

Notice of Hearing in Writing and Participant Funding

August 5, 2025 Ref. 2026-H-102

CNSC to conduct hearing in writing on Saskatchewan Research Council's application to renew licence for the Gunnar Mine Remediation Project

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a public hearing based on written submissions in March 2026. The hearing in writing is to consider an application from the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) to renew its nuclear substances and radiation devices licence for the <u>Gunnar Mine Remediation Project</u>, located at the Gunnar legacy uranium mine site. The site is located in northern Saskatchewan, on Treaty 8 territory (1899) and the Homeland of the Métis, and is within the traditional territories of the Denesyliné, Cree and Métis.

The current licence, which expires on May 31, 2026, authorizes SRC to conduct ongoing remediation work at the site. The project is divided into 3 phases and SRC is currently carrying out Phase 2. To complete Phase 2 activities, SRC has requested a 5-year renewal of its licence. During this 5-year period, SRC intends to finalize both remediation documentation and long-term post-remediation monitoring plans, and to update site-specific management plans. Authorization to proceed to Phase 3 is not within the scope of the current application and would be subject to a separate licence application.

Hearing submissions

The Commission will consider written submissions from SRC, CNSC staff and intervenors. 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.**

SRC's application and CNSC staff's recommendations will be available on the CNSC website at cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca or on request to the Commission Registry. CNSC staff's recommendations will be available after **December 15, 2025**.



Participant funding

In advance of the hearing in writing, the CNSC is making available up to \$50,000 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 SRC's application and associated documents, and in participating in the Commission 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 SRC's application. Please note that the \$50,000 will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form to the CNSC is **September 26, 2025.**

Interventions

Pursuant to rule 19 of the <u>Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure</u> (the Rules), 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 on SRC's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Registry by **February 16, 2026**, using the <u>online request form</u>, by emailing the Registry at <u>interventions@cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca</u>, 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, including an appendix with all documents mentioned as references in the written submission
- the requester's name, address, telephone number and email address

All submissions will be available for download on the CNSC website at cnsc-ccsn.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 Rules, 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 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,

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to be considered on the record. Items cited in and/or hyperlinked from the body of the main submissions 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 Rules, the Commission can decide to take measures to protect confidential information. Persons considering filing information that may be confidential should contact the Commission Registry, before their submission deadline, for information on how to request that the Commission decide whether to take measures to protect that information and what those measures should be.

For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:

Participant Funding Program Administrator, CNSC

Tel.: 613-415-2814 or 1-800-668-5284

Email: pfp@cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca
Web: Participant Funding Program

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:

Tribunal Officer, Commission Registry Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission 280 Slater St PO Box 1046 Stn B Ottawa ON K1P 5S9

Tel.: 343-576-7629 Fax: 613-995-5086

Email: interventions@cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca

Web: Participate in a public Commission hearing

For inquiries to the licensee, contact:

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