



Revised Notice of Public Hearing

November 12, 2025

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Revision 2

CNSC to conduct Part 2 of public hearing on Denison Mines Corp.'s licence application to prepare a site for and construct Wheeler River mine and mill project

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold Part 2 of a public hearing to consider an application from Denison Mines Corp. (Denison) for a licence to prepare a site for and construct its Wheeler River mine and mill project. Denison is proposing to develop an *in situ* recovery uranium mining and processing operation located in the Athabasca Basin in northern Saskatchewan, approximately 600 km north of Saskatoon. The proposed project is located within Treaty 10 territory, the homeland of the Métis, and within the traditional territories of the Dene, Cree, and Métis peoples. **This revised notice is to announce the location and dates of Part 2 of the hearing and to clarify that the purpose and scope of the hearing includes the Commission's duties as an agent of the Crown.**

The hearing will take place at the Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel and virtually via Zoom, from December 8 to 11, 2025.

Purpose and scope of hearing

Pursuant to section 24 of the [Nuclear Safety and Control Act](#), a licence issued by the Commission is required for the proposed site preparation and construction of the project. The proposed project is subject to an environmental assessment (EA) under the [Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012](#) (CEAA 2012). Although the [Impact Assessment Act](#) came into force in August 2019, replacing CEAA 2012, it includes provisions to allow ongoing projects with EAs initiated under CEAA 2012 to continue under their existing EA processes. As a prerequisite to the licensing decision, the Commission must also make an EA decision to determine whether the proposed project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

As an agent of the Crown, the Commission's responsibilities include the duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate Indigenous Nations and communities where the

Crown contemplates conduct that may adversely impact their potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights. In meeting its duties towards Indigenous Nations and communities, the Commission may rely on the following:

- consultation undertaken by CNSC staff, as well as the opportunities for Indigenous Nations and communities to make submissions directly to the Commission and to participate in the hearing process
- engagement work done by Denison, including with respect to avoidance, mitigation or other measures adopted or proposed by Denison for potential accommodation purposes

This consideration does not mean that the consultation undertaken by CNSC staff stops or is replaced by Denison's engagement. Rather, consultation by CNSC staff and engagement by Denison continue concurrently.

Hearing details

Date (Part 2): **December 8 to 11, 2025**
Place: **Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel, 612 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**
Time: As set by the agenda to be published prior to the hearing date

The public hearing will be webcast live and available on the CNSC website at cnscccsn.gc.ca.

During Part 1 of the hearing, held on October 8, 2025, the Commission considered oral and written submissions, related to Denison's application, from Denison and from CNSC staff. During Part 2 of the hearing, the Commission will consider oral and written interventions from Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public and other interested parties.

[Denison's licence application](#) is available on the CNSC website or on request to the Commission Registry. Denison's submission, CNSC staff's recommendations, and the interventions are available on the CNSC website, or on request to the Commission Registry.

Participant funding

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC made available up to **\$250,000** in funding through its [Participant Funding Program](#). The purpose of this funding is to assist Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public and interested parties in reviewing CNSC staff's and Denison's submissions to the Commission, as well as in participating in

the hearing process by providing topic-specific interventions to the Commission. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form was **April 4, 2025**. A Funding Review Committee, independent of the CNSC, reviewed the funding applications received and made recommendations on the allocation of funds. Based on the recommendations, the CNSC [awarded](#) up to \$545,639.94 to 9 applicants.

Interventions

Pursuant to rule 19 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#), persons who have an interest or expertise in this matter or information that may be useful to the Commission in coming to a decision were invited to comment on Denison's application. Requests to intervene were due to the Commission Registry by **October 24, 2025**.

Oral presenters who wish to use a PowerPoint presentation are asked to submit their slide decks to the Commission Registry by **November 24, 2025**. Subject to confidentiality, all submissions will be available for download on the [CNSC website](#) or on request to the Commission Registry. Personal information, such as email address and telephone number, is essential for linking the submission to its author. If you wish to ensure the confidentiality of your personal information, please submit it on a separate page.

Obligation for providing documentary material for the record

Under rule 15 of the Rules, any documentary evidence, written submission or other material filed with the Commission shall be open to the participants and the public (subject to any confidentiality measures taken by the Commission, as described below).

Submissions must follow the guidance in the [Directive on Submitting Documentary Evidence for the Record](#).

Confidentiality

Under rule 12, the Commission may take steps to protect confidential information. Persons intending to submit information that could be confidential must follow the guidance in the [Directive on Requesting Confidentiality](#).

For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:

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For further information on the public Commission hearing process, or on the licensee or the facility being considered in this matter, or to request documents, contact:

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