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# ***Notice of Hearing in Writing***

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October 16, 2025

Ref. 2025-H-120

## **CNSC to conduct a hearing in writing on WestCan Proton Therapy Inc.'s application for an exemption from a licensing requirement**

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a public hearing based on written submissions in November 2025. The hearing is to consider an application from WestCan Proton Therapy Inc. for an exemption from a licence to prepare site for a proton beam therapy facility. WestCan Proton Therapy Inc. is to be located in Edmonton, Alberta. The City of Edmonton and the associated traditional lands are located in Treaty 6 territory. The lands of Treaty 6 are home to diverse Indigenous Peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries, such as the Cree, Dene, Anishinaabe, Saukteaux, Nakota and Blackfoot peoples. These lands are also the Métis homeland.

WestCan Proton Therapy Inc. publicly announced on March 14, 2024, its intention to construct a medical facility in Edmonton. This facility would include a proton therapy accelerator for patient treatment. The accelerator would generate proton particle beams at energies around 230 megaelectronvolts, to be delivered to a treatment room via beam transfer line.

WestCan Proton Therapy Inc. submitted a request for an exemption from the requirement of the *Class I Nuclear Facilities Regulations* to obtain a licence to prepare site for the proposed Class I facility. WestCan Proton Therapy Inc. has stated that the proposed facility is a medical clinic that will include patient exam rooms, waiting rooms, medical imaging equipment, staff offices and other related facilities. In addition, a portion of the medical clinic will be dedicated to a proton therapy accelerator, which would be used for the treatment of patients. Under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*, the Commission can exempt certain activities under the conditions set out in the *General Nuclear Safety and Control Regulations*.

Pursuant to rule 3 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#) (the Rules), the Commission has decided to vary the Rules in order to ensure that this hearing is dealt with as informally and expeditiously as the circumstances and the considerations of fairness permit. The Commission will consider written submissions from WestCan Proton Therapy Inc. and from CNSC staff. A panel of the Commission will then deliberate and render a decision on WestCan Proton Therapy Inc.'s application. A decision from the Commission is anticipated in **fall 2025**. A record of decision will be published on the [CNSC website](#) and made available on request to the Commission Registry.

WestCan Proton Therapy Inc.'s request for exemption is available on the [CNSC website](#) or on request to the Commission Registry. CNSC staff's recommendations to be considered at the hearing will be available on the CNSC website or on request to the Commission Registry after **November 14, 2025**.

**For further information on the public Commission hearing process, or on the licensee or the facility being considered in this matter, or to request documents, contact:**

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