



Notice of Hearing in Writing

September 13, 2024

Ref. 2024-H-108

CNSC to conduct a hearing in writing on the Saskatchewan Research Council's application to renew the waste nuclear substance licence for the Gunnar Mine Remediation Project

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a public hearing based on written submissions in fall 2024. The hearing is to consider an application from the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) for the renewal of its waste nuclear substance licence for the [Gunnar Mine Remediation Project](#) (the project), located at the Gunnar Legacy Uranium Mine Site (the site). The site is located in northern Saskatchewan, on Treaty 8 territory (1899), and the Homeland of the Métis, and is within the traditional territories of the Denesūłiné, Cree, and Métis.

The current licence, which expires on November 30, 2024, authorizes SRC to conduct ongoing remediation work at the site. The remediation project is divided into 3 phases and SRC is currently executing Phase 2. SRC has applied to renew its waste nuclear substance licence for an 18-month period in order to complete the remaining remedial work under Phase 2. Should the Commission decide to renew the licence as requested, SRC has indicated its intent to apply for a longer-term licence renewal and licence amendment to authorize the transition to Phase 3 of the project, prior to the end of this 18-month period. Any application for a longer-term licence renewal would be subject to a separate public hearing process.

Pursuant to rule 3 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#) (the Rules), the Commission has decided to vary the Rules to ensure that this hearing is dealt with as informally and expeditiously as the circumstances of fairness permit. For this hearing, the Commission will consider written submissions from SRC and from CNSC staff. Pursuant to rule 12 of the Rules, SRC has requested that some information associated with its written submission be kept confidential. SRC's request for confidentiality and the Commission's decision on that request will be available on the CNSC website or on request to the Commission Registry at a later date.

The hearing submissions from SRC and CNSC staff will be available on the CNSC website at cnsccsn.gc.ca or on request to the Commission Registry after **September 20, 2024**. The Commission will then deliberate and render a decision on SRC's application. Following the deliberations and decision of the Commission on this matter, a record of decision will be published on the [CNSC website](#) and made available on request to the Commission Registry. A decision from the Commission is anticipated in fall 2024.

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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