



## **Supplementary Information**

**Presentation from  
Sarah Gabrielle Baron and  
Joan Morningstar**

In the Matter of the

**Cameco Corporation,  
Blind River Refinery**

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**Application to renew licence for Cameco  
Corporation's Blind River Refinery**

**Commission Public Hearing**

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## **Renseignements supplémentaires**

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**Demande de renouvellement de permis pour  
la raffinerie de Blind River appartenant à  
Cameco Corporation**

**Audience publique de la Commission**

**24 novembre 2021**

# Say No To Cameco

an intervention by Joan Morningstar and  
Sarah Gabrielle Baron

for the Canadian Nuclear Safety  
Commission (CNSC) demanding the Blind  
River Refinery and Incinerator be shut  
down permanently.

Presentation by Joan Morningstar followed by presentation  
by Sarah Gabrielle Baron and Joan. November 24, 2021

The bodies of Joan's ancestors, and their objects, were illegally removed in the creation of the site.

How would you feel if an invading force desecrated your graveyards and memorial sites, and stole the bones of your ancestors, tomorrow?

Time for questions is allowed, but limited as there is much more to say.

**UNDRIP is now law. This empowers Joan, and others like her, to demand site shutdown**

See Joan and Sarah's intervention paper for direct quotes from UNDRIP and Bill C-15 ratification of UNDRIP.

Other legal documents that empower Joan to demand site shut-down include, but are not limited to:

- The Royal Proclamation
- The Silver Chain Covenant or "Treaty at Niagara" wampum
- The Queen's Bargain
- Statements calling for a moratorium on new development of the nuclear industry by Anishinabek First Nation, Assembly of First Nations, Wolastoq First Nation and Iroquois Confederacy of the Haudeneshonee Nation.
- Multiple Anishinabek statements and teachings within Joan's lifetime empowering her as a protector of the life of the natural systems all around her home.

# There is NO SAFE AMOUNT

Science alone, and science controlled by industrial for-profit interests, must not be the only indicator of 'safe levels'

CNSC and Cameco testing of air, soil and water continually state that levels are "within allowable limits". Joan, as a Traditional Knowledge Keeper, is telling you, the CNSC and Cameco that THERE IS NO SAFE AMOUNT.

Joan can provide you with direct testimony of **terrible cancers among the humans in her community**, and indicators of extreme **poisoning and duress on the living beings in her community**.

# Health Canada has no important role in ensuring human safety.

While Cameco and CNSC continue to assert control over the entire nuclear regime's impacts on humans and environments, they continue to fail to represent Canadian best interests.

Soil, water and air testing is ALWAYS deemed by Cameco and the CNSC to be "within allowable limits".

It is basic science, taught in all grade 9 classrooms, that **BIOACCUMULATION of toxins** is the most direct, long-lasting, and deadly impact on all life forms in any ecosystem.

Canadians in any area impacted by the nuclear fuel chain should demand the empowerment of Health Canada as a regulatory body OVER the CNSC, and start never-ending studies on bioaccumulation of uranium and all its byproducts and associated industrial wastes, in humans and all life forms.

Joan is demanding this for her community, and a halt to BRR until this condition is met.



# Cameco and CNSC are lying about the increasing amount of production.

The Canadian government, and other global actors, are engaging in a push for a dangerous new phenomena called 'modular nuclear reactors'. There is no mention of this in the BRR & incinerator planning.

The quota set long ago for BRR is artificially high. This quota has never been reached.

Cameco and CNSC are in collusion in the lie to local citizens. Production will greatly increase, as will the output of toxins into the environment.

The entire nature of the original agreement between BRR Cameco and Mississaugi FN is no longer valid, and production at this facility must stop.

# Hiding the fact that the incinerator is part of this relicensing application.

From the title of the application, the title of the site, right down to the inadequate testing and reporting, the fact that an incinerator is poisoning Joan's body and homeland is continually ignored by Cameco and CNSC.

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission states that it does not have jurisdiction over nuclear waste. Therefore, no one is regulating this incinerator.

Joan's community is terribly impacted by the airborne ceramic uranium, a known deadly carcinogen.

This incinerator must be shut down, permanently, immediately.



## Other indicators of racism in the Cameco & CNSC relationship with Mississaugi FN.

Joan's experience as trying to represent the Elders during the initial negotiations in the early 1980's is a valid reason for the relationship to be considered illegal by modern standards.

- Elders said that the water table goes in a circle, and the site should therefore not be used as it would contaminate the reserve groundwater.
- Elders were locked out of the band office when the band was signing the final agreement
- There were rumors of direct bribes to Band counselors at the time of signing
- Joan indicated a racist double standard in safety measures for Blind River vs. the Reserve in 2015. Joan experienced bullying and silencing at that time. See written intervention. Those issues have never been resolved in the past 7 years.
- The last minute change of location in 1982, further away from Blind River, and closer to Mississaugi First Nation, was never adequately explained, and proper environmental impact assessment of the new location is in question.

## Other indicators of racism in the Cameco & CNSC relationship with Mississaugi FN, 2021

- Interventions time allotment is a racist practice. Joan is a traditional knowledge keeper and should be allowed to speak for as long as she wants. This industry has been polluting her homeland for decades. She is suffering from pervasive cancer. This industry is killing her and her loved ones. "ten minutes" is not only racist, but downright rude.

- At the October BRR meeting the following inaccuracies, racist tendencies, and outright lies were experienced:
- A "mail out" within a ten km radius: Joan and her neighbours have no recollection of receiving this
- Failure to name the Mississaugi tribe in land acknowledgment
- Slides noting Blind River is 5 km, but not noting that Mississaugi reserve is 1.6km away
- Whitewashing the relationship between Cameco's liaison and the reserve members, when the relationship is clearly broken, and always has been.

# The CNSC is a “captured” regulator and can not be trusted.

A CELA and Greenpeace freedom of information search shows that the CNSC lobbied to have SMRs be exempt from Environmental Impact Assessments. See written intervention for the exact wording, date, and citation.

If Canadians knew that their nuclear regulatory body had done this; if Canadians knew that SMRs were exempted from environmental impact assessments, they would be aware that this regulator is captured, and can not be trusted to regulate on our behalf.

A moratorium on all new nuclear developments, including a renewal at BRR and Incinerator, is required at this time, until a full arms-length inquiry can be completed and a proper citizen-led body instituted to regulate the nuclear industry.

# As empowered by Indigneous, Anishinabek Nation, Canadian and international law, Joan Morningstar calls for the immediate shut down of BRR & incinerator

- Bones and artifacts of her ancestors were stolen and have never been returned
- A long history and current experiences of racist double standard on safety protocols
- Allegation of bribes during the initial negotiations; some evidence of current bribery tactics to ensure complicity
- Inadequate testing of groundwater
- Lying about the increase in production due to SMR tech push nationally and globally
- Health Canada has no jurisdiction over CNSC, and it must, to test for bioaccumulation
- High rates of cancers among Mississaugi FN; sicknesses in the surrounding life forms
- Inadequate regulatory oversight and reporting on the incinerator activities and effects
- No national or provinical plan for existing waste – waste languishes at BRR location
- UNDRIP law requires that First Nation multiple calls for a moratorium on new nuclear be respected.



# THIS 'AGREEMENT' is no longer valid

- The original licence for BRR (not incinerator) was for 12 years. It has been renewed twice already. Therefore, the original agreement between BRR and Mississaugi FN must be formally renewed. In light of the community's high rates of terrible cancers, it is not likely that this licence will ever be renewed.
- Please visit SAY NO TO CAMECO on Facebook to stay informed! Of course, this captured "regulator" will approve the Cameco renewal licence. This location refines 80% of the world's uranium yellowcake! Civil disobedience will be required to get it shut down. Solidarity with other First Nations organizations and non-Indigenous organizations is requested.