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Best Theratronics Ltd

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Information on CNSC Response to
Member of Parliament's Concerns
Regarding Best Theratronics Ltd

Information sur la réponse de la
CCSN aux préoccupations d'une
députée concernant Best
Theratronics Ltd

Commission Meeting

Réunion de la Commission

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Subject / Objet: CNSC Response to Member of Parliament’s Concerns Regarding Best Theratronics Ltd.

Background

Best Theratronics Ltd. (BTL) holds several CNSC licences, including a Class 1b Nuclear Substance Processing Licence and is located in Kanata, Ontario.

Since May 1, 2024, unionized employees at BTL have been on strike. As per CNSC’s regulatory requirements, BTL informed the CNSC of the strike when it began and has been providing updates on a regular basis. CNSC has also conducted compliance related activities during this time (e.g., inspections).

Issue

On August 20, 2024, Ms. Jenna Sudds, the federal member of Parliament who represents Kanata-Carleton, wrote Mr. Pierre Tremblay, President of the CNSC [1] where she raised concerns that:

1. The facility was not being operated safely.
2. Nuclear material was being transported unsafely.
3. The basement where nuclear material is stored could be flooded due to heavy rains and spread radiological contamination.

CNSC Actions and Conclusions

A multi-disciplinary team of CNSC inspectors undertook an unannounced site visit to BTL on August 22, 2024 to look into the allegations.

The following key conclusions/observations were drawn:

1. There was no evidence of manufacturing activities occurring and no evidence of unsafe operations.

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2. The nuclear materials on site are stored safely and securely.
3. Shipments of radioactive materials were carried out by qualified BTL staff in compliance with CNSC regulations.
4. On the allegation of flooding in the basement of the facility, there was no evidence of flooding in the basement or elsewhere in the facility, and no evidence of contamination by any radioactive material was found.
5. Overall, CNSC staff did not identify any concerns with BTL related to CNSC's regulatory oversight.

The outcomes of this visit were communicated to Ms. Sudds and her office, including a commitment to update the Commission.

CNSC staff will continue to conduct the required compliance activities to ensure that BTL continues to provide for the protection of the workers, environment, and people.

List of References:

- [1] Letter – Ms. Jenna Sudds, MP, Kanata-Carleton, to Mr. Pierre Tremblay, President, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, August 20, 2024. e-Doc 7346595.
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