



Procedural Direction

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

DIR 26-H7

In the Matter of

Ontario Power Generation Inc.

**Application to Renew the Power Reactor Operating Licence for the
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and the Waste Management
Facility Operating Licence for the Pickering Waste Management
Facility**

Date: October 20, 2026

1.0 OVERVIEW

1. On June 27, 2025, OPG [applied](#)¹ to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission², under subsection 24(2) of the [Nuclear Safety and Control Act](#)³ (NSCA), to renew both the power reactor operating licence (PROL) for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (PNGS) and the waste facility operating licence (WFOL) for the Pickering Waste Management Facility (PWMF) for a 10-year term as one consolidated PROL. OPG also sought authorization to refurbish PNGS units 5 to 8 as part of its licence renewal application. The current operating licences for both facilities are valid until August 31, 2028.
2. Both the PNGS and PWMF are located on the Pickering Nuclear Site (the site) in Pickering, Ontario, approximately 32 km northeast of downtown Toronto. The site is located within the traditional lands and waters of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg, the Gunshot Treaty (1787-88), the Williams Treaties (1923), and the Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement (2018).
3. To consider OPG's application, the Commission conducted a two-part public hearing on June 23, 2026, and October 6-9, 2026, in accordance with the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#).⁴ In the [Revised Notice of Public Hearing](#), issued on January 22, 2026, the Commission invited persons who have an interest or expertise in this matter, or information that may be useful to the Commission in coming to a decision, to submit a request to intervene by August 12, 2026.⁵

2.0 PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS

4. The Commission recognizes that it must provide procedural fairness to hearing participants, including the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg of the Williams Treaties First Nations (MS-WTFNs). Procedural fairness requires that participants have a meaningful opportunity to know and respond to the matter before the Commission. Where new information is introduced late in the proceeding, the Commission may

¹ OPG, *Renewal Application for Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Power Reactor Operating Licence and Pickering Waste Facility Operating Licence*, June 27, 2025.

² The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission is referred to as the "CNSC" when referring to the organization and its staff in general, and as the "Commission" when referring to the tribunal component.

³ *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*, SC 1997, c 9.

⁴ *Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure*, SOR/2000-211.

⁵ The original [Notice of Hearing and Participant Funding](#) was issued on July 21, 2025. The *Revised Notice of Public Hearing* was issued to announce a change in hearing dates. A subsequent [Revised Notice of Public Hearing \(Revision 2\)](#) was issued on August 27, 2026, to specify the exact dates for Part 2 of the hearing.

consider whether additional procedural steps are necessary to ensure participants have a fair opportunity to respond.

Information added to the record

5. Part 2 of a two-part public hearing provides an opportunity for hearing participants to comment on information added to the record after the intervention deadline. In this case, significant information was added to the hearing record in the week leading up to, during, and following Part 2 of the hearing, including:
 - information on the construction and in-service timeline for the deep-water intake (DWI)
 - *Pickering NGS Periodic Safety Review 3 (PSR3) Basis Document* ([CMD 26-H7.1E](#))
 - *Predictive Environmental Risk Assessment for Pickering Refurbishment, Decommissioning, and Continued Operations - Revision 1* ([CMD 26-H7.1F](#))
 - *Update on Potassium Iodide (KI) Distribution* ([CMD 26-H7.E](#))

Proposed licence conditions

6. As an accommodation measure, the MS-WTFNs asked the Commission at Part 2 of the hearing to impose a licence condition regarding the completion of the DWI:

“We ask the Commission to make a binding condition of the licence that the DWI be completed as soon as technically possible and before the expiration of the licence.”⁶
7. Following Part 2 of the public hearing, the MS-WTFNs also filed with the Commission Registry proposed revised text for licence condition G.7 as an accommodation measure ([CMD 26-H7.49C](#)). MS-WTFN’s proposed revision adds an additional line (bolded here for emphasis) to the licence condition G.7 proposed by CNSC staff:
 - The licensee shall implement and maintain an Indigenous engagement program. **In respect of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg of the Williams Treaties First Nations the licensee shall integrate Indigenous knowledge as shared, and where appropriate, into policies, procedures, and regulatory documents.**

⁶ *Transcript of the Public Hearing on October 6, 2026*, at page 201.

8. Without making any determination regarding the merits of the matters raised by the application, the Commission considers that providing an opportunity for additional submissions would support a complete and transparent evidentiary record and provide interested hearing participants, including the MS-WTFNs, with a meaningful opportunity to bring potentially relevant information on the record for the Commission's assessment.

3.0 INVITATION FOR ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS

9. The Commission will keep the record for this hearing open until 4:00 pm on November 19, 2026 to provide the following opportunities for additional submissions:
 - All hearing participants are invited to provide written submissions on the information added to the record and the proposed licence conditions, as set out in paragraphs 5-7 of this *Procedural Direction*.
 - OPG, CNSC staff, MS-WTFNs, and Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) are invited to provide submissions on any ongoing engagement and consultation work that has occurred since October 9, 2026, such as on the compliance verification criteria, including reporting requirements, for proposed licence condition G.7.⁷
10. All additional submissions received will be added to the public record of this hearing, subject to confidentiality and compliance with the above criteria.
11. Following the expiry of the additional filing period, the Commission will determine whether it has obtained the information it requires to decide the matters before it. Unless otherwise directed by the Commission, no further information will be accepted after the record is closed.
12. This procedural direction does not constitute a finding or ruling on the merits of OPG's application, or on any position advanced by an intervenor or other participant. The Commission will consider the complete record before making its decision on OPG's application.

⁷ CNSC staff provided the proposed compliance verification criteria for licence condition G.7 in Appendix A of [CMD 26-H7.B](#).

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