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## **Supplementary Information**

### **Oral Presentation**

#### **Presentation from the Sagamok Anishnawbek**

In the Matter of

**Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium  
Mines, Mills, Historic and Decommissioned  
Sites in Canada: 2017**

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Commission Meeting

**December 12, 2018**

## **Renseignements supplémentaires**

### **Exposé oral**

#### **Présentation de Sagamok Anishnawbek**

À l'égard de

**Rapport de surveillance réglementaire des  
mines et usines de concentration d'uranium et  
des sites historiques et déclassés au Canada :  
2017**

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Réunion de la Commission

**Le 12 décembre 2018**





**SAGAMOK ANISHNAWBEK**

**CNSC COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**REGULATORY OVERSIGHT REPORTS 2017**

**KITCHI-ANISHNABE ELDERS AND YOUNG WARRIORS YOUTH COUNCIL FINDINGS**

**DECEMBER 12, 2018**

**OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

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- Mr. Ross Assinewe, Director of Lands, Resources & Environment, Sagamok Anishnawbek
- Mr. Derek Erickson, Principal, Erickson Environmental Consultants Limited



# BACKGROUND

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- Sagamok Anishnawbek (Sagamok) Applied for CNSC Intervening Status at Public Meetings on December 12, & 13, 2018 in Ottawa, ON.
- Sagamok applied to CNSC Participant Funding Program (PMP) on August 31, 2018.
- Sagamok granted PMP funding on October 17 & 19, 2018.
- Sagamok signs PFP agreement on October 22, 2018 to participate in Commission public meetings process.
- Sagamok asked to provide comment on two Regulatory Oversight Reports.
- Report 1-The Regulatory Oversight Report on Uranium Processing and Nuclear Processing Facilities in Canada: 2017
- Report 2-The Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines, Mills, Historic and Decommissioned Sites in Canada: 2017



# BACKGROUND

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- Sagamok's objectives were to provide input to CNSC associated with traditional ecological knowledge, environmental assessment, aspects, licensing process, community concerns, acquire more information on industry practices and offer recommendations to improved future relationships.
- Sagamok retained Mr. Derek Erickson & Mr. Sam Gauvreau to review reports and present information to Kitchi-Anishnawbe Elders and Young Warriors Youth Council members.
- Focus of presentation and discussions was on CNSC inspections and reporting on Report 1-Cameco Corporation Blind River Refinery (BRR) in Blind River, ON. , and Report 2-Decommissioned Mines & Mills at Agnew Lake, ON. and Elliot Lake, ON.
- Two meetings were held with Kitchi-Anishnawbe Elders and Warriors Youth Council members on November 15 & 21, 2018.
- Participants were provided with a pre-knowledge survey and post-presentation discussion questions to commence dialogue, promote engagement and collect information.



# BACKGROUND

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- A summary report of Sagamok findings was submitted to CNSC on November 23, 2018.
- Information on CNSC process and community members findings was presented on December 3, 2018 to G'Daa Kiim-Non Committee for comment and approval.
- Sagamok submits CNSC Commission Meeting Presentation on December 5, 2018.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF PRE-KNOWLEDGE SURVEY QUESTIONS

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- Close to 20% of respondents had heard of CNSC;
- Close to 50% of respondents do not know the role of the CNSC;
- 65% of respondents have never heard of the annual CNSC Regulatory Oversight Reports;
- Over 40% of respondents were aware of nuclear associated activities in their territory;
- Over 60% of respondents did not feel nuclear industry provides opportunities and sufficiently informs indigenous peoples on industry practices;
- 5% of respondents thought the nuclear industry is doing a good job as it relates to safety, protection of environment and transparency; and
- Approximately 25% of respondents know someone that worked in the nuclear industry.

Note: Survey based on 21 respondents





# HIGHLIGHTS OF REPORT | DISCUSSIONS

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- Members questioned why there was no Sagamok representation at any of the 4 CNSC inspections conducted at BRR in 2017.
- Members asked if these inspections were announced to licences prior to facility visits.
- Members requested inclusion in the CNSC - Independent Environmental Monitoring Program associated with potential impacts.
- Members were interested in learning more about the SCA rating of “satisfactory” for radiation protection and environmental protection at BRR.
- Members asked why a “satisfactory” SCA rating should be deemed acceptable.
- Members were concerned of cancer risks associated with ionizing radiation exposure pathways to workers, visitors and indigenous communities from BRR.
- Members raised concerns related to transportation of nuclear substances across their lands and communities from BRR.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF REPORT 2 DISCUSSIONS

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- Members questioned why there was no Sagamok representation at any of the 4 CNSC on-site inspections completed in region in 2017 (i.e. Agnew Lake, Elliot Lake, Denison & Stanrock sites).
- Members asked if these inspections were announced to licences prior to facility visits.
- Members requested inclusion in the CNSC - Independent Environmental Monitoring Program associated with potential impacts.
- Members expressed concern associated with Elliot Lake site and SCA rating of “below expectations” for environmental protection (i.e. Stanleigh effluent treatment plant exceedance for radium).
- Members expressed concerns associated with Barium Chloride used to treat uranium tailings effluents.
- Members expressed concern associated with Agnew Lake site and proximity to traditional lands (i.e. fall harvest area) and waterways (i.e. Spanish River and Sauble River).



# RECOMMENDATIONS

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- Present CNSC Report to Chief and Council and G'Daa Kiim-Non Committee and any relevant follow-up information provided or requested.
- Improve the Indigenous Community engagement and relationship building via formation of Indigenous Citizens Committee (ICC).
- Provide community with up-dated environmental monitoring data (i.e. IEMP) of Cameco Fuel Processing facility, Agnew Lake and Elliot Lake Decommissioned Mine sites.
- Provide indigenous representative(s) the opportunity to be directly involved in CNSC inspection visits and participate in compliance verification activities at locations of interest to indigenous communities.
- Create annual funding programs and scholarships for training opportunities for youth of indigenous communities and programs that provide community members a chance to learn about nuclear industry practices.



# RECOMMENDATIONS

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- Invite CNSC staff into community to enhance knowledge, promote transparency and discuss items of importance to indigenous peoples.
- Incorporate TEK sustainability, indigenous customs, traditions and beliefs into environmental assessment and performance evaluations of nuclear licensee holders.
- Provide opportunity for annual site visits/inspections at the Cameco Blind River refinery, Elliot Lake and Agnew Lake decommissioned mine sites.
- Invite Transport Canada/MTO to community to share knowledge on hazardous materials (i.e. nuclear substances) being transported across Sagamok and other indigenous territories.



# REFLECTIONS

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