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# *Revised Notice of Public Hearing and Participant Funding*

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Revision 2

## **CNSC to conduct public hearing on application from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Ltd. for 3-year renewal of decommissioning licence for Whiteshell Laboratories site**

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a public hearing to consider an application from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Ltd. (CNL) for a 3-year renewal of its nuclear research and test establishment decommissioning licence for the Whiteshell Laboratories site. The Whiteshell Laboratories site is located in the municipality of Pinawa, Manitoba, and in the homeland of the Red River Métis, Treaty 1 and Treaty 3 territories and the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Ojibway Peoples. **The purpose of this revised notice is to announce that the hearing will be held exclusively on October 23, 2024. The hearing was previously scheduled to take place on October 23 and 24, 2024.**

The current decommissioning licence for CNL's Whiteshell Laboratories site is valid until December 31, 2024. The licence authorizes CNL to conduct decommissioning activities at the Whiteshell Laboratories site, including the decommissioning of the Whiteshell Reactor #1 (WR-1), waste management areas, storage facilities, and other nuclear and non-nuclear buildings. In its licence renewal application, CNL is not requesting the authorization of any new licensed activities.

With respect to the decommissioning of WR-1, the decommissioning approach authorized under the current licence is a complete dismantlement and removal of the facility. In its licence renewal application, CNL indicates that it intends to submit a separate licence amendment application related to the potential *in-situ* decommissioning of WR-1. Therefore, consideration of the potential *in-situ* decommissioning of WR-1 is out of the scope of this licence renewal hearing.

### **Hearing details**

Date: **October 23, 2024**  
Place: 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 [cnsccsn.gc.ca](https://cnsccsn.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 CNL and CNSC staff related to CNL's application. The Commission will also consider oral and written

interventions from members of the public, Indigenous Nations and communities, and other interested parties.

CNL's application is available [on the CNSC website](#). CNL's hearing submission and CNSC staff's recommendations to be considered at the hearing are available [on the CNSC website](#), or on request to the Commission Registry. Pursuant to rule 12 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#), CNL has requested that some reference information associated with CNSC staff's written submission be kept confidential. CNL's request for confidentiality and the Commission's decision on that request will be available on the CNSC website or on request to the Commission Registry at a later date.

### **Participant funding**

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC made up to **\$75,000** in funding available through its [Participant Funding Program](#). The purpose of the funding was to assist Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public and interested parties in reviewing CNSC staff's and CNL's submissions to the Commission, and in participating in the hearing process by providing topic-specific interventions to the Commission. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form was April 19, 2024. A funding review committee, independent of the CNSC, was established to review funding applications and awarded [up to \\$121,567.93 in funding to 7 recipients](#).

### **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 were invited to comment on CNL's application. Requests to intervene were to be filed with the Commission Registry by **September 16, 2024**. All submissions are available for [download](#) on the CNSC website, or upon request to the Commission Registry.

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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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