

Notice of Public Hearing and Participant Funding

December 10, 2018 Ref. 2019-H-02

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a one-part public hearing on May 15, 2019, to consider an application from Orano Canada Inc. (Orano) to renew the Uranium Mine Decommissioning Licence for the Cluff Lake Project. The Cluff Lake Project is a former uranium mine and mill located in the Athabasca Basin of northern Saskatchewan.

The current licence authorizes Orano to conduct decommissioning activities at the Cluff Lake Project site and is valid until July 31, 2019. In its licence renewal request, Orano is seeking approval for a five-year licence period, during which it will conduct post-closure environmental monitoring and maintenance. Orano has also indicated in its licence renewal application that, during the proposed licence period, it would apply for Commission approval for the release of the decommissioned Cluff Lake site from CNSC regulatory control to facilitate the site's transfer into the Institutional Control Program established under *The Reclaimed Industrial Sites Act* of Saskatchewan. Any such application, when submitted by Orano, will be considered separately by the Commission at a future hearing.

Date: May 15, 2019

Place: CNSC public hearing room, 14th floor, 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, ON

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 <u>nuclearsafety.gc.ca</u>.

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC is making available up to \$75,000 through its Participant Funding Program. The purpose of the funding is to assist Indigenous peoples, members of the public and stakeholders in reviewing Orano's application and associated documents, and in participating in the Commission hearing process by providing topic-specific interventions to the Commission. The deadline to submit a completed participant funding application form to the CNSC is February 15, 2019.

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 Orano's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Secretariat by **April 15, 2019**, using the <u>online request form</u> 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 and telephone number

All submissions will be available for download on the CNSC website or on request to the Secretariat. 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.

Orano'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 Secretariat, after **March 15, 2019**.

For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:

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For further information on the public Commission hearing process, contact:

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