



Notice of Hearing in Writing and Participant Funding

July 28, 2025

Ref. 2026-H-101

CNSC to conduct a hearing in writing on Hydro-Québec's application to renew its power reactor decommissioning licence for the Gentilly-2 Facilities for a period of 20 years

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a public hearing based on written submissions in spring 2026. The hearing in writing is to consider Hydro-Québec's application to renew its power reactor decommissioning licence for the [Gentilly-2 Facilities](#) for a period of 20 years. The Gentilly-2 Facilities include a defueled CANDU reactor in a dry, safe storage state, and nuclear waste management facilities. The Commission will also consider Hydro-Québec's proposed financial guarantee for decommissioning. The Gentilly-2 Facilities are located in Bécancour, Quebec, on the traditional and unceded territory of the Abenaki people and the W8banaki confederacy and the traditional land of the Wendat.

Hydro-Québec's current power reactor decommissioning licence for the Gentilly-2 Facilities was issued in [June 2016](#). This licence, which authorizes both the decommissioning of the Gentilly-2 nuclear reactor and the operation of the Gentilly-2 nuclear waste management facilities, expires on June 30, 2026. Hydro-Québec has applied to renew its licence to continue decommissioning activities and maintain the operation of the nuclear waste management facilities at Gentilly-2.

Hearing submissions

The Commission will consider written submissions from Hydro-Québec and CNSC staff, as well as written interventions. The Commission will then deliberate and render a decision on this matter, after which a record of decision will be published on the [CNSC website](#) and made available on request to the Commission Registry. A decision from the Commission is anticipated in spring 2026.

[Hydro-Québec's application](#) (in French only) is available on the [CNSC website](#) or on request to the Commission Registry. The hearing submissions from Hydro-Québec and CNSC staff will be available on the CNSC website, or on request to the Commission Registry, after **December 18, 2025**.

Participant funding

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC is making available up to **\$75,000** in funding 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 CNSC staff's and Hydro-Québec's submissions to the Commission, and in participating in the hearing process by providing topic-specific written interventions to the Commission. Participant funding applications must clearly demonstrate how the proposed submission will provide the Commission with information directly related to Hydro-Québec's application to renew its power reactor decommissioning licence. Please note that the \$75,000 will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form is **September 22, 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 Hydro-Québec's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Registry by **February 16, 2026**, by using the [online request form](#), emailing the Registry at interventions@cnsccsn.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 at cnsccsn.gc.ca 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.

Obligation for providing documentary material for the record

Under rule 15 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#), any documentary evidence, written submission or other material filed with the Commission shall be open to the participants and the public (subject to any confidentiality measures taken by the Commission, as described below).

In order to provide a clear record of the information that is before the Commission, all participants should submit to the Commission Registry, along with their substantive submissions, any reference materials used to support their position. Reference materials must be directly appended to the submission or filed under separate cover, as appropriate, to be considered on the record. Items cited in and/or hyperlinked from the body of the main submission but not filed will not be considered as part of the record and will not be taken into account in the Commission's deliberations.

Confidentiality

Under rule 12 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#), the Commission can decide to take measures to protect confidential information. Persons considering filing information that may be confidential are asked to contact the Commission Registry in advance of the submission deadline for information on how to request that the Commission decide on whether to take measures to protect that information and what those measures should be.

For further information on the public Commission hearing process, or on the licensee or the facilities being considered in this matter, or to request documents, contact:

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