



Notice of Hearing in Writing and Participant Funding

September 18, 2024

Ref. 2025-H-101

CNSC to conduct a hearing in writing on Ontario Power Generation’s application to amend the waste facility operating licence for the Pickering Waste Management Facility

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a public hearing based on written submissions in winter 2025. The hearing is to consider an application from Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG) to amend the Class IB waste facility operating licence for the Pickering Waste Management Facility (PWMF). The PWMF is located on the [Pickering Nuclear Generating Station](#) site in Pickering, Ontario, on the traditional lands and waters of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg, the Gunshot Treaty (1877–88), the Williams Treaties (1923), and the Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement (2018).

OPG currently holds a Class IB waste facility operating licence for the PWMF, and has applied to amend its licence to authorize the construction and operation of a new structure called the Pickering Component Storage Structure (PCSS). The PCSS would be for storage of low- and intermediate-level radioactive waste generated during future decommissioning and proposed refurbishment activities at the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station.

OPG’s application letter is available on request to the Commission Registry. The hearing submissions from OPG and CNSC staff will be available on the CNSC website at cnsccsn.gc.ca or on request to the Commission Registry, after **January 22, 2025**.

A panel of the Commission will consider written submissions from OPG and CNSC staff, as well as written interventions from members of the public. The Commission will then deliberate and render a decision on OPG’s application. Following the deliberations and decision of the Commission on this matter, a record of decision will be published on the CNSC website at cnsccsn.gc.ca and made available on request. A decision from the Commission is anticipated in May 2025.

Participant funding

In advance of the hearing in writing, the CNSC is making available up to **\$75,000** in funding through its [Participant Funding Program](#). The purpose of the funding is to assist Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public and interested parties in reviewing OPG’s application and associated documents, and in participating in the Commission hearing process by providing topic-specific written interventions to the Commission. Participant funding applications must clearly demonstrate how the proposed submission will provide the

Commission with information directly relating to OPG's application. Please note that the \$75,000 will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form to the CNSC is **November 15, 2024**.

Interventions

Pursuant to Rule 19 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#), 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 OPG's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Registry by **February 28, 2025**, using the [online request form](#), by emailing the Registry at interventions@cnsccsn.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 at cnsccsn.gc.ca 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.

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:

Tribunal Officer, Commission Registry
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
280 Slater St
PO Box 1046 Stn B
Ottawa ON K1P 5S9

Tel.: 343-542-8587 or 1-800-668-5284
Fax: 613-995-5086
Email: interventions@cnsccsn.gc.ca
Web: [Participate in a public Commission hearing](#)

For inquiries to the applicant, contact:

Director of Regulatory Affairs Strategy
Ontario Power Generation
889 Brock Rd.
Pickering ON L1W 3J2

Email: kristina.bramma@opg.com
Web: www.opg.com