



Notice of Hearing in Writing and Participant Funding

November 21, 2023

Ref. 2024-H-102

CNSC to conduct a hearing in writing on Ontario Power Generation's application to change the licensing basis for the Pickering Waste Management Facility

In May 2024, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a hearing based on written submissions to consider an application from Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to change the licensing basis for the Pickering Waste Management Facility (PWMF). The PWMF is located on the [Pickering Nuclear Generating Station](#) (PNGS) site in Pickering, Ontario, in the traditional territory of the Wendat, Anishinabek Nation, and the territory covered by the 1923 Williams Treaty Clause #2 area with the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, which include Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil, and Georgina Island First Nations.

OPG currently holds a waste facility operating licence for the PWMF. The current licensing basis authorizes OPG to process and store, at the PWMF, dry storage containers containing used CANDU fuel that has been cooled in wet storage at the PNGS for at least 10 years.

OPG has applied for authorization to process and store, at the PWMF, up to 100 dry storage containers containing 6-year old used fuel. The purpose of OPG's change request is to allow for additional space in the PNGS-B irradiated fuel bay to support the OPG Safe Storage Project for the PNGS. Processing and storage of dry storage containers containing used fuel that has been cooled for less than 10 years is outside of the current licensing basis for the PWMF and requires Commission authorization.

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 nuclearsafety.gc.ca or on request to the Commission Registry, after **March 18, 2024**.

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 nuclearsafety.gc.ca and made available on request. A decision from the Commission is anticipated in June 2024.

Participant funding

In advance of the hearing in writing, the CNSC is making available up to **\$50,000** 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 \$50,000 will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form to the CNSC is **December 22, 2023**.

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 **May 17, 2024**, 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 nuclearsafety.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:

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