.

2.3 Financial Guarantee

Cameco continues to use letters of credit as financial guarantee instruments that meet the requirements of CNSC Regulatory Guide G-206, *Financial Guarantees for the Decommissioning of Licensed Activities*.

The province of Saskatchewan is the beneficiary as specified on the letters of credit comprising the current financial guarantee. The cooperative relationship between the SMOE and CNSC in matters relating to the financial guarantee is outlined through a memorandum of understanding discussed in section 1.1 of this CMD. Should the Commission approve the amended financial guarantee amount of C\$213.4 million, Cameco will provide new financial guarantee instruments in the form of letters of credit, totaling the updated amounts, payable to SMOE. CNSC staff will confirm that the financial guarantee instruments meet CNSC acceptance criteria.

The current Rabbit Lake Operation financial guarantee will remain in effect until the proposed financial guarantee amount is approved by the Commission and the new financial guarantee instruments are submitted.

2.4 Proposed Licence Standardization

In an effort to promote clarity and consistency of language, the CNSC is in the process of implementing standard licence conditions for all CNSC licences and standardized text for the uranium mines and mills LCHs. The implementation of the standardized licence conditions for operating uranium mine and/or mill sites started in 2017 with Orano Canada Inc.'s McClean Lake Operation licence renewal. This process continued with Cameco's operations as part of the financial guarantee updates for all their mine and/or mill sites including the McArthur River, Key Lake, and Cigar Lake operations. The implementation of the standardized licence conditions for the remaining Cameco site, Rabbit Lake Operation, is expected to be completed in 2020/2021.

The update will not have a material change on daily operations for the Rabbit Lake Operation. A table summarizing the existing and proposed licence changes along with a copy of the existing licence (UMOL-MINEMILL-RABBIT.00/2023) and proposed amended licence (UML-MINEMILL-RABBIT.01/2023) are provided in Part Two of this CMD.

In addition to updating the licence, the LCH has also been updated to reflect modern standard licence conditions and guidance. The LCH updates include references to CNSC regulatory documents and CSA documents which were published after the last update of the LCH. These documents include both guidance and compliance verification criteria. CNSC staff advised Cameco of the proposed revisions to the licence and LCH; Cameco concurs with the implementation timelines of the LCH documents.

The draft LCH (Revision 2) is also provided in Part Two of this CMD.

2.5 Environmental Protection Review

CNSC staff reviewed Cameco's request under the [Nuclear Safety and Control Act](#) and have concluded that, given the nature of the proposed licence amendment, there are no impacts to the environment.

2.6 Other Matters of Regulatory Interest

The following table identifies other matters that are relevant to this CMD.

OTHER MATTERS OF REGULATORY INTEREST	
Area	Relevant to this CMD?
Indigenous Consultation	No
Other Consultation	No
Ongoing Public Engagement	Yes
Cost Recovery	No
Improvement Plans and Significant Future Activities	No
Licensees' Public Information Program	No
Nuclear Liability Insurance	No

The relevant "other matters" of regulatory interest are discussed in section 3.

2.7 Regulatory and Technical Basis

The regulatory and technical basis for the matters discussed in this CMD are provided in appendix B of this document.

The key requirements come directly from the [Nuclear Safety and Control Act](#), [General Nuclear Safety and Control Regulations](#) and the [Uranium Mines and Mills Regulations](#) as well as applicable CNSC regulatory documents (REGDOCs) and CSA Group standards.

3. OTHER MATTERS OF REGULATORY INTEREST

3.1 Ongoing Public Engagement

As per the CNSC's notification process for Commission proceedings, CNSC staff informed the public via the CNSC's website, email subscription list and social media channels of this Commission hearing. The public have been invited to provide written interventions for the hearing.

Although not specific to this CMD, CNSC staff conduct ongoing engagement activities to inform the public and Indigenous groups of CNSC regulatory activities. On February 28, 2019, CNSC staff provided information to the Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) on the review status of all preliminary decommissioning plan submissions from Cameco. Cameco submitted updated PDPs for all its northern Saskatchewan facilities in

fulfillment of the requirement to update these plans on a five-year basis. CNSC staff explained the status of each review as well as how the Commission hearing process would likely proceed.

As part of improving CNSC's outreach approach associated with the development and presentation of the annual Regulatory Oversight Report, CNSC staff met with the EQC on September 4, 2019, and with Indigenous leadership and representatives on September 5, 2019, to present and answer questions on CNSC regulated uranium mines and mills, including the Rabbit Lake Operation. A similar meeting was also held more recently in September 2020.

CNSC staff also presented information at an interactive workshop with representatives from communities that have signed collaboration agreements with Cameco. The June 6, 2018 workshop, conducted in Saskatoon Saskatchewan, was titled *Awareness of the Role of Community Involvement in Decommissioning – from the Beginning of Uranium Mining to the End of Uranium Mining*. CNSC staff provided presentations on the *Decommissioning of Licensed Facilities and Financial Guarantees*, an *Overview of the CNSC Regulatory Oversight Report* and *CNSC's Role in the Transfer of Decommissioned Mine and/or Mills Site to Institutional Control*. CNSC staff also regularly attend EQC meetings and licensee outreach sessions to present information and answer questions.

4. OVERALL CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Overall Conclusions

CNSC staff conclude that:

- Cameco's revised PDP meets the requirements of CSA Group standard N294-09, *Decommissioning of facilities containing nuclear substances* and CNSC Regulatory Guide G-219, *Decommissioning Planning for Licensed Activities*.
- Cameco's revised PDCE meets the requirements of CNSC Regulatory Guide G-206, *Financial Guarantees for the Decommissioning of Licensed Activities*.
- Cameco's revised PDCE is acceptable to meet the remaining detailed decommissioning activities described within the updated PDP.
- With respect to paragraphs 24(4)(a) and (b) of the [Nuclear Safety and Control Act](#), CNSC staff have concluded that the licensee:
 - is qualified to carry on the activities authorized by the licence; and
 - will, in carrying out that activity, make adequate provision for the protection of the environment, the health and safety of persons and the maintenance of national security and measures required to implement international obligations to which Canada has agreed.

4.2 Overall Recommendations

CNSC staff recommend the following to the Commission:

- accept the proposed revised amount of the financial guarantee for the Rabbit Lake Operation
- issue the proposed Uranium Mine and Mill Licence (UML-MINEMILL-RABBIT.01/2023) which has been updated to the current CNSC standard licence format
- direct Cameco Corporation to submit revised financial instruments to the Commission within 90 days of the publication of a decision.

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5. *Memorandum of Understanding between the Atomic Energy Control Board and Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management*, March 1996 (e-Doc 3816864).
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GLOSSARY

AGTMF	Above Ground Tailings Management Facility
CMD	Commission Member Document
CNSC	Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
CSA	Canadian Standards Association
EQC	Environmental Quality Committee
LCH	Licence Conditions Handbook
MDMER	<u><i>Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations</i></u>
NSCA	<u><i>Nuclear Safety and Control Act</i></u>
PDCE	Preliminary Decommissioning Cost Estimate
PDP	Preliminary Decommissioning Plan
REGDOC	CNSC Regulatory Document
RLITMF	Rabbit Lake In-Pit Tailings Management Facility
SMOE	Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment
TMF	Tailings Management Facility

A. RABBIT LAKE OPERATION – GENERAL SITE LAYOUT



B. BASIS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION(S)

B.1 Regulatory Basis

The regulatory basis for the CNSC staff recommendations presented in this CMD is as follows:

Nuclear Safety and Control Act

Paragraphs 24(2)(a) and (b) of the [Nuclear Safety Control Act](#) provide that the Commission may issue, renew, suspend in whole or in part, amend, revoke or replace a licence, or authorize its transfer, on receipt of an application; (a) in the prescribed form; (b) containing the prescribed information and undertakings and accompanied by the prescribed documents.

Subsection 24(5) of the [Nuclear Safety Control Act](#) provides that a licence may contain any term or condition that the Commission considers necessary for the purposes of this Act, including a condition that the applicant provide a financial guarantee in a form that is acceptable the Commission.

Subsection 24(6) of the [Nuclear Safety Control Act](#) provides that the Commission may authorize the application of the proceeds of any financial guarantee.

General Nuclear Safety and Control Regulations

The [General Nuclear Safety and Control Regulations](#) requires under paragraph 3(1)(l) that a licence application contains a description of any proposed financial guarantee relating to the activity to be licensed.

Uranium Mines and Mills Regulations

The [Uranium Mines and Mills Regulations](#) requires under subparagraph 3(a)(viii) the proposed plan for the decommissioning of the mine or mill.

B.2 Technical Basis

CNSC staff's recommendations to the Commission within this CMD are supported on a technical basis and comparison by the following documents:

- CNSC Regulatory Guide G-206, *Financial Guarantees for the Decommissioning of Licensed Activities*
- CNSC Regulatory Guide G-219, *Decommissioning Planning for Licensed Activities*
- CSA Group standard N294-09, *Decommissioning of facilities containing nuclear substances*.

PART TWO

Part Two provides all relevant information pertaining directly to the licence, including:

1. The current Uranium Mine and Mill Licence UMOL-MINEMILL-RABBIT.00/2023.
2. The proposed licence changes.
3. The proposed Uranium Mine and Mill Licence UML-MINEMILL-RABBIT.01/2023.
4. The draft Licence Conditions Handbook.

CURRENT LICENCE

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**URANIUM MINE AND MILL LICENCE
CAMECO CORPORATION
RABBIT LAKE OPERATION**

I) LICENCE NUMBER: UMOL-MINEMILL-RABBIT.00/2023

II) LICENSEE: Pursuant to section 24 of the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*, this licence is issued to:

**Cameco Corporation
2121 – 11th Street West
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7M 1J3**

III) LICENCE PERIOD: This licence is valid from November 1, 2013 to October 31, 2023, unless otherwise suspended, amended, revoked, replaced or transferred.

IV) LICENSED ACTIVITIES:

This licence authorizes the licensee to:

- i) Prepare a site for, construct, operate, modify and decommission a nuclear facility (hereinafter “the facility”) for the mining of uranium ore and the production of uranium concentrate at a site known as the Rabbit Lake Operation in the Province of Saskatchewan as shown on the drawing referenced at Appendix A to this licence.
- ii) Mine a nuclear substance (uranium ore).
- iii) Produce a uranium concentrate.
- iv) Import, possess, use, store, transfer and dispose of nuclear substances and radiation devices that are required for or associated with laboratory studies, field studies, fixed gauge usage and borehole logging devices in relation to (i), (ii) and (iii).

V) EXPLANATORY NOTES:

- i) Nothing in this licence shall be construed to authorize non-compliance with any other applicable legal obligation or restriction.
- ii) Unless otherwise provided for in this licence, words and expressions used in this licence have the same meaning as in the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* and its associated Regulations.
- iii) The UMOL-MINEMILL-RABBIT.00/2023 Licence Conditions Handbook (LCH) identifies the criteria that will be used by Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) staff to assess the licensee's compliance with the conditions listed in this licence. The LCH also provides information regarding delegation of authority and applicable version control of documents.

VI) CONDITIONS:**1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 The licensee shall conduct the activities described in Part IV of this licence in accordance with the objective of the licensing basis.
- 1.2 Changes to the facility, its operation, or safety and control measures described in the application and the documents needed to support that application are permitted provided that the objectives of the licensing basis is met.
- 1.3 The licensee shall give written notification to the Commission of any changes made to the documents needed to support the licence application.
- 1.4 The licensee shall, in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between licence conditions or any documents referenced in the LCH, direct the conflict or inconsistency to the Commission, or a person authorized by the Commission, for resolution.
- 1.5 The licensee shall implement and maintain a program for public information for the facility, including a public disclosure protocol.

2. MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- 2.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a management system.

- 2.2 The licensee shall ensure that every contractor working at the facility complies with the applicable conditions of this licence including those relating to the licensee's policies, programs, and procedures with respect to the protection of health, safety, and the environment, and to the maintenance of security.

3. HUMAN PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

- 3.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a training program.

4. OPERATING PERFORMANCE

- 4.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain an operating program.
- 4.2 The licensee shall implement and maintain a process for reporting to the Commission or a person authorized by the Commission that includes reporting of all events required by the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* and its Regulations.
- 4.3 The nuclear substances and radiation devices possessed by the licensee shall not exceed:
- a) The possession limit for unsealed sources; and
 - b) The maximum activity per sealed source or device;
- approved by the Commission or a person authorized by the Commission.

5. SAFETY ANALYSIS

- 5.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a safety analysis program.

6. PHYSICAL DESIGN

- 6.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a design program.

7. FITNESS FOR SERVICE

- 7.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a maintenance program.

8. RADIATION PROTECTION

8.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a radiation protection program.

9. CONVENTIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

9.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain an occupational health and safety program.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

10.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain an environmental protection program.

10.2 The licensee shall where the effluent concentration reaches or exceeds the discharge limits in the *Metal Mining Effluent Regulations*, immediately take corrective action and investigate.

11. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION

11.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain an emergency management and fire protection program.

12. WASTE MANAGEMENT

12.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a waste management program.

12.2 The licensee shall maintain a preliminary decommissioning plan for the facility.

12.3 The licensee shall maintain a financial guarantee acceptable to the Commission. The financial guarantee shall be reviewed and updated every five years or if there are material changes.

13. SECURITY

13.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a security program.

14. SAFEGUARDS AND NON-PROLIFERATION

14.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a safeguards and non-proliferation program.

15. PACKAGING AND TRANSPORT

15.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a packaging and transport program.

SIGNED at OTTAWA, this 29th day of October, 2013.

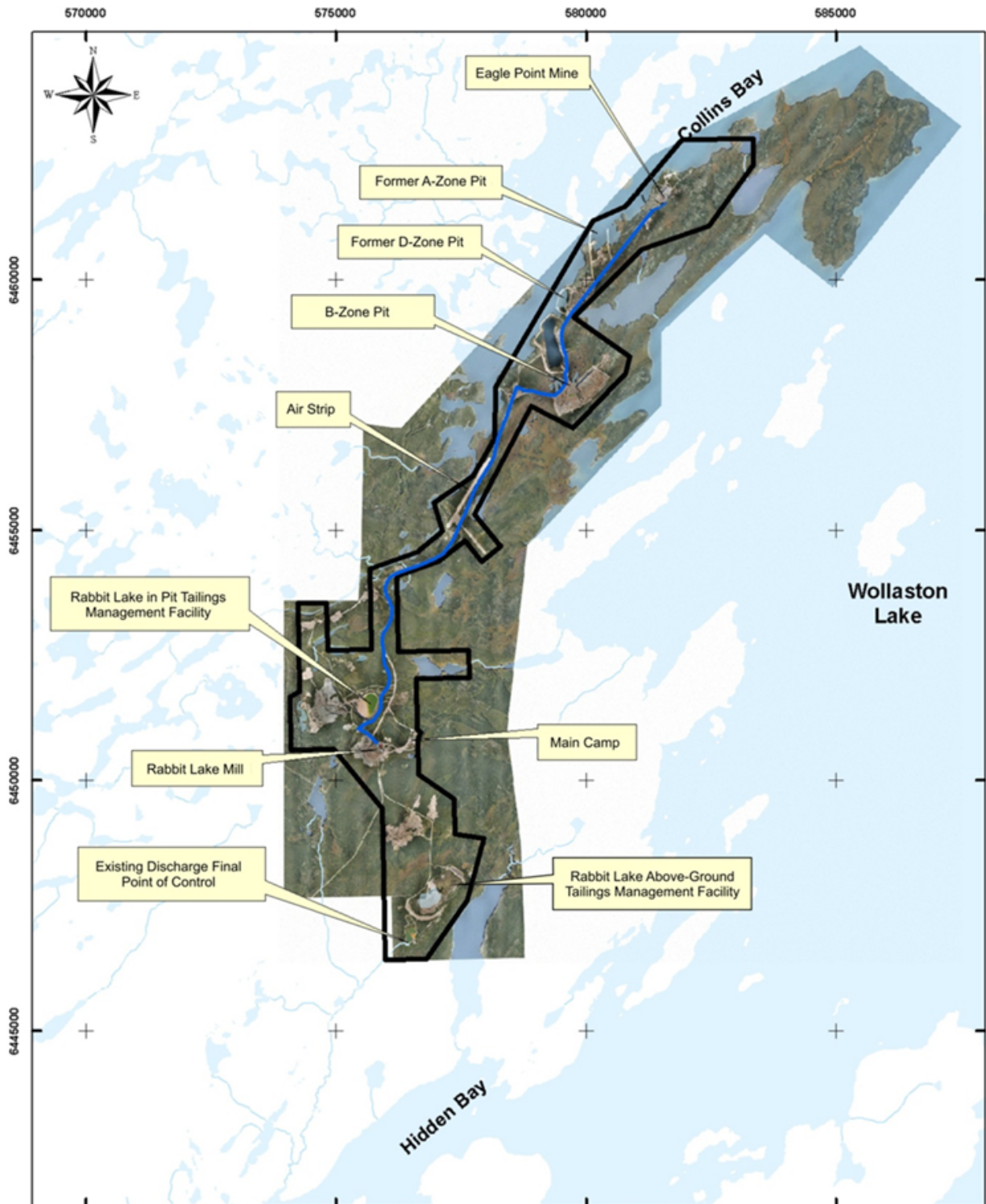


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APPENDIX A

LOCATION OF CAMECO'S OPERATION AT RABBIT LAKE

The location of the Cameco's Operation at Rabbit Lake is shown on e-DOC 4177921.



Rabbit Lake Operation
Location, Surface Lease Outline and Major Facilities
(courtesy Cameco Corporation)

PROPOSED LICENCE CHANGES

The table below shows the text in the current licence and the corresponding changes in the proposed licence. For each proposed change, CNSC staff have provided the rationale and comments supporting the change, in the right column, entitled rational or comments.

CURRENT LICENCE	PROPOSED LICENCE	RATIONAL OR COMMENTS
	“Draft” is on the document.	Draft to be removed once approved by the Commission.
First page - File number and directorate name are at the top on the first page.	File number and directorate name are no longer in the header.	Information not necessary.
Page 2 and remaining pages: “Licence” on top right page of header.	Page 2 and remaining pages: Top right page of header: Licensee and Operation name on first line, title of licence on second line.	If pages are separated, apparent to which licence the page belongs to.
D) LICENCE NUMBER: UMOL-MINEMILL-RABBIT.00/2023	D) LICENCE NUMBER: UML-MINEMILL-RABBIT.01/2023	New version of licence.
IV) LICENSED ACTIVITIES iv) Import, possess, use, store, transfer and dispose of nuclear substances and radiation devices that are required for or associated with laboratory studies, field studies, fixed gauge usage and borehole logging devices in relation to (i), (ii) and (iii).	IV) LICENSED ACTIVITIES d) possess, transfer, import, use, store, and dispose of nuclear substances e) possess, transfer, import, use, store prescribed equipment that is required for or associated with laboratory studies, field studies, fixed gauge usage and borehole logging devices in relation to (a), (b) and (c).	Nuclear substances and prescribed equipment separated and activities brought in line with activities permitted under the NSCA for nuclear substances. Authorized activities listed in order of the NSCA.
V) EXPLANATORY NOTES: iii) The UMOL-MINEMILL-RABBIT.00/2023 Licence Conditions Handbook (LCH) identifies the criteria that will be used by Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) staff to assess the licensee’s compliance with the conditions listed in this licence. The LCH also provides information regarding delegation of authority and applicable version control of documents.	V) EXPLANATORY NOTES: c) The UML-MINEMILL-RABBIT.01/2023 Licence Conditions Handbook (LCH) identifies the criteria that will be used by Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission staff to assess the licensee’s compliance with the conditions listed in this licence. The LCH also provides information regarding delegation of authority and applicable version control of documents comprising compliance verification criteria.	New version of licence and new standardized text.

CURRENT LICENCE	PROPOSED LICENCE	RATIONAL OR COMMENTS
<p>VI) CONDITIONS: 1. GENERAL</p>	<p>VI) CONDITIONS: G. GENERAL</p>	<p>New standardized text.</p>
<p>1.1 The licensee shall conduct the activities described in Part IV of this licence in accordance with the objective of the licensing basis.</p>	<p>G.1 Licensing Basis for Licensed Activities The licensee shall conduct the activities described in Part IV of this licence in accordance with the licensing basis, defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the regulatory requirements set out in the applicable laws and regulations; (ii) the conditions and safety and control measures described in the facility's or activity's licence and the documents directly referenced in that licence; (iii) the safety and control measures described in the licence application and the documents needed to support that licence application; <p>unless otherwise approved in writing by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (hereinafter "the Commission").</p>	<p>New standardized text.</p>
<p>1.2 Changes to the facility, its operation, or safety and control measures described in the application and the documents needed to support that application are permitted provided that the objectives of the licensing basis is met.</p> <p>1.3 The licensee shall give written notification to the Commission of any changes made to the documents needed to support the licence application.</p>	<p>G.2 Notification of Changes The licensee shall give written notification of changes to the facility or its operation, including deviation from design, operating conditions, policies, programs and methods referred to in the licensing basis.</p>	<p>New standardized text.</p>
<p>1.4 The licensee shall, in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between licence conditions or any documents referenced in the LCH, direct the conflict or inconsistency to the Commission, or a person authorized by the Commission, for resolution.</p>		<p>Text removed.</p>

CURRENT LICENCE	PROPOSED LICENCE	RATIONAL OR COMMENTS
1.5 The licensee shall implement and maintain a program for public information for the facility, including a public disclosure protocol.	G.4 Public Information and Disclosure The licensee shall implement and maintain a public information and disclosure program.	Standardized text.
2. MANAGEMENT SYSTEM 2.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a management system. 2.2 The licensee shall ensure that every contractor working at the facility complies with the applicable conditions of this licence including those relating to the licensee's policies, programs, and procedures with respect to the protection of health, safety, and the environment, and to the maintenance of security.	1. MANAGEMENT SYSTEM 1.1 Management System The licensee shall implement and maintain a management system.	Condition 2.2 - not required as already covered in GNSCR 12(e). Not a standard condition.
3. HUMAN PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT 3.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a training program.	2. HUMAN PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT 2.1 Training Program The licensee shall implement and maintain a training program.	Title added.
4. OPERATING PERFORMANCE 4.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain an operating program. 4.2 The licensee shall implement and maintain a process for reporting to the Commission or a person authorized by the Commission that includes reporting of all events required by the <i>Nuclear Safety and Control Act</i> and its Regulations. 4.3 The nuclear substances and radiation devices possessed by the licensee shall not exceed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The possession limit for unsealed sources; and b) The maximum activity per sealed source or device; approved by the Commission or a person authorized by the Commission. 	3. OPERATING PERFORMANCE 3.1 Operations Program The licensee shall implement and maintain an operating program, which includes a set of operating limits. 3.2 Reporting Requirements The licensee shall implement and maintain a program for reporting to the Commission or a person authorized by the Commission. 3.3 Nuclear Substances and Radiation Devices The licensee shall implement and maintain a program for nuclear substances and radiation devices.	Nuclear substance standard condition applies. Further information on expectations to meet licence conditions is provided in the LCH.

CURRENT LICENCE	PROPOSED LICENCE	RATIONAL OR COMMENTS
<p>5. SAFETY ANALYSIS</p> <p>5.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a safety analysis program.</p>	<p>4. SAFETY ANALYSIS</p> <p>4.1 Safety Analysis Program</p> <p>The licensee shall implement and maintain a safety analysis program.</p>	<p>Title added.</p>
<p>6. PHYSICAL DESIGN</p> <p>6.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a design program.</p>	<p>5. PHYSICAL DESIGN</p> <p>5.1 Design Program</p> <p>The licensee shall implement and maintain a design program.</p>	<p>Title added.</p>
<p>7. FITNESS FOR SERVICE</p> <p>7.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a maintenance program.</p>	<p>6. FITNESS FOR SERVICE</p> <p>6.1 Fitness for Service Program</p> <p>The licensee shall implement and maintain a fitness for service program.</p>	<p>Title added and minor change in text.</p> <p>Change in terminology has no impact on required submissions or content of submissions from licensees.</p>
<p>8. RADIATION PROTECTION</p> <p>8.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a radiation protection program.</p>	<p>7. RADIATION PROTECTION</p> <p>7.1 Radiation Protection Program</p> <p>The licensee shall implement and maintain a radiation protection program, which includes a set of action levels. When the licensee becomes aware that an action level has been reached, the licensee shall notify the Commission within 24 hours.</p>	<p>Title added and minor change to text.</p> <p>Licensee maintains a Radiation Code of Practice which includes a requirement to notify the Commission within 24 hours of triggering an action level.</p>
<p>9. CONVENTIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY</p> <p>9.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain an occupational health and safety program.</p>	<p>8. CONVENTIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY</p> <p>8.1 Conventional Health and Safety Program</p> <p>The licensee shall implement and maintain a conventional health and safety program.</p>	<p>Title added.</p>

CURRENT LICENCE	PROPOSED LICENCE	RATIONAL OR COMMENTS
<p>10. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</p> <p>10.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain an environmental protection program.</p> <p>10.2 The licensee shall where the effluent concentration reaches or exceeds the discharge limits in the <i>Metal Mining Effluent Regulations</i>, immediately take corrective action and investigate.</p>	<p>9. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</p> <p>9.1 Environmental Protection Program</p> <p>The licensee shall implement and maintain an environmental protection program, which includes a set of action levels. When the licensee becomes aware that an action level has been reached, the licensee shall notify the Commission within 24 hours.</p>	<p>Title added.</p> <p>Licensee maintains an Environmental Code of Practice which includes a requirement to notify the Commission within 24 hours of triggering an action level.</p> <p><i>Metal Mining Effluent Regulations</i> are now the <i>Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations</i> (MDMER). MDMER is a regulatory requirement which includes investigation and reporting requirements. A licence condition is not necessary.</p>
<p>11. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION</p> <p>11.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain an emergency management and fire protection program.</p>	<p>10. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION</p> <p>10.1 Emergency Preparedness Program</p> <p>The licensee shall implement and maintain an emergency preparedness program.</p> <p>10.2 Fire Protection Program</p> <p>The licensee shall implement and maintain a fire protection program.</p>	<p>Titles added along with minor change to text.</p> <p>Licence conditions for Emergency Preparedness and Fire Protection Programs separated.</p>
<p>12. WASTE MANAGEMENT</p> <p>12.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a waste management program.</p> <p>12.2 The licensee shall maintain a preliminary decommissioning plan for the facility.</p>	<p>11. WASTE MANAGEMENT</p> <p>11.1 Waste Management Program</p> <p>The licensee shall implement and maintain a waste management program.</p> <p>11.2 Decommissioning Plan</p> <p>The licensee shall maintain a decommissioning plan.</p>	<p>Titles added and minor changes to text.</p>

CURRENT LICENCE	PROPOSED LICENCE	RATIONAL OR COMMENTS
12.3 The licensee shall maintain a financial guarantee acceptable to the Commission. The financial guarantee shall be reviewed and updated every five years or if there are material changes.	G.3 Financial Guarantee The licensee shall maintain a financial guarantee for decommissioning that is acceptable to the Commission.	Minor change to text. Five-year requirement is specified in the LCH.
13. SECURITY 13.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a security program.	12. SECURITY 12.1 Security Program The licensee shall implement and maintain a security program.	Title added.
14. SAFEGUARDS AND NON-PROLIFERATION 14.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a safeguards and non-proliferation program.	13. SAFEGUARDS AND NON-PROLIFERATION 13.1 Safeguards Program The licensee shall implement and maintain a safeguards program.	Title added and minor change to text.
15. PACKAGING AND TRANSPORT 15.1 The licensee shall implement and maintain a packaging and transport program.	14. PACKAGING AND TRANSPORT 14.1 Packaging and Transport Program The licensee shall implement and maintain a packaging and transport program.	Title added.
Michael Binder, President on behalf of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission	Rumina Velshi, President on behalf of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission	New CNSC President.

PROPOSED LICENCE

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**URANIUM MINE AND MILL LICENCE
CAMECO CORPORATION
RABBIT LAKE OPERATION**

I) LICENCE NUMBER: UML-MINEMILL-RABBIT.01/2023

II) LICENSEE: Pursuant to section 24 of the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*, this licence is issued to:

**Cameco Corporation
2121 – 11th Street West
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7M 1J3
Corporate Number 332981-0**

III) LICENCE PERIOD:

This licence is valid from November 1, 2013 to October 31, 2023, unless otherwise suspended, amended, revoked, replaced, or transferred.

IV) LICENSED ACTIVITIES:

This licence authorizes the licensee to:

- a) prepare a site for and construct, operate, modify and decommission a nuclear facility (hereinafter “the facility”) for the mining of uranium ore and the production of uranium concentrate at a site known as the Rabbit Lake Operation in the province of Saskatchewan as shown on the drawing referenced in appendix A to this licence;
- b) mine a nuclear substance (uranium ore);
- c) produce a uranium concentrate;
- d) possess, transfer, import, use, store, and dispose of nuclear substances; and
- e) possess, transfer, import, and use prescribed equipment that is required for or associated with laboratory studies, field studies, fixed gauge usage and borehole logging devices in relation to (a), (b) and (c).

V) EXPLANATORY NOTES:

- a) Nothing in this licence shall be construed to authorize non-compliance with any other applicable legal obligation or restriction.
- b) Unless otherwise provided for in this licence, words and expressions used in this licence have the same meaning as in the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* and its associated Regulations.
- c) The UML-MINEMILL-RABBIT.01/2023 Licence Conditions Handbook (LCH) identifies the criteria that will be used by Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission staff to assess the licensee’s compliance with the conditions listed in this licence. The LCH also provides information regarding delegation of authority and applicable version control of documents comprising compliance verification criteria.

VI) CONDITIONS:

G. GENERAL

G.1 Licensing Basis for Licensed Activities

The licensee shall conduct the activities described in Part IV of this licence in accordance with the licensing basis, defined as:

- (i) the regulatory requirements set out in the applicable laws and regulations;
- (ii) the conditions and safety and control measures described in the facility's or activity's licence and the documents directly referenced in that licence;
- (iii) the safety and control measures described in the licence application and the documents needed to support that licence application;

unless otherwise approved in writing by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (hereinafter “the Commission”).

G.2 Notification of Changes

The licensee shall give written notification of changes to the facility or its operation, including deviation from design, operating conditions, policies, programs and methods referred to in the licensing basis.

G.3 Financial Guarantee

The licensee shall maintain a financial guarantee for decommissioning that is acceptable to the Commission.

G.4 Public Information and Disclosure

The licensee shall implement and maintain a public information and disclosure program.

1. *MANAGEMENT SYSTEM*

1.1 Management System

The licensee shall implement and maintain a management system.

2. *HUMAN PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT*

2.1 Training Program

The licensee shall implement and maintain a training program.

3. *OPERATING PERFORMANCE*

3.1 Operations Program

The licensee shall implement and maintain an operating program, which includes a set of operating limits.

3.2 Reporting Requirements

The licensee shall implement and maintain a program for reporting to the Commission or a person authorized by the Commission.

3.3 Nuclear Substances and Radiation Devices

The licensee shall implement and maintain a program for nuclear substances and radiation devices.

4. *SAFETY ANALYSIS*

4.1 Safety Analysis Program

The licensee shall implement and maintain a safety analysis program.

5. *PHYSICAL DESIGN*

5.1 Design Program

The licensee shall implement and maintain a design program.

6. *FITNESS FOR SERVICE*

6.1 Fitness for Service Program

The licensee shall implement and maintain a fitness for service program.

7. *RADIATION PROTECTION*

7.1 Radiation Protection Program

The licensee shall implement and maintain a radiation protection program, which includes a set of action levels. When the licensee becomes aware that an action level has been reached, the licensee shall notify the Commission within 24 hours.

8. *CONVENTIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY*

8.1 Conventional Health and Safety Program

The licensee shall implement and maintain a conventional health and safety program.

9. *ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION*

9.1 Environmental Protection Program

The licensee shall implement and maintain an environmental protection program, which includes a set of action levels. When the licensee becomes aware that an action level has been reached, the licensee shall notify the Commission within 24 hours.

10. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION

10.1 Emergency Preparedness Program

The licensee shall implement and maintain an emergency preparedness program.

10.2 Fire Protection Program

The licensee shall implement and maintain a fire protection program.

11. WASTE MANAGEMENT

11.1 Waste Management Program

The licensee shall implement and maintain a waste management program.

11.2 Decommissioning Plan

The licensee shall maintain a decommissioning plan.

12. SECURITY

12.1 Security Program

The licensee shall implement and maintain a security program.

13. SAFEGUARDS AND NON-PROLIFERATION

13.1 Safeguards Program

The licensee shall implement and maintain a safeguards program.

14. PACKAGING AND TRANSPORT

14.1 Packaging and Transport Program

The licensee shall implement and maintain a packaging and transport program.

SIGNED at OTTAWA, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Rumina Velshi, President
on behalf of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

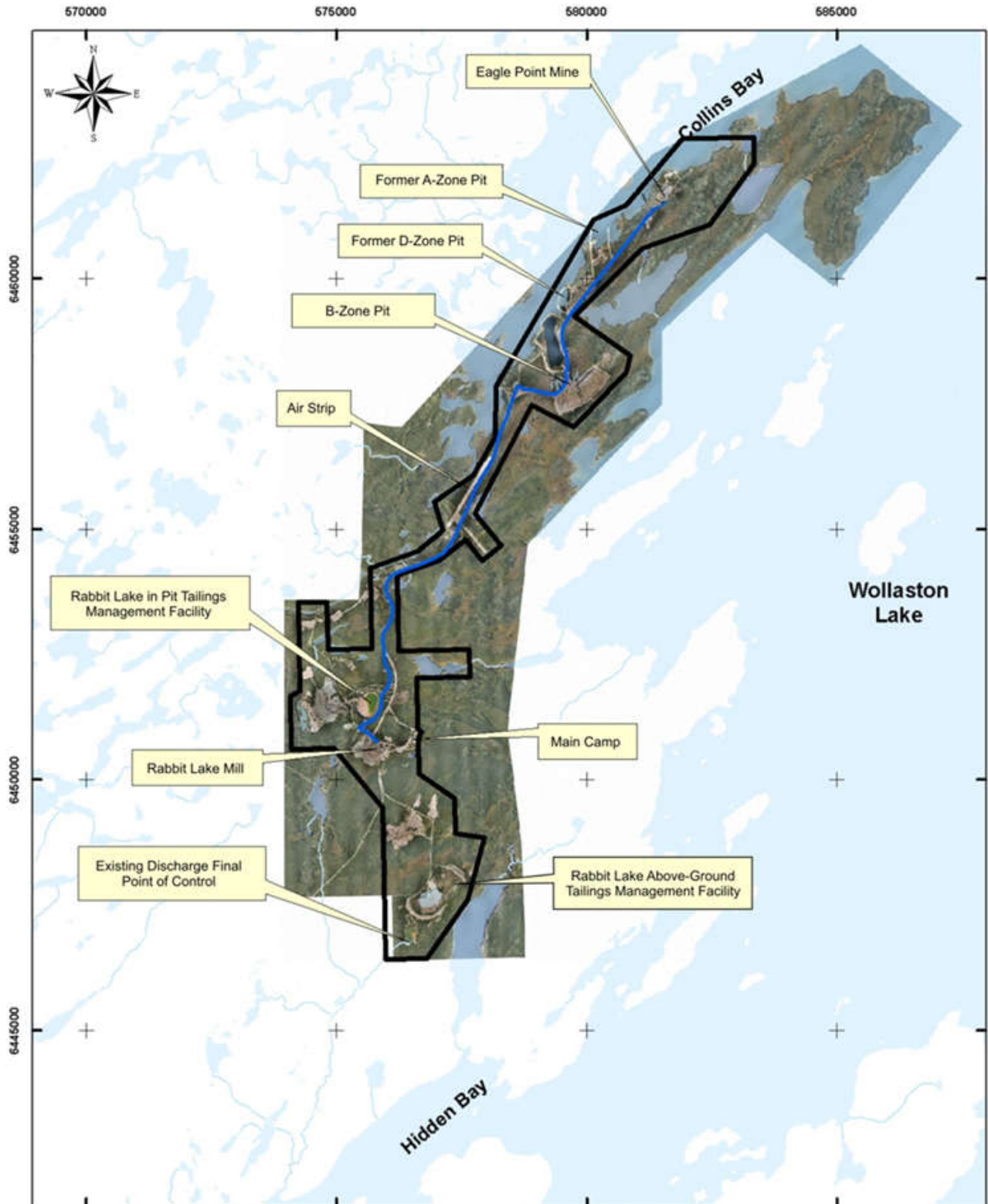
APPENDIX A

LOCATION OF CAMECO'S OPERATION AT RABBIT LAKE

The location of Cameco's operation at Rabbit Lake is shown on e-Doc 4177921.

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Rabbit Lake Operation Location, Surface Lease Outline and Major Facilities (courtesy Cameco Corporation)



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RABBIT LAKE OPERATION URANIUM MINE AND MILL LICENCE

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Rabbit Lake Operation
Uranium Mine and Mill Licence
UML-MINEMILL-RABBIT.01/2023
(Effective: October 29, 2013)

SIGNED at OTTAWA this 1st day of February 2021

Peter Fundarek, Director
Uranium Mines and Mills Division
Directorate of Nuclear Cycle and Facilities Regulation
CANADIAN NUCLEAR SAFETY COMMISSION

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February 1, 2021	2	All	Licence and LCH modernization: new standard licence conditions and updated LCH text and format. Revised financial guarantee value.	6341717 (Word) 6354689 (PDF)

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PART I: INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the licence conditions handbook (LCH) is to identify and clarify the relevant parts of the licensing basis for each licence condition (LC). This will help ensure that the licensee will maintain facility operations in accordance with the licence and the intent of the licensing basis. The LCH also provides information regarding delegation of authority, document version control and conflict resolution. The LCH should be read in conjunction with the licence.

The LCH has three parts under each LC: the Preamble, Compliance Verification Criteria (CVC), and Guidance. The Preamble explains the regulatory context, background, and/or history related to the LC. CVC are used by Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) staff to oversee compliance with the LC. Guidance is non-mandatory information, including direction, on how to comply with the LC.

The statement “a person authorized by the Commission” in the LCs or the LCH indicates that the Commission may delegate certain authority to CNSC staff. Unless otherwise specified, the delegation of authority by the Commission to act as a person authorized by the Commission (Delegated Officer) is only applied to incumbents in the following positions:

- Director, Uranium Mines and Mills Division
- Director General, Directorate of Nuclear Cycle and Facilities Regulation
- Executive Vice-President and Chief Regulatory Operations Officer, Regulatory Operations Branch

INTRODUCTION

PART II: FRAMEWORK FOR EACH CONDITION

G. GENERAL

G.1 Licensing Basis for Licensed Activities

The licensee shall conduct the activities described in Part IV of this licence in accordance with the licensing basis, defined as:

- (i) the regulatory requirements set out in the applicable laws and regulations;
- (ii) the conditions and safety and control measures described in the facility's or activity's licence and the documents directly referenced in that licence;
- (iii) the safety and control measures described in the licence application and the documents needed to support that licence application;

unless otherwise approved in writing by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (hereinafter “the Commission”).

Preamble

Licence condition G.1 requires activities (defined in Part IV of the licence) be conducted in accordance with the licensing basis. Further information on the licensing basis is available in CNSC regulatory document, REGDOC-3.5.3 *Regulatory Fundamentals*.

The licensing basis, established by the Commission at the time the licence is issued, sets the boundary conditions for a regulated activity, and establishes the basis for the CNSC’s compliance program for that regulated activity.

Part (i) of licence condition G.1 includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*
- *Uranium Mines and Mills Regulations*
- *Radiation Protection Regulations*
- *Packaging and Transport of Nuclear Substances Regulations, 2015*
- *Nuclear Substances and Radiation Devices Regulations*
- *Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations*
- Canada/International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Safeguards Agreements

GENERAL

The safety and control measures mentioned under Parts (ii) and (iii) of licence condition G.1 have the potential to affect the health and safety of people, the environment, security or international obligations to which Canada agrees. These measures may be found in high-level programmatic documents but might also be found in lower-level supporting documentation. Safety and control measures can also be found in licensing basis publications such as CNSC regulatory documents, CSA Group standards or licensee documentation submitted in support of a licence.

The CNSC licence authorizes Cameco Corporation (Cameco) to conduct the following undertakings at the Rabbit Lake Operation, for which the CNSC provides regulatory oversight:

- operation of the Eagle Point underground mine
- processing of uranium ore
- production of up to 4.25 million kilograms of uranium per year from the mill
- operation of the water treatment plant
- storage of clean and mineralized waste rock
- handling and storage of hazardous materials and disposal of hazardous wastes
- possession, storage, transfer, importation, use and disposal of nuclear substances
- possession, transfer, importation, and use of radiation devices

The *Environmental Impact Statement for the Rabbit Lake Solution Processing Project* (January 2008) considered production of 6.5 million kilograms of uranium from the Rabbit Lake mill. Cameco is required to provide notification to the CNSC before increasing production rate above 4.25 million kilograms of uranium or processing new sources of ore so that it can be verified that the proposed activities meet CNSC requirements and remain within the licensing basis for the Rabbit Lake Operation.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensing Basis Documents

Licensing basis documents are listed in Appendix B and C in addition to tables under the most relevant LC. All “shall” or normative statements in licensing basis publications are considered CVC unless stated otherwise. If any “should” or informative statements in licensing basis publications are also considered CVC, this is provided under the most relevant LC.

In the event of any inconsistency between two elements of the licensing basis, the licensee shall consult CNSC staff to determine the approach to resolve the issue.

For operational activities that are not in accordance with the licensing basis, the licensee shall take action as soon as practicable to return to a state that is compliant with the licensing basis, taking into account the risk significance of the situation. Reporting requirements are outlined in REGDOC-3.1.2, *Reporting Requirements, Volume I: Non-Power Reactor Class I Nuclear Facilities and Uranium Mines and Mills* and discussed under LC 3.2 of this LCH.

Changes to documentation or activities that result in operational activities not being in accordance with the licensing basis must be approved by the Commission prior to implementation.

Guidance

When the licensee becomes aware that a proposed change or activity might not be in accordance with the licensing basis, it should first seek direction from CNSC staff regarding the potential acceptability of this change or activity. The licensee should take into account that certain types of proposed changes might require significant lead times before CNSC staff can make recommendations and/or the Commission can properly consider them. Guidance for notifications to the CNSC related to licensee changes are discussed under LC G.2.

G.2 Notification of Changes

The licensee shall give written notification of changes to the facility or its operation, including deviation from design, operating conditions, policies, programs and methods referred to in the licensing basis.

Preamble

During the course of licensed activities, it is expected that the licensee may make changes to implement improvements or to address changes in operational needs. While making these changes, it is imperative the licensee remains within the bounds of the licensing basis.

Appendix B provides a list of licensee documents that require notification of change. CNSC staff track the current version of these licensee documents in a document separate from the LCH (e-Doc 6356338).

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Changes to the design, operating conditions, policies, programs and methods that have the potential to be outside of the licensing basis require prior written notification to the CNSC. CNSC staff will confirm the change remains within the licensing basis and notify the licensee prior to implementation of the change by the licensee. The licensee shall allow sufficient time for the CNSC to review the change proportionate to its complexity and the importance of the safety and control measures being affected. Regular communication between the CNSC and the licensee should ensure review timelines are established prior to submission of prior written notification. It remains the responsibility of the licensee to ensure that the Rabbit Lake Operation continues to operate within the bounds of the licensing basis.

Prior written notification shall include:

- a summary description of the change
- the rationale for the change
- the expected duration (if not a permanent change)
- a summary explanation from the licensee supporting the conclusion that the change remains in accordance with the licensing basis.

Ongoing regular communication shall be maintained between the CNSC and licensee.

Guidance

A list of criteria to determine if a change would be in accordance with the licensing basis is provided in Appendix A of CNSC process document *Overview of: Assessing licensee changes to documents or operations* (e-Doc 4055483).

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G.3 Financial Guarantee

The licensee shall maintain a financial guarantee for decommissioning that is acceptable to the Commission.

Preamble

The licensee is responsible for all costs of implementing the proposed decommissioning plan (see LC 11.2) and providing an appropriate financial guarantee that is acceptable to the Commission (see LC G.3).

Cameco Corporation maintains a financial guarantee to cover the future decommissioning of the Rabbit Lake Operation, and the long term management of radioactive waste generated during operation and decommissioning. The latest revision of the preliminary decommissioning plan (PDP) and estimation of the cost of decommissioning were finalized in Cameco's *Preliminary Decommissioning Plan & Preliminary Cost Estimate*, June 2020.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensing Basis Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CSA Group	Decommissioning of facilities containing nuclear substances	N294-09*

* Licensee to implement requirements of CSA N294-19: *Decommissioning of facilities containing nuclear substances*, for the next scheduled financial guarantee update during licence renewal in 2023.

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Preliminary Decommissioning Plan	6311196	Yes
Cameco	Preliminary Decommissioning Cost Estimate	6312122	Yes

Letters of Credit

Source	Value (\$CDN)
Cameco	\$97,500,000
Cameco	\$53,877,800
Cameco	\$51,322,200
Total	\$202,700,000

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The financial guarantee for decommissioning the Rabbit Lake Operation shall be reviewed and revised by the licensee every five years, or when requested by the Commission. A review should also be conducted following a revision of the Preliminary Decommissioning Plan or Preliminary Cost Estimate that significantly impacts the financial guarantee.

The next financial guarantee update is expected during the licence renewal in 2023.

Annually, the licensee shall submit to the Commission a written report confirming that the financial instruments for decommissioning costs continue to meet the guidance specified in guidance document G-206, *Financial Guarantees for the Decommissioning of Licensed Activities*. The licensee shall submit this report by the end of March of each year, or at the request of the Commission.

Guidance

Guidance Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CNSC	Financial Guarantees for the Decommissioning of Licensed Activities	G-206
CNSC	Decommissioning Planning for Licensed Activities	G-219

G.4 Public Information and Disclosure

The licensee shall implement and maintain a public information and disclosure program.

Preamble

The public information and disclosure program ensures that information related to the health and safety of persons and the environment and other issues associated with the lifecycle of the nuclear facility is effectively communicated to the public. In addition, the program shall include a commitment to and protocol for ongoing timely communications regarding emissions, effluent releases, unplanned events and other incidents and activities related to the licensed facility that may be of interest to the public.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensing Basis Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CNSC	Public Information and Disclosure	REGDOC-3.2.1

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Public Information Program	4222995	Yes

Guidance

There is no guidance provided for this licence condition.

GENERAL

1. MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Licence Condition 1.1

The licensee shall implement and maintain a management system.

Preamble

The “management system” safety and control area covers the framework which establishes the processes and programs required to ensure an organization achieves its safety objectives, continuously monitors its performance against these objectives and fosters a healthy safety culture.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensing Basis Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CSA Group	Management system requirements for nuclear facilities (except sections identified under other license conditions)	N286-12
CNSC	Safety Culture* (section 2)	REGDOC-2.1.2

* Elements relating to security culture will not be implemented until 2022.

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Quality Management Program	4169048	Yes

Guidance

Guidance Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CNSC	Safety Culture (excluding section 2)	REGDOC-2.1.2

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

2. HUMAN PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Licence Condition 2.1

The licensee shall implement and maintain a training program.

Preamble

The “human performance management” safety and control area covers activities that enable effective human performance through the development and implementation of processes that ensure a sufficient number of licensee workers are in all relevant job areas and have the necessary knowledge, skills, procedures and tools in place to safely perform their duties.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Training Program	4074154	Yes

The human performance management program will be evaluated against the following principles:

- 2.1.1 A training system is implemented and maintained to ensure that training programs are systematically defined, designed, developed, implemented, evaluated, recorded and managed.
- 2.1.2 A training system is implemented and maintained to provide a logical progression from an analysis of the training requirements and identification of the qualifications and competencies required for performing a job, to the design, development, implementation, evaluation and management of training. This includes the respective training materials, and the subsequent evaluation and continuous improvement of the training courses and training programs.
- 2.1.3 All performance requirements of a capability, job or duty are identified by conducting a job analysis to determine all of the tasks, subtasks and task elements involved.
- 2.1.4 The necessary general worker training, initial job training and continuing training requirements for workers, based on a task analysis of the knowledge, skills, abilities and attitudes required to perform the duties of their position are defined and documented.
- 2.1.5 Appropriate training is designed, developed and implemented to meet the qualification and competency requirements.

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- 2.1.6 Trainers meet and maintain documented qualification and competency requirements, particularly in the areas of subject matter expertise and instructional skills.
- 2.1.7 Formal evaluations confirm and document that each trained worker is qualified and competent to perform the duties of his or her position.
- 2.1.8 The change management process identifies required training and modifications to the training programs.
- 2.1.9 Continuing training that includes updates to training programs stemming from the change management process is provided to workers.
- 2.1.10 The results of periodic training program evaluations are incorporated into training program improvements.
- 2.1.11 Workers are trained in current procedures and in relevant system and equipment configurations and are competent to perform the duties of their position.
- 2.1.12 Workers training and qualifications records are established and maintained.
- 2.1.13 Workers have a level of training related to nuclear safety including but not limited to radiation safety, on-site emergency arrangements, conventional health and safety and environmental protection corresponding to the duties of their position and employment.

Guidance

There is no guidance provided for this licence condition.

3. OPERATING PERFORMANCE

Licence Condition 3.1

The licensee shall implement and maintain an operating program, which includes a set of operating limits.

Preamble

The “operating performance” safety and control area includes an overall review of the conduct of the licensed activities and the activities that enable effective performance.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensing Basis Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CSA Group	Management system requirements for nuclear facilities	N286-12

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Quality Management Program	4169048	Yes
Cameco	Environmental Code of Practice (Appendix 6.3 of the Environmental Protection Program – Code of Practice)	4250597	Yes
Cameco	Radiation Code of Practice (Appendix 6.4 of Radiation Protection Program – Code of Practice)	4285027	Yes
Cameco	Waste Management Program	4271789	Yes
Cameco	Eagle Point Mine Program	4271840	Yes
Cameco	Mill Program	4271807	Yes

Guidance

There is no guidance provided for this licence condition.

OPERATING PERFORMANCE

Licence Condition 3.2

The licensee shall implement and maintain a program for reporting to the Commission or a person authorized by the Commission.

Preamble

This LC requires the licensee to implement and maintain a process for reporting information to the CNSC. This includes monitoring results, changes to facilities or approved activities, performance assessments and the occurrence of unusual events. Sections 29 and 30 of the *General Nuclear Safety and Control Regulations*, section 38 of the *Nuclear Substances and Radiation Devices Regulations* and section 16 of the *Radiation Protection Regulations* provides further insight into reportable events.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensing Basis Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CNSC	Reporting Requirements, Volume I: Non-Power Reactor Class I Nuclear Facilities and Uranium Mines and Mills	REGDOC-3.1.2

The licensee shall report effluent concentrations that reach or exceed the discharge limits in the *Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations* in addition to requirements outlined in REGDOC-3.1.2.

The licensee shall submit to the CNSC within 90 days after the end of each quarter of a calendar year, the results of the:

- radiation monitoring program
- environmental monitoring program

Results from the above monitoring programs are also to include quality assurance and quality control information. More frequent reporting may be requested on a case-by-case basis.

The licensee shall issue worker radiation dose records within 90 days after the end of each quarter of a calendar year, to:

- the worker
- the CNSC
- the National Dose Registry (NDR)

The licensee shall submit to the CNSC an annual compliance report by March 31 of each year, covering the operation for the 12-month period from January 1 to December 31 of the previous year.

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Guidance

Guidance Publications

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number
CNSC/SK	CNSC – Saskatchewan Harmonized Annual Reporting Requirements, August 2010	3678482

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Licence Condition 3.3

The licensee shall implement and maintain a program for nuclear substances and radiation devices.

Preamble

Licensees must receive CNSC approval before the import, possession, use, storage, transfer, or disposal of nuclear substances and radiation devices.

The possession limits for unsealed nuclear substances does not apply to natural uranium and its decay products which originate in the mining or ore-treatment streams.

It is also important to note that there is no possession limit on the number of sealed nuclear sources or radiation devices.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensing Basis Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CNSC	Licence Application Guide Nuclear Substances and Radiation Devices (excluding section 2)	REGDOC-1.6.1

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Radiation Protection Program (Appendix 6.3 – Authorized Nuclear Substance List)	4285027	Yes

The authorized possession limits for unsealed nuclear substances are:

Nuclear Substance	Maximum Total Quantity in Possession
Radium-226	1 MBq
Barium-133	6 MBq

The maximum authorized quantity of nuclear substances per sealed source is:

Nuclear Substance	Maximum Quantity per Sealed Source
Americium-241/Curium-244/ Plutonium 239	7 kBq
Cesium-137	1.4 MBq
Bismuth-210/Lead-210	4.4 kBq
Polonium-210	3.7 MBq

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The authorized make and model of radiation devices and the maximum quantity of nuclear substance per each device are:

Radiation Device Make and Model	Nuclear Substance	Maximum Quantity per Radiation Device
OHMART- SH-100	Cesium-137	3,700 MBq
OHMART- SR-1A	Cesium-137	4,400 MBq
OHMART- SR-1A	Cesium-137	9,250 MBq
OHMART- SR-A	Cesium-137	2,960 MBq
OHMART- SH-F1	Cesium-137	4,400 MBq
OHMART- SR-A	Cesium-137	740 MBq
OHMART- SR-A	Cesium-137	740 MBq
OHMART- SR-A	Cesium-137	740 MBq
OHMART- SR-A	Cesium-137	3,700 MBq
OHMART- SH-F1-0	Cesium-137	3.7 GBq
OHMART- SH-F1-0	Cesium-137	0.37 GBq
TEXAS NUCLEAR – Fix Gauge	Cesium-137	1,850 MBq

Note: Includes provision for replacement sources for these radiation devices.

The management of nuclear substances and radiation devices will be evaluated against:

- 3.3.1 A radioisotope safety poster approved by the Commission or a person authorized by the Commission, which corresponds to the classification of the area, room or enclosure, is posted in a readily visible location in areas, rooms or enclosures where these listed nuclear substances are handled.
- 3.3.2 When in storage, radioactive nuclear substances or radiation devices are accessible only to persons authorized by the licensee; the dose rate at any occupied location outside the storage area, room or enclosure resulting from the substances or devices in storage does not exceed 2.5 mSv/h and measures are in place to ensure that the dose limits in the *Radiation Protection Regulations* are not exceeded as a result of the substances or devices in storage.

Guidance

There is no guidance provided for this licence condition.

4. SAFETY ANALYSIS

Licence Condition 4.1

The licensee shall implement and maintain a safety analysis program.

Preamble

The “safety analysis” safety and control area includes the systematic evaluation of the potential hazards associated with the proposed activity or facility and considers the effectiveness of preventative measures and strategies in reducing the effects of such hazards.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Environmental Protection Program	4250597	Yes
Cameco	Waste Management Program	4271789	Yes
Cameco	Occupational Health and Safety Program	4227355	Yes

The safety analysis program will be evaluated against the following principles:

- 4.1.1 A process has been implemented and maintained to identify, assess, and eliminate or control health and safety and environmental risks associated with existing and new processes or changes to work procedures, equipment, organizational structure, staffing, products, services and suppliers.
- 4.1.2 Risks to health, safety and the environment have been identified, assessed, eliminated or controlled for existing and new processes or for changes to work procedures, equipment, organizational structure, staffing, products, services and suppliers.
- 4.1.3 Appropriate methodologies are used to identify potential hazards and consider the effectiveness of preventative measures and strategies in reducing the effects of such hazards.
- 4.1.4 Modeling is regularly updated using measured values to replace important assumptions and to increase the certainty of predicted long-term behaviour of contaminants.

Job hazard assessments conducted when planning non-routine and complex work activities are discussed under operating performance.

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Guidance

There is no guidance provided for this licence condition.

5. PHYSICAL DESIGN

Licence Condition 5.1

The licensee shall implement and maintain a design program.

Preamble

The “physical design” safety and control area relates to activities that impact the ability of structures, systems and components to meet and maintain their design basis given new information arising over time and taking changes in the external environment into account.

The design basis is the range of conditions and events taken into account in the design of structures, systems and components of a facility according to established criteria, such that the facility can withstand them without exceeding authorized limits for the planned operation of safety systems.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensing Basis Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CNSC	Design of Uranium Mines and Mills: Ventilation Systems*	REGDOC-2.5.4
CSA Group	Management system requirements for nuclear facilities	N286-12

* Applicable when applying for a CNSC licence to prepare a site for and construct, operate or decommission a uranium mine or mill.

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Eagle Point Mine Program	4271840	Yes
Cameco	Mill Program	4271807	Yes
Cameco	Quality Management Program	4169048	Yes

Guidance

There is no guidance provided for this licence condition.

PHYSICAL DESIGN

6. FITNESS FOR SERVICE

Licence Condition 6.1

The licensee shall implement and maintain a fitness for service program.

Preamble

The “fitness for service” safety and control area covers activities that impact the physical condition of structures, systems and components to ensure that they remain effective over time. This area includes programs that ensure equipment is available to perform its intended design function when called upon to do so.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensing Basis Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CSA Group	Management system requirements for nuclear facilities	N286-12

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Maintenance Program	4227412	Yes

The fitness for service program will also be assessed against:

- 6.1.1 Systems, equipment, and devices are maintained in good working order such that they can perform their design function.
- 6.1.2 Instruments, controls and associated indicators are maintained operational and in calibration. Method and interval of calibrations are defined, and records of calibrations are kept.
- 6.1.3 Preventative and corrective maintenance processes and systems have been implemented and are maintained.
- 6.1.4 Regular inspection and testing of critical infrastructure and equipment are carried out.
- 6.1.5 A process has been implemented to identify, plan and schedule maintenance activities.
- 6.1.6 Maintenance, testing, surveillance and inspection backlogs are monitored and minimized.

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- 6.1.7 Methods are used to show the current acceptance and operating status, and to prevent the use of systems, equipment or devices that are inaccurate, uncalibrated or not in working order.
- 6.1.8 When deviations beyond accuracy limits are found or suspected, their consequence on past results, and on present performance is evaluated.
- 6.1.9 A process exists to verify that changes to calibration, testing and maintenance requirements due to system and equipment modifications and replacements are implemented.

Guidance

There is no guidance provided for this licence condition.

7. RADIATION PROTECTION

Licence Condition 7.1

The licensee shall implement and maintain a radiation protection program, which includes a set of action levels. When the licensee becomes aware that an action level has been reached, the licensee shall notify the Commission within 24 hours.

Preamble

The “radiation protection” safety and control area covers the implementation of a radiation protection program in accordance with the *Radiation Protection Regulations*. This program must ensure that contamination and radiation doses received are monitored, controlled, kept as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA), with social and economic factors being taken into account.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Radiation Protection Program	4285027	Yes

The radiation protection (RP) program will be assessed against the following principles:

- 7.1.1 Radiological conditions are monitored and sources of internal and external radiation exposures are controlled. Access and work in radiological areas are controlled so that collective and individual radiation exposures are kept in accordance with the ALARA principle.
- 7.1.2 RP instrumentation and equipment are calibrated, maintained and used so that radiation levels are accurately determined. Uncalibrated equipment is removed from use.
- 7.1.3 The personal dosimetry program ensures that external and internal radiation doses to individuals are accurately determined and recorded.
- 7.1.4 Appropriate contamination control measures are implemented to control and minimize the contamination of areas, equipment and personnel.
- 7.1.5 Effective decontamination control measures are implemented to control and prevent the contamination of areas, equipment and personnel.

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Action levels (AL) are designed to alert licensees before regulatory dose limits are reached. By definition, if an AL referred to in a licence is reached, a loss of control of some part of the associated RP program may have occurred and specific action is required, as defined in the *Radiation Protection Regulations*, the licence and the applicable code of practice.

Action Level	Dose (mSv)
Weekly Action Level	1
Quarterly Action Level	5

The weekly AL is assessed against official dosimetry results or engineering monitoring data. The quarterly AL is assessed against official dosimetry results. The licensee is expected to review and, if necessary, revise the ALs specified above at least once every five years in order to validate their effectiveness. The results of such reviews should be provided to the CNSC.

Guidance

Guidance Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CNSC	Measuring Airborne Radon Progeny at Uranium Mines and Mills	G-4
CNSC	Ascertaining and Recording Radiation Doses to Individuals	G-91
CNSC	Keeping Radiation Exposures and Doses "As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA)"	G-129
CNSC	Preparing Codes of Practice to Control Radiation Doses at Uranium Mines and Mills	G-218
CNSC	Developing and Using Action Levels	G-228
CNSC	Technical and Quality Assurance Requirements for Dosimetry Services	S-106
CNSC	Making Changes to Dose-Related Information Filed with the National Dose Registry	S-260

8. CONVENTIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

Licence Condition 8.1

The licensee shall implement and maintain a conventional health and safety program.

Preamble

The “conventional health and safety” safety and control area covers the implementation of a program to manage workplace safety hazards and to protect personnel and equipment.

The regulation of non-radiological health and safety at uranium mines and mills is governed by the *Canada Labour Code Part II*, which is administered by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC). However, the *Saskatchewan Uranium Mines and Mills Exclusion Regulations* (SOR/2001-115) defer the regulation of occupational health and safety in Saskatchewan uranium mines and mills to the province of Saskatchewan in accordance with the requirements of *The Mines Regulations, 2018 Part II Revised Regulations of Saskatchewan*.

The CNSC also has regulatory responsibilities for the oversight of the protection of the health and safety of workers. The CNSC harmonizes the oversight of conventional health and safety with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licence Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Notification Requirements
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Occupational Health and Safety Program	4227355	Yes

The conventional health and safety program will be assessed against the following principles:

- 8.1.1 Housekeeping standards have been identified and are enforced to ensure that work areas are kept clean and organized.
- 8.1.2 Facilities, processes and procedures have been implemented to ensure the safe management of hazardous materials.
- 8.1.3 Employees and contractors actively participate in the management of conventional health and safety.
- 8.1.4 Management verifies that employees and contractors actively participate in the management of health and safety in their workplace.
- 8.1.5 A process has been established and maintained to monitor, measure and record conventional health and safety performance and the effectiveness of the occupational health and safety program on a regular basis.

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- 8.1.6 Routine inspections are performed by workers, supervisors, senior staff and/or safety professionals to identify any potential safety issues.
- 8.1.7 Processes and procedures are established and maintained to investigate accidents and incidents, to identify root causes, to implement corrective actions and to verify that corrective actions have been completed and will effectively prevent recurrence.
- 8.1.8 Procedures have been implemented and maintained for reporting work-related injuries, illnesses, fatalities and conventional health and safety incidents including near misses.
- 8.1.9 The causes of injuries are investigated, corrective actions implemented, and the effectiveness of corrective actions verified.
- 8.1.10 A preventative and corrective action procedure has been established and maintained to address non-conformances and inadequately controlled risks.

Guidance

There is no guidance provided for this licence condition.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Licence Condition 9.1

The licensee shall implement and maintain an environmental protection program, which includes a set of action levels. When the licensee becomes aware that an action level has been reached, the licensee shall notify the Commission within 24 hours.

Preamble

The “environmental protection” safety and control area covers programs that identify, control and monitor all releases of radioactive and hazardous substances and effects on the environment from facilities or as the result of licensed activities.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensing Basis Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CNSC	Environmental Protection: Environmental Principles, Assessments and Protection Measures, version 1.1	REGDOC-2.9.1
CSA Group	Environmental monitoring programs at Class I nuclear facilities and uranium mines and mills	N288.4-10
CSA Group	Effluent monitoring programs at Class I nuclear facilities and uranium mines and mills	N288.5-11
CSA Group	Environmental risk assessments at Class I nuclear facilities and uranium mines and mills	N288.6-12
CSA Group	Groundwater protection programs at Class I nuclear facilities and uranium mines and mills	N288.7-15
CSA Group	Establishing and implementing action levels for releases to the environment from nuclear facilities	N288.8-17

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Licence Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Environmental Protection Program	4250597	Yes
Cameco	Environmental Code of Practice (Appendix 6.3 of the Environmental Protection Program – Code of Practice)	4250597	Yes
Cameco	Waste Management Program	4271789	Yes
Cameco	Quality Management Program	4169048	Yes
Cameco	Rabbit Lake Integrated Human Health and Environmental Risk Assessment and Environmental Performance Report – 2010 to 2014	4909430	Yes

To ensure the applicable environmental protection measures have been established, implemented and maintained, the environmental protection program will also be assessed against:

- 9.1.1 Action levels specified in the environmental code of practice. When the licensee becomes aware that an action level has been triggered, the licensee shall notify the Commission within 24 hours and take specific action as defined in the *Uranium Mines and Mills Regulations* and the environmental code of practice.
- 9.1.2 The authorized release limits as specified below. When the licensee becomes aware that an authorized release limit has been reached or exceeded, the licensee shall immediately notify the Commission, investigate and take corrective action to ensure that the releases are maintained below the authorized release limits.

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The authorized liquid effluent release limits until May 31, 2021 are:

Deleterious Substance	Maximum Authorized Monthly Mean Concentration	Maximum Authorized Concentration in a Composite Sample	Maximum Authorized Concentration in a Grab Sample
Arsenic (mg/L)	0.50	0.75	1.00
Copper (mg/L)	0.30	0.45	0.60
Lead (mg/L)	0.20	0.30	0.40
Nickel (mg/L)	0.50	0.75	1.00
Zinc (mg/L)	0.50	0.75	1.00
Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)	15.00	22.50	30.00
Radium-226 (Bq/L)	0.37	0.74	1.11

Acid balance (as H ₃ O ⁺) reported as pH	In a range of 6.0 to 9.5
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Acutely Lethal Effluent	0%
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Note: In accordance with the *Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations*, these are the current limits for the Rabbit Lake Operation until May 31, 2021.

The authorized liquid effluent release limits after May 31, 2021 are:

Deleterious Substance	Maximum Authorized Monthly Mean Concentration	Maximum Authorized Concentration in a Composite Sample	Maximum Authorized Concentration in a Grab Sample
Arsenic (mg/L)	0.30	0.45	0.60
Copper (mg/L)	0.30	0.45	0.60
Lead (mg/L)	0.10	0.15	0.20
Nickel (mg/L)	0.50	0.75	1.00
Zinc (mg/L)	0.50	0.75	1.00
Un-ionized Ammonia (mg/L)	0.50	N/A	1.00
Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)	15.00	22.50	30.00
Radium-226 (Bq/L)	0.37	0.74	1.11

Acid balance (as H ₃ O ⁺) reported as pH	In a range of 6.0 to 9.5
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Acutely Lethal Effluent	0%
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Note: In accordance with the *Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations*, these limits will come into effect on June 1, 2021.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Notes:

- 1) Authorized release limits have been harmonized, where available, with those required under the *Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations* (MDMER).
- 2) Definition of Units: mg/L = milligrams per litre
Bq/L = becquerels per litre
- 3) All concentrations and activities are total values.
- 4) “Monthly mean concentration” means the average value of the concentrations measured in all composite or grab samples collected from the final discharge point during each month when liquid effluent is released.
- 5) “Composite sample” means:
 - i) a quantity of effluent consisting of not less than three equal volumes or three volumes proportionate to flow that have been collected at approximately equal time intervals over a period of not less than seven hours and not more than 24 hours; or
 - ii) a quantity of effluent collected continuously at a constant rate or at a rate proportionate to the rate of flow of the effluent over a sampling period of not less than seven hours and not more than 24 hours.
- 6) “Grab sample” means a quantity of undiluted effluent collected at any given time.
- 7) “Acutely lethal effluent” means an effluent at 100 percent concentration that kills more than 50 percent of the rainbow trout subjected to it over a 96-hour period when tested in accordance with the acute lethality test.

Guidance

Guidance Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CSA Group	Environmental management systems – requirements with guidance for use	ISO 14001:2015

10. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION

Licence Condition 10.1

The licensee shall implement and maintain an emergency preparedness program.

Preamble

The “emergency management and fire protection” safety and control area covers emergency plans and emergency preparedness programs which exist for emergencies and for non-routine conditions. It also includes any results of exercise participation.

Licensees are required to continually maintain and enhance their emergency management programs.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensing Basis Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CNSC	Nuclear Emergency Preparedness and Response, Version 2*	REGDOC-2.10.1

* Off-site reporting timelines accepted by CNSC staff for Saskatchewan uranium mine and mill sites are described in January 30, 2020 letter from Cameco to the CNSC (L. Mooney to H. Tadros, e-Doc 6109667).

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Emergency Preparedness and Response Program	4103857	Yes

The emergency management and fire protection program will be assessed against the following principles:

- 10.1.1 Potential emergency situations are identified.
- 10.1.2 Pre-incident plans for response to emergencies are developed and are maintained.
- 10.1.3 Resources, including facilities and equipment required to respond to emergencies are identified and maintained.
- 10.1.4 Emergency communication protocols are established and understood.
- 10.1.5 Organization and responsibilities are identified.
- 10.1.6 Workers are trained to fulfill duties and responsibilities with respect to emergency management and fire plans and procedures.

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- 10.1.7 Procedures are implemented and maintained to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.
- 10.1.8 Response plans are periodically tested.

Guidance

There is no guidance provided for this licence condition.

Licence Condition 10.2

The licensee shall implement and maintain a fire protection program.

Preamble

Licensees are required to implement and maintain a fire protection program (a set of planned, coordinated, controlled and documented activities) to ensure that the licensed activities do not result in an unreasonable risk to the health and safety of persons and to the environment due to fire and to ensure that the licensee is able to efficiently and effectively respond to emergency fire situations.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Fire Protection Program	4065915	Yes

Guidance

Guidance Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CSA Group	Fire protection for facilities that process, handle, or store nuclear substances	N393-13

11. WASTE MANAGEMENT

Licence Condition 11.1

The licensee shall implement and maintain a waste management program.

Preamble

The “waste management” safety and control area covers internal waste-related programs that form part of the facility’s operations up to the point where the waste is removed from the facility to a separate waste management facility.

Waste management facilities at the Rabbit Lake Operation include:

- storage areas for mineralized ‘special’ waste rock and low grade ore
- clean waste rock and overburden piles
- in-pit Tailings Management Facility and inactive Above-Ground Tailings Management Facility
- contaminated industrial waste storage
- storage and recycling facilities for hazardous wastes
- landfill for uncontaminated industrial and domestic waste
- domestic sewage treatment

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensing Basis Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CNSC	Waste Management, Volume II: Management of Uranium Mine Waste Rock and Mill Tailings*	REGDOC-2.11.1

* Applicable to new uranium mine or mill projects and/or to new waste management facilities at existing uranium mines and mills.

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Waste Management Program	4271789	Yes

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The waste management program will be assessed against the following principles:

- 11.1.1 A radioactive waste management program is implemented to control and minimize the volume of radioactive waste.
- 11.1.2 The volume of waste is minimized by applying the “reduce, reuse, recycle and recover” principle.
- 11.1.3 Work is carried out in a manner that minimizes waste and prevents pollution.
- 11.1.4 Waste is stored or disposed of in the appropriate manner.
- 11.1.5 Wastes are managed in a manner that does not compromise reclamation or decommissioning plans.
- 11.1.6 The effectiveness of waste management practices is monitored, measured and recorded on a regular basis.
- 11.1.7 Routine inspections are performed to identify any potential waste management issues and to verify the condition of containment structures and waste management facilities.
- 11.1.8 The safety of embankments/dams is inspected and evaluated.
- 11.1.9 Records are kept of the quantities and types of waste generated and the method of disposal or management.
- 11.1.10 Wastes are managed to control the present and future releases of contaminants to the environment.
- 11.1.11 Surface water is managed to prevent or minimize the volume that is contaminated.

Guidance

Guidance Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
Canadian Dam Association	Canadian Dam Association, Canadian Dam Safety Guidelines	N/A

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Licence Condition 11.2

The licensee shall maintain a decommissioning plan.

Preamble

This LC requires that the licensee maintain a preliminary decommissioning plan (PDP).

A PDP provides an overview of the proposed decommissioning approach that is sufficiently detailed to assure that the proposed approach is, in the light of existing knowledge, technically and financially feasible, and appropriate in the interests of health, safety, security and the protection of the environment. The PDP defines areas to be decommissioned and the general structure and sequence of the principle work packages. The PDP forms the basis for establishing and maintaining a financial arrangement (financial guarantee) that will assure adequate funding of the decommissioning plan.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensing Basis Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CSA Group	Decommissioning of facilities containing nuclear substances	N294-09*

* Licensee to implement requirements of CSA N294-19: *Decommissioning of facilities containing nuclear substances*, for the next scheduled PDP revisions due to the CNSC in 2023.

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Preliminary Decommissioning Plan	6311196	Yes
Cameco	Preliminary Decommissioning Cost Estimate	6312122	Yes

The PDP is to be revised at a minimum every five years or when required by the Commission; however, is to be kept current to reflect any changes in the site or nuclear facility. The Rabbit Lake Operation PDP was last revised and submitted to the CNSC in June 2020 and is next scheduled for submission to the CNSC in 2023, at which time it will be reviewed against the current version of the CSA Group standard.

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Guidance

Guidance Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CNSC	Financial Guarantees for the Decommissioning of Licensed Activities	G-206
CNSC	Decommissioning Planning for Licensed Activities	G-219

12. SECURITY

Licence Condition 12.1

The licensee shall implement and maintain a security program.

Preamble

The “security” safety and control area covers the programs required to implement and support the security requirements stipulated in the regulations, the licence, orders, or expectations for the facility or activity.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licensee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Security Program	4095103	Yes

The security program will be assessed against the following principles:

- 12.1.1 The security program addresses the risks identified in an industrial security threat and risk assessment.
- 12.1.2 Measures are implemented and maintained to prevent the loss of nuclear substances or prevent acts of sabotage at the facility.
- 12.1.3 Measures are taken to prevent unauthorized access to the mining facility and to areas within the facility where nuclear substances are stored.
- 12.1.4 The industrial security threat and risk assessment is periodically reviewed and updated.

Guidance

Guidance Publications

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CNSC	Security of Nuclear Substances: Sealed Sources	REGDOC-2.12.3

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13. SAFEGUARDS AND NON-PROLIFERATION

Licence Condition 13.1

The licensee shall implement and maintain a safeguards program.

Preamble

The “safeguards and non-proliferation” safety and control area covers the programs and activities required for the successful implementation of the obligations arising from the Canada/International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards agreements, as well as all other measures arising from the *Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons*.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Source	Document Title	Document Number
CNSC	Safeguards and Nuclear Material Accountancy	REGDOC-2.13.1

Licencee Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Security Program	4095103	Yes

The safeguards and non-proliferation program will be assessed against REGDOC-2.13.1, *Safeguards and Nuclear Material Accountancy*, and the following principles:

- 13.1.1 Reasonable services and assistance are provided to the IAEA to enable the IAEA to carry out its duties and functions.
- 13.1.2 Prompt access to all locations at the facility is granted to the IAEA at all reasonable times where such access is required for the purposes of carrying on an activity pursuant to a safeguards agreement. Health and safety services and escorts are provided as required in order to facilitate activities.
- 13.1.3 Records that must be kept or any reports that are required to be made under a safeguards agreement are disclosed to the CNSC and the IAEA.
- 13.1.4 Reasonable assistance is provided to the IAEA to enable sampling and removal or shipment of samples.
- 13.1.5 Reasonable assistance is provided to the IAEA to enable measurements, tests and removal or shipment of equipment.

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- 13.1.6 Measures are implemented to prevent damage to, or the theft, loss or sabotage of samples collected pursuant to a safeguards agreement or the illegal use, possession or removal of such samples.
- 13.1.7 Reports and information, that is required to facilitate Canada's compliance with any applicable safeguards agreement, is provided to the Commission.

Guidance

There is no guidance provided for this licence condition.

14. PACKAGING AND TRANSPORT

Licence Condition 14.1

The licensee shall implement and maintain a packaging and transport program.

Preamble

The “packaging and transport” safety and control area covers the safe packaging and transport of nuclear substances and radiation devices to and from the licensed facility.

Every person who transports radioactive material, or requires it to be transported, shall act in accordance with the requirements of the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations* and the *Packaging and the Transport of Nuclear Substances Regulations, 2015*.

The *Packaging and Transport of Nuclear Substances Regulations, 2015* and the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations* provides specific requirements for the design of transport packages, the packaging, marking and labeling of packages and the handling and transport of nuclear substances.

Compliance Verification Criteria

Licence Documents that Require Notification of Change

Source	Document Title	CNSC e-Access Document Number	Prior Notification Required
Cameco	Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258	Yes
Cameco	Quality Management Program	4169048	Yes
Cameco	Radiation Protection Program	4285027	Yes
Cameco	Emergency Preparedness and Response Program	4103857	Yes
Cameco	Waste Management Program	4271789	Yes

The licensee shall implement and maintain a packaging and transport program that will ensure compliance with the requirements set out in the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations* and in the *Packaging and Transport of Nuclear Substances Regulations, 2015*.

Guidance

There is no guidance provided for this licence condition.

15. FACILITY SPECIFIC

There are no facility-specific licence conditions.

APPENDIX A CHANGE CONTROL PROCESS

A.1 Change Control Process

A change control process is applied to the LCH to ensure that:

- preparation and use of the LCH are properly controlled
- all referenced documents are correctly identified and maintained
- procedures for modifying the LCH are followed.

A request to change this LCH can be initiated by either CNSC staff or the licensee. The licensee will be consulted on any changes to the LCH that are proposed by CNSC staff.

CNSC staff will take the following steps to update the LCH:

1. the CNSC receives or initiates written notification of proposed change
2. initiate a change request using the Change Request Form
3. complete a technical review of the proposed change, if required
4. consult the licensee and in case of disagreement on the proposed change, the dispute resolution process outlined in section A.3 will apply
5. obtain consent and signature from a Delegated Officer
6. update the LCH in accordance with the Change Request Form and send the updated document to the parties identified on the distribution list (section A.5).

Change Request Form

1. GENERAL INFORMATION			
File Plan #		e-Doc #(s) for Change Request Form	
Licensee	Licence Number	LCH #, Rev/Version	Request Date
Licensing Officer			
2. CHANGE(S) TO THE LCH			
#	Description and Purpose	Proposed Change	References
1	<initiator, nature, reason for change, e.g. administrative, change to a licensee doc, etc.>	<identify modifications, such as by track changes, highlighting, etc.>	<LC, page, section #, etc.>
2			
3. ASSESSMENT (text and/or e-Doc #s)			
#	Division/Org	Comment	Disposition
1	<division>		
	<division>		
	<licensee>		
	<division>		
2	etc.		
4. CONSENT TO MODIFY			
#	Agreed	Comment	
1			
2			
Name	Title	Signature	Date
5. LCH DOCUMENTATION AND DISTRIBUTION			
New LCH Number	LCH Effective Date	e-Doc # (include version number)	
CNSC Outgoing Notification		e-Doc #	Date Sent

APPENDIX A

A.2 Review Criteria for Proposed Changes to Licensing Basis Documents

The licensee must provide the CNSC with written notification of a proposed significant change to key licensee documents before the licensee implements the change. The notification must be accompanied by sufficient information to demonstrate that the change is within the intent of the licensing basis. Written notification of minor or administrative changes may be made in batches after the changes have been implemented.

The following criteria will be used by CNSC staff to determine if the proposed change is acceptable:

1. The submission includes the appropriate level and quality of information with regards to:
 - a) The description of the proposed change including:
 - a summary of the change, including the purpose or need for the change
 - a preliminary finding of whether this proposal or notification is required under the NSCA, a regulation made under the Act or the licence, or has implications under the *Impact Assessment Act*, or whether a licence amendment or other licensing action would likely be required
 - where applicable, the alternatives evaluated and the reasons for selection of the chosen option
 - any changes to the inventories of nuclear substances on site related to the proposed change
 - the construction, commissioning and operating schedule for the proposed change including hold points or progress reports for regulatory review and approval (as appropriate)
 - expected impacts, if any, on the proposed decommissioning or closure plans
 - results of any risk analysis or hazard operability studies performed, and a summary of the identified hazards and the mitigation measures identified to control potential hazards
 - b) The description of the design control, operating specifications and criteria including:
 - the design basis and criteria, and performance specifications
 - the design drawings such as the general arrangement, process and instrumentation diagrams, and process flow sheets
 - the quality management program for the various key stages of the change (e.g., design, construction, commissioning, etc.)

- c) The assessment of both the short and long term impacts with the mitigation measures in place on:
 - worker’s health and safety, including potential radiological and non-radiological exposures
 - the environment
 - security
 - Canada’s international obligations
 - d) The planned administrative controls including:
 - changes to the organization, roles and responsibilities
 - changes to applicable programs and procedures
 - a description of the proposed monitoring, inspection and test plans, including locations and frequency proposed to evaluate both positive and negative results
 - e) Changes to contingency plans including “full-stop measures”
 - f) Evidence that the licensee’s internal reviews and approvals have been completed, including meeting the requirements of the licensee’s change management procedure and consultation with the onsite occupational health and environmental committees, where applicable
 - g) Identification of the documents and training programs that may require revision when the proposed change is implemented
2. The effects of the proposed change or action remain within the licensing basis.
 3. Following the implementation of the change the licensee will remain in compliance with the requirements set out in the applicable acts, regulations, and LCs.

A.3 Dispute Resolution

In case of a dispute between the licensee and CNSC staff regarding changes to the LCH, both parties will meet to discuss the dispute and reach a decision on the path forward. The decision, including its rationale will be documented. If any party is not satisfied with the decision, the resolution process will proceed up to the Director, Director General or Executive Vice-President and Chief Regulatory Operations Officer level. If any party is still not satisfied with the decision, the issue will be brought to the attention of the Commission at a Commission meeting. The decision made by the Commission will be final.

A.4 Records Management

In order to track changes to the LCH, the document change request and accompanying documentation will be archived in records and referenced in the revision history of the LCH. Electronic communication related to the change, such as comments from reviewers will be stored in the CNSC information management system.

APPENDIX A

A.5 Distribution

A copy of the updated version of the LCH will be distributed to the following parties:

- Uranium Mines and Mills Division, CNSC
- Cameco Corporation

A.6 Reporting to the Commission

CNSC staff will report on the changes made to the LCH during the previous year in their annual report to the Commission.

APPENDIX B LICENSEE DOCUMENTS THAT REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE

Document Title	e-Doc
Rabbit Lake Integrated Human Health and Environmental Risk Assessment and Environmental Performance Report – 2010 to 2014	4909430
Mining Facility Licensing Manual	4286258
Maintenance Program	4227412
Environmental Protection Program	4250597
Waste Management Program	4271789
Radiation Protection Program	4285027
Occupational Health and Safety Program	4227355
Security Program	4095103
Emergency Preparedness and Response Program	4103857
Quality Management Program	4169048
Training Program	4074154
Public Information Program	4222995
Fire Protection Program	4065915
Preliminary Decommissioning Plan	6311196
Preliminary Decommissioning Cost Estimate	6312122
Eagle Point Mine Program	4271840
Mill Program	4271807

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX C LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED AS GUIDANCE OR COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION CRITERIA

Document	Document Title	Document Number
Canadian Dam Association	Canadian Dam Association, Canadian Dam Safety Guidelines	N/A
CNSC	Change Control Process	19-318-07
CNSC	Measuring Airborne Radon Progeny at Uranium Mines and Mills	G-4
CNSC	Ascertaining and Recording Radiation Doses to Individuals	G-91
CNSC	Keeping Radiation Exposures and Doses "As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA)"	G-129
CNSC	Financial Guarantees for the Decommissioning of Licensed Activities	G-206
CNSC	Preparing Codes of Practice to Control Radiation Doses at Uranium Mines and Mills	G-218
CNSC	Decommissioning Planning for Licensed Activities	G-219
CNSC	Developing and Using Action Levels	G-228
CNSC	Environmental Protection: Environmental Principles, Assessments and Protection Measures, version 1.1	REGDOC-2.9.1
CNSC	Nuclear Emergency Preparedness and Response, Version 2	REGDOC-2.10.1
CNSC	Safeguards and Nuclear Material Accountancy	REGDOC-2.13.1
CNSC	Public Information and Disclosure	REGDOC-3.2.1
CNSC	Licence Application Guide Nuclear Substances and Radiation Devices	REGDOC-1.6.1
CNSC	Safety Culture	REGDOC-2.1.2
CNSC	Design of Uranium Mines and Mills: Ventilation Systems	REGDOC-2.5.4
CNSC	Waste Management, Volume II: Management of Uranium Mine Waste Rock and Mill Tailings	REGDOC-2.11.1
CNSC	Security of Nuclear Substances: Sealed Sources	REGDOC-2.12.3
CNSC	Reporting Requirements, Volume I: Non-Power Reactor Class I Nuclear Facilities and Uranium Mines and Mills	REGDOC-3.1.2

APPENDIX C

Document	Document Title	Document Number
CNSC	Regulatory Fundamentals	REGDOC-3.5.3
CNSC	Technical and Quality Assurance Requirements for Dosimetry Services	S-106
CNSC	Making Changes to Dose-Related Information Filed with the National Dose Registry	S-260
CNSC/SK	CNSC – Saskatchewan Harmonized Annual Reporting Requirements, August 2010	e-Doc 3678482
CSA Group	Management system requirements for nuclear facilities	N286-12
CSA Group	Environmental monitoring programs at Class I nuclear facilities and uranium mines and mills	N288.4-10
CSA Group	Effluent monitoring programs at Class I nuclear facilities and uranium mines and mills	N288.5-11
CSA Group	Environmental risk assessments at Class I nuclear facilities and uranium mines and mills	N288.6-12
CSA Group	Groundwater protection programs at Class I nuclear facilities and uranium mines and mills	N288.7-15
CSA Group	Establishing and implementing action levels for releases to the environment from nuclear facilities	N288.8-17
CSA Group	Decommissioning of facilities containing nuclear substances	N294-09
CSA Group	Fire protection for facilities that process, handle, or store nuclear substances	N393-13
CSA Group	Environmental management systems – requirements with guidance for use	ISO 14001:2015

Note: For CNSC documents, the most recent version of a referenced document shall be implemented following review and agreement between Cameco and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

APPENDIX C