



CMD 25-H113-Q

Date: 2025-08-28

**Commission Request for
Information Regarding a Hearing in
Writing (CMD-Q)**

**Demande d'information de la Commission
– Audience par écrit (CMD-Q)**

In the matter of

À l'égard de

McMaster University

Université McMaster

Request for exemption to increase the total
activity limits of Nuclear Substances and
Radiation Devices Licence No. 01495-19-26
issued to McMaster University

Demande d'exemption visant à augmenter les
limites d'activité totales du permis de substances
nucléaires et d'appareils à rayonnement no
01495-19-26 délivré à l'Université McMaster

Public Hearing in Writing

Audience publique par écrit

August 2025

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INTRODUCTION

The Commission is conducting a Hearing in Writing¹ to consider an application from McMaster University for a temporary exemption from the [Class I Nuclear Facilities Regulations](#) (CINFR) to increase the total activity limits of nuclear substances and radiation devices licence No. 01495-19-26. In its consideration of this matter, the Commission has reviewed the written submissions provided by McMaster University in its [application](#) and by CNSC staff in [CMD 25-H113](#).

The Commission requires additional information from CNSC staff with respect to the questions set out below.

QUESTIONS

Table 1: CMD 25-H113-Q Questions for CNSC staff

#	Questions for CNSC staff
1.	<p>With respect to the proposed exemption, describe how the CNSC's regulatory requirements differ between the current nuclear substances and radiation devices (NSRD) licence and a licence to operate a Class IB facility. Given those differences, explain how the proposed exemption would not pose an unreasonable risk to the environment or the health and safety of persons.</p> <p>What additional regulatory oversight measures would CNSC staff apply to the exempted activity to account for the potential change in risk associated with that activity?</p>
2.	<p>CNSC staff recommend that the temporary exemption expire at the same time as McMaster's current NSRD licence: on December 31, 2026. On the other hand, McMaster has asked for the temporary exemption to extend to December 31, 2029. The shorter duration could result in McMaster needing to make a second exemption request (depending on when its application for a Class IB licence is made and decided).</p> <p>Provide additional rationale and regulatory considerations for CNSC staff's recommendation on the duration of the exemption.</p>

¹ [Notice of Hearing in Writing](#), 2025 H-113, August 11, 2025.



REQUEST

Responses are to be made by way of a supplemental CMD, using the [CMD-Q staff response template](#), on or before **September 5, 2025**. Respondents should inform the Registry of any concerns about this deadline within three working days of receiving this CMD-Q.

Signed on behalf of the Commission:

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A/Commission Registrar