



Notice of Public Hearing and Participant Funding

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Ref. 2025-H-09

CNSC to conduct public hearing on Denison Mines Corporation's licence application to prepare a site for and construct its Wheeler River mine and mill project

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a public hearing to consider an application from Denison Mines Corp. (Denison) for a licence to prepare a site for and construct its Wheeler River mine and mill project. Denison is proposing to develop an *in situ* recovery uranium mining and processing operation located in the Athabasca Basin in northern Saskatchewan, approximately 600 km north of the city of Saskatoon. The proposed project is located within Treaty 10 territory, the homeland of the Métis, and within the traditional territories of the Dene, Cree, and Métis peoples. The property consists of 19 mineral claims totaling 11,720 hectares.

Purpose and scope of hearing

Pursuant to section 24 of the [Nuclear Safety and Control Act](#), a licence issued by the Commission is required for the proposed site preparation and construction of the project. The proposed project is subject to an environmental assessment (EA) under the [Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012](#) (CEAA 2012). Although the [Impact Assessment Act](#) came into force in August 2019, replacing CEAA 2012, it includes provisions to allow ongoing projects with EAs initiated under CEAA 2012 to continue under their existing EA processes. As a prerequisite to the licensing decision, the Commission must also make an EA decision to determine whether the proposed project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

Hearing details

Date (Part 1): **October 8, 2025**
Place: To be determined (National Capital Region and/or virtually via zoom)
Time: As set by the agenda to be published prior to the hearing date

Date (Part 2): **Week of December 8, 2025**
Place: To be determined (Saskatoon)
Time: As set by the agenda to be published prior to the hearing date

The public hearing will be webcast live and available on the CNSC website at cnsccsn.gc.ca. Additional details about the public hearing will be issued at a later date.

During Part 1 of the hearing, the Commission will consider oral and written submissions, related to Denison's application, from Denison and CNSC staff. During Part 2 of the hearing, the Commission will consider oral and written interventions from Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public and other interested parties.

[Denison's licence application](#) is available on the CNSC website or on request to the Commission Registry. Denison'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 August 12, 2025.

Participant funding

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC is making available up to **\$250,000** in funding through its [Participant Funding Program](#). The purpose of this funding is to assist Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public and interested parties in reviewing CNSC staff's and Denison's submissions to the Commission, as well as in participating in the 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 related to Denison's application. Please note that the \$250,000 will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form is **April 4, 2025**. More information can be found at the following website: [Participant funding for Denison's Wheeler River Project](#)

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 on Denison's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Registry by **October 24, 2025**, using the [online request form](#), [email](#), or 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
- 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
- the requester's name, address, telephone number and email address

Oral presenters who wish to use a PowerPoint presentation are asked to submit their slide decks to the Commission Registry by **November 24, 2025**. All submissions will be available for download on the [CNSC website](#) or on request to the Commission Registry. Personal information, such as email 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.

Individuals who require Indigenous language interpretation for the hearing are asked to contact the Commission Registry by **September 10, 2025**, to request interpretation services. For any request received after this date, the Commission Registry will do its best to provide interpretation services.

Obligation for providing documentary material for the record

Under rule 15 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#), any documentary evidence, written submission or other material filed with the Commission shall be open to the participants and the public (subject to any confidentiality measures taken by the Commission, as described below).

In order to provide a clear record of the information that is before the Commission, all participants should submit to the Commission Registry, along with their substantive submissions, any reference materials used to support their position. Reference materials must be directly appended to the submission or filed under separate cover, as appropriate, to be considered on the record. Items cited in and/or hyperlinked from the body of the main submissions but not filed will not be considered as part of the record and will not be taken into account in the Commission's deliberations.

Confidentiality

Under rule 12 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#), the Commission can decide to take measures to protect confidential information. Persons considering filing information that may be confidential should contact the Commission Registry, before their submission deadline, for information on how to request that the Commission decide on whether to take measures to protect that information and what those measures should be.

For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:

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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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