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Revised Notice of Public Hearing and Participant Funding

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Revision 2

CNSC to conduct a public hearing on application from Ontario Power Generation Inc. to renew operating licence for the Western Waste Management Facility

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a public hearing to consider an application from Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG) to renew its waste facility operating licence for the Western Waste Management Facility (WWMF) for a period of 10 years. The WWMF is located in the Municipality of Kincardine, Ontario, within the Traditional and Treaty Territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, and the harvesting areas of the Georgian Bay Métis Nation of Ontario Region 7 and the Historic Saugeen Métis peoples. **This revised notice of hearing and participant funding is to announce the location. A further revised notice will be published after January 11, 2027, to confirm the specific dates for this hearing.**

The hearing will take place at the TownePlace Suites by Marriott Kincardine and virtually via Zoom.

The WWMF is a Class IB nuclear facility dedicated to the management, processing and interim storage of low- and intermediate-level radioactive waste from the operations of Ontario's nuclear generating stations and other facilities currently or previously operated by OPG, or by its predecessor Ontario Hydro. The WWMF is also used for interim storage of used fuel from the operation of the Bruce A and B nuclear generating stations.

OPG's current licence for the WWMF expires on May 31, 2027. **OPG's application is to renew the existing facility licence, with no changes to the licenced activities, for a period of 10 years.**

Hearing details

Date:	Week of February 22, 2027
Place:	TownePlace Suites by Marriott, 19 Millenium Way, Kincardine, Ontario and virtually via Zoom
Time:	As set by the agenda published prior to the hearing date

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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.

If you are facing a barrier to participating in this proceeding, please contact the Commission Registry to request accommodation.

Purpose and scope of hearing

The Commission will be considering whether to renew OPG'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 OPG, including with respect to avoidance, mitigation or other measures adopted or proposed by OPG for potential accommodation purposes (see REGDOC-3.2.2, Indigenous Engagement)

This does not mean that the consultation undertaken by CNSC staff will stop or be replaced by OPG's engagement. Rather, consultation by CNSC staff and engagement by OPG will continue concurrently.

Hearing submissions

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

OPG's application is available on the CNSC website or on request to the Commission Registry. 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 **November 13, 2026**.

Participant funding

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC is making available up to **$200,000** 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 OPG'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 OPG's application. Please note that the $200,000 will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form to the CNSC has been extended from May 19 to **June 16, 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 OPG's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Registry by **January 11, 2027**, using the online request form, by emailing the Registry at interventions@cnsc-ccsn.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 **February 11, 2027**. 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 **November 27, 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

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:

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