



Notice of Public Hearing and Participant Funding

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CNSC to conduct a public hearing on Ontario Power Generation's request for authorization to operate Pickering NGS Units 5 to 8 beyond December 31, 2024

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a public hearing to consider an application from Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to extend the operation of Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (NGS) Units 5 to 8 until December 31, 2026. The Pickering NGS is located in the municipality of Pickering, Ontario. It is located on 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.

The current operating licence for OPG's Pickering NGS units is valid until August 31, 2028. However, as detailed in the Commission's [Record of Decision](#) on the 2018 renewal of OPG's licence for the Pickering NGS, operating any of the units beyond December 31, 2024, would constitute a change in OPG's licensing basis. Therefore, OPG requires authorization from the Commission prior to engaging in commercial operations beyond 2024.

Hearing details

Date: The week of June 17, 2024 (number of days to be determined)
Place: To be determined (in the community in the vicinity of the Pickering NGS and/or virtually via Zoom)
Time: As set by the agenda published prior to the hearing date

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

During the hearing, the Commission will consider oral and written submissions from OPG and CNSC staff related to OPG's request to extend the operation of Pickering NGS Units 5 to 8 until December 31, 2026. The Commission will also consider oral and written interventions from members of the public, Indigenous Nations and communities, and other interested parties.

[OPG's application](#) is available on its website. OPG's hearing 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 **February 28, 2024**.

Participant funding

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC is making available up to **\$100,000** 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 CNSC staff's and OPG's submissions to the Commission, and 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 OPG's request for authorization to extend the commercial operations of Pickering NGS Units 5 to 8 beyond 2024. Please note that the \$100,000 will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form is **October 2, 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 on OPG's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Registry by **April 29, 2024**, 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

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.

For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:

Administrator, Participant Funding Program

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Web: [Participant Funding Program](#)

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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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