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Revised Notice of Hearing in Writing

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CNSC to conduct a hearing in writing on Rio Algom Limited's application to amend the Elliot Lake waste facility operating licence

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a public hearing based on written submissions in fall 2026. The hearing in writing is to consider an application from Rio Algom Limited (RAL) to amend the Elliot Lake waste facility operating licence. The Elliot Lake historical sites are in northeastern Ontario, halfway between Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie, approximately 25 km north of the Trans-Canada Highway. The sites are on the Robinson-Huron Treaty territory and the traditional territory of the Anishinabek, Métis and Odawa peoples. **This revised notice of hearing in writing is issued to amend the date for the filing of the submission from CNSC staff, which will now be available after September 10, 2026. The Commission will consider the matter in fall 2026.**

The current licence, issued in 2006, authorizes RAL to manage decommissioned uranium mine sites in the Elliot Lake area. The licence has an indefinite licence period. The purpose of RAL's application is to modernize the licence through a licence amendment. The modernization would update the licence format so that it is in line with the CNSC's current standard. RAL is also requesting that the licence period be amended to 20 years. The proposed licence amendment would not change the licensing basis or licensed activities.

Pursuant to rule 3 of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure (the Rules), the Commission has decided to vary the Rules in order to ensure that this hearing is dealt with as informally and expeditiously as the circumstances and the considerations of fairness permit. The Commission will consider written submissions from RAL and from CNSC staff. A panel of the Commission will then deliberate and render a decision on this matter. A decision from the Commission is anticipated in **fall 2026**. A record of decision will be published on the CNSC website and made available on request to the Commission Registry.

The submissions from RAL and from CNSC staff will be available after **September 10, 2026**, on the CNSC website or on request to the Commission Registry.

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