



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

**Mémoire du
Northern Saskatchewan
Environmental Quality Committee**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Corporation,
Cigar Lake Operation**

**Cameco Corporation,
établissement de Cigar Lake**

Application for the renewal of Cameco's uranium mine licence for the Cigar Lake Operation

Demande de renouvellement du permis de mine d'uranium de Cameco pour l'établissement de Cigar Lake

Commission Public Hearing

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Re: Intervention letter on renewal application for Cameco's uranium mine licence for the Cigar Lake Operation

Senior Tribunal Officer:

On behalf of the Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee (NSEQC), I am pleased to provide a letter regarding the renewal application for Cameco's uranium mine licence for the Cigar Lake Operation.

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 more than 23 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 among 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.

Our committee's activities are known to many stakeholders through regular correspondence, direct reports to communities and our published annual report.

Over the years we have been well informed about Cameco's Cigar Lake operation; including time spent touring the site. The NSEQC manager participated in the February 25th, 2021 virtual community meeting hosted by Cigar Lake staff and will report back to the committee the findings. Cameco has a long history of effectively engaging with northern Saskatchewan communities, with measures in place that facilitate employment as well as community and business development.

The NSEQC have been kept up to date about the operation and see Cameco as an experienced and qualified operator. During the current licence term, Cigar Lake successfully transitioned through commissioning to full production, while continuing to protect workers, the public and

the environment. In closing, we remain confident that Cameco has the programs, processes and people in place to ensure continued safe production throughout the next licence term.

Sincerely,

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