



Revised Notice of Public Hearing

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CNSC to conduct a public hearing on applicability of the Darlington New Nuclear Project environmental assessment and plant parameter envelope to selected reactor technology

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a public hearing to consider the applicability of the environmental assessment (EA) for Ontario Power Generation's (OPG's) [Darlington New Nuclear Project](#) (DNNP) to OPG's selected small modular reactor technology. **The purpose of this revised notice is to confirm the date and location of the hearing. The hearing will be held at the Ajax Convention Centre, 550 Beck Crescent, Ajax, Ontario, on January 23, 24 and 25, 2024.**

The DNNP is located on the site of the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station in the Municipality of Clarington, Ontario, on the traditional territory of the Wendat, Anishinabek Nation, and the territory covered by the Williams Treaties with the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations. OPG currently holds a power reactor site preparation licence for the DNNP, which the Commission [renewed in 2021](#).

Purpose and scope of hearing

The purpose of this public hearing is for the Commission to consider and decide on the applicability of the [DNNP EA](#) to OPG's selected BWRX-300 small modular reactor technology, as per the [Government of Canada response](#) to recommendation #1 of the joint review panel's [2012 report](#). In deciding on the applicability of the DNNP EA, the Commission will consider the information in OPG's environmental impact statement review report along with the updated plant parameter envelope. The Commission will also consider whether the predictions of the EA remain valid.

The scope of this hearing will not include contemplation of a licensing decision under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* on OPG's application to construct a BWRX-300 reactor. A decision on whether to issue a construction licence for the DNNP will be contemplated at a separate future public hearing to be held no earlier than October 2024, and pending the Commission's decision on the applicability of the EA. Details on the licensing hearing will be provided in a future hearing notice.

Hearing details

Date: **January 23, 24 and 25, 2024**
Place: **Ajax Convention Centre, 550 Beck Crescent, Ajax, Ontario, and virtual via Zoom**
Time: **As set by the agenda published prior to the hearing date**

During the hearing, the Commission will consider oral and written submissions from OPG and CNSC staff related to OPG's review of its environmental impact statement and plant parameter envelope. 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](#) for a licence to construct is available on its website. [OPG's hearing submission](#) and [CNSC staff's recommendations](#) to be considered at the hearing are available on the CNSC website, or upon request to the Commission Registry.

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

Participant funding

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC made up to **\$100,000** in funding available through its Participant Funding Program. The purpose of this funding was to assist Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public, and stakeholders in reviewing CNSC staff's and OPG's submissions to the Commission, as well as participating in the hearing process by providing topic-specific interventions to the Commission. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form was May 26, 2023. A funding review committee, independent of the CNSC, was established to review funding applications and awarded [up to \\$106,290.63 in funding to 9 recipients](#).

This was the second stage of funding for the consideration of OPG's application for a licence to construct a reactor facility. In the first stage, the CNSC made up to \$150,000 available to assist in reviewing OPG's environmental impact statement and plant parameter envelope. A funding review committee, independent of the CNSC, was established to review funding applications and awarded [up to approximately \\$157,600 in funding to 10 recipients](#). A third stage of funding was [announced on October 10, 2023](#), to assist in participating in the Commission hearing process for OPG's licence to construct, depending on the Commission's decision regarding the DNNP EA for the BWRX-300 reactor technology.

Interventions

Pursuant to rule 19 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#), persons who had an interest or expertise in this matter or information that may be useful to the Commission in coming to a decision were invited to comment on OPG's application. Requests to intervene were to be filed with the Commission Registry by November 20, 2023, using the [online request form](#), [email](#), or the contact information below.

All submissions are available for [download](#) on the CNSC website, through the CNSC Open Government Portal at [Darlington New Nuclear Project - Information and Reports](#) or upon request to the Commission Registry.

For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:

Administrator, 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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