



**Written submission from
Orano Canada Inc.**

**Mémoire d'
Orano Canada Inc.**

In the Matter of

À l'égard de

**Request for 2-Year Licence Renewal for
Cameco Corporation's Beaverlodge Project**

**Demande de renouvellement, pour 2 ans, du
permis de Cameco Corporation pour le projet
de Beaverlodge**

Public Hearing - Hearing in writing based on
written submissions

Audience publique - Audience fondée sur des
mémoires

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**Written Intervention for Cameco Corporation
Application to Renew – Waste Facility Operating
Licence for the decommissioned Beaverlodge
mine and mill site**

CNSC Public Hearing March 31, 2023

February 2023

Orano Canada Inc.



Please accept this correspondence as Orano Canada Inc's (Orano) written intervention for Cameco Corporation's (Cameco) request to renew its waste facility operating licence for the decommissioned Beaverlodge mine and mill site.

Orano Canada has been exploring for uranium, developing mines and producing uranium concentrate for more than 55 years. Headquartered in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Orano is a leading producer of uranium in Canada. Orano is the operator of the McClean Lake mill, the most technology advanced mill in the world for the processing of high-grade uranium ore without dilution. Orano is joint-venture partner in the Cigar Lake, McArthur and Key Lake mines and mill, operated by Cameco and is the sole owner/operator of the Cluff Lake Decommissioned Project. As such, Orano is familiar with the requirements to decommission a site, as well as the robust review process and level of engagement needed to prepare projects for acceptance into Saskatchewan's Institutional Control Program.

Orano has reviewed Cameco's application and supports the request to renew the licence for a two-year period, allowing adequate time for the administrative process to transfer the decommissioned properties into the provincial Institutional Control Project, including the regulatory procedure, engagement and document preparation.

With the properties readied for the transfer, there are no changes to the licence or Licence Conditions Handbook.

Cameco has implemented a robust Public Information Program for the Beaverlodge Project, ensuring target audiences remaining informed during the process to transfer the properties.

In addition to the approved Public Information Program, in 2016, Cameco, along with Orano signed a confidential collaboration agreement (CA) with the seven Athabasca Basin Communities, referred to as the Ya' thi Néné CA. Two pillars of this CA, community engagement and environmental stewardship describe the company's obligations for informing and engaging with the Athabasca Basin communities. Engagement primarily occurs through the Athabasca Joint Engagement and Environmental Subcommittee (AJES), a committee formed through the CA to represent the Basin communities.

Another important group of community representatives is the Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee (NSEQC), consisting of representatives appointed by provincial government, from 32 northern municipal and First Nations communities.

As both a signatory and a participant in presentations and information sharing opportunities with the AJES and the NSEQC, along with Cameco's robust Public Information Program, Orano is well-informed and confident in the level of engagement and outreach that Cameco has and will continue to conduct on the Beaverlodge Project.

Through our close collaboration with Cameco over decades of shared operations and experiences, Orano is well-informed and confident in Cameco's competence as a responsible manager and the company's established measures, along with demonstrating performance for engaging northern communities, protecting the health and safety of workers and the public as well as the environment. Orano fully supports Cameco's request to renew the licence for a two-year period.