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Written submission from the **Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee**

Mémoire du **Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality** Committee

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

Commission Meeting

Réunion de la Commission

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

Senior Tribunal Officer:

On behalf of the Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee (NSEQC), I am pleased to provide a letter in regards to the 2019 Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines and Mills in Canada (ROR).

The NSEQC is a Saskatchewan provincial government advisory committee representing thirty municipalities and First Nations communities, representing a broad cross-section of First Nations and Métis across the north. These communities and their representatives have given northerners an effective voice on the uranium industry for the last 25 years. The representatives come from municipalities and First Nations alike, and these individuals include people of First Nations (Dene and Cree), Métis and non-Indigenous heritage.

The NSEQC cultivates and reinforces positive relationships with northern communities, northern resource developers and federal and provincial government regulators. It builds trust and confidence in decisions related to developments in the resource sector, particularly uranium.

The NSEQC has not actively met in 2020, due the recent events of COVID-19. However, the NSEQC, through my office has been informed of the report and all events associated with the 2019 ROR. In the past Cameo and Orano along with the CNSC staff have done an excellent job in including the NSEQC in their outreach activities and ensuring that any issues and concerns regarding any activities are addressed and discussed. The Manager of the NSEQC has been kept up-to-date about the operations included in this Regulatory Oversight Report, and have participated in the September 28th, 2020 presentation by the CNSC staff on the ROR.

Over the years the NSEQC have been well informed about Cameco and Orano's northern Saskatchewan operations, projects, regulatory applications and performance; including personally touring the sites and the NSEQC remain confident that this relationship will continue into the future.

In closing, with this past relationship in mind and the commitment to this continued relationship, We, the former Co-Chairs, on behalf of the NSEQC, have reviewed the ROR submission and are satisfied with the performance summary.

Sincerely,

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