



Record of Decision

Commission Ruling on Request to Protect Confidential Information

Requestor: Willow Lake Métis Nation

Matter: 25-H12—Application for a Licence to Prepare Site and Construct the Rook I Uranium Mine and Mill Project

Proceeding: Two-Part Public Hearing in November 2025 and February 2026

With respect to the matter noted above, the Commission has considered the Willow Lake Métis Nation's [request for confidentiality](#)¹ for the document 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*).

The Commission's ruling on this request, for the purposes of this proceeding, is also documented in Table 1 and relates only to Willow Lake Métis Nation's written submission.

¹ Willow Lake Métis Nation's Request for Confidentiality, retrieved from the CNSC website: <https://api.cnscccsn.gc.ca/dms/digital-medias/CMD25-H12-WLMN-RFC.pdf/object>, January 21, 2026.

Document Title	Information will be Protected		Measure(s) to be Taken	Determination
	Yes	No		
1. CMD 25-H12.49, Written Submission from the Willow Lake Métis Nation	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	The publication or disclosure of the detailed map of the Willow Lake Métis Nation's traditional territory—attached in Appendix A of CMD 25 H12.49, is prohibited.	<p>The Commission finds that, in accordance with subrule 12(1)(b) of the Rules, the map attached in Appendix A of CMD 25 H12.49 contains Indigenous Knowledge that is treated consistently as confidential.</p> <p>Only the redacted version, with the map removed, will be published or disclosed. The Commission is satisfied that the information available to the public in the redacted version of the document, along with the summary of the range and historical ties provided in the Willow Lake Métis Nation's Request for Confidentiality, is sufficient to satisfy the public interest. The redacted version of the document is available on the CNSC website² or on request to the Commission Registry.</p>

² *Written Submission from the Willow Lake Métis Nation (Redacted)*, retrieved from the CNSC website: <https://api.cnscccsn.gc.ca/dms/digital-medias/CMD25-H12-49-WLMN-SUB-REDACTED.pdf/object>, January 20, 2026.

The Commission is satisfied that:

- as per subrule 12(1)(b) of the *Rules*, the document in Table 1 contains Indigenous Knowledge that is consistently treated 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 document 1 be prohibited, as described in Table 1.

January 28, 2026

Pierre F. Tremblay
President
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

Date