



Revised Notice of Public Hearing and Procedural Guidance for Final Submissions

May 17, 2023

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Revision 2

The Commission is satisfied with the information on the record regarding Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' application to authorize the construction of a near surface disposal facility

The [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission](#) (CNSC) held a 2-part public hearing – with Part 1 on February 22, 2022, and Part 2 from May 30 to June 3, 2022 – to consider an application from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Ltd. (CNL) to amend its nuclear research and test establishment operating licence for the [Chalk River Laboratories](#) (CRL) site. The requested amendment would authorize the construction of the proposed [near surface disposal facility](#) for low-level radioactive waste. The CRL site is located in Deep River, Ontario, on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg peoples. **This revised notice is to announce that the Commission is satisfied with the information it has received. This notice also provides the new deadlines for written final submissions. The June 27 oral hearing for final submissions by Indigenous nations and communities remains unchanged.**

On June 30, 2022, the Commission [directed](#) that the hearing record be kept open to allow more time to receive additional evidence and information regarding engagement and consultation efforts in respect of Kebaowek First Nation and the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg. Accordingly, the Commission invited additional information from Kebaowek First Nation, the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL), CNL, and CNSC staff, to be filed by January 31, 2023.

On December 22, 2022, after considering the requests from [Kebaowek First Nation](#) and the [Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg](#), which were supported by [CNL and AECL](#), to extend the deadline to submit the additional information, the President of the Commission, as a Panel of the Commission on procedural matters, [decided to extend the deadline](#) from January 31, 2023, to May 1, 2023. Upon [further request](#), the Panel of the Commission granted an additional one-week extension to the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg, until May 8, 2023.

The Commission has reviewed the additional submissions from [Kebaowek First Nation](#), the [Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg](#), [AECL](#), [CNL](#), and [CNSC staff](#) and is satisfied with the information it has received. The Commission has determined that it does not require any additional information and that it is ready to receive final submissions. Procedural guidance and deadlines for the final

submissions are provided below. The guidance remains the same as communicated in the March 23, 2023, [Revised Notice of Public Hearing and Procedural Guidance for Final Submissions](#); however, the deadlines have been extended.

Written final submissions

Intervenors who made oral submissions during Part 2 of the public hearing have the option to make written final submissions to the Commission. Written final submissions may briefly summarize the position and/or the opinion of the writer with respect to this matter. Final submissions may reference any material on the record, including the specific additional information on engagement and consultation submitted on May 1 and May 8, 2023, but may not introduce any new information. Written final submissions shall be limited to a maximum of 5,000 words for registered intervenors and 30,000 words for CNSC staff and CNL. Final submissions that do not follow these instructions will not be accepted.

Written final submissions must be filed with the Commission Registry by **June 6, 2023**, using the [online form](#), [email](#), or the contact information below. All submissions will be available on the [CNSC website](#) or on request to the Registry. CNL, as the proponent, must file its written final submission with the Registry by **June 21, 2023**.

Oral hearing for final submissions from Indigenous Nations and communities

In the spirit of reconciliation and in recognition of the Indigenous oral tradition for sharing knowledge, Indigenous Nations and communities that made oral interventions during Part 2 of the public hearing can make their final submissions orally should they so choose. Indigenous Nations and communities that wish to make a final submission must submit one of the following by **June 6, 2023**:

- a final submission to the Commission Registry in writing only
- a final submission to the Commission Registry in writing, including notification of the intent to speak to that submission at the oral hearing, as well as any presentation material to accompany the oral submission
- a notification, in writing, to the Commission Registry of the intent to make a final submission by way of oral statement only; as part of this written notification, Indigenous Nations and communities may choose to provide the Registry with a summary of the points they will make at the oral hearing, as well as any presentation material to accompany the oral submission

The purpose of the oral hearing is to allow the Commission to hear final oral statements. Each Indigenous Nation or community that chooses to make a final submission by way of oral statement will have a maximum of 30 minutes to speak to the Commission. CNL, as the proponent, will have a maximum of 60 minutes to make an oral final submission should it choose to do so. CNL must file any presentation material to accompany its oral submission with the Commission Registry by **June 21, 2023**.

The hearing details are as follows:

Date: June 27, 2023
Place: **Virtually via Zoom**
Time: As set by the agenda published prior to the hearing date

All submissions will be available for download on the [CNSC website](#) or on request to the Commission Registry.

Contact information

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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