



**Written submission from
Women in Nuclear (WiN) Canada**

**Mémoire de
Women in Nuclear (WiN) Canada**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

Cameco Corporation, Beaverlodge Project

Cameco Corporation, Projet Beaverlodge

**Application to amend its licence to allow
release of 18 Beaverlodge Project
properties from CNSC licensing**

**Demande de modification du permis de
Cameco visant à retirer 18 propriétés du
projet Beaverlodge du contrôle de la CCSN**

Commission Public Hearing

Audience publique de la Commission

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
c/o Louise Levert, Secretariat
280 Slater St. PO Box 1046
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5S9

February 7, 2022

Subject: CNSC to conduct a public hearing on Cameco's application to amend its licence to allow release of 18 Beaverlodge Project properties from licensing

Dear Sir or Madam,

Women in Nuclear (WiN) Canada is pleased to submit an intervention in support of Cameco's application to amend its licence to allow the release of 18 Beaverlodge Project properties from licensing, currently under review by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC).

Established in 2004, WiN Canada today has over 4,000 members across Canada. Almost all our members work in the nuclear industry and many live in the communities in which the nuclear industry operates. Safety and the environment are always an important consideration for our members. We place a high priority on the safety of communities in which we live, work and raise our families.

The Beaverlodge Project is a decommissioned uranium mine and mill site that currently consists of 45 individual properties licensed by the CNSC. The existing licence authorizes Cameco to manage the ongoing reclamation, maintenance and monitoring activities at the Beaverlodge properties. Cameco is requesting a licence amendment to remove 18 of the properties from CNSC licensing to enable acceptance of the properties, or portions of the properties, into Saskatchewan's Institutional Control Program (ICP).

Cameco continues to be a responsible manager of the decommissioned Beaverlodge properties and continues to follow the approved Beaverlodge Management Framework and Path Forward Plan. The 18 decommissioned properties, which are subject of this request, meet the established performance criteria and pose minimal risk to public safety or the environment.

The properties are eligible for long-term stewardship in the province of Saskatchewan's Institutional Control Program, or free-release depending on the presence of historical mining/milling activity. The Institutional Control Program provides assurance of sufficient funding to provide for monitoring and maintenance, and to address any unforeseen events on the properties over the long term.

Cameco has a robust Public Information Program and over the years, has continued to engage with Indigenous groups and other stakeholders with an interest in the decommissioned Beaverlodge properties. Cameco also adapted to the challenges posed by the COVID pandemic, holding virtual engagement meetings and site tours in 2020 and 2021. A part of WiN Canada's mission is to develop a dialogue with the public to promote factual awareness about nuclear.





Locally, in Saskatchewan, Women in Nuclear has a joint chapter with Women in Mining (WIM/WiN). This chapter brings together the mission and vision of both organizations. WIM/WiN provides support and awareness to both professionals and companies to create a supportive network to attract, retain and grow the number of women in the Mining and Nuclear industries. Our organization and members are key players in the implementation of initiatives that improve gender equality and foster the professional development of women in the mining and nuclear industries.

WiN Canada was happy to learn of the ways Cameco has evolved their engagement strategy to be able to continue that dialogue when face to face conversations were not possible.

Women in Nuclear Canada also works to emphasize and support the role that women can and do have in addressing public concerns and misconceptions about the nuclear industry. The community based monitoring programs led by the local people in the Uranium City area, and elsewhere in the Athabasca Basin, continue to demonstrate that the country foods and water that are consumed by community members are safe and part of a healthy diet.

Cameco has fulfilled the requirements and obligations described in the Path Forward for these properties and the province has provided notice that it will grant a Release from Decommissioning and Reclamation under the condition that the properties are released from CNSC licensing. It is for these reasons that WiN Canada supports CNSC's release of the 18 properties from CNSC licensing, making them eligible for transfer to the Province of Saskatchewan for long-term environmental stewardship under the IC program or free released depending on the presence of historical mining/milling activities.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LMB", is written over a thin horizontal line.

Lisa McBride
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Women in Nuclear Canada

