



Notice of Hearing in Writing

April 4, 2025

Ref. 2025-H-104

CNSC to conduct a hearing in writing to review Cameco Corporation's updated financial guarantees for the Cigar Lake Operation and the McArthur River Operation, and to consider a licence amendment for the Cigar Lake Operation

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a public hearing based on written submissions in spring 2025. The hearing is to review the updated financial guarantees of Cameco Corporation (Cameco) for its Cigar Lake Operation and McArthur River Operation. The Commission will also consider Cameco's application to amend its licence for the Cigar Lake Operation to incorporate a new site map. The Cigar Lake Operation and the McArthur River Operation are both located in northern Saskatchewan, on Treaty 10 territory (1906), the Homeland of the Métis, and are within the traditional territories of the Denesūliné, Cree, and Métis.

According to its licences for the Cigar Lake Operation and the McArthur River Operation, Cameco is required to maintain financial guarantees for decommissioning that are acceptable to the Commission. The current financial guarantee for the Cigar Lake Operation was accepted by the Commission in [June 2022](#). The current financial guarantee for the McArthur River Operation was accepted by the Commission in [June 2019](#).

CNSC [REGDOC-3.3.1, Financial Guarantees for Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities and Termination of Licensed Activities](#), requires licensees to periodically review and revise their financial guarantees. Cameco submitted updated preliminary decommissioning plans and preliminary decommissioning cost estimates for both the Cigar Lake Operation and the McArthur River Operation to the CNSC in 2022. The Commission will decide whether to accept Cameco's updated financial guarantees.

Cameco has also applied for an amendment to its licence for the Cigar Lake Operation. The proposed amendment would incorporate a new site map reflecting an update to the extent of Cameco's surface lease for the Cigar Lake Operation.

Hearing submissions

The Commission will consider written submissions from Cameco and CNSC staff, as well as written interventions. The Commission will then deliberate and render a decision on this matter, after which a record of decision will be published on the [CNSC website](#) and made available on request to the Commission Registry. A decision from the Commission is anticipated in spring 2025.

[Cameco's application documents](#) are available on the CNSC website at cnsccsn.gc.ca or on request to the Commission Registry. The hearing submissions from Cameco and CNSC staff will be available on the CNSC website or on request to the Commission Registry, after **April 4, 2025**.

Interventions

Pursuant to Rule 19 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#), persons who have an interest or expertise in this matter or information that may be useful to the Commission in coming to a decision are invited to comment, in writing, on Cameco's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Registry by **June 3, 2025**, using the [online request form](#), by emailing the Registry at interventions@cnsccsn.gc.ca, or using the contact information below. **The request to intervene must include the following information:**

- a written submission of the comments to be presented to the Commission
- the requester's name, address, telephone number and email address

All submissions will be available for download on the CNSC website at cnsccsn.gc.ca or upon request to the Commission Registry. Personal information, such as address and telephone number, is essential for linking the submission to its author. If you wish to ensure the confidentiality of your personal information, please submit it on a separate page.

Obligation for providing documentary material for the record

Under rule 15 of the Rules, any documentary evidence, written submission or other material filed with the Commission shall be open to the participants and the public (subject to any confidentiality measures taken by the Commission, as described below).

In order to provide a clear record of the information that is before the Commission, all participants should submit to the Commission Registry, along with their substantive submissions, any reference materials used to support their position. Reference materials must be directly appended to the submission or filed under separate cover, as appropriate, to be considered on the record. Items cited in and/or hyperlinked from the body of the main submissions but not filed will not be considered as part of the record and will not be taken into account in the Commission's deliberations.

Confidentiality

Under rule 12 of the Rules, the Commission can decide to take measures to protect confidential information. Persons considering filing information that may be confidential are asked to contact the Commission Registry in advance of the submission deadline for information on how to request that the Commission decide whether to take measures to protect that information and what those measures should be.

For further information on the public Commission hearing process, or on the licensee or the facilities being considered in this matter, or to request documents, contact:

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