



**Written submission from
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**Mémoire de
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In the Matter of

À l'égard de

Cameco Corporation

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**Revised preliminary decommissioning plan
and financial guarantee for Cameco
Corporation's Port Hope Conversion
Facility**

**Plan préliminaire de déclassement et la
garantie financière révisés pour l'installation
de conversion de Port Hope de Cameco
Corporation**

Hearing in writing based on written
submissions

Audience par écrit fondée sur des mémoires

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From: [Evelyn Gigantes](#)
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Subject: Submission to hearing concerning updated PDP for Cameco operations at Port Hope

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Submission by Evelyn Gigantes to the Hearing in Writing by the CNSC of December 2023 concerning a new PDP for the waste materials sited at the Cameco Corporation operation holdings at Port Hope, Ontario.

As the current Cameco Corporation Holdings at Port Hope, Ontario require a Preliminary Decommissioning Plan update every 5 years, the CNSC is preparing to examine the next phase of the current 2017 PDP. We are told the new Cameco estimate of the increase in cost for the projected PDP “is an increase of \$9.6 million from the PDP and financial guarantee approved during the 2017 license renewal”. Thus we learn the estimate approved for the 2017 PDP apparently totaled roughly \$128.6 million.

We are also told that the current Cameco estimate must cover Documentation including

- . Impact Assessment, monitoring and reporting
- . Radiological Assessment, monitoring and reporting
- . Conventional health safety, monitoring and reporting associated with the decommissioning project
- . Decontamination and segregation of chemicals, materials and equipment,
- . Final disposition of chemicals, material and equipment

Site restoration?

We are also told that there will not be a need to provide for ongoing monitoring and maintenance of any institutional controls as all structures and contaminated material will probably be removed from the Port Hope Conversion Facility as part of the decommissioning process, and probably be

transferred to a single engineered containment facility at Blind River, where it would probably be consolidated with other Cameco wastes at a low-level radioactive waste management site.

Budget?

We are also informed that Cameco has asked for, and received a positive decision from the CNSC that Cameco's request for the confidentiality of "a financial, commercial, scientific, technical, personal or other nature "of information given by Cameco to the Commission or a designated officer - Rule 12 of the CNSC's Rules of Procedure –has been granted in the case of this hearing. It seems this time the rule has been successfully invoked in order to keep remove financial information that Cameco does not wish to have publically disclosed, though the exact nature of the redacted information is remains unclear.

The whole question of whether Cameco should have the current application for a renewal of the Cameco Revised preliminary decommissioning plan and financial guarantee of Cameco Corporations' Port Hope Conversion Facility approved seems as much a test of the adequacy of CNSC oversight as a decision on whether the Cameco plan and guarantee are satisfactory.

As an interested member of the public I have not been able to discover key information which I believe should be provided to interested members of the public about the specific application by Cameco on this re-licensing. I hold both Cameco and the CNSC responsible for that fact.