



**Written submission from
Kelly James**

**Mémoire de
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In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Corporation,
Blind River Refinery**

**Cameco Corporation,
Raffinerie de Blind River**

**Application to renew licence for Cameco
Corporation's Blind River Refinery**

**Demande de renouvellement de permis pour
la raffinerie de Blind River appartenant à
Cameco Corporation**

Commission Public Hearing

Audience publique de la Commission

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Tribunal Officer Secretariat
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
280 Slater Street, P.O. Box 1046, Station B
Ottawa, Ontario
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Re: Cameco's licence renewal application for the Blind River Refinery (Nov. 24-25, 2021 Hearing)

Dear President and Commission Members:

My name is Kelly James and I have been an employee at Cameco's Blind River Refinery for the past 14 years. I am an accountant, and a large part of my job at Cameco is to oversee the accountability of nuclear material and safeguards at the refinery. Moreover, I have been a lifelong resident of the community of Blind River and previously served as the editor of a local newspaper.

I strongly believe that the Blind River Refinery should be granted a 10-year licence renewal; not because it provides me with a job and a good standard of living, but rather because it is a very good corporate citizen in the local community. The refinery provides well over 130 good-paying jobs for families within the region, has a sterling record of employee safety and environmental stewardship, and supports numerous local projects, service clubs and institutions.

I take great pride in my role with the accountability and safeguards of nuclear materials, and recognize the responsibility that Cameco has in insuring the safe receipt, storage, processing and shipping of these materials. I can testify with great certainty that the entire team at the Blind River Refinery has, and continues to, take their roles in these processes seriously. There is a very strong commitment to doing our jobs as safely and as well as we possibly can. Our record of 15 years without a Lost-Time Incident is testament to our ability to do our jobs safely, and we have not had a single environmental incident during the current ten-year licence period.

Cameco's Blind River Refinery is a pillar of our community. All the members of our community are aware of the company's strong support for the municipality and the neighboring Mississauga First Nation. The company and the employee group have consistently and generously donated to initiatives at the local hospital, the municipality and the First Nation, and even take time from our jobs to perform service work in the community. It would do a great disservice to the Blind River area to see such a strong contributor to the economic, social and cultural landscape of the community fall by the wayside.

There has been a great deal of change in personnel at the Blind River Refinery over the past few years. Stalwart members of our team who had established the very high standards of performance and caring for each other at the refinery have retired. I am buoyed, however, by the fact that the people who have replaced these pillars of our organization are displaying the same qualities of dedication, ingenuity, and compassion that have made the Blind River Refinery a great place to work. I look forward to continuing to work with these talented and caring people for the next ten years at least, and I will do everything in

my power to ensure that the Blind River Refinery continues to be a very positive contributor to our local community.

I am proud to be part of the workforce at Cameco's Blind River Refinery, and I hope that the CNSC sees fit to renew the operating licence for the Blind River Refinery for another ten years. Thank-you for your consideration of my letter, and please feel free to contact me if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Kelly James