

Notice of Public Hearing

June 11, 2010 Ref. 2010-H-07

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a one-day public hearing to consider Atomic Energy of Canada's (AECL) application for the restart of the National Research Universal (NRU) Reactor located at the Chalk River Laboratories (CRL) site in Chalk River, Ontario.

Hearing: Date to be determined

Place: CNSC Public Hearing Room, 14th floor, 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario

Time: as set by the agenda published prior to the hearing date

The public hearing will be webcasted live on the Internet via the CNSC Web site and archived for a period of 90 days.

AECL has recently notified the Commission that it anticipates the NRU will soon be ready to resume safely its operations. Returning the NRU to service as safely and as quickly as possible to support the production of medical isotopes for Canadian patients and healthcare practitioners is a priority, and the Commission is aware of the importance of the NRU facility to Canadians and nuclear medicine patients around the globe.

The Commission will vary the *CNSC Rules of Procedures* so that AECL's request will be dealt with in a fair and expeditious manner. This variation will significantly compress the notification period and the time usually allocated for the submission of documents by the licensee, the public and CNSC staff. This is why, even though a hearing date has yet to be determined, AECL's submission and CNSC staff's recommendations to be considered at the hearing are now available.

The public will be invited to comment on AECL's request. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission within the time that will be set out in the revised notice of hearing on-line at (http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/commission/intervention/index.cfm), or at the address below.

The request 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; and
- name, address and telephone number of the requester.

Personal information, such as address and telephone numbers, is essential for linking the submission to its author. Please submit your personal information on a separate page if you wish to



ensure its confidentiality. It should be noted that all submissions are available to the public upon request to the Secretariat.

AECL's submission and CNSC staff's recommendations to be considered at the hearing are not available on-line and must be requested through the Secretariat at the address below. Agendas, hearing transcripts and information on the hearing process are available at the CNSC Web site: www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca.

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