



Notice of Hearing in Writing and Participant Funding

May 12, 2025

Ref. 2026-H-100

CNSC to conduct a hearing in writing on Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' application to amend the licence and licensing basis for the Gentilly-1 Waste Facility

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a public hearing based on written submissions in July 2026. The hearing is to consider an application from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) to amend its waste facility decommissioning licence (WFDL) for the Gentilly-1 Waste Facility. The amendment being sought would authorize CNL to proceed with activities related to the decommissioning of all buildings and structures at the facility. The Gentilly-1 Waste Facility is located in the municipality of Bécancour, Quebec, and on the traditional and unceded territory of the Abenaki people and the Wabanaki Confederacy and the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat.

Purpose and scope of hearing

CNL's WFDL for the Gentilly-1 Waste Facility was issued in [February 2019](#) and is valid until December 31, 2034. With this amendment, CNL is planning to enter active decommissioning at the Gentilly-1 Waste Facility, during which time all remaining facilities at the site will be dismantled and demolished to achieve a brownfield end state for industrial reuse consistent with the end state of the broader Gentilly site. These proposed activities are also subject to a federal lands assessment in accordance with the [Impact Assessment Act](#). The CNSC will be acting as an authority for this assessment. As a prerequisite to the licensing decision, the Commission must make a decision as to whether the proposed activities are likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

For this hearing in writing, the Commission will consider written submissions from CNL and from CNSC staff, as well as written interventions. The Commission will then deliberate and render a decision on CNL's application. Following the deliberations and decision of the Commission on this matter, a record of decision will be published on the CNSC website at nuclearsafety.gc.ca and made available on request to the Commission Registry. A decision from the Commission is anticipated in summer 2026.

[CNL's application](#) is available on the [CNSC website](#). Relevant documents, including CNL's submission and 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 **April 17, 2026**.

Participant funding

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC is making up to **\$75,000** in funding available through its [Participant Funding Program](#). The purpose of the funding is to assist Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public and interested parties in reviewing CNL's application and associated documents, and in participating in the Commission hearing process by providing topic-specific interventions to the Commission. Participant funding applications must clearly demonstrate how the proposed submission will provide the Commission with information directly relating to CNL's application. Please note that the \$75,000 will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form to the CNSC is **July 11, 2025**.

Interventions

Pursuant to rule 19 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#), persons who have an interest or expertise in this matter or information that may be useful to the Commission in coming to a decision are invited to comment, in writing, on CNL's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Registry by **June 17, 2026**, using the [online request form](#), emailing the Registry at interventions@cnscccsn.gc.ca, or using the contact information below. **The request to intervene must include the following information:**

- a written submission of the comments to be presented to the Commission
- the requester's name, address, telephone number and email address

All submissions will be available for download on the CNSC website or upon request to the Commission Registry. Personal information, such as address and telephone number, is essential for linking the submission to its author. If you wish to ensure the confidentiality of your personal information, please submit it on a separate page.

For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:

Administrator, Participant Funding Program
Tel.: 613-415-2814 or 1-800-668-5284
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Web: [Participant Funding Program](#)

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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