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Status Update

CNSC Staff Review of the Regulatory Oversight Report Process

Mise à jour

Examen par le personnel de la CCSN du processus du Rapport de surveillance réglementaire

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Subject / **Objet**: Status update to the Commission on the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) staff review of the Regulatory Oversight Report (ROR) Process

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Commission with an update of the CNSC staff review of the ROR process.

BACKGROUND

RORs present CNSC’s compliance activities and assessment of the licensee’s safety performance, and are completed for the entire nuclear fuel cycle. RORs are presented to the Commission through public Commission proceedings.

The following RORs are presented by the CNSC annually:

- Canadian Nuclear Laboratories sites
- Nuclear power generating sites, including on-site waste management facilities
- Use of nuclear substances
- Uranium and nuclear substance processing facilities
 - with additional information presented on research reactors and Class IB particle accelerators every 3 years
- Uranium mines and mills
 - with additional information presented on historic and decommissioned sites every 3 years.

These reports have evolved over time to be more complex and to include comprehensive reports that assess how well CNSC's licensed facilities met regulatory requirements and program expectations in previous year(s). The RORs present a high-level report on the results of the comprehensive reviews of licensing, certification, compliance verification and enforcement activities.

In the spirit of continuous improvement, in January 2018, CNSC staff established a multi-directorate team to conduct a review that initially focused on the reporting frequency of RORs to the Commission.

At the October 3-4, 2018, Commission meeting, the Commission requested that staff present the results of the CNSC staff review of the ROR process and the proposed way forward. In response, an internal consultation paper [1] was developed and resulted in over 400 staff comments. The following three themes emerged from the comments: intended audience, criteria for frequency, and scope of content.

Subsequently, a public discussion paper was developed based on the themes received from CNSC staff to seek feedback on the RORs and the ROR process, from licensees, stakeholders, Indigenous groups, communities and the public. The Public Consultation on the *Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission: Regulatory Oversight Report Review Discussion Paper* [2] outlined the current process for presenting RORs to the Commission and sought comments for improvement. The consultation period ran from on April 8, 2021 to June 7, 2021 and resulted in comments from the fourteen reviewers listed below. The comments were posted on the CNSC's website from June 8, 2021 to June 23, 2021 for feedback. No additional comments were received.

Reviewers:

Industry

- Canadian Radiation Protection Association
- Canadian Nuclear Association
- Bruce Power
- New Brunswick Power
- Ontario Power Generation
- Nordion Inc.
- Canadian Nuclear Laboratories
- Hydro Québec
- Cameco Corp.
- Canadian Nuclear Workers' Council

Civil Society Organizations

- G. Dalzell; Citizens Coalition for Clean Air; Community Member
- Canadian Environmental Law Association

Other

- Kevin Scissons (former CNSC staff)
- Anne Gent; Senior Environmental Scientist; Cameco

NEXT STEPS

- CNSC will return to the Commission with the final results of the ROR review, including short-term and long-term improvement plans, once endorsed by senior and executive management. The anticipated timeline for the update is the January 27, 2022 Commission meeting.
- Publish a “What We’ve Heard” report on the CNSC website.

REFERENCES

1. Consultation Paper Outlining a New Approach to RORs - e-Doc 5824215
2. Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission: Regulatory Oversight Report Review Discussion Paper e-Doc 6302440