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# ***Notice of Public Hearing and Participant Funding***

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## **CNSC to conduct a public hearing on Cameco Corporation's application to renew the Class IB nuclear fuel facility operating licence for the Port Hope Conversion Facility for a period of 20 years**

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a public hearing to consider an application from Cameco Corporation (Cameco) to renew the Class IB nuclear fuel facility operating licence for the [Port Hope Conversion Facility](#) (PHCF) for a period of 20 years, until February 28, 2047. The PHCF is located in the Municipality of Port Hope, Ontario, in the traditional territory of the Wendat, Anishinabek Nation, and the territory covered by the Williams Treaties with the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations.

The PHCF converts uranium trioxide (UO<sub>3</sub>) into uranium dioxide (UO<sub>2</sub>) for CANDU fuel, and into uranium hexafluoride (UF<sub>6</sub>) for export to companies around the world for enrichment and fabrication into fuel for light-water nuclear reactors. Cameco's current licence to operate the PHCF expires on February 28, 2027. Cameco is not proposing any changes to the licensed activities or production rates authorized under the current licence.

### **Hearing details**

Date: **November 3 to 5, 2026**  
Place: **Port Hope, Ontario (venue to be determined) and virtually via Zoom**  
Time: As set by the agenda published prior to the hearing date

The public hearing will be webcast live and available on the [CNSC website](#). Additional details about the public hearing will be issued at a later date.

### **Purpose and scope of hearing**

The Commission will be considering whether to renew Cameco's licence pursuant to section 24 of the [Nuclear Safety and Control Act](#).

As an agent of the Crown, the Commission's responsibilities include the duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate Indigenous Nations and communities where the Crown contemplates conduct that may adversely impact their potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights. To assist the Commission in meeting its duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate, the Commission may rely on the following:

- consultation undertaken by CNSC staff, as well as the opportunities for Indigenous Nations and communities to make submissions directly to the Commission and to participate in the hearing process, as a key component of the consultation process
- engagement work done by Cameco, including with respect to avoidance, mitigation or other measures adopted or proposed by Cameco for potential accommodation purposes (see [REGDOC-3.2.2, Indigenous Engagement](#))

This does not mean that the consultation undertaken by CNSC staff stops or is replaced by Cameco's engagement. Rather, consultation by CNSC staff and engagement by Cameco continue concurrently.

### **Hearing submissions**

During the hearing, the Commission will consider oral and written submissions from Cameco and CNSC staff related to Cameco's application. The Commission will also consider oral and written interventions from Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public and other interested parties.

[Cameco's application](#) is available on the CNSC website. CNSC staff's recommendations to be considered at the hearing will be available on the [CNSC website](#), or on request to the Commission Registry, after **August 5, 2026**.

### **Participant funding**

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC is making available up to **\$150,000** 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 Cameco's submissions to the Commission, and in participating in the hearing process by providing topic-specific interventions to the Commission. Participant funding applications must clearly demonstrate how the proposed submission will provide the Commission with information directly related to Cameco's application. Please note that the \$150,000 will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form to the CNSC is **March 23, 2026**.

## 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 Cameco's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Registry by **October 5, 2026**, using the [online request form](#), by emailing the Registry at [interventions@cnscccsn.gc.ca](mailto:interventions@cnscccsn.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
- a statement setting out whether the requester wishes to intervene by way of written submission only, or by way of written submission and oral presentation
- the requester's name, address, telephone number and email address

Oral presenters who wish to use a PowerPoint presentation are asked to submit their slide decks to the Commission by **October 26, 2026**. All submissions will be available for download on the [CNSC website](#) 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.

Individuals who require Indigenous language interpretation for the hearing are asked to contact the Commission Registry by **August 5, 2026**, to request interpretation services. For any request received after this date, the Commission Registry will do its best to provide interpretation services.

## 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 of the Rules, 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

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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:**

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

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