



Notice of Hearing in Writing and Participant Funding

October 20, 2025

Ref. 2026-H-105

CNSC to conduct a hearing in writing on Orano Canada Inc.'s application to renew the uranium mine and mill licence for the McClean Lake Operation

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a public hearing based on written submissions in September 2026. The hearing in writing is to consider an [application](#) from Orano Canada Inc. (Orano) to renew its uranium mine and mill licence for the [McClean Lake Operation](#). The McClean Lake Operation is located within the eastern part of the Athabasca Basin region in northern Saskatchewan, approximately 750 kilometres north of Saskatoon, on Treaty 10 territory (1906) and the Homeland of the Métis, and within the traditional territories of the Denesuliné, Cree and Métis.

The current licence authorizes Orano to continue its activities at the McClean Lake Operation until the licence expiry date of June 30, 2027. Orano is applying for a 2-year licence renewal, with **no changes to the licensing basis or licensed activities**. The requested 2-year licensing period would give Orano time to develop a detailed application for a future proposal. The future application would be subject to a separate CNSC public hearing.

Hearing submissions

The Commission will consider written submissions from Orano, 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 **September 2026**.

Orano's [application](#) and CNSC staff's recommendations will be available on the CNSC website at cnscccsn.gc.ca or on request to the Commission Registry. CNSC staff's recommendations will be available after **June 30, 2026**.

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 Orano'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 Orano's application. Please note that the funding will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form to the CNSC is **December 19, 2025**.

Interventions

Pursuant to rule 19 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#) (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 Orano's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Registry by **August 31, 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, 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 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 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).

Submissions must follow the guidance in the [Directive on Submitting Documentary Evidence for the Record](#).

Confidentiality

Under rule 12, the Commission may take steps to protect confidential information. Persons intending to submit information that could be confidential must follow the guidance in the [Directive on Requesting Confidentiality](#).

For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:

Participant Funding Program Administrator, CNSC

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

Email: pfpc@nsc-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@nsc-ccsn.gc.ca

Web: [Participate in a public Commission hearing](#)

For inquiries to the licensee, contact:

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