



Record of Decision

Commission Ruling on Request to Protect Confidential Information

Requestor: Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Ltd.

Subject: 27-H2 – Application for Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Ltd.’s (CNL) application to renew the nuclear research and test establishment decommissioning licence for Whiteshell Laboratories

Proceeding: Public hearing in October 2027

With respect to the matter noted above, the Commission has considered CNL’s [request for confidentiality](#)¹ for the documents listed in Table 1 below. This request was made pursuant to rule 12 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#) (the Rules).

The Commission also considered [CNSC staff’s review](#) of the request.²

The Commission’s ruling on this request is documented in Table 1.

¹ *Request for Confidentiality of Material Submitted in Relation to WL 2027 Licence Renewal Application CMD: TBD*, CNL, May 28, 2026.

² *CNSC Staff’s Review of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories’ Request for Confidentiality in Relation to the Whiteshell Laboratories Licence Renewal Application / Examen par le personnel de la CCSN de la demande de confidentialité des Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens concernant la demande de renouvellement du permis des Laboratoires de Whiteshell*, CNSC staff, July 16, 2026.

Table 1: Ruling				
Document Title	Information will be Protected		Measure(s) to be Taken	Determination
	Yes	No		
1. Licensing Basis List for Whiteshell Laboratories	✓	☐	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited.	The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(b) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information involving nuclear security. Only the redacted version will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the redacted version of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest.
2. Administrative Levels and Action Levels for WL Air and Liquid Radioactive Effluent	✓	☐	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited.	The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(b) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information involving nuclear security. Only the redacted version will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the redacted version of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest.
3. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Management System Manual	✓	☐	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited.	The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(b) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information of a commercial nature that is treated consistently as confidential. Only the non-confidential summary will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the summary of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest. The summary is located in CNL's request for confidentiality.

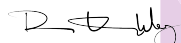
4. Whiteshell Laboratories Annual Compliance Monitoring Report for 2025	✓	☐	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited.	The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(b) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information involving nuclear security. Only the redacted version will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the redacted version of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest.
5. Designated Representatives of the Licensee, Site Licences, Certificates & Permits	✓	☐	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited.	The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(b) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information involving nuclear security. Only the redacted version will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the redacted version of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest.
6. WL Detailed Decommissioning Plan, Volume 1 – Program Overview	✓	☐	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited	The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(b) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information involving nuclear security. Only the redacted version will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the redacted version of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest.

7. WL Effluent Verification Monitoring Plan	✓	☐	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited	The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(b) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information involving nuclear security. Only the redacted version will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the redacted version of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest.
8. Whiteshell Laboratories Environmental Monitoring Plan	✓	☐	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited	The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(b) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information of a commercial nature that is treated consistently as confidential. The document also contains Indigenous Knowledge that is treated consistently as confidential. Only the non-confidential summary will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the summary of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest. The summary is located in CNL's request for confidentiality
9. Whiteshell Laboratories Site Emergency Response Plan	✓	☐	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited	The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(b) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information involving nuclear security. Only the redacted version will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the redacted version of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest.

The Commission grants the request for confidentiality as detailed in Table 1, being satisfied that:

- protecting the information outweighs in importance the public interest in public hearings and disclosure of evidence [see subrule 12(2)(a)]
- the measures are designed so as not to affect the public nature of the proceeding except to the extent necessary to adequately protect the information [see subrule 12(2)(b)]

Therefore, the Commission orders that the measures described in Table 1 be taken to maintain confidentiality.

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