



MEMORANDUM NOTE DE SERVICE

To  
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Commission Registrar, CNSC

From  
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Subject  
Objet **CNSC Staff's Review of McMaster University June 17, 2025, Request for Confidentiality of Material Submitted in Relation to CANS Exemption to NSRD Regulations Licence Limits**

## PURPOSE/OBJECTIF

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide CNSC staff's comments and recommendations to the Commission regarding the matter of McMaster University (McMaster). McMaster request to protect from public disclosure the documents submitted in the request for confidentiality:

 [Request for Confidentiality form - McMaster CANS Exemption Request.pdf](#)

 [ATTACHMENT 1 - Request for CANS Exemption to NSRD Regulation License Limits \[REDACTED\].pdf](#)

The CNSC registry subsequently requested that CNSC staff provide its advice to the Commission on the matter.

## DISCUSSION

CNSC staff reviewed McMaster's request and the redacted portion of their CMD. The redacted data is related to production volumes and scheduling; competitors would have interest in this information. Due to the sensitivity of the data, this type of information is protected when we receive it regardless of the licensee. Licensees often refer to the information as "Commercial Confidential" when shared with us.

## **RECOMMENDATION/RECOMMANDATION**

The redaction provided by McMaster is reasonable as it is focused on the production information. Other matters of interest remain available for review.

CNSC staff recommend the Commission accept the proposed confidentiality request from McMaster.

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