



Oral presentation

**Written submission from the
NB Health Emergency Operations
Center, New Brunswick Department
of Health**

In the Matter of the

**New Brunswick Power Corporation,
Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station**

Application for the renewal of NB Power's
licence for the Point Lepreau Nuclear
Generating Station

**Commission Public Hearing
Part 2**

May 11 and 12, 2022

Exposé oral

**Mémoire du Centre des opérations
d'urgence du ministère de la Santé
du N.-B., Ministère de la santé du
Nouveau-Brunswick**

À l'égard de la

**Société d'Énergie du Nouveau-Brunswick,
centrale nucléaire de Point Lepreau**

Demande de renouvellement du permis
d'Énergie NB pour la centrale nucléaire de
Point Lepreau

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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SUBJECT: Application by New Brunswick Power for the Renewal of the Operating License for the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station

Please consider this request to participate with an oral intervention at the public hearing for the renewal of the Power Reactor Operating License for the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station (PLNGS) on May 11 & 12, 2022. This letter provides an overview of the information to be shared in my oral intervention.

I am the Acting Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Branch for the Department of Health. In this role, I am accountable / responsible for overseeing and leading efforts to ensure the province's health care system maintains a level of readiness to enable it to respond quickly and effectively to all health and medical emergencies, including overseeing preparedness activities associated with the provincial health nuclear emergency program for the PLNGS.

Our branch works closely with New Brunswick (NB) Power and the staff from the PLNGS to design, develop and execute the public education program to support the province of New Brunswick's nuclear emergency preparedness program, including the proactive distribution of potassium iodide (KI) pills to residents and businesses in the area 20 km around the station.

We work co-operatively with NB Power staff to ensure the program is executed effectively to ensure the public, including residents living in the vicinity of the station, are informed about emergency preparedness procedures; are aware of what to do in case of an incident at the station; and have ample opportunity to seek clarification and get their questions answered.

My position also requires me and other assigned delegates to work collaboratively with the New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization (NBEMO), which includes being an active participant in the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) should there be an incident at the station.

Although the Province has never dealt with a nuclear incident at the station requiring full activation of the PEOC, I have participated in many practice drills and exercises that consider various potential emergency scenarios. The drills and exercises include representatives from local and provincial emergency response organizations along with Point Lepreau station staff, to ensure there would be a cohesive and co-operative response, if required.



During my interactions with many staff members of NB Power and PLNGS, I have observed a commitment to conduct frequent drill scenarios to practice their response abilities, including a willingness to invite observation and critique from outside agencies, to ensure continuous improvement and ensure the highest standards of emergency response capabilities are in place.

Through my participation in emergency response exercises and drills and my interactions with many NB Power staff, I feel confident they hold the safety of the public as their first priority and that our residents will be protected in the unlikely event of an incident at the station.

I look forward to participating at the hearing in May 2022, where I can elaborate further on my experiences and observations shared above.

Regards,



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