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# Revised Notice of Public Hearing

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## **CNSC to conduct public hearing on NexGen Energy Ltd.'s licence application to prepare a site for and construct Rook I uranium mine and mill project**

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a public hearing to consider an application from NexGen Energy Ltd. (NexGen) for a licence to prepare a site for and construct its proposed [Rook I mine and mill project](#). NexGen is proposing to construct and operate a new uranium mine and mill in the southwest Athabasca Basin in northern Saskatchewan, approximately 155 km north of the town of La Loche, 80 km south of the former Cluff Lake mine site, and 640 km northwest of Saskatoon. The proposed project would be located within Treaty 8 territory and Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Northern Region 2. The licence application covers the site preparation for and the construction of all structures, systems and components required to support future operations. **This revised notice is to announce the location and dates of Part 2 of the hearing and to clarify that the purpose and scope of the hearing includes the Commission's duties as an agent of the Crown.**

**The hearing will take place at the Delta Hotels Saskatoon Downtown and virtually via Zoom, from February 9 to 12, 2026.**

### **Purpose and scope of hearing**

Pursuant to section 24 of the [Nuclear Safety and Control Act](#), a licence issued by the Commission is required for the proposed site preparation for and construction of the project. The proposed project is subject to an [environmental assessment](#) (EA) under the [Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012](#) (CEAA 2012). Although the [Impact Assessment Act](#) came into force in August 2019, replacing CEAA 2012, it includes provisions to allow ongoing projects with EAs initiated under CEAA 2012 to continue under their existing EA processes. As a prerequisite to the licensing decision, the Commission must also make an EA decision to determine whether the proposed project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

As an agent of the Crown, the Commission's responsibilities include the duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate Indigenous Nations and communities where the Crown contemplates conduct that may adversely impact their potential or established

Aboriginal or treaty rights. To assist the Commission in meeting its duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate, the Commission may rely on the following:

- consultation undertaken by CNSC staff, as well as the opportunities for Indigenous Nations and communities to make submissions directly to the Commission and to participate in the hearing process, as a key component of the consultation process
- engagement work done by NexGen, including with respect to avoidance, mitigation or other measures adopted or proposed by NexGen for potential accommodation purposes (see [REGDOC-3.2.2, Indigenous Engagement](#))

This does not mean that the consultation undertaken by CNSC staff stops or is replaced by NexGen's engagement. Rather, consultation by CNSC staff and engagement by NexGen continue concurrently.

## **Hearing details**

Date (Part 2): **February 9 to 12, 2026**  
Place: **Michelangelo room, Delta Hotels Saskatoon Downtown,  
405 20th St E, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and virtually via Zoom**  
Time: As set by the agenda to be published prior to the hearing date

The public hearing will be webcast live and available on the CNSC website at [cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca](http://cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca).

During Part 1 of the hearing, held on November 19, 2025, the Commission considered oral and written submissions, related to NexGen's application, from NexGen and CNSC staff. During Part 2 of the hearing, the Commission will consider oral and written interventions from Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public and other interested parties.

[NexGen's licence application](#) is available on the CNSC website or on request to the Commission Registry. NexGen's submission, CNSC staff's recommendations and the interventions to be considered at the hearing are available on the [CNSC website](#), or on request to the Commission Registry.

## **Participant funding**

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC made available up to **\$250,000** in funding through its [Participant Funding Program](#). The purpose of this funding is to assist Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public and interested parties in reviewing CNSC staff's and NexGen's submissions to the Commission, as well as in participating in the hearing process by providing topic-specific interventions to the Commission.

The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form was May 9, 2025. A Funding Review Committee, independent of the CNSC, reviewed the funding applications received and made recommendations on the allocation of funds. Based on the recommendations, the CNSC [awarded](#) up to \$464,979.93 to 8 applicants.

## **Interventions**

Pursuant to rule 19 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#) (the Rules), persons who have an interest or expertise in this matter or information that may be useful to the Commission in coming to a decision were invited to comment on NexGen's application. Requests to intervene were due to the Commission Registry by **January 9, 2026**.

Oral presenters wishing to use a PowerPoint presentation were asked to submit their slide decks to the Commission Registry by **January 19, 2026**. Subject to confidentiality, all submissions will be available for download on the [CNSC website](#) or on request to the Commission Registry. Personal information, such as email address and telephone number, is essential for linking the submission to its author. If you wish to ensure the confidentiality of your personal information, please submit it on a separate page.

## **Obligation for providing documentary material for the record**

Under rule 15 of the Rules, any documentary evidence, written submission or other material filed with the Commission shall be open to the participants and the public (subject to any confidentiality measures taken by the Commission, as described below).

Submissions must follow the guidance in the [Directive on Submitting Documentary Evidence for the Record](#).

## **Confidentiality**

Under rule 12 of the Rules, the Commission may take steps to protect confidential information. Persons intending to submit information that could be confidential must follow the guidance in the [Directive on Requesting Confidentiality](#).

## **For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:**

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