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Kineepik Métis Local #9**

**Mémoire du
Kineepik Métis Local #9**

**Regulatory Oversight Report for
Uranium Mines and Mills in
Canada: 2019**

**Rapport de surveillance
réglementaire pour les mines et
usines de concentration d'uranium
au Canada : 2019**

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Réunion de la Commission

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Re: Intervention letter on Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines and Mills in Canada: 2019

Senior Tribunal Officer:

The Northern Village of Pinehouse, located in the boreal forest on the western shore of Pinehouse Lake, is transforming the community into a thriving, self-sustaining example of the power of partnerships. We have worked with industry for many years, formalizing our partnership with Cameco and Orano in 2012 with a Collaboration Agreement¹ (CA). From that Agreement, the community has been able to help fund social initiatives such as Recovery Lake, the Annual Elder's Gathering, student scholarships, recreation, and housing. In addition, grow the demand for our services and expertise and see a significant investment in local workforce training and development.

The CA also provides an important forum, the Joint Implementation Engagement Subcommittee (JIES), developed in collaboration with Cameco and Orano shares information on matters related to the environment, the operations, proposed authorizations, and to address issues raised by the communities. The JIES ensures that adequate operational and regulatory updates are reaching the community and ensuring community members are adequately informed and that community members' concerns are heard during engagement opportunities with the companies. The JIES members are the primary link between Cameco, Orano, the Northern Village of Pinehouse and the Kineepik Métis Local for the sharing of information and these local representatives act as the first point of contact for community engagement matters.

Through the CA, the community's cultural heritage, Métis roots and deep ties to the land are maintained while the community focuses on funding and development on local businesses, workforce and training plans, community investment initiatives, and community engagement and environmental stewardship activities.

¹ The Parties to the Pinehouse Collaboration Agreement are Cameco Corporation, Orano Canada Inc., the Northern Village of Pinehouse and Kineepik Métis Local Inc.

As a member of the community, I see firsthand the positive impacts industry has had on my community. Those impacts have grown since the agreement, which reaffirms and formalizes our long-standing relationship. For over two decades, Cameco has engaged with Pinehouse residents through direct communication with community members and leadership. Environmental stewardship is important to our community members and we want to ensure that the environment is protected for our younger generations.

I have seen how the companies are committed to ongoing engagement with the community. Community members are encouraged to bring forward any questions or concerns about the operations and the environment to the JIES representatives. The JIES members will then raise the question during the quarterly meetings so that it can be addressed by the company representatives. The JIES works to ensure information is shared regarding areas of interest that have specifically been identified by community members. As the local experts, the community JIES representatives also play an important role for the companies by providing advice, based on interest and need, regarding community engagement strategies for planned and future site-based projects.

Over the years, the community has been generally supportive of both Cameco and Orano's operations and have received timely information. We feel Cameco has successfully managed its operations into a state of safe and stable care and maintenance and are satisfied with the CNSC staff's summary on operational performance.

I am pleased to provide you with this letter for the 2019 Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines and Mills in Canada (ROR) on behalf of the Kineepik Métis Local, with support of the Northern Village of Pinehouse.

Sincerely,



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