



UNPROTECTED

Questions from Commission Panel Members

In the Matter of

Request for a temporary exemption from the requirement under paragraph 9(2)(b) of the Class I Nuclear Facilities Regulations for reactor operators certified at Ontario Power Generation hired into the initial certification program at Bruce Power

Public Hearing - Hearing in writing based on written submissions

June 2021

NON PROTÉGÉ

Questions des membres de la formation de la Commission

À l'égard de

Demande d'exemption temporaire de l'exigence de l'alinéa 9(2)(b) du Règlement sur les installations nucléaires de catégorie I pour les opérateurs de réacteur accrédités à Ontario Power Generation qui sont embauchés dans le programme d'accréditation initiale de Bruce Power

Audience Publique - Audience fondée sur des mémoires

Juin 2021



INTRODUCTION

The Panel of the Commission, in conducting hearing in writing [2021-H-103](#)¹ to consider whether to temporarily exempt Bruce Power from the requirement under paragraph 9(2)(b) of the [Class I Nuclear Facilities Regulations](#) for reactor operators certified at Ontario Power Generation and hired into Bruce Power’s initial certification program, has reviewed the written submissions provided by CNSC staff, Bruce Power and four intervenors. The Panel of the Commission requires additional information with respect to [CMD 21-H103](#) and [CMD 21-H103.1](#).

QUESTIONS

The Panel has a total of 7 questions (numbered 1 to 7). Bruce Power and CNSC staff are asked to each address 6 questions, as appropriate.

The Panel’s six questions for Bruce Power’s attention and response are set out in Table 1.

Table 1 – CMD 21-H103Q Questions for Bruce Power

#	Commission Panel Questions
1.	Document CMD 21-H103.1 (submission from Bruce Power) refers to Attachment A. What is this Attachment?
2.	How many candidates will benefit from the exemption? How many years of plant experience do they have in general?
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4.	Will the temporary exemption remain valid until the next amendment of REGDOC-2.2.3 is published in 2022? Will this amendment be similar to the present temporary exemption?
5.	<p>Considering the facts that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the physical location of primary accessible equipment by Operations Staff differs between the Pickering CANDU 500 and the Bruce CANDU 750 Series; 2. the plant experience of the candidates at Bruce NPP is limited; 3. and a different nomenclature for systems identification is employed at Pickering and Bruce stations, <p>could the six-month reduction in plant experience at Bruce NPP pose unreasonable risk in an emergency situation?</p>
6.	Are the candidates trained to handle emergency situations specific to Bruce NPP in the ‘structured learning package’?

¹ Revised Notice of Hearing in Writing [2021-H-103](#), May 17, 2021



#	Commission Panel Questions
7.	Candidates are exempted from the General Certification examination. Do the candidates still have to pass other certification examinations specific to the Bruce NPP?

The Panel’s six questions for CNSC staff’s attention and response are set out in Table 2.

Table 2 – CMD 21-H103Q Questions for CNSC Staff

#	Commission Panel Questions
1.	
2.	How many candidates will benefit from the exemption? How many years of plant experience do they have in general?
3.	Does the exemption enter into force the day it is approved by the Commission? Or is it retroactive?
4.	Will the temporary exemption remain valid until the next amendment of REGDOC-2.2.3 is published in 2022? Will this amendment be similar to the present temporary exemption?
5.	<p>Considering the facts that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. the physical location of primary accessible equipment by Operations Staff differs between the Pickering CANDU 500 and the Bruce CANDU 750 Series; 5. the plant experience of the candidates at Bruce NPP is limited; 6. and a different nomenclature for systems identification is employed at Pickering and Bruce stations, <p>could the six-month reduction in plant experience at Bruce NPP pose unreasonable risk in an emergency situation?</p>
6.	Are the candidates trained to handle emergency situations specific to Bruce NPP in the ‘structured learning package’?
7.	Candidates are exempted from the General Certification examination. Do the candidates still have to pass other certification examinations specific to the Bruce NPP?



REQUEST

CNSC staff's and Bruce Power responses shall be submitted by way of supplementary CMD by June 21, 2021, if possible.

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