



# Record of Decision

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## Commission Ruling on Request to Protect Confidential Information

**Requestor:** Denison Mines Corporation

**Matter:** 25-H9 — Application for a Licence to Prepare Site and Construct the Wheeler River Project

**Proceeding:** Two-Part Public Hearing in October and December 2025

With respect to the matter noted above, the Commission has considered Denison's [request for confidentiality](#)<sup>1</sup> for the documents set out in Table 1, below. This request was made pursuant to rule 12 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#) (the *Rules*).

In its consideration of Denison's request for confidentiality, the Commission also considered [CNSC staff's review](#)<sup>2</sup> of Denison's request.

The Commission's ruling on this request, for the purposes of this proceeding, is also documented in Table 1.

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<sup>1</sup> *Denison Mines Corporation's Request for Confidentiality*, retrieved from the CNSC website: <https://api.cnscccsn.gc.ca/dms/digital-medias/CMD25-H9-Request-for-confidentiality-from-Denison-Mines.pdf/object>, October 6, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> *CNSC Staff's Review of Denison's Request for Confidentiality in Relation to CNSC Staff CMD 25-H9 Reference Documents*, retrieved from the CNSC website: <https://api.cnscccsn.gc.ca/dms/digital-medias/CMD25-H9.pdf/object>, October 6, 2025.

Document Title	Information will be Protected		Measure(s) to be Taken	Determination
	Yes	No		
1. Groundwater Protection and Monitoring Plan	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited.	<p>The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(b) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information of a commercial, scientific, and technical nature that is treated consistently as confidential.</p> <p>Only the non-confidential (redacted) version will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the redacted version of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest. The redacted version of the document is available on the <a href="#">CNSC website</a><sup>3</sup> or on request to the Commission Registry.</p>
2. Facility Description Manual	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited.	<p>The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrules 12(1)(a) and (b) of the Rules, the document contains information that involves national or nuclear security, as well as confidential information of a commercial, scientific, and technical nature that is treated consistently as confidential.</p> <p>Only the summary will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the summary of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest. The summary is appended to Denison's request for confidentiality.</p>

<sup>3</sup> Redacted Groundwater Protection and Monitoring Plan, retrieved from the CNSC website: <https://api.cnsccsn.gc.ca/dms/digital-medias/CMD25-H9-1-Reference-23.pdf/object>; August 29, 2025.

3. Wellfield Containment Design Criteria, January 2023	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited.	<p>The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrules 12(1)(a) and (b) of the Rules, the document contains information that involves national or nuclear security, as well as confidential information of a commercial, scientific, and technical nature that is treated consistently as confidential.</p> <p>Only the summary will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the summary of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest. The summary is appended to Denison's request for confidentiality.</p>
4. Well Design Criteria, March 2025	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited.	<p>The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrules 12(1)(a) and (b) of the Rules, the document contains information that involves national or nuclear security, as well as confidential information of a commercial, scientific, and technical nature that is treated consistently as confidential.</p> <p>Only the summary will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the summary of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest. The summary is appended to Denison's request for confidentiality.</p>
5. Civil Earthworks Design Criteria, March 2025	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited.	<p>The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrules 12(1)(a) and (b) of the Rules, the document contains information that involves national or nuclear security, as well as confidential information of a commercial and technical nature that is treated consistently as confidential.</p>

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6. Security Management Program, November 2023	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited.	<p>The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrules 12(1)(a) and (b) of the Rules, the document contains information that involves national or nuclear security, as well as confidential information of a commercial nature that is treated consistently as confidential.</p> <p>Only the summary will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the summary of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest. The summary is appended to Denison's request for confidentiality.</p>
7. Wheeler River Preliminary Decommissioning Cost Estimate and Financial Guarantee Memo. June 2025	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	The publication or disclosure of this information is prohibited.	<p>The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(b) of the Rules, the document contains confidential information of a financial, commercial, and technical nature that is treated consistently as confidential.</p> <p>Only the summary will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the summary of the document is sufficient to satisfy the public interest. The summary is appended to Denison's request for confidentiality.</p>

The Commission is satisfied that:

- as per subrule 12(1)(a) of the *Rules*, documents 2-6 in Table 1 contain information that involves national or nuclear security; and
- as per subrule 12(1)(b) of the *Rules*, documents 1-7 in Table 1 contain confidential information of a financial, commercial, scientific, and/or technical nature that are treated consistently as confidential; and
- as per subrules 12(2)(a) and 12(2)(b) of the *Rules*, protection of the information outweighs in importance the public interest in public hearings and disclosure of evidence, and the measure taken is designed so as not to affect the public nature of the proceeding except to the extent necessary to adequately protect the information.

Therefore, applying subrules 12(3)(b) and 12(3)(c) of the *Rules*, the Commission orders that the publication or disclosure of information given to the Commission in documents 1-7 be prohibited, as described in Table 1.

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Pierre F. Tremblay  
President  
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

October 7, 2025

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