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Subject  
Objet **CNSC Staff's Review of Saskatchewan Research Council's June 20, 2025, Request for Confidentiality for *Renewal of the Waste Nuclear Substance Licence Saskatchewan Research Council Gunnar Legacy Uranium Mine Site***

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide CNSC staff's comments to the Commission regarding the matter of Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC)'s request to protect from public disclosure the following documents which were attached to SRC's renewal application:

*RE: Application for Renewal of the Nuclear Substances and Radiation Devices Licence NSL-W5-3151.00/2026 – Saskatchewan Research Council Gunnar Legacy Uranium Mine Site May 23 2025 Submitted to CNSC staff on May 23, 2025 (e-Doc 7525472)*

*Attachment D: SRC Programs and Plans*

*Attachment E: Financial Assurance Letter*

*Attachment F: Community Engagement Table*

CNSC registry subsequently requested<sup>1</sup> that CNSC staff provide comments to the Commission on the matter.

## DISCUSSION

SRC has previously requested the SRC programs, Financial Assurance letter and the Community engagement table, be considered confidential. A previous request for confidentiality was submitted to the Registry by SRC for CMD 24-H108 *Saskatchewan Research Council Request for 18-month Licence Renewal for Gunnar Remediation Project*. That request was granted in part by the Commission. Specifically, the summaries of the SRC Programs and Plans and the Community Engagement Table and were considered acceptable substitutions for public disclosure. Conversely, the Commission denied the confidentiality request for the Financial Assurance Letter, which was published in full as part of CMD 24-104.

To CNSC staff's knowledge the information contained in the SRC programs and plans, and the Community engagement table are not available anywhere else.

<sup>1</sup> Young to Burton, June 20, 2025, e-Doc 7542692

In response to SRC's current request for confidentiality, CNSC staff met with SRC on June 25, 2025, to discuss why SRC considers these documents to be confidential, and to discuss options for release such as redaction. SRC personnel stated that transparency and openness was important to SRC and wanted to ensure that meaningful information was provided for public involvement in the upcoming renewal process however, SRC wishes to balance this with protecting against commercial disadvantage. SRC also stated that the confidentiality request was also intended to protect personal information from release to the public. SRC informed CNSC staff that certain personal information for some workers is contained in SRC programs and certain personal information of community members is contained in the Community engagement table.

In a follow up correspondence, SRC<sup>2</sup> provided more details to CNSC staff on what options for release SRC would be willing to provide the CNSC in lieu of complete redaction of the information. With respect to the SRC programs included in the application, SRC is open to providing to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties redacted versions of plans and provide summaries for plans where SRC believes that information of a commercial nature is present. For the Financial Assurance Letter SRC is willing to remove this item from the confidentiality request. SRC is also willing to provide a censored version of the community engagement table which is protective of personal information of community members

CNSC staff notes that personal information of community members contained within the Community Engagement Table and the SRC programs would be considered Protected B information by CNSC staff. As SRC did not ask for the consent of the community members to release their information publicly at the time of the community engagement activities, in order to publish this information SRC would need to seek this consent. Due to these factors, the position of CNSC staff is that the confidentiality request for the community engagement table is reasonable.

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<sup>2</sup> Sencartier to Takala June 27, 2025 e-Doc 7542358

## CONCLUDING STATEMENTS

CNSC staff have reviewed SRC's request for confidentiality but cannot offer a position on whether the release of the information is likely to lead to commercial disadvantage for SRC – CNSC staff suggest that SRC be contacted if further justification on this aspect is required. CNSC staff also notes that SRC has consistently treated the requested information as confidential in previous requests to the Registry for confidentiality. SRC has altered their request to allow for the release of one document and provided options for release of redacted versions of other documents.

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