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**Written submission from the  
Canadian Nuclear Association**

**Mémoire de l'Association  
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**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 10, 2024

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Subject: Canadian Nuclear Association written intervention regarding Commission Meeting on the Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines, Mills, Historic and Decommissioned Sites in Canada: 2023

The Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA) is pleased to provide this intervention in respect to the Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines, Mills, Historic and Decommissioned Sites in Canada: 2023. With over 100 members, representing more than 89,000 Canadians employed directly or indirectly in uranium exploration and mining, clean electricity generation, advancing nuclear medicine, and promoting Canada's leadership in science and technology innovation.

In 2023, our members continued to prioritize the continued safe operation of uranium mining and milling facilities and decommissioned sites. This has been achieved through rigorous safety protocols, environmental monitoring, and ongoing engagement with local communities. Specifically, for all 5 operating uranium mine and mill facilities, CNSC staff concluded the licensees' environmental protection programs were effectively implemented and are protective of the environment and people. Further, in terms of radiation protection, worker doses were kept well below the CNSC regulatory dose limits. CNSC's report confirms that workers at each facility were safe and were properly protected from radiation hazards and from conventional health and safety hazards, there were no releases to air or to water that could harm the environment or the health and safety of people. The water surrounding the mines and mills remains safe for consumption. Further, CNSC staff confirms traditional foods were safe through the IEMP, but this was also supported through the other two large community-based monitoring programs in the region (CBEMP and EARMP).

In addition to an excellent safety track record, our members are committed to strong engagement practices and public information and disclosure programs that go beyond CNSC's regulatory requirements. Long-standing relationships and ongoing engagement with northern communities and Indigenous nations has been an essential priority for our members.



In summary, CNA would like to express our support the continued safe operation of these sites by our members as supported by CNSC's staff Regulatory Oversight Report. Thank you to CNSC and its staff for their oversight activities and as well to all interested parties involved providing feedback in good faith for the purpose of the Commission meetings of January 29, 2025.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by)

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