

## **Request for Information on Potential Impacts of Draft REGDOC-3.2.1, *Public Information and Disclosure***

### **1. Preface**

This document provides additional context on the proposed republishing of REGDOC-3.2.1, *Public Information and Disclosure*, previously published as RD/GD-99.3. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) welcomes comments on this document, as well as on the draft regulatory document itself.

Comments may include additional information on potential impacts if the regulatory document is approved and subsequently implemented. If stakeholders decide to submit impact estimates, the CNSC encourages them to clearly state assumptions and provide enough detail to allow an independent observer to understand how the estimate was derived. Stakeholders may also propose potential alternative approaches that meet the document's safety objectives.

The CNSC will consider comments received. All comments received will become part of the public record.

In fulfilling its mandate as a federal regulator, the CNSC must also consider values and principles that are difficult to quantify with a dollar value. It must also give consideration to fulfilling its responsibility under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* to disseminate objective scientific and regulatory information. In all cases, safety is the CNSC's top priority.

### **2. Background**

RD/GD-99.3, *Public Information and Disclosure*, was first published in March 2012.

The republication of RD/GD-99.3 as REGDOC-3.2.1 updates the nomenclature and numbering system as part of the project to migrate existing CNSC documents into the new framework.

### **3. Objective**

Draft REGDOC-3.2.1 sets out requirements and guidance for public information and disclosure for licensees and applicants of Class I and Class II nuclear facilities, and uranium mines and mills, for all lifecycle phases.

### **4. Regulatory approach**

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The draft REGDOC-3.2.1 also contains the following modifications:

- Section 2.2.4, Public information strategy and products: Following discussions at recent Commission hearings, the CNSC added text requiring licensees to post summaries of their probabilistic safety assessments and the complete text of their environmental risk

assessments on their respective websites. This is to be done as part of their public information programs (if the assessments are a licence requirement).

- Section 1.2 Scope: The first sentence is modified to clarify that, because of the nature of their activities, some hospitals are required to have a public information and disclosure program.

## **5. Potential impacts**

The CNSC welcomes comments from members of the public, Indigenous peoples and stakeholders on the potential impacts of draft REGDOC-3.2.1, *Public Information and Disclosure*, should it be approved. Members of the public, Indigenous peoples and stakeholders may consider impacts in terms of costs, operations, or other impacts.

## **6. Feedback requested**

Please submit comments or feedback to the CNSC by September 28, 2017 in one of the following ways:

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