



Notice of Hearing in Writing

August 11, 2025

Ref. 2025-H-113

CNSC to conduct a hearing in writing on McMaster University's application for an exemption from a licensing requirement

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a public hearing based on written submissions in August 2025. The hearing is to consider an application from McMaster University for an exemption from the annual total activity possession limit of its nuclear substances and radiation devices (NSRD) licence No. 01495-19-26.3. McMaster University is located in Hamilton, Ontario, and on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabe peoples. This territory is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase and the "Dish With One Spoon" wampum agreement.

McMaster currently supports the lutetium-177 (Lu-177) global supply chain by repackaging the radioisotope at its Centre for Advanced Nuclear Systems (CANS). To facilitate an increased demand for its services, McMaster has indicated that it intends to apply for a Class IB licence for its CANS facility. Such an application would be subject to a separate public hearing. In the meantime, McMaster is requesting an exemption from the annual total activity possession limit defined in its NSRD licence. This exemption would allow McMaster to repackage Lu-177 at quantities above those set out for NSRD licensees, according to section 1 of the [Class I Nuclear Facilities Regulations](#), while it progresses its application for a Class IB licence.

Pursuant to rule 3 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#) (the Rules), the Commission has decided to vary the Rules in order to ensure that this hearing is dealt with as informally and expeditiously as the circumstances and the considerations of fairness permit. The Commission will consider written submissions from McMaster and from CNSC staff. A panel of the Commission will then deliberate and render a decision on McMaster's application. A decision from the Commission is anticipated in **Fall 2025**. A record of decision will be published on the [CNSC website](#) and made available on request to the Commission Registry.

McMaster's application is available on the [CNSC website](#) or on request to the Commission Registry. CNSC staff's recommendations to be considered at the hearing will be available on the CNSC website or on request to the Commission Registry after **August 11, 2025**.

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

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