



CMD 26-H105.7

Date: 2026-08-31

**Written Submission from the
Kineepik Métis Local**

**Mémoire du
Kineepik Métis Local**

In the matter of

À l'égard d'

Orano Canada Inc.

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Application to renew the McClean Lake
Operating Licence for 2-year term

Demande pour le renouvellement du permis
d'exploitation de McClean Lake pour une
période de deux ans

**Hearing in writing based on written
submissions**

**Audience par écrit fondée sur des
mémoires**

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
280 Slater Street
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Re: Support for Orano's 2-Year license Renewal for McClean Lake Mine & Request to Participate: Written Submission – Orano Canada Inc. (CMD 26-H105.1)

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Kineepik Métis Local Inc (KML), I am writing to reaffirm our continued support for Orano Canada Inc. and its application for a 2-year license renewal for the McClean Lake Mine. We wish to intervene by way of a written submission for *CMD 25-H9*.

KML has an existing Contribution Agreement (CA) with Orano (and Cameco). This is a historical document, and we are pleased to report that discussions are underway to modernize the commitments that are included within. From our past engagements Orano has demonstrated a respectful approach to engagement with KML and the Northern Village of Pinehouse. We hope to grow this engagement into more frequent collaboration that will build trust and identify new opportunities.

KML has started important conversations with Orano about the impact of the SABRE technology on employment opportunities and the long term benefits that can arise from the mine. The concerns that have been identified in these discussions focus on a loss of entry-level positions that results from this type of mining as well as a shortened life of mine due to the speed of mining with this technology. Support for mining from KML has always aligned with the creation of opportunities and meaningful employment for community members. At this time, there is not a clear understanding of the impact of the SABRE mining technology on both the number and the duration of employment opportunities.

Orano has been a behind the scenes partner for Kineepik, providing financial support as per the CA but not playing a visible role in community events. We hope to grow this into a more hands-on role with Orano becoming a frequent and visible partner at community events such as the Elder's Gathering, KM-67 and Polar Bear Plunge.



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As with our other industry partners, KML is pursuing discussions regarding improvements to the road to Pinehouse. This secondary highway not only leads to our community but is currently used by three mining companies. The volume and weight of traffic have made travel unsafe at times, and we believe collaborative discussions are needed to address these concerns and improve safety for all users.

Additionally, we see opportunities to partner with industry around the construction of our new school, a major investment in the future of Pinehouse. We also look forward to conversations with Orano regarding support for the secondary and post secondary training components to be included in this capital project to ensure that the training being offered aligns with the needs of industry in our region, including in Environmental Monitoring. This project represents a new type of mining for our community, and we recognize the importance of building our capacity to effectively monitor environmental impacts from the outset. We view these conversations as part of an ongoing partnership model—one that extends beyond licensing cycles. Historically, we have seen strong engagement from industry prior to licensing, followed by extended periods of minimal involvement until the next regulatory requirement. We hope to shift this pattern toward sustained, proactive collaboration.

We look forward to building our working relationship with Orano over the next two years targeting open conversation and information sharing that will build confidence and trust among community members with this new approach to mining and the opportunities that it will create for our community. We know that ongoing work in our region can create a foundation for long-term opportunity and prosperity for Métis people and northern communities alike.

We appreciate the CNSC's rigour and the opportunity to intervene regarding this license extension application.

Sincerely,

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