



Oral presentation

Exposé oral

**Written submission from the
Saskatchewan Mining Association**

**Mémoire de la Saskatchewan
Mining Association**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

Cameco Corporation, Beaverlodge Project

**Cameco Corporation, le projet de
Beaverlodge**

Application for the Licence Revocation and
Transfer of Properties to Saskatchewan
Institutional Control Program

Demande de révocation de permis et de
transfert de propriétés au programme de
contrôle institutionnel de la Saskatchewan

Commission Public Hearing

Audience publique de la Commission

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Re: SMA Oral Intervention – Cameco Corporation’s Application for Revocation of the Decommissioned Beaverlodge Properties Licence, WFOL-WS-2120.0/2025

The Saskatchewan Mining Association (SMA) is the voice of the mining industry in Saskatchewan and has the role of liaison and consultant with government and the public to advance a safe, sustainable and globally competitive exploration and mining industry in Saskatchewan that benefits all residents of the province. The SMA represents over 45 mining and exploration companies. Environmental protection and stewardship are important to SMA members as demonstrated by their commitment to environmental planning, monitoring, compliance and reclamation. Our members are also among the largest industrial employers of Indigenous people in Canada. Mining is essential in ensuring that Canadians and our trading partners have access to the critical minerals they need to support clean technology growth, agricultural production and non-emitting nuclear power.

The SMA is providing this intervention and request for an oral presentation in support of Cameco’s request to have the licence for the final 27 Beaverlodge properties revoked. Cameco has been, and continues to be, a responsible manager of the decommissioned Beaverlodge properties and they have managed these properties such that they now meet the accepted performance objectives of being safe, secure, stable/improving and pose minimal risk to public safety or the local environment. While managing the Beaverlodge properties, Cameco followed the Beaverlodge Management Framework and Path Forward Plan, that were approved by the Commission.

Cameco has a robust, approved Public Information Program and has effectively engaged with Indigenous groups and other stakeholders with an interest in the decommissioned Beaverlodge properties. Community based monitoring programs conducted in the Uranium City area, and elsewhere in the Athabasca Basin, continue to demonstrate that the country foods and water that are consumed by community members are safe and part of a healthy diet.

Forty-three properties have been released from Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) licensing to date and have either entered the management and control of the provincial Institutional Control Program (ICP) as overseen by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources, or been free-released. As the properties have met the regulatory objectives noted above, and there is a world-class program to ensure the long-term monitoring and management of the properties, we are fully supportive of the final 27 Beaverlodge properties going into the ICP once the CNSC licence is no longer in place and the province has accepted the properties into the ICP as was done for the forty-three properties have been released from licensing to date.

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources have issued letters of intent to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and Cameco stating Cameco has fulfilled the requirements and obligations described in the approved Path Forward for the 27 properties and we understand that the properties will be accepted to the ICP once they are released from CNSC licensing.

Should you have any questions regarding this intervention supporting Cameco’s request for CNSC licence revocation for the final 27 Beaverlodge properties, please feel free to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



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