Notice of Hearing in Writing and Participant Funding

September 13, 2022 Ref. 2023-H-101

CNSC to conduct a hearing in writing on Cameco's application to renew its waste facility operating licence for the decommissioned Beaverlodge mine and mill site

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a hearing based on written submissions in spring 2023 to consider an application from Cameco Corporation (Cameco) to renew, for a period of 2 years, its waste facility operating licence for the decommissioned Beaverlodge mine and mill site. The site is located near Uranium City in northern Saskatchewan, on historic Treaty 8 territory, and the Homeland of the Métis, and is within the traditional territories of the Dene, Cree, and Métis peoples. Decommissioning of the Beaverlodge mine and mill site was completed in 1985, and the site currently consists of a number of individual properties licensed by the CNSC.

The current licence, which is valid until May 31, 2023, authorizes Cameco to manage ongoing reclamation, maintenance and monitoring activities at the Beaverlodge properties. Cameco is seeking to renew its licence to allow time to complete these activities.

Pursuant to Rule 3 of the *Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure* (the Rules), the Commission has decided to vary the Rules in order to ensure that this hearing is dealt with as informally and expeditiously as the circumstances and the considerations of fairness permit. The Commission will consider written submissions from Cameco and CNSC staff, as well as written interventions from members of the public. A panel of the Commission will then deliberate and render a decision on Cameco's application.

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC is making available up to \$50,000 in funding opportunities through its Participant Funding Program. The purpose of the funding is to assist Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public, and stakeholders in reviewing Cameco's application and associated documents, and in participating in the Commission hearing process by providing topic-specific interventions to the Commission. Participant funding applications must clearly demonstrate how the proposed submission will provide the Commission with information directly relating to Cameco's application. Please note that the \$50,000 will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form to the CNSC is October 14, 2022.

Cameco's licence renewal application will be available on its website at <u>beaverlodgesites.com</u>. Relevant documents, including Cameco's submission and CNSC staff's recommendations to be



considered at the hearing, will be available on the CNSC website or on request to the Commission Registry, after **December 6, 2022**.

Pursuant to Rule 19 of the Rules, persons who have an interest or expertise in this matter or information that may be useful to the Commission in coming to a decision are invited to comment, in writing, on Cameco's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Registry by February 10, 2023, using the online request form, emailing the Registry at interventions@cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca, or using the contact information below. The request to intervene must include the following information:

- a written submission of the comments to be presented to the Commission
- the requester's name, address, telephone number and email address

All submissions will be available for download on the CNSC website or upon request to the Commission Registry. Personal information, such as address and telephone number, is essential for linking the submission to its author. If you wish to ensure the confidentiality of your personal information, please submit it on a separate page.

Following the deliberations and decision of the Commission on this matter, a record of decision will be published on the CNSC website at <u>nuclearsafety.gc.ca</u> and made available on request. A decision from the Commission is anticipated in May 2023.

For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:

Administrator, Participant Funding Program Tel.: 613-415-2814 or 1-800-668-5284

Email: pfp@cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca

Web: Participant Funding Program

For further information on the public Commission hearing process, or on the licensee or the facility being considered in this matter, or to request documents, contact:

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