



**Written submission from the  
Northern Saskatchewan  
Environmental Quality  
Committee**

**Mémoire du  
Northern Saskatchewan  
Environmental Quality  
Committee**

**Regulatory Oversight Report for  
Uranium Mines, Mills, Historic and  
Decommissioned Sites in Canada: 2023**

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**Rapport de surveillance réglementaire  
des mines et usines de concentration  
d'uranium et des sites historiques et  
déclassés au Canada : 2023**

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Commission Meeting

Réunion de la Commission

January 29, 2025

29 janvier 2025

December 6, 2024

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
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Re: Intervention letter on Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines and Mills in Canada: 2023

Senior Tribunal Officer:

On behalf of the Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee (NSEQC), I am pleased to provide a letter regarding Cameco Corporation (Cameco) and Orano Canada (Orano) performance in the 2023 Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines and Mills in Canada.

The NSEQC is a Saskatchewan provincial government advisory committee representing 22 municipalities and First Nations communities. These communities and their representatives have given northerners an effective voice on the uranium industry for more than 29 years. The representatives come from municipalities and First Nations alike, and these individuals include people of First Nations (Dene and Cree), Métis and non-Indigenous heritage.

The NSEQC cultivates and reinforces positive relationships among northern communities, northern resource developers and federal and provincial government regulators. It builds trust and confidence in decisions related to developments in the resource sector, particularly uranium. Northern representatives learn about resource developments and how government oversight operates; in return, the representatives provide early, informed feedback to industry and government.

Our committee's activities are known to many stakeholders through regular correspondence, direct reports to communities and our published annual report.

Over the years we have been well informed about Cameco and Orano's operations and decommissioned properties, including time spent touring the sites. With a Ministerial Order making new appointments in late 2023, Cameco and Orano presented to the committee at general meetings on November 14, 2023, and in 2024 on February 27, June 4 and December 4. In addition, Cameco and Orano have a long history of effectively engaging with northern Saskatchewan communities through the committee, with measures in place that facilitate employment as well as community and business development.

The NSEQC has been kept up to date about the operations and see Cameco and Orano as experienced and qualified operators. In closing, I am pleased to provide you with this letter of

support for the 2023 Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines and Mills on behalf of the NSEQC.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the NSEQC co-chairs,

Jamie Chester  
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