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## Written submission from the **Métis Community of Pinehouse**

Mémoire de la communauté métisse de Pinehouse

À l'égard de In the Matter of

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

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

**Commission Meeting** 

Réunion de la Commission

**December 12, 2018** 

Le 12 décembre 2018



November 9, 2018

Northern Village of Pinehouse

Senior Tribunal Officer, Secretariat Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission 280 Slater St. Ottawa ON Email: cnsc.interventions.ccsn@canada.ca

Re: Intervention letter on Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines, Mills and Historic Decommissioned Sites in Canada: 2017

Senior Tribunal Officer:

On behalf of the Metis community of Pinehouse, I am pleased to present a written intervention in support of the findings within the 2017 CNSC Regulatory Oversight Report. I would also like to express my support for Cameco's operations in Northern Saskatchewan.

Pinehouse has a longstanding relationship with Cameco as two of their operations, Key Lake and McArthur River are situation on our traditional lands. Engagement between Pinehouse and Cameco on these operations dates back over two decades.

In 2012 Pinehouse, Cameco and Orano signed a Collaboration Agreement which set out commitments pertaining to community engagement, business development, workforce planning and community investment. Highlighted in this letter is the focus on community engagement through the Joint Implementation Engagement Subcommittee (JIES).

In order to facilitate effective engagement and dialogue between the mining industry and the community of Pinehouse in terms of environmental concerns, mitigation measures and regulatory obligations, the JIES was established. The subcommittee consists of two representatives from Cameco Corporation and two representatives from Pinehouse. The JIES is the first point of contact for Cameco on all community engagement matters pertaining to operational authorizations.

From Pinehouse's perspective, this subcommittee is tasked with looking at all environmental and regulatory considerations pertaining to Cameco's existing and future projects. It is assumed that the Pinehouse representatives have an appreciable level of knowledge when it comes to environmental assessments, how to decipher technical information contained in scoping documents, environmental impact statements, and any other relevant licensee documents.

The subcommittee meets at a minimum of four times per year to discuss interests and concerns around Cameco's operational activities and any licensing or environmental approvals required by the site. In June 2018, the Pinehouse JIES representative attended a Cameco and Orano workshop that discussed remediation and the decommissioning process at Uranium mines and mills. The work also highlighted presentations by the CNSC on the purpose and scope of the Regulatory Oversight Report as well at the regulatory framework for decommissioning.

In closing, Pinehouse is satisfied with the information provided in the ROR and is supportive of the information received from Cameco with respect to its operations.

Sincerely,

Mike Natomagan, Mayor Pinehouse