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**Canadian Nuclear Laboratories**

Mid-Term Update of Licensed  
Activities for the Chalk River  
Laboratories Site and Regulatory  
Oversight Report for Canadian Nuclear  
Laboratories Sites: 2022

**Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens**

Rapport de mi-parcours au sujet des  
activités autorisées sur le site des  
Laboratoires de Chalk River et Rapport de  
surveillance réglementaire des sites des  
Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens : 2022

Commission Meeting

Réunion de la Commission

**November 1-2, 2023**

**1-2 novembre 2023**



2023 October 2

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Denis Saumure  
 CNSC Commission Registrar  
 Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)  
 280 Slater Street  
 Ottawa, ON K1A 5S9

**Re: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Proceedings regarding Canadian Nuclear Laboratories in November 2023**

Dear CNSC Commission Registrar,

I am reaching out on behalf of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) to inform you that AECL will avail itself to participate in the upcoming November 2023 proceedings of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) regarding both the annual Regulatory Oversight Report (ROR) for Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) in 2022 as well as the mid-term assessment under the Chalk River Laboratories site licence.

It is our understanding that CNSC staff will provide an overview of the CNSC's regulatory efforts related to licensed CNL sites, including: Chalk River Laboratories; Douglas Point Waste Facility; Gentilly-1 Waste Facility; Nuclear Power Demonstration Waste Facility; the Port Hope Area Initiative, consisting of the Port Hope and Port Granby projects; Whiteshell Laboratories; and waste nuclear substance licences for unspecified locations. CNL will also provide an overview of its performance at the Chalk River Laboratories site since 2018, as a mid-term update.

As owner of the sites, AECL has valuable perspectives to bring to the attention of the Commission and wishes to participate by way of this written submission and to participate in the questioning/discussion period at the upcoming Commission Meetings in November, if it is determined by the Commission that AECL can bring value to the proceedings.

AECL is a federal Crown corporation with a mandate to enable nuclear science and technology and to protect the environment by fulfilling the Government of Canada's radioactive waste and decommissioning responsibilities. AECL owns the sites and all assets and liabilities carried out under this mandate. Our sites are operated under a Government-owned Contractor-operated (GoCo) model, whereby our contractor, CNL, operates our sites, holds any necessary licences and is the licensee under the Nuclear Safety and Control Act. AECL provides all the necessary funding to CNL in order to carry out these activities for the Government of Canada.

An important aspect of the upcoming public hearing process will be Indigenous engagement. AECL is committed to engaging with Indigenous nations and communities in an open and collaborative way to work towards mutual understanding and opportunities for mutual benefit, and to enable healing and reconciliation. We are committed to establishing lasting relationships with Indigenous peoples aligned with the principles of

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the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and are working closely with Indigenous communities in their territory where AECL sites are located, including the Chalk River site.

Should the Commission agree to the inclusion of AECL in aspects of the Commission Meeting in November 2023, please do not hesitate to have your staff reach out to me directly on the next steps and modalities.

Thank you for the due consideration of this request.

Yours truly,



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