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Record of Decision

Commission Ruling on Request to Protect Confidential Information

Requestor: Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Ltd.

Subject: 27-H4 – Application for Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Ltd.'s (CNL) to renew the Nuclear Research and Test Establishment Operating Licence for Chalk River Laboratories (CRL)

Proceeding: Public hearing in November 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 Chalk River Laboratories 2028 Licence Renewal Application CMD: TBD*, CNL, June 30,2026.

[2] *CNSC Staff's Review of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' Request for Confidentiality in Relation to the Chalk River Laboratories Licence Renewal Application / Examen par le personnel de la Commission canadienne de sûreté nucléaire de la demande de confidentialité des Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens concernant la demande de renouvellement du permis des Laboratoires de Chalk River*, CNSC staff, September 18, 2026.

Table 1: Ruling				
Document Title	Information will be Protected		Measure(s) to be Taken	Determination
	Yes	No		
1. Licensing Basis List for Chalk River Laboratories	✓	☐	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited.	The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(a) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information involving nuclear security. Only the redacted version will be published or disclosed.
2. Administrative Levels and Action Levels for CRL's Radioactive Effluents and Emissions	✓	☐	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited.	The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1(a) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information involving nuclear security. Only the redacted version will be published or disclosed.
3. Chalk River 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)(a) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information involving nuclear security. Only the redacted version will be published or disclosed.
4. 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 summary is located in CNL's request for confidentiality.

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)(a) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information involving nuclear security. Only the redacted version will be published or disclosed.
6. CRL Non-Radioactive Effluent and Emissions Verification Monitoring Plan	✓	☐	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited	The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(a) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information involving nuclear security. Only the redacted version will be published or disclosed.
7. CRL Radioactive Effluent and Emissions Verification Monitoring Plan	✓	☐	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited	The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(a) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information involving nuclear security. Only the redacted version will be published or disclosed.
8. Chalk River Laboratories Overview Decommissioning and Cleanup Plan (ODCP)	✓	☐	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited	The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(a) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information involving nuclear security. Only the redacted version will be published or disclosed.
9. Chalk River Laboratories Site Emergency Response Plan	✓	☐	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited	The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(a) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information involving nuclear security. Only the non-confidential summary will be published or disclosed. The summary is located in CNL's request for confidentiality

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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Date