



**Written submission from
Manitoba Metis Federation Inc.**

**Mémoire de
Manitoba Metis Federation Inc.**

In the Matter of

À l'égard de

Whiteshell Laboratories

Laboratoires de Whiteshell

Request by CNL to renew the Whiteshell Laboratories Decommissioning Licence for a one-year period to December 31, 2019, with the same terms and conditions as the current licence.

Demande des LNC concernant le renouvellement du permis de déclasserment des Laboratoires de Whiteshell pour une période d'un an, jusqu'au 31 décembre 2019, avec les mêmes modalités et conditions que le permis actuel

Public Hearing - Hearing in writing based on written submissions

Audience Publique - Audience fondée sur des mémoires

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President

June 7, 2018

VIA E-MAIL

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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To the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Secretariat,

**Re: Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Limited Nuclear Research and Test Establishment
Decommissioning Licence Renewal for Whiteshell Laboratories**

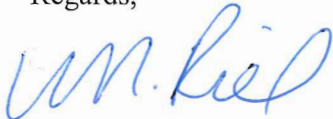
The Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) has been notified of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's (CNSC) hearing in writing to consider an application from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Limited (CNL) to renew, for one year, the Nuclear Research and Test Establishment Decommissioning Licence for its Whiteshell Laboratories (WL), located in Pinawa, MB. I understand that the current licence authorizes CNL to decommission WL and that a one-year licence renewal request has been made. As CNSC is aware through the MMF's submissions on the Whiteshell Reactor #1 Decommissioning Project, the MMF has an interest in the licensing of the WL site and we will continue to fully participate in all licensing and decommissioning processes.

As the Metis Government in Manitoba, the MMF provided a technical review and comment to the CNSC on December 19, 2017 regarding the CNL's Whiteshell Reactor #1(WR-1) Decommissioning Project. In that submission, we outline the rights, claims and interests of the Metis Nation's Manitoba Metis Community, the MMF's governing structure and the process of consultation and engagement under the MMF's Resolution No. 8. Furthermore, that comprehensive review of the WR-1 Decommissioning Project identified potential impacts to our Community and recommendations towards how to fully understand and address those impacts. It is my expectation that the CNSC Tribunal Secretariat is aware of the MMF's submission as well as the responsibilities that the CNSC has to the Manitoba Metis Community on this license renewal process.

From the outset, the MMF identified the lack of previous engagement between CNL and the MMF on behalf of the Manitoba Metis Community as a critical gap in the 2001 Comprehensive Study Report as it fails to fully identify and address our Community's concerns and impacts to our rights, claims and interests. During this one year extension, it is my expectation CNL will engage with the Manitoba Metis Community towards considering a different decommissioning approach for the WR-1 reactor and work with the MMF address the lack of Metis-specific information in the renewal of the long term licencing of the WL site. In this regard, I expect that CNSC will continue to be in contact with the MMF and fully support our participation in this ongoing licence renewal process.

I forward to working collaboratively with CNSC and CNL in all licensing and Crown-Aboriginal consultation processes for the WL site. Please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest opportunity via telephone at 204-586-8474, ext. 383 or via email marci.riel@mmf.mb.ca to further discuss any matters raised in this letter.

Regards,



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