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Supplementary Information

Appendix C of CMD 25-H12.B Volume 2

In the matter of the

NexGen Energy Ltd.

License application to prepare a site for
and construct its Rook I uranium mine and
mill project

Commission Public Hearing

February 2026

Renseignements supplémentaires

Annexe C du CMD 25-H12.B Volume 2

À l'égard du

NexGen Energy Ltd.

Demande de permis concernant la
préparation de l'emplacement et la
construction de son projet de mine et
d'usine de concentration d'uranium Rook I

Audience publique de la Commission

Février 2026

C.6 Key Correspondence with Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation

From: Ennamsaoui, Mouna (CNSC/CCSN) on behalf of Ciani, Candida (CNSC/CCSN)
Sent: April 2, 2019 12:45 PM
To: aadam@acfn.com
Subject: Notice of NexGen Ltd, Rook I Project, a Proposal for a New Uranium Mining and Milling Project, in northern Saskatchewan.
Attachments: Lettre to A Adam.pdf

Dear Chief Allan Adam,

Please find attached an electronic copy of the Notice sent to you regarding a project proposal submitted by NexGen Ltd for a new uranium mine and milling project in northern Saskatchewan.

Please direct any questions relating to the environmental assessments of these projects to Nicole Frigault (Environmental Assessment Officer, Environmental Assessment Division, CNSC), at (613) 995-7948 or by e-mail at nicole.frigault@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

Candida Ciani
Director, Environmental Assessment Division
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission



April 2, 2019

e-Doc: 5865489

Chief Allan Adam
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aadam@acfn.com

Subject: Notice of NexGen Ltd, Rook I Project, a Proposal for a New Uranium Mining and Milling Project, in northern Saskatchewan.

Dear Chief Adam:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with notice that the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) has received an application from NexGen Energy Ltd (NexGen) to develop a uranium mine and mill on the Patterson Lake peninsula in the southwestern Athabasca Basin in northern Saskatchewan, approximately 155 km north of the town of La Loche, SK. The proposed development is called the Rook I Project.

The proposed project requires a federal environmental assessment (EA) under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) and will require authorization from the CNSC under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* (NSCA).

The proposed project includes underground and surface facilities to support the mining and processing of uranium ore. The main components of the project include:

- underground mine development
- an on-site mill to process an average of 1,400 tonnes of ore per day
- surface facilities to support the short and long-term storage of waste rock and ore
- an underground tailings management facility
- water handling infrastructure and an effluent treatment and discharge
- additional infrastructure including but not limited to, a camp for personnel, and supporting facilities such as an airstrip, waste and water management facilities, maintenance shop, warehouse, and offices

Vehicle access to the site would be provided by upgrading an existing access road that connects the site with Provincial Highway 955 which extends from La Loche to the decommissioned Cluff Lake uranium mine site.

Environmental Assessment and Licensing

The proposed project will require an EA under CEAA 2012. The CNSC will be responsible for making both an EA and a licensing decision for this project. The CNSC is also the Crown Consultation Coordinator for the federal government for the project.

As part of their application, NexGen will be seeking concurrent EA and licensing processes so that both EA and licensing matters can be considered at the same public Commission hearing. The Commission must make an EA decision that the project will not cause significant adverse environmental effects prior to making a licensing decision.

The proposed project is also subject to a provincial environmental assessment as it is a “development” as defined in section 2(d) of *The Environmental Assessment Act*. Therefore, NexGen is also required to undertake a provincial EA for the project and seek approval from the Saskatchewan Minister of Environment prior to proceeding with the project. CNSC and the Saskatchewan Environmental Assessment & Stewardship Branch will work closely to coordinate our respective EA processes wherever possible.

Commission Hearing

Before the Commission can make a decision on the licence application, a public hearing will be held to ensure that the Commission has the information it needs, and that NexGen and interveners (including Indigenous groups and members of the public) have had a reasonable opportunity to present relevant information to the Commission. The CNSC encourages your participation in the review process, including the public hearing.

The Commission’s public hearing for the Rook I Project has not yet been scheduled. We will provide you with an update once further details are confirmed regarding the timing, location and format of the Commission hearing for this project.

For more details on CNSC’s public hearing processes, you can visit the web link:
<http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/the-commission/hearings/participate/index.cfm>.

Participant Funding Program

The CNSC has established a Participant Funding Program (PFP) to enhance participation in the CNSC’s regulatory processes. Funding for this project will be offered for participation in both the EA/licensing and Commission hearing processes. The availability of PFP will be announced within the next few months (around the same time as the official posting of the Notice of Commencement for the project). Once the availability of funding is announced we will provide you with further details on the application process, scope of funding and amounts available.

Please visit the CNSC’s PFP funding opportunities webpage for more information, including the application process: <http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/the-commission/participant-funding-program/opportunities/index.cfm>

If you have questions about the PFP please contact the PFP Administrator toll-free at 1-800-668-5284, or by e-mail at cnscc.pfp.ccsn@canada.ca.

Indigenous Consultation

The CNSC, as an agent of the Government of Canada and as Canada's nuclear regulator, recognizes and understands the importance of consulting and building relationships with Canada's Indigenous peoples.

As an Indigenous group with potential interest in this project, the CNSC is interested in hearing any views you may have with respect to the project.

Next Steps:

Once the final project description has been submitted by NexGen, CNSC staff will provide your community with further details on the federal EA process to be followed for the proposed project.

The CNSC will be posting a Notice of Commencement on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry within the next couple of weeks. At the same time as the posting of the Notice of Commencement, the CNSC will also post the project description for a 30 day review and comment period. As part of the EA process, Indigenous groups and members of the public will have the following opportunities to comment on the:

- the project description
- the draft Environmental Impact Statement

Indigenous groups and members of the public will also be given the opportunity to submit comments to the Commission for an eventual EA/Licensing hearing as a Commission Member Document (written intervention and/or oral presentation).

Staying Informed

The CNSC is committed to ongoing consultation and engagement with you and your Nation in relation to this proposed project and will be providing information updates directly to you at key points in the regulatory process.

In addition, if you wish to receive e-mail notifications when the CNSC's website is updated, including notices for hearings, meetings and PFP funding opportunities, you can sign-up to the CNSC mailing list by visiting the following web link and choosing the 'new subscriber' option:

<http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/stay-connected/get-involved/subscribe/index.cfm>.

If you have any questions relating to this project during the EA process, please contact the Crown Consultation Coordinator on this file, Nicole Frigault, by phone at 613 995-7948 or by email at nicole.frigault@canada.ca

Yours sincerely,



Candida Cianci
Director, Environmental Assessment Division
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

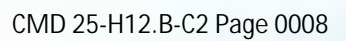
Enclosure: Appendix A: Location of the proposed Rook I uranium mine and processing mill project

Appendix B: Indigenous Consultation and Engagement at the CNSC (e-doc 5862079)

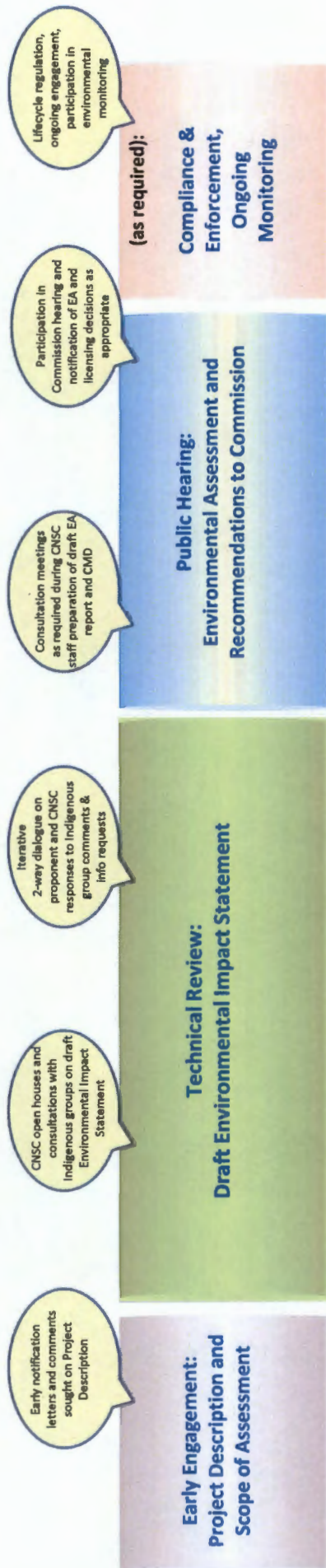
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A similar letter was sent to the following groups:

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Black Lake Denesuline First Nation
Fond-du-Lac Denesuline First Nation
Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resource Office
Buffalo River Dene Nation
Birch Narrows Dene Nation
English River First Nation
Meadow Lake Tribal Council



Appendix B: Indigenous Consultation and Engagement at the CNSC



March 2019 to Submission of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SUBMISSION DATE TO BE DETERMINED)

SUBMISSION DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Public Commission Hearing – DATE TO BE DETERMINED

From: Frigault, Nicole (CNSC/CCSN) <nicole.frigault@canada.ca>
Sent: August 20, 2019 2:17 PM
To: UMMD / DMUCU (CNSC/CCSN); Snider2, Richard (CNSC/CCSN)
Subject: RE: NexGen Energy Ltd. Rook I Project

Thank you – and yes I will track it in our log as well.

From: UMMD / DMUCU (CNSC/CCSN) <cnscc.ummd-dmucu.ccsn@canada.ca>
Sent: August 20, 2019 2:03 PM
To: Snider2, Richard (CNSC/CCSN) <richard.snider2@canada.ca>
Cc: Frigault, Nicole (CNSC/CCSN) <nicole.frigault@canada.ca>
Subject: RE: NexGen Energy Ltd. Rook I Project

Please note this has been saved to eDocs as 5975309.

Thanks,
Lori

From: Snider2, Richard (CNSC/CCSN) <richard.snider2@canada.ca>
Sent: August 20, 2019 8:57 AM
To: UMMD / DMUCU (CNSC/CCSN) <cnscc.ummd-dmucu.ccsn@canada.ca>
Cc: Frigault, Nicole (CNSC/CCSN) <nicole.frigault@canada.ca>
Subject: FW: NexGen Energy Ltd. Rook I Project

Hi, can I please get this added to e-access. Nicole, I assume you will forward this to PAIRD for their information.

Thanks

From: Adam Engdahl <aengdahl@nxe-energy.ca>
Sent: August 20, 2019 8:48 AM
To: Rose Ross <rose.ross@acfn.com>
Cc: Snider2, Richard (CNSC/CCSN) <richard.snider2@canada.ca>; Maggie Farrington <maggie.farrington@acfn.com>; Lisa Tsessaze <lisa.tsessaze@acfn.com>; Troy Boisjoli <tboisjoli@nxe-energy.ca>; Susan Mathieu <smathieu@nxe-energy.ca>; Karina Tyne <ktyne@nxe-energy.ca>; Frigault, Nicole (CNSC/CCSN) <nicole.frigault@canada.ca>; ann.riemer@gov.sk.ca
Subject: RE: NexGen Energy Ltd. Rook I Project

Rose,

Thank you for comments on the Rook I Project Description and reaching out to me directly to establish a defined contact for notification.

Please see NexGen's response to the letter you sent through dated July 26, 2019.

If you have any questions, wish to discuss further or would like to schedule a meeting, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Best regards,

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From: Rose Ross <rose.ross@acfn.com>
Sent: July 26, 2019 10:01 AM
To: Frigault, Nicole (CNSC/CCSN) <nicole.frigault@canada.ca>; ann.riemer@gov.sk.ca; Adam Engdahl <aengdahl@nxe-energy.ca>
Cc: richard.snider2@canada.ca; Maggie Farrington <maggie.farrington@acfn.com>; Lisa Tsessaze <lisa.tsessaze@acfn.com>
Subject: RE: NexGen Energy Ltd. Rook I Project

Hello Nicole,

Please find the attached submission containing comments on the NexGen Energy Ltd. Project Description from the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) Dene Lands and Resource Management (DLRM) office on behalf of the ACFN.

Best regards,



Rose Ross
Regulatory Officer

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From: Frigault, Nicole (CNSC/CCSN) <nicole.frigault@canada.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 9:00 AM
To: Rose Ross <rose.ross@acfn.com>
Subject: RE: NexGen Energy Ltd. Rook I Project

Great – thank you very much!
Have a great day!
Nicole

From: Rose Ross <rose.ross@acfn.com>
Sent: July 17, 2019 10:52 AM
To: Frigault, Nicole (CNSC/CCSN) <nicole.frigault@canada.ca>; Jay Telegdi <jay.telegdi@acfn.com>
Cc: Consultation (CNSC/CCSN) <cnscconsultation@canada.ca>
Subject: RE: NexGen Energy Ltd. Rook I Project

Good morning Nicole,
ACFN will be sending comments in a letter format prior to July 30, 2019.
Best regards,

Rose Ross
ACFN DLRM
Regulatory and Industry Relations
Phone: (780) 762-5533
Cell: (780) 799-3693

From: Frigault, Nicole (CNSC/CCSN) <nicole.frigault@canada.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:38 AM
To: Rose Ross <rose.ross@acfn.com>; Jay Telegdi <jay.telegdi@acfn.com>
Cc: Consultation (CNSC/CCSN) <cnscconsultation@canada.ca>
Subject: RE: NexGen Energy Ltd. Rook I Project

Good morning Ms. Ross,

My name is Nicole Frigault and I am the Environmental Assessment officer working on the NexGen Rook I Project. The Project Description was out for a 30 day public comment period that officially ended on June 1, 2019 – CNSC staff are now in the process of preparing a Commission Member Document for the Commission to review and to make a decision on the scope of the environmental assessment. We expect this decision to be made in the next few months.

I am however happy to offer you a 2 week review period if you are still interested in reviewing and providing your **comments to me by July 30, 2019.** Let me know if that could work for you.

All of the project information can be found on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry (CEAR) page here: http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/resources/environmental-assessments/ongoing/saskatchewan/EA_19_05_80171.cfm

And specifically, the Project Description is here: <https://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/129517?culture=en-CA>

Thank you for your interest in this project and I will ensure that you are kept up to date on all project updates and milestones throughout the EA process. If you have any specific questions or comments, please feel free to contact me any time by telephone or e-mail (as per my contact information below).

Kind regards,

Nicole

Nicole Frigault

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From: Rose Ross <rose.ross@acfn.com>
Sent: July 15, 2019 4:00 PM
To: Consultation (CNSC/CCSN) <cnscconsultation.ccsn@canada.ca>
Subject: NexGen Energy Ltd. Rook I Project

Hello,

I work for the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) Dene Lands and Resource Management (DLRM). We are based in Fort McMurray, Alberta. We consult on behalf of the ACFN. I know that a notification letter was send to Chief Allan Adam on May 3, 2019, I received a copy of that letter today along with the project description.

What is the regulatory status on the above project? Is this project still in the public consultation stage and if so, when is the deadline for submissions? We would like to send comments for review. Thank you.

Best regards,

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August 20, 2019

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Dear Rose Ross,

On behalf of NexGen Energy Ltd., I would like to thank you for your interest in the Rook I Project. I am writing in response to your letter dated July 26, 2019, providing comment on the Rook I Project (the "Project"), based on the NexGen Energy Ltd. ("NexGen") Project Description provided to you by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ("CNSC"), and requesting a complete Technical Review, Traditional Land Use ("TLU") Study as well as funding to review the Project Application.

As I am sure you are aware, the submission of the Rook I Project Description to the CNSC (and technical proposal to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment) is the initial step in the environmental assessment of the Rook I Project by the federal and provincial governments.

NexGen appreciates ACFN's response to the Project Description and welcomes the opportunity to meet with representatives of ACFN to provide further information regarding the Project, as well as the environmental assessment process that NexGen is undertaking. NexGen acknowledges ACFN's request for capacity funding to conduct a review of the environmental impact statement (EIS) once it has been completed. However, at this time NexGen is not prepared to offer capacity funding for ACFN's review of the Project Description.

NexGen acknowledges that an ACFN member's trapline is located in the N-22 Fur Block, however it must be noted that the Rook I Project is located in the N-19 Fur Block. In light of this, NexGen has been and will continue to actively engage with the local trappers of the N-19 Fur Block regarding their traplines proximal to the Project area.

If you have any questions, wish to discuss further or would like to schedule a meeting between ourselves and representatives of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, please contact me at 306-716-4770 or aengdahl@nxe-energy.ca.

Sincerely,



Adam Engdahl
Senior Project Manager
NexGen Energy Ltd.

cc: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission – Nicole Frigault, Richard Snider
Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment – Ann Riemer
NexGen Energy Ltd. – Troy Boisjoli, Susan Mathieu, Karina Tyne,

From: Cathleen O'Brien <cathleen.obrien@acfn.com>
Sent: August 28, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Participant Funding Program - Programme de financement des participants (CNSC/CCSN)
Cc: Meghan Dalrymple
Subject: NextGen Rook 1
Attachments: PFP-application-form-NexGen-Energy-Ltd-Rook-I-project-eng (002).pdf

Please see the attached application for participation grant funding on behalf of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation. Please let me know if you require anything further.

Best Regards,
Cathleen



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From: Cathleen O'Brien <cathleen.obrien@acfn.com>
Sent: January 18, 2021 2:27 PM
To: Zenobi, Adam
Subject: follow up question

Hi Adam,

Further to our conversation today, the funds we were discussing would be used to obtain technical expertise on a particular subject matter that we (ACFN DLRM staff) are not proficient in.

Regards,
Cathleen



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From: Zenobi, Adam (CNSC/CCSN) <adam.zenobi@canada.ca>
Sent: February 8, 2021 2:25 PM
To: Cathleen O'Brien
Cc: Froess, Ryan (CNSC/CCSN); Roy-Drainville, Cassandre (CNSC/CCSN)
Subject: RE: Participant Funding Program - Contribution Agreement and Advance Payment
Attachments: E-DOCS-#6485504-v1-PFP_2020_NGEN-02_CA_ACFN_FINAL.PDF

Hello Cathleen,

Please find attached the CNSC-signed contribution agreement for your records.

Also, would ACFN benefit from receiving an advance payment of 50% of this funding award? We are wanting to maximize our Participant Funding Program budget this year to help reduce some of the financial burdens we are facing next fiscal, so having you request an advance of \$10,000 would be helpful. All I would need is an email confirming that ACFN would like the advance payment and what it will be used for.

Please let me know as soon as you can, thanks!

Adam Zenobi

Policy Officer, Indigenous Consultation and Participant Funding Program
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission / Government of Canada

Agent des politiques, Consultations autochtones et programme de financement des participants
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From: Zenobi, Adam (CNSC/CCSN)
Sent: January 29, 2021 9:00 AM
To: 'Cathleen O'Brien' <cathleen.obrien@acfn.com>
Cc: Froess, Ryan (CNSC/CCSN) <ryan.froess@canada.ca>; Roy-Drainville, Cassandre (CNSC/CCSN) <cassandre.roy-drainville@canada.ca>
Subject: RE: Participant Funding Program - Contribution Agreement - NexGen's draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Rook I Project - ACFN

Thanks Cathleen! I will have this signed and returned to you for your records.

Best,

Adam Zenobi

Policy Officer, Indigenous Consultation and Participant Funding Program
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission / Government of Canada

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From: Cathleen O'Brien <cathleen.obrien@acfn.com>

Sent: January 27, 2021 5:14 PM

To: Zenobi, Adam (CNSC/CCSN) <adam.zenobi@canada.ca>

Cc: Froess, Ryan (CNSC/CCSN) <ryan.froess@canada.ca>; Roy-Drainville, Cassandre (CNSC/CCSN) <cassandre.roy-drainville@canada.ca>

Subject: RE: Participant Funding Program - Contribution Agreement - NexGen's draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Rook I Project - ACFN

Hi Adam,

Please see the attached signed contribution agreement. Let me know if there's anything else you require.

Cheers,
Cathleen



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From: Zenobi, Adam (CNSC/CCSN) <adam.zenobi@canada.ca>

Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 12:14 PM

To: Cathleen O'Brien <cathleen.obrien@acfn.com>

Cc: Froess, Ryan (CNSC/CCSN) <ryan.froess@canada.ca>; Roy-Drainville, Cassandre (CNSC/CCSN) <cassandre.roy-drainville@canada.ca>

Subject: Participant Funding Program - Contribution Agreement - NexGen's draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Rook I Project - ACFN

Hello,

From: Froess, Ryan
Sent: May 21, 2021 1:29 PM
To: Snider, Richard
Cc: Levine, Adam; Zenobi, Adam; Roy-Drainville, Cassandre; Frigault, Nicole
Subject: Beaverlodge - ACFN - NexGen

Hi Richard,

I phoned ACFN and talked to Cathleen O'Brien who works with ACFN this morning we had a brief chat. I asked if they wanted to meet with regards to their concerns that were raised during the 2019 Beaverlodge commission hearing and if they wanted to set-up a meeting to discuss further. She pulled up the email I sent on April 20, 2021 and she said she would circle back with me either by phone or email after she has some discussions internally. It did not sound like she had been with ACFN to long. I also mentioned your email sent in July of 2020.

I will mark down in the UMMD log and wait to hear back from here and will keep you posted.

While I had her on the phone I also brought up NexGen and asked her if they had any questions etc. and offered to set-up a meeting on the NexGen if ACFN was interested or wanted to meet with staff from the CNSC working on the project. She did seem to know about the project more than Beaverlodge and mentioned she has been watching for updates. I told her if they ever needed more information or wanted to set-up a meeting on this file to please reach out and the CNSC would be happy to set something up. Nicole I will add to log in the NexGen file today that I called and offered to set-up meeting with ACFN.

Thanks,

Ryan

From: Frigault, Nicole
Sent: March 29, 2022 10:24 AM
To: aadam@acfn.com
Cc: lisa.tsessaze@acfn.com; megan.dalrymple@acfn.com; charlene.williams@acfn.com; kg.banjoko@acfn.com
Subject: Nexgen Energy Proposed Rook I Project - Upcoming EIS Submission and Project Update
Attachments: E-DOCS-#6765233-v2-PDF_E-DOCS-#6764625-v1-Project_Update_to_ACFN_NexGen_Rook_I_EIS_phase.PDF

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Dear Chief Adam,

Attached, please find a letter outlining the remaining steps of the regulatory review process, including the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed NexGen Rook I Project.

As outlined in the attached letter, NexGen is on track to submit their draft EIS to the CNSC in April 2022, and the formal public review of the draft EIS will commence as early as May 2022.

Please review the attached letter, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly any time. We are also happy to meet at your convenience to chat and to answer any questions you might have.

Best Regards,
Nicole

Nicole Frigault

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March 29, 2022

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Subject: Project Update: Nexgen Energy Proposed Rook I Project

Dear Chief Adam:

The purpose of this letter is for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) to provide an update to the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) on the regulatory review process, including the Environmental Assessment (EA), for the proposed Rook I Project.

Table 1 of this letter outlines the consultation activities for the remaining steps of the regulatory review process for the Project. Key regulatory steps for consultation, as outlined in this table, include the review of NexGen's draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the review of the draft EA Report, the development of a Rights Impact Assessment, inclusion of relevant ACFN knowledge, and participation in the public Commission hearing process.

ACFN was awarded Participant Funding on January 15, 2021 to review and provide comment on the Draft EIS and to engage with the CNSC on the first phase of the NexGen Rook 1 EA. The CNSC will also be offering an additional funding opportunity for the public and Indigenous Nations and communities to review and provide comment on the Final EA and Commission Member Documents prior to a public hearing for the proposed project. Should the ACFN require additional funding to support ongoing engagement in the process with the CNSC, requests or applications for additional funding through the CNSC's Participant Funding Program (PFP) will be considered by the CNSC on a case-by-case basis.

Current Status and Next Steps

Once NexGen submits their draft EIS (expected in early to mid April 2022) to CNSC, CNSC staff will conduct a completeness check of the submission to determine whether the information provided is sufficient for conducting the next stage of the process. Should the completeness check be successful, the 90-day technical review of the Draft EIS would commence, of which 8 weeks would

be allocated to the public review. CNSC staff would be happy to organize a meeting with ACFN to answer any questions you might have regarding the public review of the draft EIS.

CNSC staff are committed to being flexible and to collaborating with ACFN to ensure that consultation for the Project is meaningful, addresses ACFN concerns, and upholds the honour of the Crown, and also takes into account the need for additional flexibility at this time, as a result of the current pandemic situation related to COVID-19 across Canada. To discuss any matters related to the regulatory review process of the Project, please contact me directly by phone at 343-542-7657, or by email at nicole.frigault@cnsccsn.gc.ca.

The CNSC looks forward to continuing to build a long-term collaborative relationship with ACFN and working together throughout the regulatory review process for the proposed NexGen Rook I Project.

Yours sincerely,

Frigault,
Nicole

Digitally signed by Frigault, Nicole
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Enclosure: (1) Proposed consultation process with ACFN for the regulatory review process of the proposed Rook I Project

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Appendix 1

Proposed Consultation Process with ACFN Land and Resource and the Communities it Represents for the Remaining Steps of the Regulatory Review Process of the proposed Rook I Project

1. Introduction

These proposed next steps in the consultation process, which started in 2019, are intended to guide federal Crown consultation activities with the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) during the remaining steps of the regulatory review process of the Rook I Project (the Project). They communicate the federal Crown's objectives for consultation, the proposed structure for integrating consultation into the regulatory review process, and the proposed activities in which the CNSC and ACFN can work together to address ACFN's concerns regarding the Project. This document is intended to be a "living document" that can be updated as necessary during the regulatory review process, as a result of ongoing discussions between the CNSC and ACFN.

2. Federal Crown's Consultation Objectives

- To continue to build a positive and productive working relationship with ACFN during the regulatory review process.
- To communicate with ACFN about the Project and developments during the regulatory review process in a timely manner.
- To establish how ACFN would like to be consulted during the remaining steps of the regulatory review process and establish a flexible and responsive consultation approach.
- To work with ACFN to:
 1. identify potential environmental effects of the Project, including those on current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes, health and socio-economic conditions, and heritage resources
 2. identify adverse impacts of the Project on your community's potential or established rights
 3. ensure options for avoiding, mitigating, or accommodating adverse impacts are considered
- To work with ACFN and the proponent to respond to specific questions and requests regarding issues raised related to the Project.
- To listen to and understand the concerns raised, and consider the feedback, perspectives, and issues raised by ACFN in order to inform decision-making.

We invite ACFN to share their consultation objectives with the CNSC and would be happy to set up a meeting to answer any questions or concerns you may have on the Federal Crown's (CNSC) consultation objectives.

3. Integrating Consultation into the Regulatory Review Process

Table 1. provides a description of the main remaining steps in the regulatory review process and a description of how the federal Crown (the CNSC) proposes to integrate consultation activities into those steps. This table describes what ACFN should receive, have access to, or expect from the CNSC, on behalf of the Federal Crown, and what ACFN could share (if they choose) and be involved to the regulatory review process.

Table 1. Integrating Consultation into the Remaining Steps of the Regulatory Review Process¹

Regulatory Review Step	Description of Activities²	What ACFN should receive, have access to, or expect from the Federal Crown (Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC))	Information ACFN may want to consider providing to the federal Crown, and ways ACFN may want to participate
Project Description Review and Scoping Decision <i>(Completed in May 2019)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity for the ACFN to provide comments on the Project Description – Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from CNSC notifying ACFN of the project and project description review process – Completed PFP offering – Completed Early information sharing and offers to have consultation meetings – Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide comments on the project description – Completed
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Review (2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity for ACFN to participate in the draft EIS public comment period to bring Indigenous knowledge and expertise with respect to their community to the EIS technical review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scope of the technical review would be to review the EIS and supporting documents (e.g. the Indigenous Engagement Report) that contain information or relate directly to impacts on the representative's community or nation. ACFN would provide CNSC staff with their comments on the draft EIS. CNSC staff will inform the proponent and identify any information required in the form of information requests (IRs). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide comments on the draft EIS Participate in technical discussions with CNSC staff / the proponent to address ACFN outstanding comments and concerns. TKLU information, potential impacts of the Project on YNLR Communities' rights and traditional uses.

¹ Adapted from a template developed by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) (CEAA references the BC First Nations Environmental Assessment Technical Working Group Toolkit Workshop as a basis for this document).

² NexGen's activities during this step of the regulatory review process are not specifically steps of the regulatory review process, but these are expectations of NexGen, by CNSC staff.

Regulatory Review Step	Description of Activities ²	What ACFN should receive, have access to, or expect from the Federal Crown (Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC))	Information ACFN may want to consider providing to the federal Crown, and ways ACFN may want to participate
<p>Review of draft EA Report</p> <p><i>(Future phase – tentative 2023)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EA Report presents the CNSC staff's views on the findings of the EA, including conclusions and recommendations regarding the adverse environmental effects that are likely to result from the project, appropriate measures that would mitigate those effects, the significance of residual effects after implementation of the mitigation measures, as well as the components of the follow-up program. The EA Report also includes a summary of consultation with Indigenous peoples, potential impacts to potential or established rights of Indigenous peoples, views and concerns expressed by Indigenous Nations and communities and the Crown's response to those concerns, and potential mitigation and/or accommodation measures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity to review sections of the draft EA Report specific to ACFN such as TKLU information, potential impacts of the Project on ACFN Communities' rights and traditional uses, and concerns expressed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objective is to obtain mutually agreed upon text, between CNSC staff and ACFN (as noted in the next step, where ACFN has diverging views with CNSC staff's analysis and findings, these will be reflected in the EA Report, and we also invite ACFN to capture this information in their written and/or oral intervention to the Commission). Opportunity for direct discussions between ACFN and the Crown (e.g. teleconferences and/or meetings with Chief and Council of communities represented by ACFN, community open houses). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and provide comment on sections of the draft EA Report specific to ACFN.

Regulatory Review Step	Description of Activities²	What ACFN should receive, have access to, or expect from the Federal Crown (Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC))	Information ACFN may want to consider providing to the federal Crown, and ways ACFN may want to participate
EA Report and Licensing CMD Review AND Commission Public Hearings (<i>Future phase – TBD</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CNSC staff will submit and make publicly available, for review, the draft EA Report and licensing CMD in advance of public hearings (timing to be determined by CNSC the Commission Registry). The licensing CMD presents CNSC staff's findings, recommendations and conclusions from the technical review of NexGen's licence application and supporting documentation. The Commission will hold public hearings with opportunities for public and Indigenous groups to submit oral and/or written interventions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity to review draft EA Report and licensing CMD to inform oral and/or written intervention. Opportunity for direct discussions between ACFN and the Crown (e.g. teleconferences and/or meetings with Chief and Council, community open houses) in advance of the public Commission hearings. PPF offering for Review of Final EA and opportunity for public and Indigenous groups to submit oral and/or written interventions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present ACFN views to the Commission by providing information orally and/or in writing. It is recommended that any diverging views with CNSC staff's analysis and findings in the EA Report be captured in ACFN written and/or oral intervention to the Commission, if required.

Regulatory Review Step	Description of Activities ²	What ACFN should receive, have access to, or expect from the Federal Crown (Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC))	Information ACFN may want to consider providing to the federal Crown, and ways ACFN may want to participate
<p>Commission's EA and Licensing Decisions</p> <p><i>(Future phase – TBD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission considers the EA Report and interventions from the public and Indigenous groups and determines whether, taking into account the mitigation measures proposed, the Project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects and if the duty to consult was met. Should the Commission issue an EA decision statement allowing the Project to proceed, the Commission will also include legally binding conditions with which NexGen must comply to implement appropriate mitigation measures and a follow-up program. Should the Commission issue an EA decision statement that the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, the Commission considers licensing CMD and interventions from the public and Indigenous groups, in making a licensing decision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification and sharing of the Commission's Detailed Record of Decisions (EA and licensing). Meetings with ACFN to discuss the Commission's decision and next steps for ongoing engagement and collaboration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback on preferred approach to ongoing engagement, information sharing, and collaboration.

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Sent: August 8, 2022 2:13 PM
To: Snider, Richard; Charlene Williams
Cc: Stewart, William; Burton, Patrick; Stewart, William; Froess, Ryan; Meghan Dalrymple
Subject: RE: ACFN Elders Meeting Update
Attachments: E-DOCS-#6796752-v4-ACFN_CNCS September_2022
_Outreach_Presentation_CNCS_Basics_and_Update_on_Project_of_interest_to_ACFN_.pdf

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Hi Charlene! Please find attached our presentation for the engagement sessions on September 6, 7 and 9.

Also, while we are in Fort Chipewyan in September, William and I were wondering if the community would appreciate if we take a few samples of water and/or soils near the forestry dock and have them analyzed by our lab? ACFN community members and staff have raised concerns about potential contamination from the historic Northern Uranium Transport Route in that area in the past and we thought this would be a good opportunity to help look into this concern further. If so, it would be great if we could connect as soon as possible this week with yourselves and anyone from Fort Chipewyan who could give us a better sense of what they would like sampled and where. We can then work with our lab to have the appropriate equipment and logistics set up to take some samples and have them analyzed. We would then follow up once the results are ready to share them with the community. Let us know what you think, thanks!

Adam

From: Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: August 8, 2022 11:44 AM
To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
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Subject: RE: ACFN Elders Meeting Update

Thanks Charlene.

William and Adam will be presenting and I have sent on the reminder to them.

Thanks

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Sent: August 8, 2022 9:22 AM
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Subject: RE: ACFN Elders Meeting Update

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Good Morning,

Kindly remember to share the final presentation for the Elders Meeting in September by Thursday, August 11, 2022.

Thanks
Charlene

From: Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 1:17 PM
To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Cc: Rose Ross <rose.ross@acfn.com>
Subject: RE: ACFN Elders Meeting Update

Thanks Charlene, I'll send out a TEAMS invite shortly.

From: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Sent: July 20, 2022 1:02 PM
To: Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
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Subject: RE: ACFN Elders Meeting Update

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Hello Richards,
Thank you for your professionalism and respect for meaningful engagement: Rose, the Manager of Engagement and project manager for the Elders meeting, will also be participating. We are available on Monday afternoon; sorry we are cannot available in the today.

Thanks

From: Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 8:44 AM
To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Subject: RE: ACFN Elders Meeting Update

Hi Charlene. I'm back from holidays. Are you around today to discuss the September presentations, if so what would work best?

From: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Sent: July 5, 2022 2:42 PM
To: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Cc: Rose Ross <rose.ross@acfn.com>; Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Frigault, Nicole <Nicole.Frigault@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Burton, Patrick

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Subject: RE: ACFN Elders Meeting Update

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Hello Levine,

Thank you very much. The arrangements are doable.

“Update on other files that have not yet started the CNSC’s regulatory process but may be of interest (Fission resources mine, Small Modular Reactors in Alberta and Saskatchewan).”

Yes- Fission is of high interest to the community.

Kindly share all presentation material by August 4, 2022.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Have a wonderful afternoon.

Thanks

Charlene

From: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 10:37 AM

To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>

Cc: Rose Ross <rose.ross@acfn.com>; Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Frigault, Nicole <Nicole.Frigault@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Burton, Patrick <Patrick.Burton@cnsccsn.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: ACFN Elders Meeting Update

Thanks very much Charlene! This is helpful. I looked at flight options and we will likely fly on Northwestern Air from Edmonton to Fort Chipewyan on Monday September 5th (flight leaves at 12pm and arrives just before 2pm), then stay at the Dene Cree Inn for 2 nights and fly back to Edmonton on the 7th (flight leaves at 9pm). We can then participate in the virtual sessions remotely on the 9th. Let us know if that works and I will work with my colleagues to confirm who will be coming along with me for the presentations and we will contact the Dene Cree Inn to make a reservation etc.

Also please let us know if there are specific topics and projects you would like us to cover in our presentation. We could cover the following as an example:

- Overview of the CNSC and our mandate
- Approach to Indigenous consultation and engagement
- Environmental Assessment and Licensing review process
- Update on the NexGen Rook 1 Project
- Update on Cluff Lake
- Update on other files that have not yet started the CNSC’s regulatory process, but may be of interest (Fission resources mine, Small Modular Reactors in Alberta and Saskatchewan)

Adam

From: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>

Sent: July 5, 2022 10:48 AM

To: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnscccsn.gc.ca>

Cc: Rose Ross <rose.ross@acfn.com>; Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Frigault, Nicole <Nicole.Frigault@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Burton, Patrick <Patrick.Burton@cnscccsn.gc.ca>

Subject: ACFN Elders Meeting Update

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Hello Levine,

“Just to clarify, are you wanting us to come present and participate in all three activities over the three days (September 6, 7 and 9-virtual)?”

Yes, two in-person at Fort Chip and one virtual.

“If so, could you let us know how long we would have for our presentation for each event and if there are any approximate times you have at the moment for the start and end of these sessions?”

In-person at Fort Chip will have only one presentation/day (September 6, 7) and only one session/day. You have 40 mins to present and respond to questions.

There are two sessions for the virtual meetings (Sept 9), one in the morning (Session 1) and the afternoon (Session 2), we need you to present at both sessions.

Kindly share presentation material by August 4, 2022

“Also let us know if there are any recommended places to stay while in the area, thanks!!”

You can stay at the Dene Cree Inn or (Lily’s on Wylie B&B); You need to book asap, including the flights.

Thanks for your response; please let me know if you have further questions

Thanks
Charlene

From: Rose Ross <rose.ross@acfn.com>

Sent: Monday, July 4, 2022 3:04 PM

To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>

Subject: RE: ACFN Elders Meeting Update

Hi Charlene,

You will have to let them know that there are two sessions for the virtual meetings, one in the morning (Session 1) and the afternoon (Session 2), and they will have to present at both sessions. They have 40 mins to present and respond to questions. The tailing and land use updates will have the same amount of time.

They can stay at the Dene Cree Inn, or Jumbo’s (Lily’s on Wylie B&B), tell them they need to book asap.

Rose

From: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>

Sent: Monday, July 4, 2022 10:32 AM

To: Rose Ross <rose.ross@acfn.com>
Subject: FW: ACFN Elders Meeting Update

Hello Rose,

Can you please help me with this response, just what would you recommend.

Thanks

From: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: Monday, July 4, 2022 10:00 AM
To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>; Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Frigault, Nicole <Nicole.Frigault@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Cc: Burton, Patrick <Patrick.Burton@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: ACFN Elders Meeting Update

Thanks Charlene! Richard is away on vacation until July 18th, so I can help respond. Just to clarify, are you wanting us to come present and participate in all three activities over the three days (September 6, 7 and 9)? If so, could you let us know how long we would have for our presentation for each event and if there are any approximate times you have at the moment for the start and end of these sessions? Also let us know if there are any recommended places to stay while in the area, thanks!!

Adam

From: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Sent: July 4, 2022 11:52 AM
To: Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Frigault, Nicole <Nicole.Frigault@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
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Hello Richard,

The presentation for the Elders Advisory Council meeting on September 6, Elders Meeting on September 7, and September 9 for the elders who reside outside of Fort Chipewyan:

In-person September 6, 2022, in the afternoon
in person on September 7, 2022, at 11:00 am
Virtual on September 9, 2022.

It is recommended to book flights and accommodation early

Kindly share the presentation material by August 3, 2022.

Please let me know if you have any questions.
Have a productive week.

Thanks
Charlene

From: Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>; Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Frigault, Nicole <Nicole.Frigault@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Cc: Burton, Patrick <Patrick.Burton@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: ACFN Elders Meeting

Good afternoon Charlene,

Great to hear from you and thank you for the update and the invitation to present in Fort Chipewyan on September 7, 2022. I will talk with Richard and Patrick with the hopes that a few CNSC staff are able to travel and deliver a presentation to the Q3 Elders Meeting on projects/topics of interest.

You also indicated at the ACFN Board of Directors meeting on May 24, 2022 you were interested in the CNSC staff providing an update and more information on the timelines and the remaining steps of the regulatory review process, including the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed NexGen Rook I Project. I have included Nicole Frigault on this email chain who is the Environmental Assessment Lead for the NexGen Rook 1 Project from the CNSC. We would be happy to set up a meeting to provide an update, answer any questions, and hear concerns ACFN may have on NexGen Rook 1 Project (if interested) and discuss how ACFN would like to continue to be engaged and consulted by the CNSC the remainder of regulatory review process.

In the meantime if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly any time.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: ACFN Elders Meeting

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Hello Richard,

Thanks for your reply.

The Athabasca Chipewyan Q3 Elders meeting will be in Fort Chipewyan on September 7, 2022. I will be in the community this week, so I will enquire and send you more specifics about the topics of Interest. Most are in the presentation you did for the ACFN Board of Directors meeting. Still, the Elders' presentation should be less process and more focusing on projects in the traditional territory. Elders prefer in-person representation; online is less beneficial to the audience. The message regarding CNSC 's engagement for September is already out. However, if you cannot make it to the September meeting, the Q4 Elders meeting will be in Fort Chipewyan in December 2022. Have a great day.

Thanks
Charlene

From: Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 8:26 AM
To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Cc: Burton, Patrick <Patrick.Burton@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: ACFN Elders Meeting

Hi Charlene. If I can, can I confirm the location of the meeting. Also, is there any particular topics of interest, or just keep the presentation general (but shorter).

Thanks

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Sent: June 3, 2022 2:49 PM
To: Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request for Figure Showing Uranium Mine and Mill Sites

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Thank you. Have a fun weekend.

Thanks
Charlene

From: Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 2:35 PM
To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Subject: RE: Request for Figure Showing Uranium Mine and Mill Sites

Hi Charlene, I'll forward this on and get back to you.

Thanks

From: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Sent: June 3, 2022 2:33 PM
To: Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request for Figure Showing Uranium Mine and Mill Sites

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Hello Richard,

ACFN Elders meeting on September 07, 2022. It would be beneficial to have an in-person presentation from CNSC. It would be much shorter than the one you presented last week, but it would be very enlightening for the community. Additionally, the community has lots of questions about Uranium. Please let me know.

Thanks
Charlene

From: Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 1:20 PM
To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Subject: RE: Request for Figure Showing Uranium Mine and Mill Sites

Yes, Cameco accounted in February that Key Lake (mill site) and McArthur River (mine site) are going back into production in a staged manner this year. Rabbit is staying in care and maintenance.

Thanks

From: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Sent: May 27, 2022 1:18 PM
To: Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request for Figure Showing Uranium Mine and Mill Sites

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Hello Richard,

I cannot remember, during your presentation did you say that some of these mines and mills – care and maintenance are back in operation or out of care-maintenance.

Thanks

Cigar Lake Operation (mine)

- McArthur River Operation (mine – care and maintenance)
- Rabbit Lake Operation (mine and mill – care and maintenance)
- Key Lake Operation (mill – care and maintenance)
- McClean Lake Operation (mine and mill)

From: Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
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To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Cc: Burton, Patrick <Patrick.Burton@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: Request for Figure Showing Uranium Mine and Mill Sites

Hi Charlene, I generated a figure in response to the request. It is provided in both PowerPoint and pdf format with the file name *Map of Projects*. We didn't have any pre-made figures so I have generated this using a Saskatchewan base map. The figure shows the proposed mine/mills sites (PLS Project and Rook I Project), decommissioned sites (Cluff Lake

Project and Beaverlodge Project) and reclamation projects (Gunnar and Lorado). The figure doesn't show exploration projects or sites not regulated by the CNSC.

I thought that it would also be of benefit to provide you with separate figures showing the location of the operating mine/mill sites (*figure showing operating mine and mill sites....*) and decommissioned mines (*Historic and Decommissioned...*) most of which are outside of treaty 8 in case there are questions on where these are located. These two figures were extracted from our 2020 Regulatory Oversight Report.

Thank You

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Subject: RE: We know you are waiting will be let in shortly

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Hello Richard,

Sorry to bother you. I am doing a poster to update the community on Uranium activities in the traditional territory of Treaty 8. Do you have a map (with waterways-preferred) to share with me showing mine and mill sites: potential, proposed, operating, decommissioned, and remediation projects?

It would also be helpful to define the terms decommissioned and remediation in terms of risk to human health and the environment (what it means to the community). Can I have this by the end of the day tomorrow?

Thanks
Charlene

From: Snider, Richard <richard.snider@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 1:01 PM
To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Subject: RE: We know you are waiting will be let in shortly

Thanks. Adam and Ryan will be on as well. Thanks

From: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Sent: May 24, 2022 1:00 PM
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Transportation of nuclear substances

Nuclear power plants



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Nuclear substance processing



Import and export controls

Industrial and medical applications



Waste management facilities

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- ✓ HQ in Ottawa
- ✓ 4 site offices at power reactors
- ✓ 1 site office in Chalk River
- ✓ 4 regional offices

Calgary
Western Regional Office

Saskatoon
Uranium Mines and Mills
Division Regional Office

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REMENDA

- Quasi-judicial administrative tribunal
- Agent of the Crown (Duty to Consult)
- Reports to Parliament through Minister of Natural Resources
- Considers the public and Indigenous communities' concerns and knowledge in decisions
- Commission members are independent and part-time
- Commission hearings are public and Webcast
- Staff presentations are public
- Decisions are reviewable by Federal Court

Transparent, Evidence-based Decision Making



Commission Proceedings

- The Commission holds public proceedings (hearings and meetings)
- Opportunities for intervention by interested persons - depending on the topic,
 - in writing with presentation (appearance), or,
 - in writing only
- Webcast – video available on website for 6 months
- Documents, transcript available on website, translation





The Role of CNSC Staff

- Conduct assessments on information submitted by applicants and licensees to verify that they meet requirements
- Engage the public and Indigenous Nations through outreach activities
- Make recommendations to the Commission, Implement Commission decisions
- Verify (e.g. through inspection) and enforce compliance with regulatory requirements
- Develop regulatory requirements for Commission approval





CNSC – What We Do (And Don't Do)



WHAT WE DO

Work for Canadians

Regulate the use of nuclear energy and materials

Disseminate information to the public

Value Indigenous knowledge

Make evidence-based decisions

Review applications/issues licences to qualified applicants

Verify safety and compliance

Shut down any activity we think is unsafe

WHAT WE DON'T DO

Do not promote the nuclear industry

Do not create energy policy

Do not own, manage, construct or operate nuclear projects

Do not have a role in revenue sharing, employment or economic development

Do not select sites

Not responsible for exploration of uranium deposits



CNSC's Commitment to Indigenous Peoples

- Developing on-going, respectful, collaborative relationships with Indigenous Nations and communities throughout the life-cycle of nuclear facilities in Canada
- Upholding the Honour of the Crown and Duty to Consult and Accommodate obligations
- Addressing issues and concerns in meaningful and productive ways while advancing reconciliation
- Supporting the participation of Indigenous Nations and communities in the regulatory processes



Engagement and Consultation is about building and maintaining trust

- Building trust in the regulatory decision-making processes is important for the CNSC
- Both the CNSC and the nuclear industry, are responsible for building trust with the public and policy makers through long-term relationships based on cooperation, information-sharing, and robust communication
- The CNSC has developed an approach to formalizing relationships with Indigenous Nations and communities through Terms of Reference for Long-Term Engagement





CNSC's Approach to Consultation and Engagement

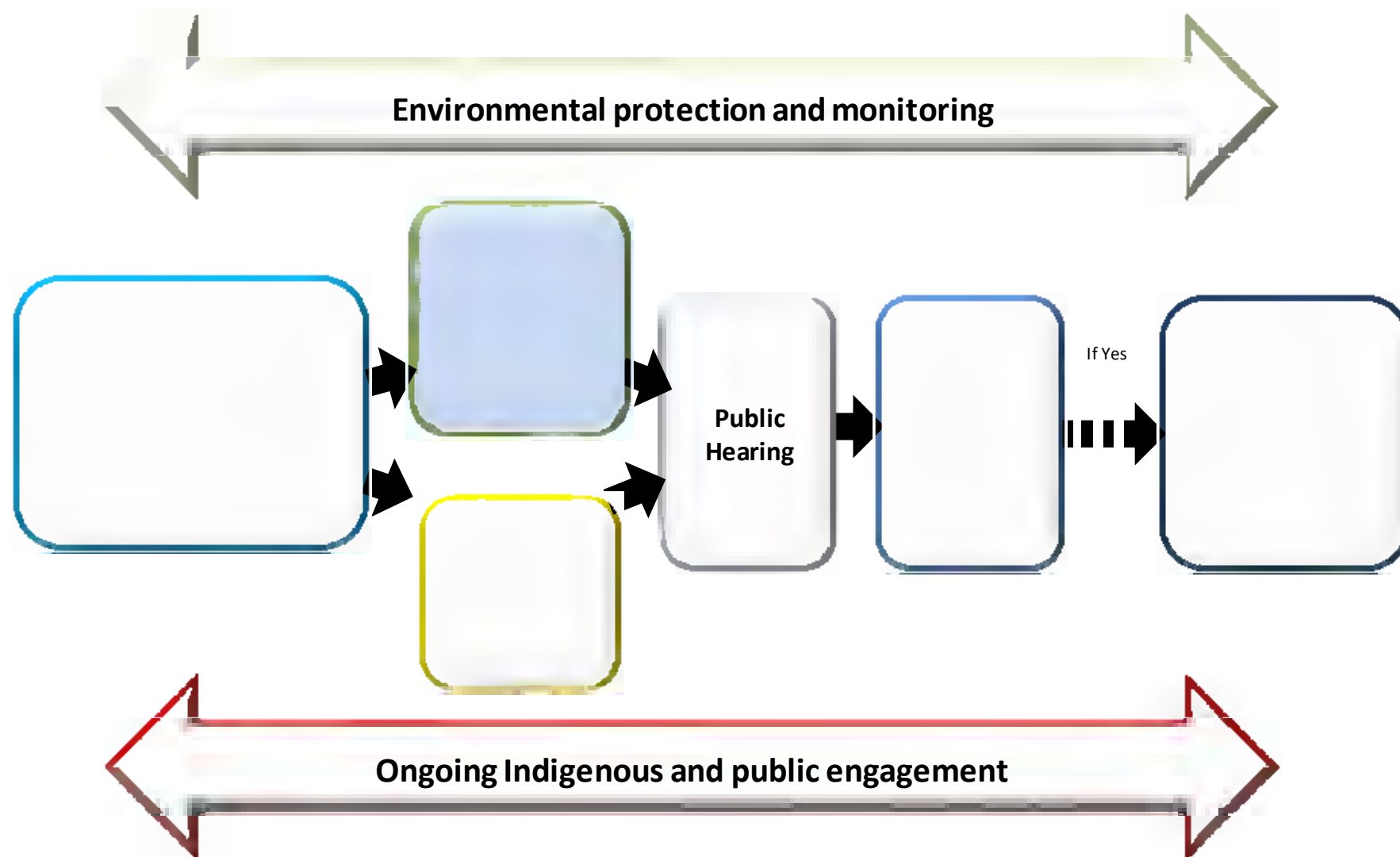
- The CNSC has multiple tools and approaches to ensuring meaningful consultation and engagement with potentially impacted Indigenous Nations and communities on new nuclear projects



THOROUGH ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION IS
ALWAYS PART OF THE REGULATORY PROCESS



CNSC's Licensing Process





Saskatchewan Uranium Mine and/or Mill Sites

Operating

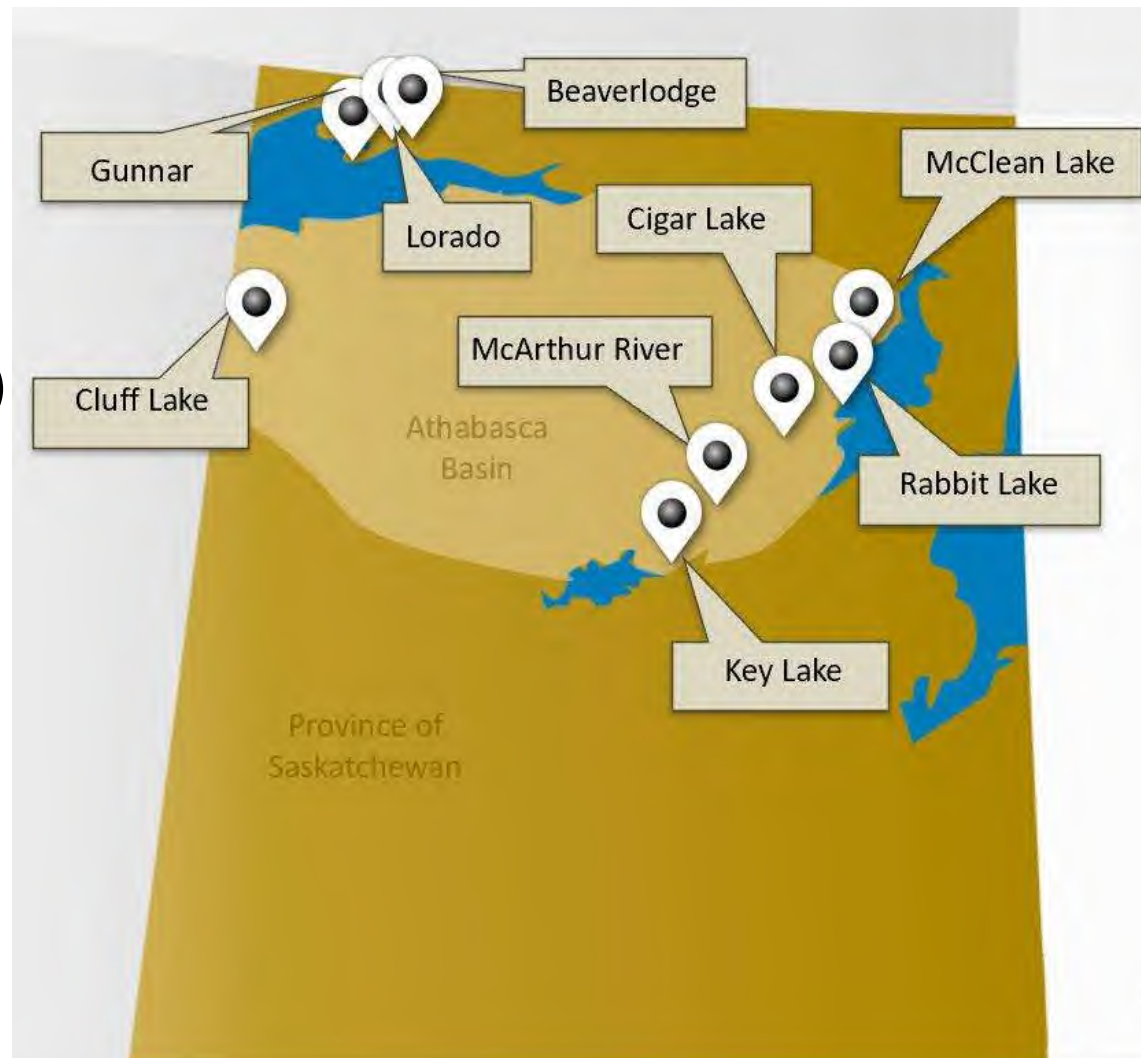
- Cigar Lake Operation (mine)
- McArthur River Operation (mine)
- Key Lake Operation (mill)
- McClean Lake Operation (mine/mill)
- Rabbit Lake Operation (mine/mill)

Decommissioned

- Beaverlodge Project
- Cluff Lake Project

Remediation Projects

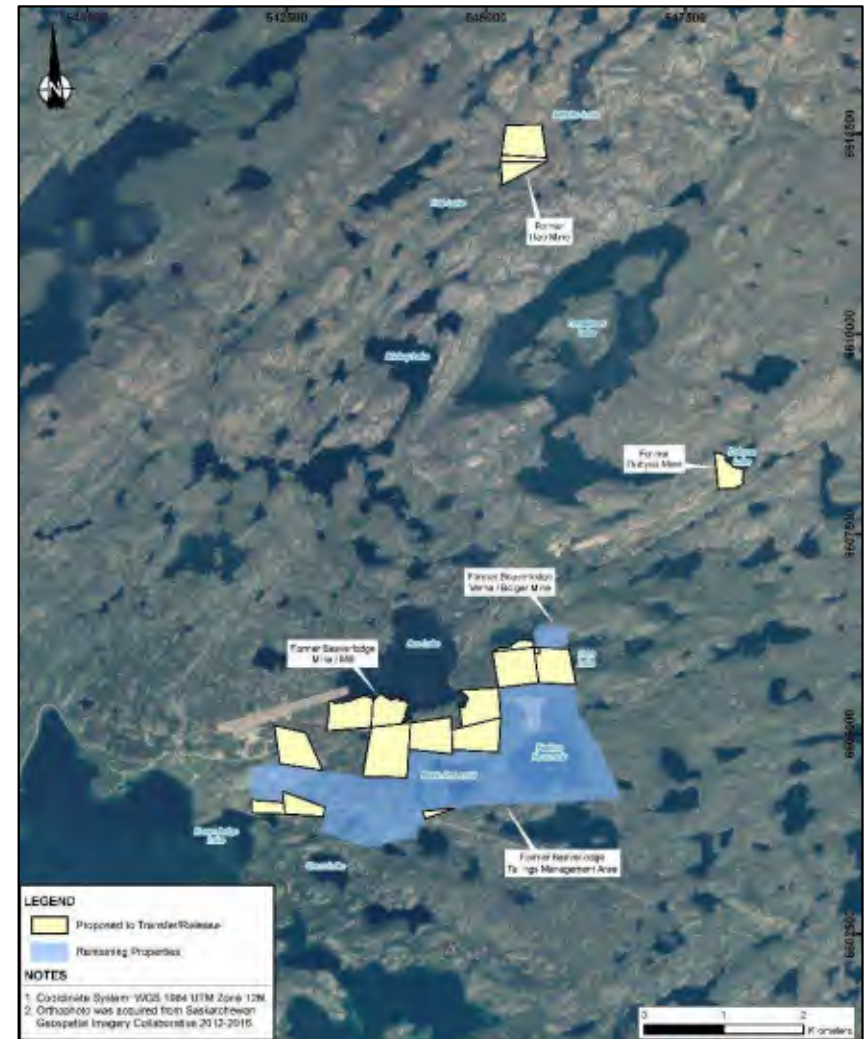
- Gunnar
- Lorado





Decommissioned Sites Beaverlodge Project

- Cameco requested 18 additional properties be released from CNSC licensing
 - awaiting Commission decision
- May 31, 2023 - Beaverlodge licence renewal
- 2-year licence renewal to be requested
 - Hearing in writing - January or February 2023
- Interventions encouraged

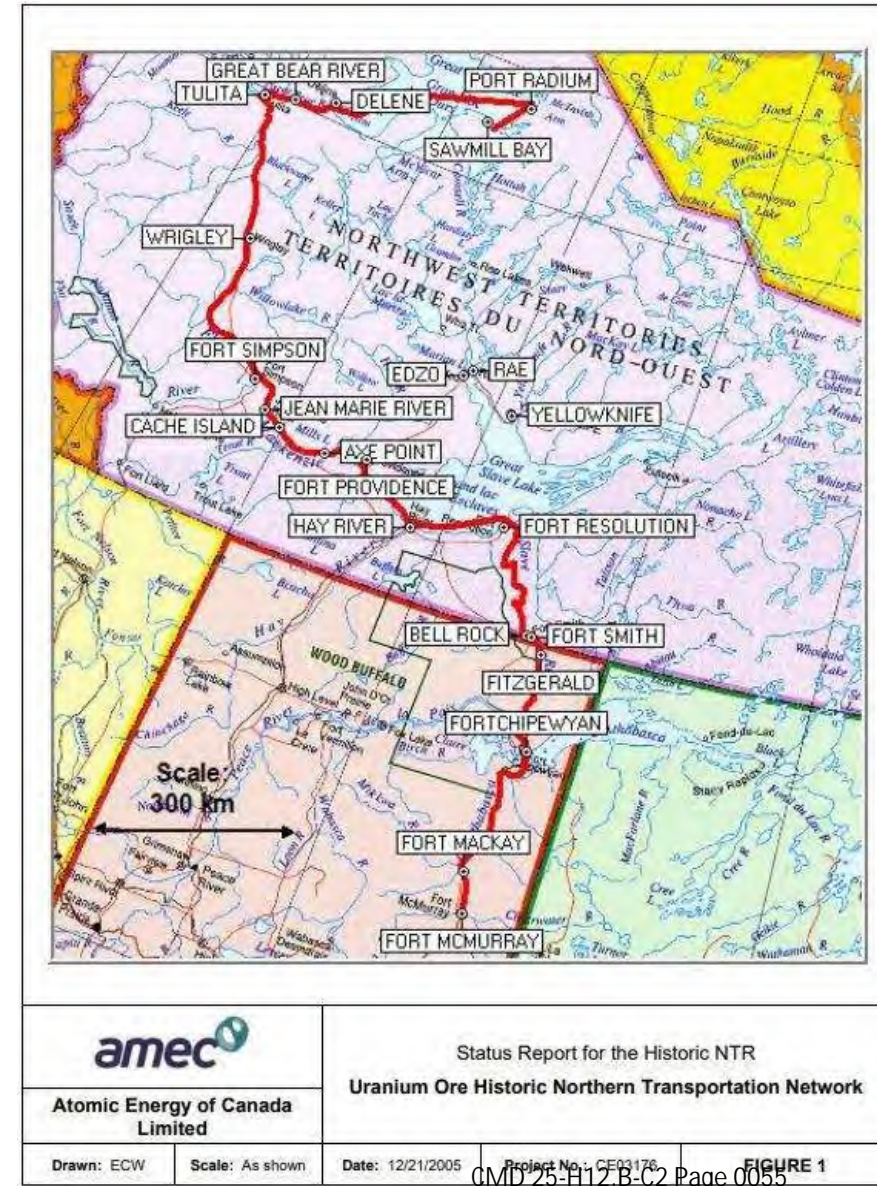




Decommissioned Sites

Northern Uranium Transportation Route

- ACFN asked about a 'Forestry Dock' during the October 2019 Beaverlodge
- Dock may have been part of the northern uranium transportation route (used to transport materials to and from mines in the Northwest Territories)
- Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Ltd. (CNL) is the entity who is responsible
- CNSC staff provided to ACFN information on investigations conducted in and around Fort Chipewyan in the 1990s
- No contamination concerns were found in Fort Chipewyan



Follow-up with ACFN after 2019 Beaverlodge Renewal Commission Hearing

- ACFN intervened in October 2019 hearing and raised the following:
 - Fort Chipewyan Forestry Dock: Cameco memo; Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) information; CNL contact provided to ACFN
 - Engagement and site tours: CNSC staff and Cameco engagement effort, virtual tour prepared by Cameco and available on the Beaverlodge webpage
 - Environmental monitoring and results
 - ACFN member use of Beaverlodge site (including HAB properties) and risks: Engagement effort to learn more and HAB assessment to look at risks (described in CNSC's Commission Member Document)





Decommissioned Sites

Cluff Lake Project (1/2)

Claude Mining Area

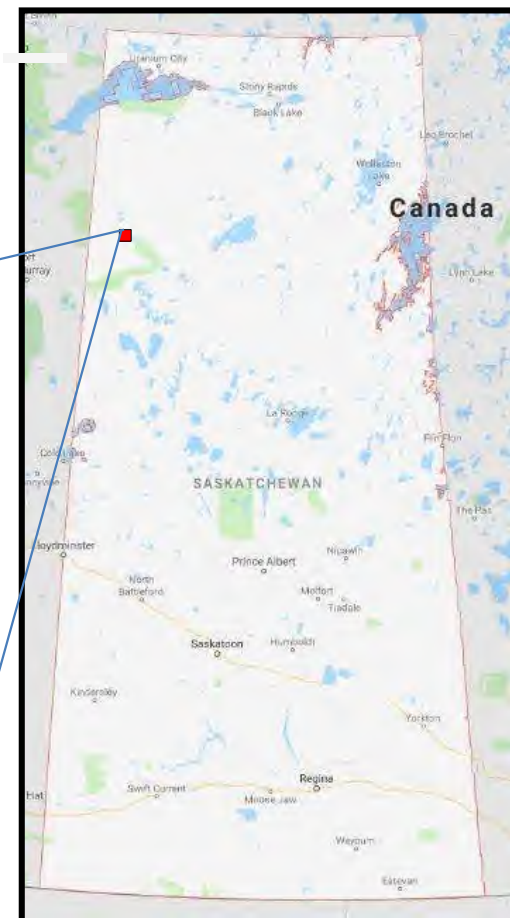


(Source: Orano)

Post Closure Cluff Lake Site



(Source: Orano)



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Decommissioned Sites

Cluff Lake Project (2/2)

- Orano applied for release of entire site from CNSC licensing (to transfer to Institutional Control)
- Commission hearing expected in April 2023
- Cluff Lake licence renewal date is July 31, 2024
- Orano continues to meet the requirements of its licence and the site is safe for traditional uses





Reclamation Projects

Gunnar and Lorado

- Gunnar remediation activities included:
 - improvement of main and central tailings surfaces
 - construction of Landfills A and B
 - legacy waste sweeps and consolidation of all waste on site
 - remediation of all mine openings on site
- Delay of Langley Bay remediation, due to high water levels in Lake Athabasca
- Lorado licence amended to move into monitoring phase
- Designated officer licence renewal for Lorado in 2023
- Facilitate eventual transfer of Lorado to Saskatchewan's Institutional Control Program (ICP)

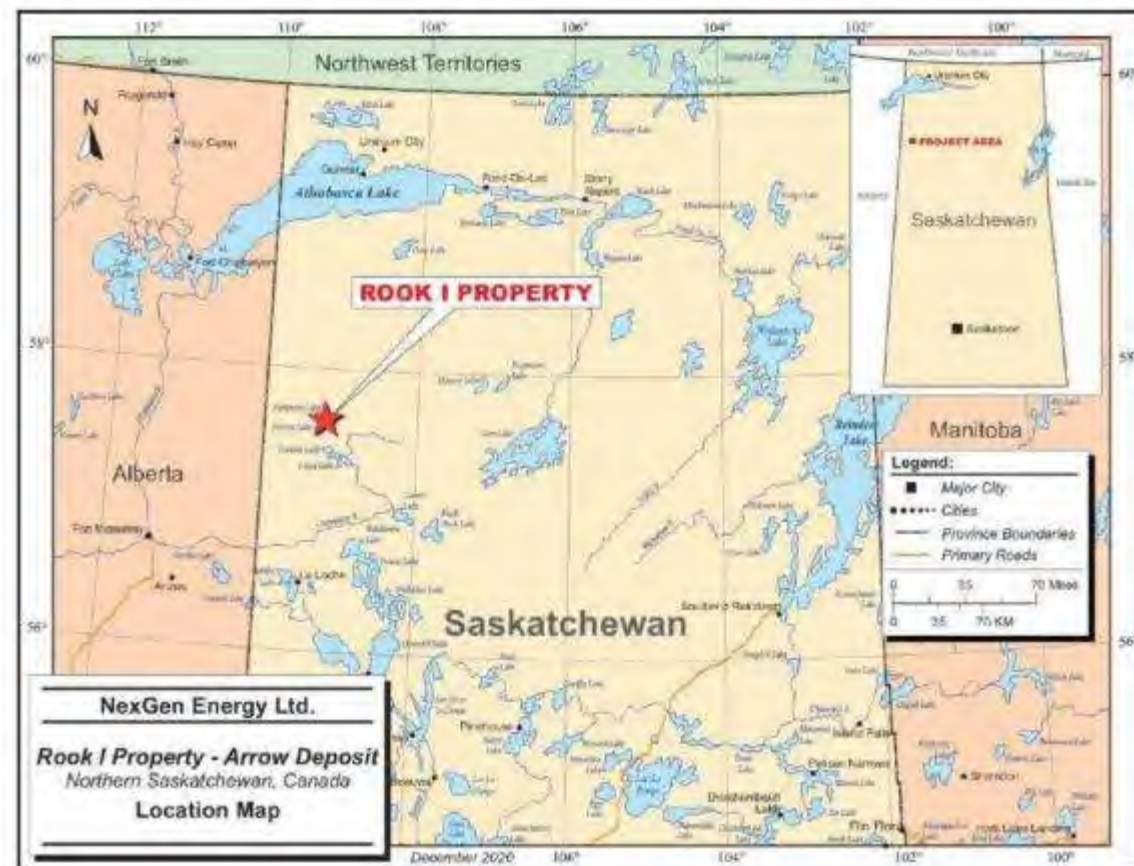




Proposed Projects

NexGen - Rook I Project

- Proposed uranium mine and mill
- Undergoing Environmental Assessment under concurrent Federal (led by CNSC) and Provincial (led by Saskatchewan) processes
- February 2019 - NexGen submitted initial licence application (not complete)
 - information being provided in staged manner
 - submissions include programs, manuals, procedures, design information, etc.



Source: Arrow Deposit, Rook I Project NI 43-101 Technical Report on Feasibility Study



Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

Environmental Assessment Process

under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*

Indigenous participation

CNSC engages with Indigenous groups and communities throughout the EA process



NexGen - Rook I Project Project Update

- June 2022 - NexGen submitted the draft Environmental Impact Statement to CNSC
- CNSC staff conducted a 30 day conformity review and deemed it conforming.
- The Environmental Impact Statement, it's technical supporting documents and annexes were posted to the [Canadian Impact Assessment Registry](#) and a 90 day technical and public review period began July 14, 2022.



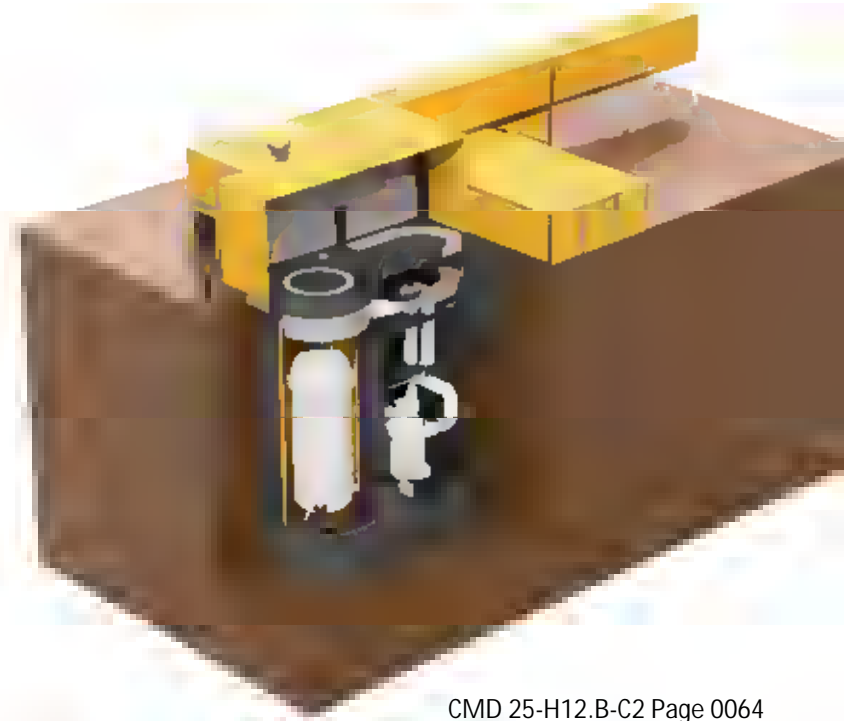
Fission Resources Uranium Corporation- PLS Project

- The project is located near Patterson Lake, SK in the southwestern Athabasca Basin region
- The mineral resource base for the Project is the Triple R Deposit
- Environmental Assessment ("EA") as per the requirements of The Saskatchewan Environmental Assessment Act is ongoing
- The proposed project does not formally trigger an Impact Assessment (IA) under the Canada Impact Assessment Act, 2019
- Fission has not yet submitted a licence application under the NSCA for a uranium mine or mill
- The CNSC is currently a technical expert supporting the Province of Saskatchewan



Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)

- ▶ SMRs are Class IA nuclear facilities
- ▶ SMRs are:
 - ▶ Small
 - ▶ Modular
 - ▶ Reactors
- ▶ May be used in a range of applications from grid-scale to smaller units suitable for heavy industry, and powering remote communities
- ▶ Several provinces are actively pursuing SMRs (ON, NB, AB, SK), and Canada's first SMR could be in operation as early as the mid-to-late 2020s



Existing Regulatory Landscape for SMRs

- All approved SMR projects will be regulated throughout their life-cycle by the CNSC under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act (NSCA)*
- Depending on the thermal capacity and location of a SMR project, there will be one or more of the following environmental review processes before any CNSC licence is granted:
 - IAAC-led **integrated impact assessment with the CNSC (IAA)**
 - CNSC-led **federal lands review (IAA)**
 - CNSC-led **environmental protection review (NSCA)**
 - **Environmental assessment** led by another jurisdiction (e.g., province, land claim regime)
- All proposed SMR projects will require a thorough and meaningful consultation and engagement process



CNSC is responsible for and committed to meaningful consultation and engagement throughout the life-cycle of nuclear facilities



Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP)

- Objectives:
 - build Indigenous and public trust
 - additional verification that the public and environment around nuclear facilities are safe and protected
- CNSC staff take samples of water, fish, berries, and plants
- Sampling conducted at:
 - 2014 - Key Lake and McArthur
 - 2016 - McClean Lake
 - 2017 - Cluff Lake
 - 2020 - Cigar Lake
 - 2021 - Key Lake and McArthur River
- 2022 - sampling scheduled at Rabbit Lake in August/September
- Results posted on CNSC's IEMP web page ([Independent Environmental Monitoring Program \(IEMP\) - Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission](#))



CNSC staff sampling fish in Sandy Lake near the Cluff Lake
(Photo source: CNSC)

***IEMP results received to date confirm
the public and environment are
protected***



Eastern Athabasca Regional Monitoring Program (EARMP)

- Complementary to the CNSC and Province of Saskatchewan regulatory activities
- EARMP monitors the safety of traditionally harvested foods annually
- Samples are collected:
 - from areas identified by community members
 - by community members or with their assistance
- The CNSC is a funding partner along with the Saskatchewan Government and Industry





EARMP (cont'd)

- Traditional local foods are safe to eat, water quality is safe to drink, and the environment is protected



<http://www.earmp.ca/index.html>



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Hunter, Hilary

From: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Sent: August 23, 2022 9:30 AM
To: Levine, Adam; Stewart, William
Subject: RE: Agenda for ACFN Meetings- Sept. 6, 7 and 9
Attachments: 2022 09 07 Q3 Elders Meeting Draft AGENDA_.pdf; 2022 09 6 Q3 Elders Council meeting AGENDA.pdf

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Hello Adam,

Good morning,

Sorry for the delay. I am in Fort Chip all week for Dene Days, Hence the delay. Kindly see the document attached. I will forward you the meeting link as soon as it is established.

Have a productive week.

Thanks
Charlene

From: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 7:50 AM
To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>; Stewart, William <William.Stewart@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: Agenda for ACFN Meetings- Sept. 6, 7 and 9

Hi Charlene, hope you had a good weekend! William and I are looking forward to coming to Fort Chip in a few weeks and participating in the different meetings and activities you have planned. I was wondering if you would be able to share with us the agenda for the meetings on Sept. 6, 7 and 9, as well as the link to the virtual meeting on the 9th (will it be via Zoom?). Please let us know as soon as you can on that front. Thanks and talk soon!

Adam

**ACFN Elders Advisory Council Meeting
Youth & Elder's Lodge - Sunroom
Tuesday, September 6th, 2022
11:30 am-4:00 pm**

Theme: Uranium Mines, Lands and Rights, Tailings Update and IEHRA

Opening Prayer - Elder Rene Bruno

1. CNSC-Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission - Adam Levine
2. ACFN site visit update – Lori Cyprien
3. Tailings Update – Meghan Dalrymple and Brian Fung
4. IEHRA (Indigenous Environmental and Human Health Risk Assessment) – Diana Lewis

Closing Prayer – Elder Rene Bruno

**ACFN Elders Meeting
Charlie Voyageur Conference Center
Wednesday, September 7th, 2022
10:00 am-3:00 pm**

Theme: Uranium Mines, ACFN Site Visit and Tailings Update

Opening Prayer

1. CNCS -Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (Uranium Mines) – Adam Levine
2. ACFN Site Visit and Update – Lori Cyprien
3. Tailings Update – Meghan Dalrymple and Brian Fung

Closing Prayer

Hunter, Hilary

Subject: FW: ACFN Virtual Meeting

Start: Fri 2022-09-09 10:00 AM
End: Fri 2022-09-09 12:00 PM
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Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Levine, Adam

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From: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnscccsn.gc.ca>

Sent: August 30, 2022 7:44 PM

To: Levine, Adam; Stewart, William; Froess, Ryan; Nickolet, Sydney; DeCoste, Laura

Cc: Stenson, Ron; Pandolfi, Dana; Snider, Richard

Subject: ACFN Virtual Meeting

When: September 9, 2022 12:00 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where:

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Hunter, Hilary

Subject: FW: ACFN Virtual Meeting #2

Start: Fri 2022-09-09 1:00 PM

End: Fri 2022-09-09 3:00 PM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Levine, Adam

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From: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca>

Sent: August 30, 2022 7:45 PM

To: Levine, Adam; Froess, Ryan; Stewart, William; Nickolet, Sydney; DeCoste, Laura

Cc: Stenson, Ron; Pandolfi, Dana; Snider, Richard

Subject: ACFN Virtual Meeting #2

When: September 9, 2022 3:00 PM-5:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where:

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From: Froess, Ryan
Sent: September 20, 2022 1:48 PM
To: 'meghan.dalrymple@acfn.com'
Cc: Levine, Adam; Wylie, Doug; Frigault, Nicole; DeCoste, Laura; O'Neill, Shannon
Subject: RE: CNSC- ACFN Meeting August 2, 2022 - follow-up

Categories: Rook 1

Hi Meghan,

I hope things are well ! I am just following up from our meeting early August to see if ACFN has any questions/concerns with regard to the NexGen Rook 1 technical review period or any of the information we discussed and we shared with ACFN last month? Please feel free to reach to myself or Nicole at any time if your require any further information or require clarification on the NexGen Project and we would be happy to set up a call to discuss. We are asking for all of the technical review comments to be submitted by October 12, 2022.

We would also be happy to set up any additional meetings with ACFN and CNSC staff on the NexGen project as needed moving forward or if there is interest on other CNSC regulated projects. We are flexible and open to working with ACFN to better understand how they want to be involved with the CNSC in the regulatory process. I know Adam and William from the CNSC recently travelled to Fort Chipewyan in early September and had some great discussions at the Elders gathering and really enjoyed their visit!

Looking forward to hearing from you and meeting again.

Thanks,

Ryan Froess
Senior Advisor/Indigenous and Stakeholder Relations Division
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From: Froess, Ryan
Sent: August 5, 2022 1:30 PM
To: 'meghan.dalrymple@acfn.com' <meghan.dalrymple@acfn.com>
Cc: Adam Levine (adam.levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca) <adam.levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Doug Wylie (doug.wylie@cnsccsn.gc.ca) <doug.wylie@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Nicole Frigault (nicole.frigault@cnsccsn.gc.ca) <nicole.frigault@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Adam Zenobi (adam.zenobi@cnsccsn.gc.ca) <adam.zenobi@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: CNSC- ACFN Meeting August 2, 2022 - follow-up

Good afternoon Meghan,

Thank you for taking the time on Tuesday to meet with the CNSC staff to discuss ACFN's interest in the NexGen Draft EIS, it was really nice to meet you.

Noted below are a few of the action items that I hope I have captured correctly of what we discussed in our meeting earlier this week. Please let me know if I have missed anything or you require any additional information and we would be happy to follow-up and provide that.

1. Send Generic EA Guidelines - [Generic Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement – Pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 - Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission](#)
2. Send out Regulatory Timelines - Please see the two links to the CNSC website with general information on the NexGen Rook 1 project and timelines:
 - a. [Rook I Project - Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission](#) (which needs to be updated and will be shortly)
 - b. [Regulatory review status for the Rook I project - Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission](#).

I have also attached a copy of the CNSC EIS Technical Review Process Diagram. Finally please see the link to the Government of Canada's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the project where all updates on the project can be found [Rook I Project - Canada.ca \(ceaa-acee.gc.ca\)](#)

3. Provide ACFN with potential options for involvement (please see the attached letter and email that the CNSC sent to ACFN on March 29, 2022). The letter provides a description of some options that we can offer to ACFN (if interested) but we are also flexible and open to working with ACFN to better understand how they want to be involved with the CNSC in the regulatory process.
4. ACFN to Request to make PFP changes to the name on who will be completing the technical review – Please feel free to follow-up with Mr. Adam Zenobi at adam.zenobi@cnsccsn.gc.ca

Please feel free to reach to us at any time if you require any further information or require clarification. I have also included Nicole Frigault's contact information (Nicole.Frigault@cnsccsn.gc.ca /Tel. : 343-542-7657) as well who is the Environmental Assessment Specialist leading on the NexGen Rook 1 Project and who could not make the meeting earlier this week.

We would be happy to set up additional meetings with CNSC staff if you would like moving forward or as needed if there is interest.

Thanks,

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From: Frigault, Nicole
Sent: October 18, 2022 2:11 PM
To: Callie Davies-Flett
Cc: Meghan Dalrymple; Froess, Ryan; DeCoste, Laura; O'Neill, Shannon; Wylie, Doug; Boser, Sydney; Levine, Adam; Wylie, Doug
Subject: RE: Terms of Reference for the Project

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Good afternoon Callie,

Attached are the reference docs that you requested:

CNSC guidelines [Generic Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement – Pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 - Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission](#) – note - this document is a CNSC produced document for all CNSC CEAA 2012 Environmental Assessments

SK EA Terms of Reference [110584-NexGen%2BRook%2BI%2BProject%2B-%2BTerms%2Bof%2BReference_PC.pdf](#) – this document is produced by the Province of SK and a part of the Saskatchewan Provincial environmental assessment.

More info on the NexGen project is also available on their site here: [Publications Centre \(saskatchewan.ca\)](#)

Please let me know if you require any additional information or if you have any further questions!

Thanks!
Nicole

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Environmental Assessment Specialist, Technical Support Branch
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission / Government of Canada
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From: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: October 18, 2022 1:01 PM
To: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>
Cc: Meghan Dalrymple <meghan.dalrymple@acfn.com>; Frigault, Nicole <Nicole.Frigault@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; DeCoste, Laura <laura.decoste@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; O'Neill, Shannon <shannon.oneill@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Wylie, Doug <doug.wylie@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Nickolet, Sydney <sydney.nicolet@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Terms of Reference for the Project

Hi Callie! I am copying in my colleagues who should be able to get you a response to your request below. Let us know if you need anything else and we look forward to chatting soon!

Adam

From: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>

Sent: October 18, 2022 12:49 PM

To: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca>

Cc: Meghan Dalrymple <meghan.dalrymple@acfn.com>; Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>

Subject: Terms of Reference for the Project

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Good Morning Adam

Can you please advise on where to find the below?:

This Rook One EIS was prepared following two documents. One is the Generic Guidelines from CEAA and “Terms of Reference for the Project submitted to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment”. Would you please send me this second document? I haven’t been able to locate it.

Thank you!



From: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>
Sent: October 26, 2022 1:52 PM
To: Frigault, Nicole; Rook1 Project / Projet Rook1 (CNSC/CCSN)
Cc: Froess, Ryan; DeCoste, Laura; O'Neill, Shannon; Wylie, Doug; Boser, Sydney; Levine, Adam; Callie Davies-Flett
Subject: RE: 2ND REQUEST: Extension Request: Request for extension to Provide Comment on NexGen Rook 1 Project EIS

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Thank you, no worries. I appreciate the confirmation!

Callie



From: Frigault, Nicole <Nicole.Frigault@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 11:50 AM
To: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>; Rook1 Project - Projet Rook1 <Rook1@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Cc: Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; DeCoste, Laura <laura.decoste@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; O'Neill, Shannon <shannon.oneill@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Wylie, Doug <doug.wylie@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Nickolet, Sydney <sydney.nicolet@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: 2ND REQUEST: Extension Request: Request for extension to Provide Comment on NexGen Rook 1 Project EIS

Hi Callie,
Yes – the 28th is fine for your submission!

Thanks – and apologies for not getting back to you sooner – I've been travelling and in SK this week so just getting access to my e-mails today.

Nicole

From: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>
Sent: October 26, 2022 1:05 PM
To: Frigault, Nicole <Nicole.Frigault@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Rook1 Project - Projet Rook1 <Rook1@cnscccsn.gc.ca>

Cc: Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; DeCoste, Laura <laura.decoste@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; O'Neill, Shannon <shannon.oneill@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Wylie, Doug <doug.wylie@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Nickolet, Sydney <sydney.nicolet@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>

Subject: 2ND REQUEST: Extension Request: Request for extension to Provide Comment on NexGen Rook 1 Project EIS

EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

Hello

Can you please reply to the below?

Please advise if the NexGen Rook 1 EIS comments can be submitted on the 28th.

Thank you



From: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 3:39 PM

To: Frigault, Nicole <Nicole.Frigault@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Rook1 Project - Projet Rook1 <Rook1@cnscccsn.gc.ca>

Cc: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>

Subject: RE: Extension Request: Request for extension to Provide Comment on NexGen Rook 1 Project EIS

Hello Nicole

Can you confirm if you can accept the submission date for October 28? I misunderstood the below to read that I may have the extension until the 28th and upon re-reading the below it looks like you are still expecting something for the 26th.

Please advise if the 28th is still acceptable.

Callie



From: Frigault, Nicole <Nicole.Frigault@cnscccsn.gc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 12:10 PM

To: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>; Rook1 Project - Projet Rook1 <Rook1@cnscccsn.gc.ca>

Cc: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>; Timothy Bebetidoh <timothy.bebetidoh@acfn.com>; Meghan Dalrymple <meghan.dalrymple@acfn.com>

Subject: RE: Extension Request: Request for extension to Provide Comment on NexGen Rook 1 Project EIS

Good afternoon Callie,

Yes – I had just sent an e-mail back to Meghan (attached) agreeing to this extension request – however Meghan had initially asked for 2 weeks – with comments coming in on October 26 – does this date work for you?

Thanks!

Nicole

From: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>

Sent: October 5, 2022 1:57 PM

To: Frigault, Nicole <Nicole.Frigault@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Rook1 Project - Projet Rook1 <Rook1@cnscccsn.gc.ca>

Cc: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>; Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>; Timothy Bebetidoh <timothy.bebetidoh@acfn.com>

Subject: Extension Request: Request for extension to Provide Comment on NexGen Rook 1 Project EIS

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Hello Nicole,

ACFN is requesting an extension from October 12 to October 28, 2022 for submission of comments regarding the attached Project EIA.

Thanks



From: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>
Sent: October 28, 2022 5:48 PM
To: Rook1 Project - Projet Rook1
Cc: sherelyn.caderma@gov.sk.ca; Maggie Farrington; Lisa Tsessaze; Callie Davies-Flett; Charlene Williams; Timothy Bebetidoh
Subject: ACFN Comments on NexGen Rook 1
Attachments: ACFN Comments on draft EIS for the Rook1 Project, proposed by NexGen Energy Ltd..pdf; ACFN Technical Review NexGen Rook 1- October 28, 2022.pdf

EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

Good Afternoon

Please find the attached:

- ACFN Comments on the NexGen draft EIS
- Initial technical review on the draft EIS

We look forward to your response.

Marsi Cho,



From: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>
Sent: November 4, 2022 1:00 PM
To: Levine, Adam; Zenobi, Adam; Froess, Ryan; Boser, Sydney; DeCoste, Laura; Frigault, Nicole
Cc: Charlene Williams; Timothy Bebetidoh; Callie Davies-Flett
Subject: Application Submission: CNSC Engagement Fund
Attachments: ACFN CNSC FUNDING APPLICATION.pdf

EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

Good Morning

Please see attached application for funding regarding the Rook1 NexGen project.

If you require any additional information, please advise.

Thank you!



From: Zenobi, Adam <adam.zenobi@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 9:09 AM
To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Cc: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Nickolet, Sydney <sydney.nicolet@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; DeCoste, Laura <laura.decoste@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Frigault, Nicole <Nicole.Frigault@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>; Timothy Bebetidoh <timothy.bebetidoh@acfn.com>
Subject: RE: CNSC Engagement Fund

Hello Charlene,

Please find attached an application form that ACFN can use to apply for funding to continue participating in consultation and engagement activities in relation to NexGen's Rook I project, including collecting Indigenous knowledge and traditional land use information. Please return the completed application form to me at your earliest convenience.

Let me know if you have any questions, thanks!

Adam Zenobi

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From: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Sent: October 12, 2022 1:02 PM
To: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Cc: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>; Timothy Bebetidoh <timothy.bebetidoh@acfn.com>
Subject: RE: CNSC Engagement Fund

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Hello Adam,

Hello Adam,

Thanks for your time and information sharing. As a follow-up to the meeting on October 06, 2022, kindly note the following:

- 1) I am attaching the communication to confirm that ACFN has not received capacity funding from NexGen.
- 2) Kindly share information with ACFN regarding opportunities for engagement funding (general and project specific), as promised. Especially, consultation/engagement capacity funding available to conduct TLU studies for projects undergoing review by CNSC.

Thanks
Charlene

From: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 2:37 PM
To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Cc: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>; Timothy Bebetidoh <timothy.bebetidoh@acfn.com>; Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: CNSC Engagement Fund

Hi Charlene! Are we still meeting now? I have logged into the Zoom meeting you sent, but I am in the lobby waiting. I can only stay for another few mins. Let me know and if not we can maybe find a time to talk tomorrow? Thanks!

Adam

From: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Sent: October 5, 2022 1:45 PM
To: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Cc: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>; Timothy Bebetidoh <timothy.bebetidoh@acfn.com>
Subject: CNSC Engagement Fund

We need to discuss engagement funds that are available from CNSC for ACFN. Please let me know when you are available so I can send a meeting invite. I am available on Thursday, October 6, 2022, from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Thanks

Charlene



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From: Levine, Adam
Sent: January 29, 2023 7:45 PM
To: Charlene Williams
Cc: Callie Davies-Flett; Godlove Ngeh; Timothy Bebetidoh; Froess, Ryan; Boser, Sydney; Frigault, Nicole; Zenobi, Adam; Pandolfi, Dana
Subject: RE: Discussion with ACFN on Nuclear Security Regulation Amendments

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi Charlene, thanks for providing more details on that front! Yes we will definitely be able to participate in those meetings if there is a virtual option for us and we certainly will be coming up to the communities when there is the actual workshops for the study etc. Please note that we are currently finalizing the decision-making process for the funding application ACFN submitted for the IK study and we will get back to you soon with the Contribution Agreement to review and sign. Please make sure to not incur any costs related to the study until you have received the approved Contribution Agreement etc.

Keep us posted on the specifics for the meetings on Feb. 16 and March 2 (time, platform etc.) and we will make sure to participate and provide a presentation/answer questions, thanks and talk soon!

Adam

From: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Sent: January 27, 2023 5:18 PM
To: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Cc: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>; Godlove Ngeh <Godlove.Ngeh@acfn.com>; Timothy Bebetidoh <Timothy.Bebetidoh@acfn.com>
Subject: Re: Discussion with ACFN on Nuclear Security Regulation Amendments

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Thank you very much; yes, it can be virtual.

The engagement session is one of the milestones (the second activity, the first is the web and poster advertisement) in the Traditional Land Use Study, where we requested finding from CNSC. The sessions is to inform community members about the TLU study and why we need their participation. With the regulatory process focusing on NexGen, a question and answer session and a presentation similar to but smaller than the one CNSC shared for the elders meeting in September 2022 at Fort Chip will benefit this event.

Many thanks for considering ACFN's request. Kindly let me know if you have any further questions.

Have a great weekend

Thanks
Charlene

From: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnscccsn.gc.ca>

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 11:38 AM

To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>

Cc: Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Zenobi, Adam <adam.zenobi@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Nickolet, Sydney <sydney.nicolet@cnscccsn.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: Discussion with ACFN on Nuclear Security Regulation Amendments

Hi Charlene! Will there be a virtual option for these meetings? It will be a challenge for us to have someone come up to Fort McMurray on short notice. Let me know and we can try and work something out. Also, if you could give us a bit more details on the meetings and what the CNSC's role would be at this point that would be helpful. Thanks!!

Adam

From: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>

Sent: January 27, 2023 1:28 PM

To: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnscccsn.gc.ca>

Subject: Re: Discussion with ACFN on Nuclear Security Regulation Amendments

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Hello Adam,

Sorry for such a concise notice. We are seeking CNSC participation in two engagement sessions. We have an engagement session to inform community members about the Traditional Land use study for the uranium project. The dates are in Fort McMurray on February 16, 2023, and Fort Chip on March 02, 2023. CNSC participation would be beneficial, especially for the session in Fort McMurray. Kindly Let us know as soon as possible.

Thanks
Charlene

From: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnscccsn.gc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 5:42 PM

To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>; McNelles, Phillip <Phillip.McNelles@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; DeCoste, Laura <laura.decoste@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Godlove Ngeh <Godlove.Ngeh@acfn.com>; Ross, Wesley <wesley.ross@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Timothy Bebetidoh <Timothy.Bebetidoh@acfn.com>; Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>; Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Brian Fung <Brian.Fung@acfn.com>; Kg Banjoko <kg.banjoko@acfn.com>; Graham, Sarah <sarah.graham@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Takeda, Elvin <Elvin.Takeda@cnscccsn.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: Discussion with ACFN on Nuclear Security Regulation Amendments

Great, thanks Charlene! Would this be a virtual meeting? Keep us posted on the meeting date/time and I will also invite our colleagues from Natural Resources Canada's who are the leads on the SMR action plan. Talk soon!

Adam

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

----- Original message -----

From: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>

Date: 2023-01-11 6:08 p.m. (GMT-05:00)

To: "Levine, Adam" <Adam.Levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca>, "McNelles, Phillip" <Phillip.McNelles@cnsccsn.gc.ca>, "DeCoste, Laura" <laura.decoste@cnsccsn.gc.ca>, Godlove Ngeh <Godlove.Ngeh@acfn.com>, "Ross, Wesley" <wesley.ross@cnsccsn.gc.ca>, Timothy Bebetidoh <Timothy.Bebetidoh@acfn.com>, Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>, "Froess, Ryan" <ryan.froess@cnsccsn.gc.ca>, Brian Fung <Brian.Fung@acfn.com>, Kg Banjoko <kg.banjoko@acfn.com>, "Graham, Sarah" <sarah.graham@cnsccsn.gc.ca>, "Takeda, Elvin" <Elvin.Takeda@cnsccsn.gc.ca>

Subject: Re: Discussion with ACFN on Nuclear Security Regulation Amendments

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Hello Adam,

Thank you to your team for the meeting and for sharing the presentation. We will be in touch concerning a presentation on SNR and the Action plan to the ACFN's leadership. Please see the possible dates below:

February 22 or March 21, 2022. I will let you know the specific areas of interest regarding the SNR. Have a wonderful evening.

Thanks
Charlene

From: Levine, Adam <Adam.Levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca>

Sent: Friday, January 6, 2023 1:07 PM

To: McNelles, Phillip <Phillip.McNelles@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; DeCoste, Laura <laura.decoste@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Godlove Ngeh <Godlove.Ngeh@acfn.com>; Ross, Wesley <wesley.ross@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>; Timothy Bebetidoh <Timothy.Bebetidoh@acfn.com>; Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>; Froess, Ryan <ryan.froess@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Brian Fung <Brian.Fung@acfn.com>; Kg Banjoko <kg.banjoko@acfn.com>; Graham, Sarah <sarah.graham@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Takeda, Elvin <Elvin.Takeda@cnsccsn.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: Discussion with ACFN on Nuclear Security Regulation Amendments

Hi everyone, thanks for the great meeting and discussion today! As discussed please find attached a few documents:

1. The presentation that Phil gave on the Nuclear Security Regulation Amendments
2. A template for a Terms of Reference for long-term Engagement with the CNSC
3. The original email chain regarding the Nuclear Security Regulation Amendments
4. Here are links to the SMR Roadmap: [SMR Roadmap - Canadian Small Modular Reactor](#) [SMR Roadmap | Canadian Small Modular Reactor](#)
and the SMR Action Plan: [SMR Action Plan](#)

Please let us know if ACFN is interested in reviewing and commenting on the Nuclear Security Regulation amendments. As well, please let us know if you would be interested in discussing potentially developing a Terms of Reference for long-term engagement with the CNSC, as well as ongoing discussions about uranium mines, SMRs and other topics of interest to ACFN. Looking forward to talking again soon

Adam

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Levine, Adam

Sent: December 14, 2022 1:07 PM

To: Levine, Adam; McNelles, Phillip; DeCoste, Laura; Godlove Ngeh; Ross, Wesley; Charlene Williams; Timothy Bebetidoh; Callie Davies-Flett; Froess, Ryan; Brian Fung; Kg Banjoko; Duguay, Raphaël; Graham, Sarah; Takeda, Elvin

Subject: Discussion with ACFN on Nuclear Security Regulation Amendments

When: January 6, 2023 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

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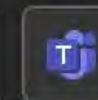
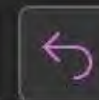
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Zenobi, Adam

To ● 'Callie Davies-Flett'

Cc ● 'Timothy Bebetidoh'; ● Froess, Ryan; ● Frigault, Nicole;
● Boser, Sydney; ● DeCoste, Laura; ● Levine, Adam; + 1 other



2023-02-13

 Follow up. Completed on March 17, 2025.



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Hello Callie,

I am pleased to inform you that ACFN's funding application for an Indigenous knowledge study in relation to NexGen's Rook I Project and other potential uranium and nuclear projects in ACFN's traditional territory in the future has been accepted for the full amount requested. As such, please find attached a contribution agreement to be signed and returned to me.

As per previous emails, due to the proposed timelines for completing the study, it is not guaranteed that ACFN's IK study will be completed in time to be considered directly as part of NexGen's environmental impact statement before it is finalized. However, depending on when the study is completed, CNSC staff will be able to reflect the results of the IK study to help inform other steps of the environmental assessment (EA) process. This could include the CNSC's EA Report/Commission Member Document, as well as the consultation process with ACFN, including a joint ACFN-CNSC Rights Impact Assessment process, the Commission hearings, ongoing monitoring and follow-up programs, and other future uranium/nuclear projects in ACFN territory.

Please let us know if you have any questions, thanks!



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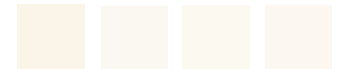


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NexGen Rook I Operation





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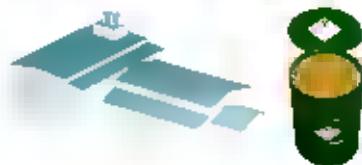
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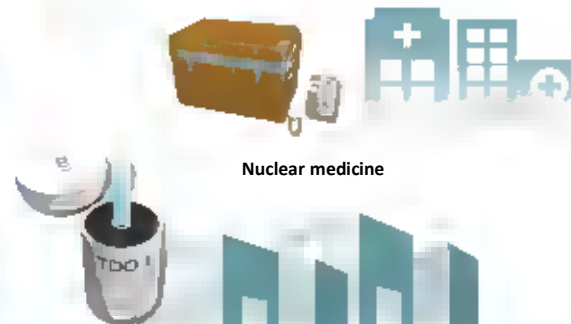
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Nuclear power generation



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- The Commission holds **public Hearings** before making decisions
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 - In person, or via Zoom
- Before Hearings, documents made publicly available
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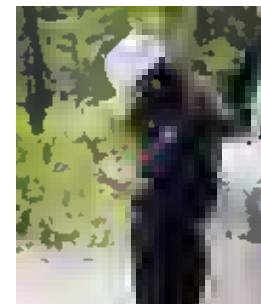


The Role of CNSC Staff

- **Inspect licensees** and enforce compliance with requirements
- **Assess licensee information** to verify that they meet requirements
- **Dialogue with Indigenous Nations** and the public on the work we do, and what you think of our work
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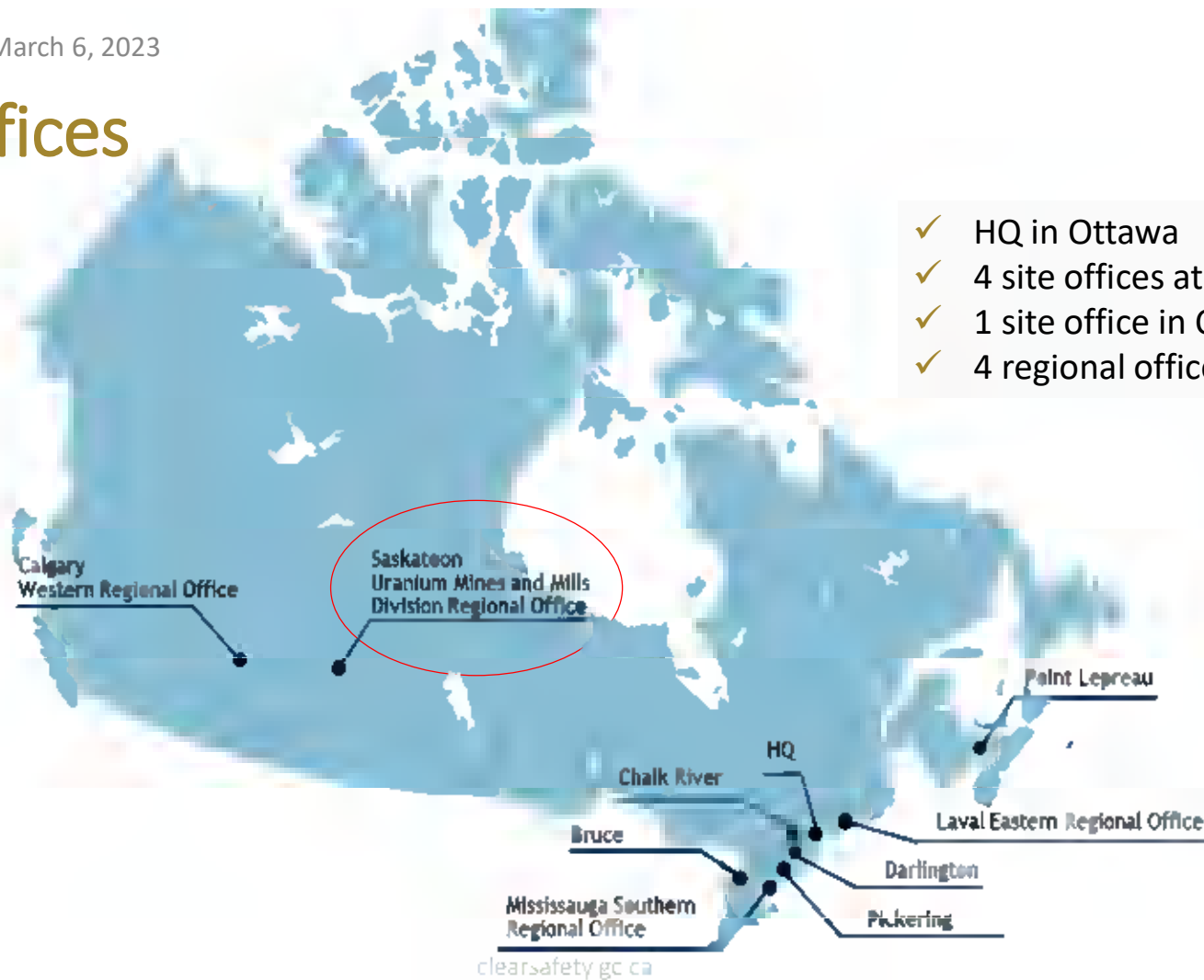




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CNSC Offices

- ✓ HQ in Ottawa
- ✓ 4 site offices at power reactors
- ✓ 1 site office in Chalk River
- ✓ 4 regional offices





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Saskatchewan Uranium Mine and Mill Sites

Operating

- Cigar Lake Operation (mine)
- McArthur River Operation (mine)
- Key Lake Operation (mill)
- McClean Lake Operation (mine/mill)
- Rabbit Lake Operation (mine/mill)

Decommissioned

- Beaverlodge Project
- Cluff Lake Project
- Lorado

Remediation Projects

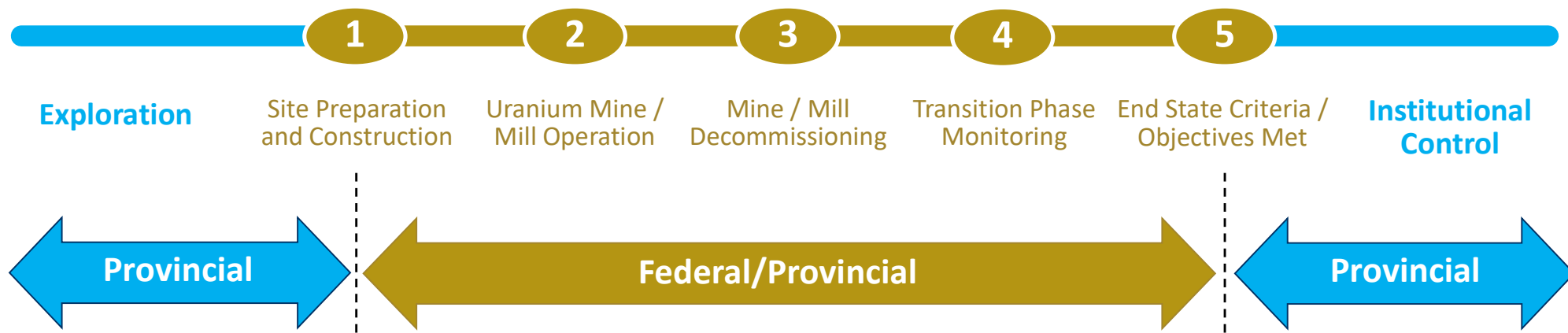
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Saskatchewan Uranium Mines and Mills Lifecycle



Responsibility returns to the province upon transfer to ICP



Engagement

CNSC's on-going Engagement

- CNSC staff are committed to working with Indigenous Nations and communities to establish regular and ongoing engagement on uranium mines and mills
- CNSC staff will continue with annual Regulatory Oversight Reports to the Commission on operating uranium mines and mills
- Participant Funding Program (PFP) provides funds to participate in our regulatory processes





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- Staff **review** applications and Commission **issues** licences
- Commission's decisions based on **best available information** (*i.e., science and Indigenous Knowledge*)
- Staff **verify safety and compliance** – take action if needed



- We are **not** industry, nor are we the Province
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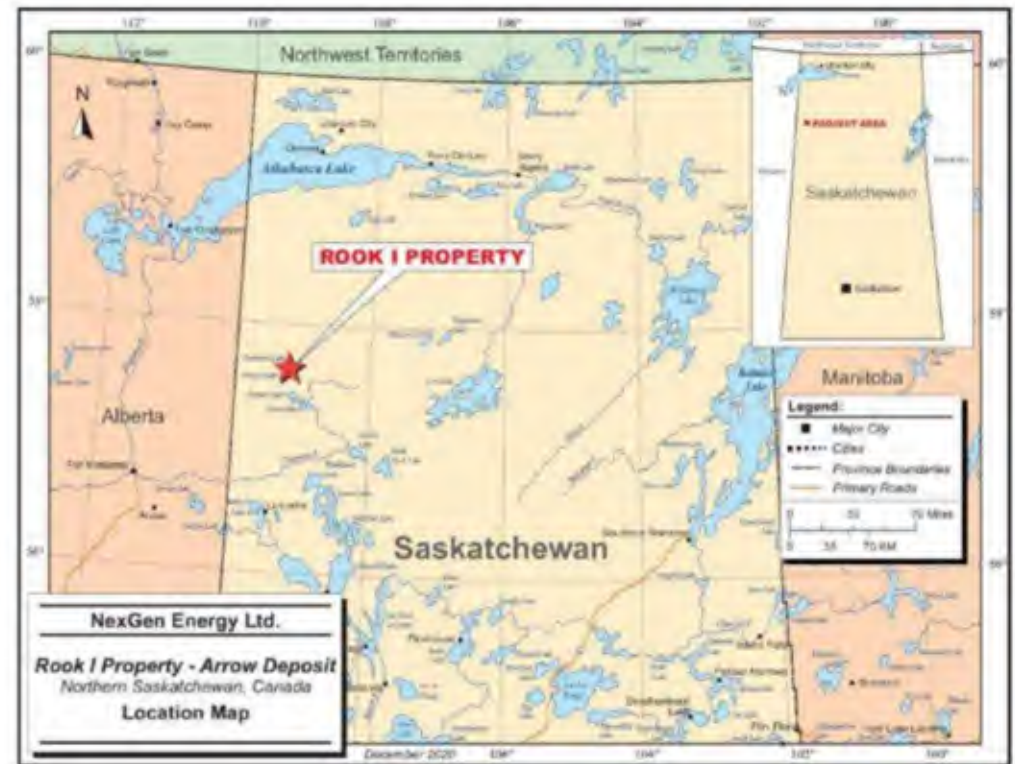
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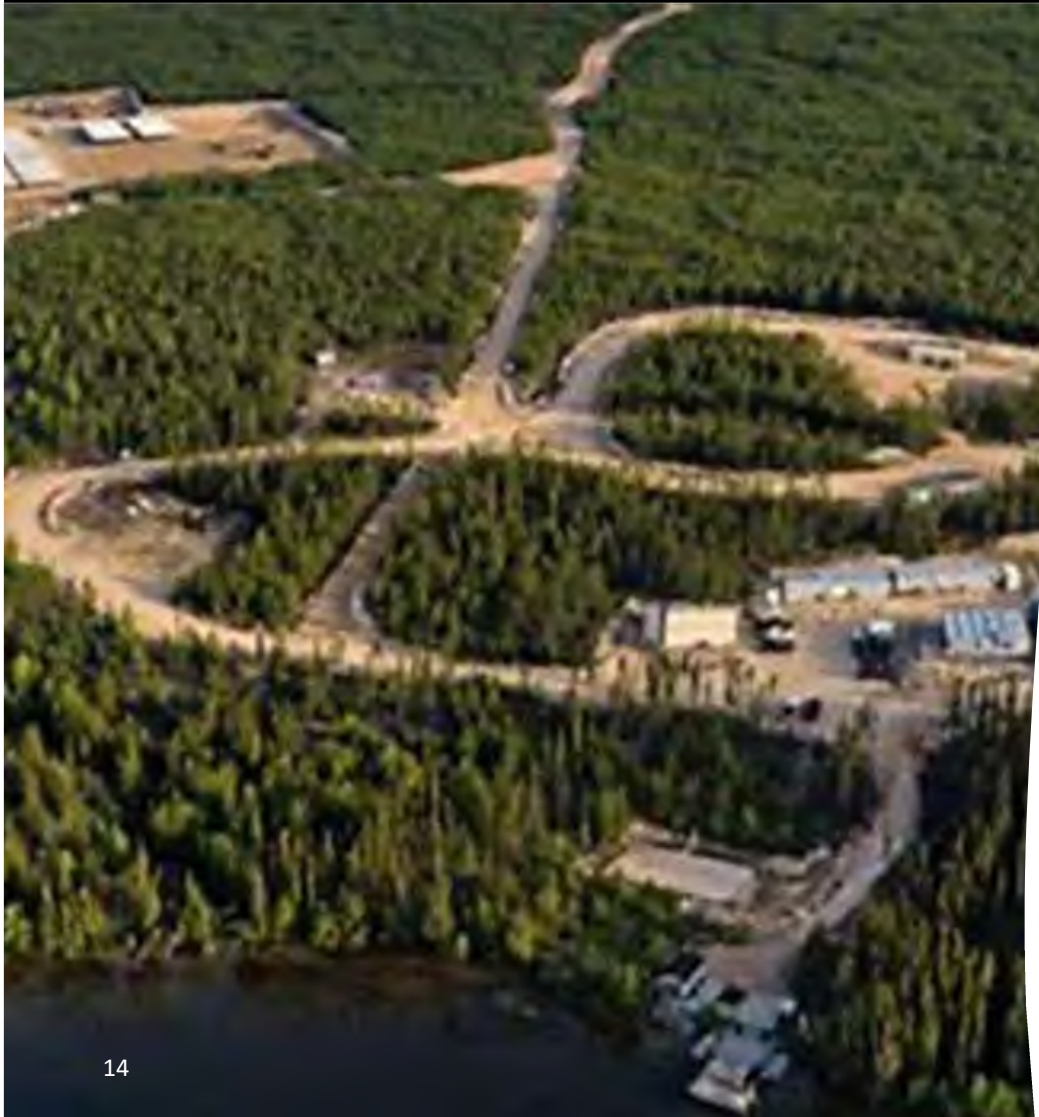


NexGen – Rook I Project

- Proposed uranium mine and mill
- Undergoing Environmental Assessment under concurrent Federal (led by CNSC) and Provincial (led by Saskatchewan) processes
- February 2019 - NexGen submitted initial licence application (not complete)
 - information being provided in staged manner
 - submissions include programs, manuals, procedures, design information, etc.



Source: Arrow Deposit, Rook I Project NI 43-101 Technical Report on Feasibility Study



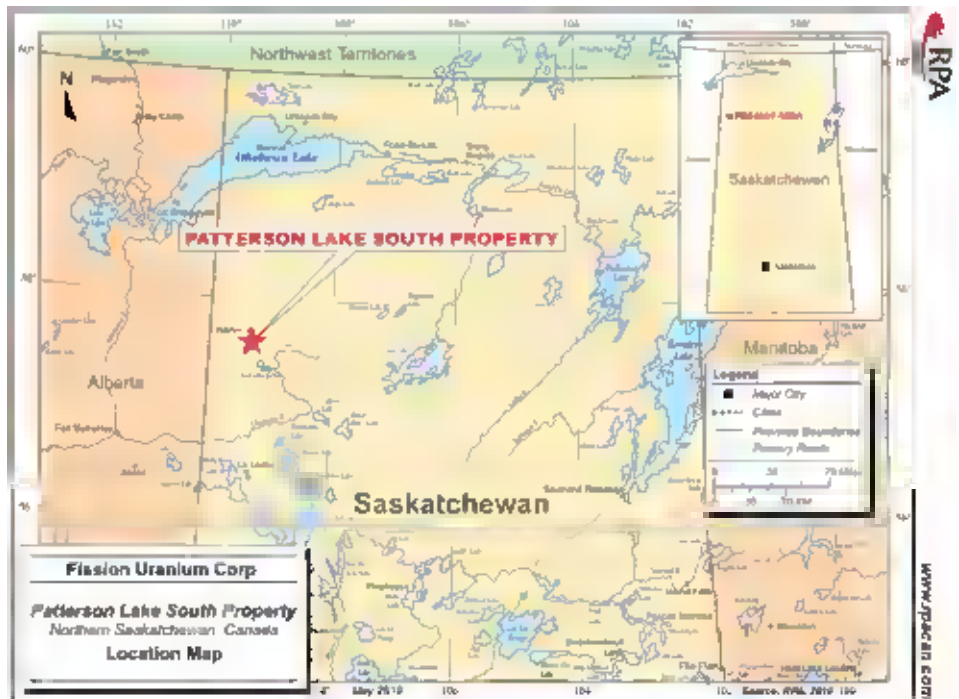
NexGen – Rook I Project EA Update

- June 2022 - NexGen submitted the draft Environmental Impact Statement to CNSC
- July – Oct 2022 technical and public review of draft EIS and technical supporting documents
- Nov 2022 - technical review comments + public comment tables sent to NexGen for response
- Once NexGen submits responses to technical comments, responses will undergo technical review. This process continues back and forth until all responses deemed acceptable and the EIS deemed complete.
- Once EIS deemed complete, CEAA 2012 EA Report to be drafted along with a commission member document prior to advancing to a public hearing with public interventions.



Fission Uranium Corp. – Patterson Lake South project

- Proposed uranium mine and mill
- Does not trigger Impact Assessment Act (federal)
- Undergoing Environmental Assessment under Provincial (led by Saskatchewan) process
 - No CNSC licence application submitted yet
 - CNSC participating as federal expert on uranium mines and mills in provincial EA, as requested by Province



Source: [Fission Uranium Corp.'s Fission Project Description](#)



Patterson Lake South project - Update





Beaverlodge Project – Decommissioned Sites

- Cameco requested 18 additional properties be released from CNSC licensing last March
 - Commission ruled that the 18 properties be released from CNSC licensing
- 2-year licence renewal was requested
 - Hearing in writing





Reclamation Projects – Gunnar & Lorado

- Gunnar remediation activities included:
 - improvement of main and central tailings surfaces
 - construction of Landfills A and B
 - legacy waste sweeps and consolidation of all waste on site
 - remediation of all mine openings on site
- Delay of Langley Bay remediation, due to high water levels in Lake Athabasca
- Currently undergoing a designated officer licence renewal for Lorado in 2023.





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From: Boser, Sydney
Sent: September 19, 2023 5:14 PM
To: Timothy Bebetidoh
Cc: Charlene Williams; Callie Davies-Flett; Kg Banjoko; Levine, Adam; Jean, Arielle
Subject: ACFN & CNSC Meeting Summary - September 8th

Good afternoon Timothy,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us on September 8th to talk through funding, the TLU, projects, etc. Katherine has now moved on to her new role outside of CNSC but Adam and I will be the main contacts moving forward. I am looking forward to continuing the relationship with ACFN!

See below the notes from our last meeting. Please let me know if you have any edits or questions on the meeting summary!

ACFN/CNSC Meeting Summary

Date: 2023-09-08

ACFN Attendees: Timothy Bebetidoh, Charlene Williams, Callie Davies-Flett, KG Banjoko

CNSC Attendees: Adam Levine, Sydney Nickolet, Arielle Jean, Katherine Manickum

Indigenous and Stakeholder Capacity Fund (ISCF)

Q: timelines for hiring new resource?

A: CNSC didn't put timelines into the agreement, but would hope that ACFN is able to identify and hire someone from the community within the next few months. CNSC will check-in within the next month to see how hiring process is going. If ACFN needs any support, CNSC happy to help.

- ACFN to notify CNSC via email once resource has been hired, including details such as their roles and responsibilities, tasks they will be doing, etc.
- From CNSC's perspective, the goal is for the new hire to participate in regular CNSC/ACFN meetings.
- CNSC will help with onboarding by providing knowledge of the nuclear sector and providing info on CNSC and bringing that back to the community.

Q: Should ACFN use the job description in the grant application or could CNSC help provide more details?

A: The information in the CA is a great place to start. Some key items:

- prioritize job for someone from community.
- ability to work with technology (doing virtual meetings).
- willingness to learn about nuclear sector and regulator.
- willingness to work with CNSC team.

Q: does the CNSC have a plan for what training the new hire would receive and when? Timelines?

A: Plan to be discussed once new hire identified.

Q: Length of funding - could ACFN get support for 5 years?

A: The program has a 5-year lifespan. Currently this resource position is funded for 2 years then will need to reapply.

Q: Can the funding be for the same person or someone new?

A: Yes it can be the same person and up to ACFN when they apply for the stream 1 opportunity again in 2 years time.

Terms of Reference (ToR)

- ACFN has an internal meeting set for September to discuss CNSC comments on draft ToR.
 - o **Action Item** - ACFN to provide response on the current version of the ToR (ETA: end of September).
- CNSC presented draft ToR engagement Workplan for this year.
 - o **Action Item** – CNSC to send draft workplan for ACFN review.

ACFN updates on active files

NexGen

- ACFN is looking for capacity funding to review their EIS.
- Province of Sask indicated ACFN don't trigger consultation, but ACFN doesn't understand as they have showed their use of the area. Province review process has been entered and due in 30 days time.
 - Q: have you had discussions with NexGen about supporting that?
 - A: we have chatted with NexGen, but talks have been very slow. Still need to wait on the province to trigger consultation with NexGen.
- CNSC asked if ACFN would share their comments on the EIS as part of the Provincial process when available. When ACFN is ready, CNSC would be interested in meeting to discuss their comments and concerns, to better understand their concerns on the NexGen project and potential impacts on ACFN rights and interests.

Fission

- ACFN triggered provincial consultation for Fission project, so Fission has reached out. ACFN have a meeting with Fission in person (Fort Mac) at end of month.
- ACFN have not received any documents from province yet but looking forward to meeting.

Beaverlodge

- ACFN will be in Uranium City next week bringing 2 elders along. CNSC staff will be there too.
- ACFN had a meeting with Cameco in Aug. and sent them a map of areas ACFN wants monitored. In a good place
- ACFN acknowledged that is has been almost at 1 year anniversary since CNSC went to Fort Chip and a lot has been achieved since then. ACFN thanked CNSC.
- CNSC really appreciated being in the community and building the relationship with ACFN. And looking forward to coming back in early 2024.
 - Q: when will ACFN have the TLU workshop in person in Fort Chip?
 - A: likely early 2024

TLU

- Study is going well and included interviewing 12 participants. Final transcript reading being scheduled for early October. Happy there are so many members tied to the northern area of Sask.
- Study grew – originally intended to interview 8 people but ended up with 12.
 - Q: Can ACFN send updated scope to CNSC (will attach it to the previous PFP)? ACFN would like to know if there is additional funding to cover the expended scope of the study.
 - A: Send information to Adam Levine and Adam Zenobi for review. Please also include a breakdown of expectations for deliverables and next steps. Including when ACFN will share preliminary results.

Action Item: Callie to send additional scope and details (complete)

Thank you,

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From: Boser, Sydney
Sent: November 6, 2023 4:01 PM
To: Callie Davies-Flett; Timothy Bebetoidoh
Cc: Levine, Adam; Kg Banjoko; Charlene Williams
Subject: ACFN and CNSC ToR Meeting - Summary Notes

Good afternoon Callie and Timothy,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us on Friday regarding the ToR. See below a summary of the discussion. Please let me know if I missed anything and I will add it to the notes! I am currently working on the edits made to the ToR including sharing it with my director for review. Once ready, I will send it over to the both of you for review and comment. Thanks 😊

ACFN & CNSC Meeting on ToR – November 3rd 1pm-2pm MDT

Participants: Callie Davies-Flett, Timothy Bebetoidoh, Sydney Nickolet and Adam Levine

ToR Discussion:

- ACFN would like to see a sentence included in the first section of the ToR where they would be involved in changes to legislation (NSCA) or regulatory processes going forward
 - CNSC agreed to add that in
 - CNSC noted that the TOR will be reviewed and updated every year to ensure it is up to date
- ACFN wants to include last sentence of the first paragraph in the Vision section
 - CNSC agreed and will keep that sentence in the section
- ACFN wants to keep some form of the dispute resolution paragraph within the agreement
 - CNSC will add in a paragraph that has been used in past ToR's
- ACFN noted that for the first year of the ToR, they would like their Executive Director to sign and for CNSC to work with the Dene Lands and Resource Management (DLRM) team on implementing the ToR for the first year. This first year would be a trial period to ensure that ACFN is seeing positive collaboration before having leadership sign off. After the first year, ACFN would have Chief Allan Adam sign the ToR and would have leadership play a more active role in the ToR long-term engagement.
 - CNSC agrees but wants to ensure that the Chief is aware of the ToR and is supportive of moving forward.
 - CNSC noted that they would have to report on the ToR with ACFN publicly when reporting to the Commission but could hold off on posting anything publicly through social media for the first year.
 - CNSC will add this into the ToR
- The signing of the ToR can be done virtually or in-person
- Callie will run the final draft by leadership and her executive director prior to signing once we have a final draft ready.
 - CNSC will make the edits to the ToR and share with their director before sending back over to ACFN for final comments.
- Next steps with the ToR would be to work on the draft work plan together and discuss funding for the ToR

Fission Project:

- ACFN got a response on the TOR they sent to Fission and Fission will be including ACFN's information in the draft EIS

NexGen Project:

- ACFN received a recent letter from NexGen on exploration
- ACFN asked about the Commission hearings for NexGen and currently there is no update on the Commission hearings as CNSC is currently working through the EA and licensing processes
 - CNSC needs to ensure that the EIS is complete and final before a Commission date is booked

-NexGen has resubmitted their responses to Information Requests (IR's) and CNSC is currently reviewing to see if NexGen has passed completeness check. If so, CNSC will move onto technical review.
-ACFN got added to the consultation list for the Province of Saskatchewan on the NexGen project
-ACFN is looking for environmental information from NexGen not economic benefits.

ACTIONS:

1. CNSC to send out next meeting invite for Nov 27th (complete)
2. CNSC to add in edits to the ToR and send back to ACFN for comment
3. ACFN to share traditional lands map with CNSC to add into ToR

Thank you,

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Subject: ACFN & CNSC Meeting Notes - January 10th 9am-10am MDT
Attachments: Community Coordinator Learning Resource.pdf; E-DOCS-#6277642-v3-Request_to_Protect_Confidential_Information_Outside_of_Commission_Proceedings.docx

Hello Callie and Team,

Please see below the notes from our meeting earlier this week. I have also attached the confidentiality form for sharing the land use study as well as the community coordinator resource document. Please let me know if you have any edits or changes to the notes.

Hope everyone has a great weekend!

ACFN & CNSC Meeting – January 10th 9am-10am MDT

Participants: Adam Levine, Sydney Nickolet, Callie Davies-Flett, Janelle Flett, Timothy Bebetidoh, Charlene Williams, Kg Banjoko, Doren Otung and Godlove Ngeh

-Janelle Flett is the new hire for ACFN from the CNSC Stream 1 Funding and will be supporting on CNSC activities moving forward

-Doren Otung is also a new hire for ACFN and will be working primarily on climate change

ACFN Update on TLU:

-ACFN has a completed draft ready for initial review right now and ACFN is currently doing an internal and legal review of the document

-The final milestone for the TLU would be the community visit. There are 10 deliverables for the TLU and ACFN is currently on step 8

-Late Feb to mid-March is when ACFN would propose to do a potential community visit on the TLU where CNSC would be invited to participate

-CNSC asked if ACFN would be able to share the TLU prior to the community visit

-ACFN agrees that they can share the information prior to the community visit since it will be verified by the participants by the time of the visit

-Once the internal review is complete then ACFN can share a presentation with CNSC on the findings

-CNSC notes that ACFN should also be considering providing a copy once complete to the proponents (NexGen, Fission and potentially others) and possibly other authorities, if requested i.e. the Province of Saskatchewan or the Province of Alberta and should also discuss the approach to managing the confidentiality of the report and information with each organization. The CNSC has a confidentiality request form related to IK/TLU information and would be happy to provide that to ACFN (attached above).

TOR Discussion:

-ACFN is overall happy with where the TOR is at but are requesting a few additions before the document is sent back to them for review

-CNSC will add in ACFN's appendix that was provided by Callie as an annex to the document

- ACFN would like CNSC to add in monitoring and oversight under Section 4: Relevant Facilities and Activities of Interest and then ACFN would also like to include monitoring within the agreed upon workplan. ACFN can also add monitoring into the appendix that they provided
- CNSC recommends implementing the approach of having ACFN DLRM office agree to work through the TOR and workplan for the first year or until ACFN is ready by email and then bring it for formal signature by both parties down the line
 - Timothy mentioned that he would like our director to sign and ACFN director to sign for the first year
 - CNSC recommends not signing the TOR twice but rather agree to the ToR in principal and use the first year as a trial period for now then sign officially when ACFN is ready
 - ACFN will get advice from their legal team on this approach and get back to CNSC
 - Signing process: Chief and Council will sign from ACFN's side and CNSC director will sign from CNSC's end but are open to different approaches of signing the final ToR i.e. in-person (formal signing), virtual signing, etc.
 - CNSC also creates a media post including picture for the formal signing that is shared publicly and CNSC will work with ACFN to create this post when the time comes if ACFN is interested and supportive

REGDOC 1.2.3:

- ACFN was happy with the responses on the REGDOC 1.2.3 and there is no need for additional follow up right now
- REGDOC 3.2.2: Indigenous Engagement, formal consultation process will likely begin this spring/summer and CNSC will inform ACFN when that is announced and will also include the funding opportunities for this in the TOR workplan

NexGen:

- NexGen is still working through the IR's for the federal EA and ACFN is waiting for NexGen to respond to their comments on the EIS and to develop a path forward with ACFN
- ACFN wants NexGen to take ACFN seriously because so far, ACFN has not seen NexGen take ACFN's concerns on the environment seriously
- CNSC's comments back to NexGen include ensuring NexGen is working with ACFN and creating a path forward on ACFN's comments and land use in the area
- Once TLU is ready, CNSC, ACFN and NexGen need to work together to understand how the information will be included within the final EIS document, as appropriate, and how NexGen is addressing ACFN's concerns and comments
- The Provincial EIS has been approved by the Province of Saskatchewan however, the approval came with a lot of conditions
- CNSC had concerns on the work that was happening currently at the NexGen site and the prep work that NexGen has been doing. CNSC sent a letter to NexGen prior to Christmas requesting information on that work and NexGen has responded in January to CNSC - more to come on that. CNSC will keep ACFN posted how this transpires
- ACFN is approaching the NexGen project strictly from an environmental lens
- CNSC is currently working through the federal EA process for NexGen and are reviewing NexGen's responses to the IR's that were submitted back in October. CNSC will be sending our comments back to NexGen by the end of the month
 - Within our responses back to NexGen, CNSC is ensuring that NexGen is having these discussions with ACFN and including ACFN's information and land use within the EIS

Fission:

- ACFN received an email on the terms of reference for Fission this week and will be replying shortly
- ACFN is awaiting documents from Fission for the provincial EIS to support their review of the documentation
- CNSC is currently waiting for the EIS to come in provincially and then CNSC will review the documentation as a federal expert
- CNSC is also working through the licensing process and reviewing documents that Fission has provided
- CNSC is still early in the licensing review process for Fission but once all the documents are submitted then there will be an opportunity for participants to review the documentation and participate in the hearing process. CNSC will continue to update ACFN on the Fission project and potential opportunities to be engaged and involved in the regulatory review process including funding opportunities
- CNSC can add Fission to the agenda for the first TOR meeting where we can bring in experts working on the file from a technical lens to dive in deeper to the material should this be of interest to ACFN

CNSC's Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP):

-ACFN is interested in learning more about the IEMP program and will include it in the TOR workplan and also add it to the agenda for the first or second TOR meeting

Funding:

-ACFN has a few outstanding final financial reports. Adam Zenobi will follow up with ACFN on which ones are still needed
-Adam Zenobi will also send ACFN the application form through stream 3 of the ISCF to apply for IT equipment for Janelle

ACTIONS:

-CNSC will send ACFN the updated copy of the TOR and draft engagement workplan for their review
-CNSC will send out an invite to meet with Janelle and Doren separately for a CNSC 101 session (complete)
-CNSC will include the TLU confidentially agreement and the onboarding document in the minutes (complete)
-ACFN will talk with their internal legal team about the approach for the TOR and get back to CNSC
-CNSC will follow-up with clarification on the outstanding PFP final financial reports and application form for stream 3 of the ISCF to request funding for IT equipment (complete)
-ACFN will share the results of the TLU/IK study as soon as it is available, including a summary presentation and draft of the report, in advance of community engagement sessions
-ACFN will confirm the time and location of community engagement sessions regarding the TLU/IK study
-ACFN to confirm if they would like a discussion/meeting between themselves, CNSC and NexGen to address concerns and comments
-ACFN to confirm if they would like to have CNSC technical staff on the NexGen and/or Fission files meet with ACFN to discuss the review of the projects and related reports and documentation

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) is committed to building and strengthening trust and advancing reconciliation with Indigenous Nations and communities.

CNSC staff would like to acknowledge that the facilities and activities regulated by the CNSC are located on the many traditional and treaty territories of Indigenous peoples in Canada. It is important to give recognition and thanks to the land and the Indigenous peoples that the CNSC works with across Canada.

The CNSC aims to be an open, culturally sensitive, respectful organization that engages in open and transparent dialogue, partnership, and collaboration with Indigenous Nations and communities. The CNSC envisions its staff as being active listeners who understand the role they play in advancing reconciliation and acknowledges that they have a lot to learn from Indigenous peoples and their perspectives.



INTRODUCTION

In the spirit of collaboration and ease of learning, the CNSC has compiled the following information to provide an overview of the nuclear sector and how it is regulated. The intention is to provide a high-level overview of introductory material to ensure a baseline understanding of the nuclear fuel cycle, how it works, and the CNSC's role, as Canada's independent, nuclear regulator. This list is not exhaustive and CNSC staff will continue to provide information, links and updates as new information or events become available to support community coordinator learning, education and capacity development.

The community coordinator opportunity is available through collaborative funding between the CNSC and communities choosing to become more involved in the CNSC's regulatory process. The CNSC's Indigenous and Stakeholder Capacity Fund will help Indigenous Nations and communities gain the capacity necessary to engage in the CNSC's regulatory processes prior to and throughout the lifecycle of nuclear facilities and activities in Canada in a variety of ways.

The purpose of the Indigenous and Stakeholder Capacity Fund is to:

- develop and support organizational capacity of Indigenous Nations and communities and public stakeholders to participate in and contribute to the CNSC's regulatory processes, programs, policies and initiatives more meaningfully.
- support building relationships and trust with the CNSC through collaboration with Indigenous Nations and communities and public stakeholders.

The community coordinator learning resource package is part of the CNSC's effort to support communities who have received funding through the CNSC's Indigenous and Stakeholder Capacity Fund for a resource coordinator position. It is our commitment and goal to actively support each community coordinator in their onboarding, learning and understanding regarding the CNSC and the Canadian Nuclear sector, starting with this resource package.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The CNSC does not represent its licensees or proponents. As the nuclear regulator, the CNSC represents the interests of the Federal Government and Canadian citizens. The information presented in this document is offered as a consolidated learning resource for community coordinators about the history, advancements, operating facilities and safety measures within Canada's nuclear sector from both the CNSC and industry sources.

WHERE TO START

The CNSC is committed to providing factual, objective, scientific information about nuclear science and its effects on people and the environment. The CNSC works to provide scientific information on various platforms in plain language and through scientific and technical reporting.

To ensure a comprehensive understanding of the nuclear sector and its regulation, the following CNSC resources are available:

Videos:

- [How the CNSC Regulates](#)
- [What is defence in depth?](#)
- [What's a Small Modular Reactor?](#)
- [What is radioactive waste?](#)
- [CNSC informational videos](#)

Webinars:

- [CNSC Hearing Processes](#)
- [Protecting people and the environment](#)
- [Transportation of Nuclear waste in Canada](#)
- [CNSC's webinar page, upcoming and past recordings](#)

Webpages:

- [CNSC website](#)
- [CNSC mandate](#)
- [CNSC learning portal](#)
- [Calendar of Commission proceedings](#)
- [How to participate in a Commission proceeding](#)
- [CNSC's participation funding program](#)
- [CNSC's Indigenous and Stakeholder Capacity Fund](#)
- [Independent Environmental Monitoring Program \(IEMP\)](#)
- [Indigenous engagement at the CNSC](#)
- [CNSC's Reconciliation plan](#)
- [CNSC regulatory framework](#)
- [How to become the best nuclear regulator](#)
- [Map of CNSC-regulated facilities](#)
- [Regulating uranium mines and mills](#)
- [Different types and sources of radiation](#)
- [Uses of nuclear substances](#)

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HISTORY OF THE NUCLEAR SECTOR IN CANADA

The following provides an overview of the history of nuclear in Canada.

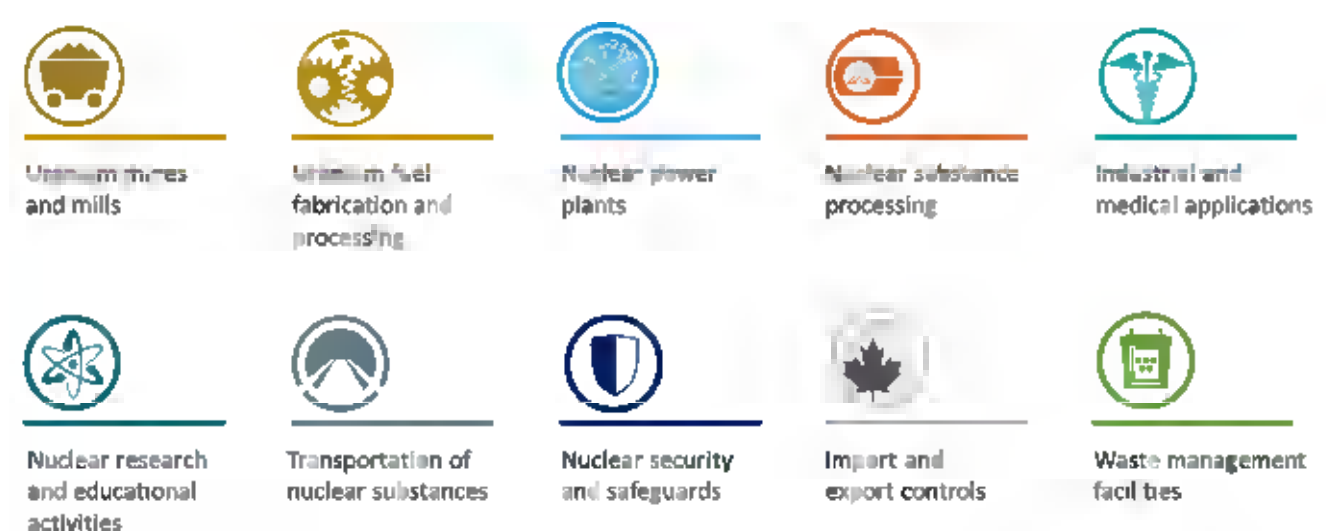
On May 31, 2000, the [Nuclear Safety and Control Act](#) replaced the Atomic Energy and Control Act and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) was established.

- [Past projects and nuclear developments](#)
- [Nuclear history in Canada](#)

CANADA'S NUCLEAR FUEL LIFE CYCLE

Canada's nuclear generating stations use a "once-through" fuel cycle, meaning all nuclear materials are mined, refined and utilized once prior to becoming nuclear waste.

The following provides information on each stage of the nuclear fuel life cycle and links for further information.



URANIUM MINES AND MILLS

[Uranium mines and mills](#) are in operation so uranium can be mined and then processed at a milling facility to recover the uranium concentrate, which is then processed to create fuel for nuclear power reactors.

This [fact sheet](#) provides a high level overview of uranium mining and milling in Canada, exploration and how activities are regulated by the CNSC.

URANIUM PROCESSING AND FABRICATION FACILITIES

While Canadian nuclear power plants use naturally occurring uranium as fuel, the uranium ore must first be processed.

[Uranium processing and fabricating facilities](#) typically refine uranium ore concentrate (generally called “yellowcake”) into fuel bundles through several processing stages.

REACTORS

There are two types of nuclear reactors that are in operation in Canada: power reactors and research reactors.

Power reactors generate electricity, while [research reactors](#) are used for scientific research and produce nuclear substances for medical and industrial use.

NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

All current operating [nuclear power reactors](#) in Canada are [CANDU](#) (Canadian Deuterium-Uranium) reactors. These pressurized heavy water reactors use natural uranium as fuel and heavy water as a coolant and moderator.

SMALL MODULAR REACTORS

[Small modular reactors](#) (SMRs) are a new class of nuclear reactors that are considerably smaller in size and power output than traditional nuclear power reactors, with enhanced safety features. Novel reactor technologies, including SMRs, may potentially supply power to smaller electrical grids or to remote, off-grid areas.

Visit our [SMR facilities](#) page to see a list of SMR projects in Canada.

SAFELY MANAGING NUCLEAR WASTE

All [radioactive waste](#) in Canada, including used nuclear fuel, is currently held in safe, secure and environmentally sound interim storage facilities and is regulated by the CNSC.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The CNSC has a comprehensive [emergency preparedness program](#), and works with nuclear operators, municipal, provincial and federal government agencies, first responders, Indigenous Nations and communities and international organizations to always be prepared.

THE INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM

The objective of the Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP) is to build Indigenous and public trust in the Canadian Nuclear safety Commission’s (CNSC) regulation of the nuclear industry, via an independent, technical and accessible environmental sampling program around nuclear facilities, while using CNSC resources effectively and efficiently. The CNSC actively engages and collaborates with interested Indigenous Nations and communities on this important program on an annual basis. To learn more and see previous sampling results please see: [Independent Environmental Monitoring Program \(IEMP\)](#).

ASSOCIATIONS, PROPONENTS, AND AGENCIES

The Canadian Nuclear Society

The [Canadian Nuclear Society](#) (CNS) promotes the exchange of information on all aspects of nuclear science and technology and its applications including nuclear power generation, fuel production, uranium mining and refining, management of radioactive wastes and used fuel.

- [newsletters](#)
- [frequently asked questions](#)
- [organized events](#)
- [membership](#)

Recommended conferences and workshops

- [2024 Annual CNS Conference, July 2024](#)
- [Canadian Workshop on Fusion Energy Science and Technology \(CWFEST\) October 24th, 2023](#)

The Canadian Nuclear Association

The [Canadian Nuclear Association](#) (CNA) offers information on the Canadian-designed CANDU reactor and SMRs including the principles of nuclear fission, the nuclear fuel cycle, and how nuclear power compares to other energy sources.

- [videos](#)
- [reactors and small modular reactors](#)
- [safety](#)
- [nuclear medicine](#)
- [research and advocacy](#)
- [news and media publications](#)

Recommended conferences:

- [CNA2024: Foundations for Success, February 2024](#)
- [CNA's annual conference](#)

Ontario Power Generation and Bruce Power: Site and Project Information

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) operates the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating Stations and Bruce Power operates Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Stations, both located in Ontario.

- [OPG](#)
- [Bruce Power](#)
- [CANDU reactor operation](#)

NB Power, Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station

The [Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station](#) is operated by NB Power and is located in New Brunswick.

- [Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station](#)
- [Nuclear fission and the basics of nuclear reactors](#)
- [CANDU 6 reactor](#)

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization

[The Nuclear Waste Management Organization](#) (NWMO) is a not-for-profit organization tasked with the safe, long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel, in a manner that protects people and the environment for generations to come under the Federal [Nuclear Fuel Waste Act](#).

- [Deep geological repositories](#)
- [Safe and Secure Transportation of Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel](#)
- [What nuclear waste consists of, how it is currently stored in Canada](#)
- [Frequently asked questions concerning nuclear waste management](#)
- [Waste site selection](#)

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories

[Canadian Nuclear Laboratories](#) (CNL) is a private entity that is the contractor for Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. (AECL) and is responsible for low level radioactive waste and decommissioning responsibilities in Canada and the operations of multiple Federal labs and sites including Chalk River Labs in Ontario and Whiteshell Labs in Manitoba. CNL aims to protect Canada's environment through developing sustainable energy and work with the medical field to develop new alpha therapies.

- [Near Surface Disposal Facility \(NSDF\)](#)
- [The Canadian Nuclear Review](#)
- [Webinars](#)
- [Podcast](#)

Atomic Energy of Canada LTD.

[Atomic Energy of Canada](#) (AECL) is a Canadian Crown corporation with the mandate to support the federal development of nuclear policy, set and oversee CNL's priorities and performance.

- [AECL's resources and reports](#)
- [Federal Nuclear Science & Technology Work Plan](#)
- [Radioactive waste management](#)

International Atomic Energy Agency

[The International Atomic Energy Agency](#) (IAEA) is the world's central intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical cooperation in the nuclear field. With the goal of promoting nuclear safety, the CNSC participates in several international fora to strengthen nuclear safety at home and abroad.

United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation

[United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation](#) (UNSCEAR) was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1955, its mandate is to identify and assess levels and exposure to ionizing radiation.

- [UNSCEAR news, event and press releases](#)
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CONCLUSION

These reliable sources of information provide an objective overview of the Canadian nuclear sector, nuclear technologies, the CNSC's mandate and nuclear safety. The CNSC continues to work toward long-term relationships with Indigenous Nations and communities, and the public and bolster transparency on the development, potential impacts and regulatory process of nuclear projects and facilities in Canada.

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Request to Protect Confidential Information Outside of Commission Proceedings

The following form is intended to provide information on the CNSC's process for protecting confidential information provided by an Indigenous Nation or community outside of Commission Proceedings.

Name of Indigenous Nation or Community:

Address:

Representative authorized to file this request (Name, email address and phone number):

(Please note that this name will be used as a single point of contact if CNSC staff wishes to address any concern or information with the Indigenous Nation or community.)

Identifying what information is confidential, why and from whom.

Question 1

What information do you wish to protect/restrict/prohibit from public disclosure and a rationale for why this information should be protected?

Question 2

Do you wish the information be kept confidential from parties other than the general public? Yes / No

If you answer yes, please identify from whom you would like the information be kept from, together with an explanation why:

(CNSC recommends that the licensee/applicant who has an interest in this confidential information be able to access it to ensure that the licensee/applicant makes informed submissions to the Commission.)

Information on the Treatment of Indigenous Knowledge by Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Staff:

1. If the information you want to protect is used in the future as part of a Commission proceeding, then a request will need to be submitted to the Commission Registry (interventions@cnsccsn.gc.ca).
2. The information sought to be protected is being provided to the CNSC in confidence, and is to be received in confidence by the CNSC upon confirmation of CNSC staff of the appropriate level of security classification.
3. Make sure the information sought to be protected is not available in public sources, to the best of your knowledge.

For all of the reasons discussed above, (name of Indigenous Nation or community) requests that the identified confidential information be protected from public disclosure. The information provided in this form will be evaluated in partnership with CNSC's Information Management Division to determine the appropriate level of security classification to assign, per Government of Canada guidelines. The CNSC will inform you of the classification decision along with any relevant details regarding the protection of confidential Indigenous Knowledge at the CNSC.

The CNSC encourages the consideration of Indigenous Knowledge in all CNSC's EA and licensing processes. However, while recognizing that not all Indigenous Knowledge is sensitive, Indigenous Nations and communities are sometimes concerned with the potential public release of certain elements of Indigenous Knowledge when shared during the course of an EA, consultation or licensing process. The CNSC respects that certain elements of Indigenous Knowledge, if shared openly beyond its collective owners, could risk harming or undermining the Indigenous Nation or community's intellectual property rights or the practices, customs or traditional resources to which the Indigenous Knowledge pertains. For these reasons, the CNSC encourages anyone wanting to provide confidential or sensitive information that they think should not be made public, to contact the CNSC before submitting it.

CNSC staff treats IK shared confidentially in a manner that respects the requests of Indigenous communities and knowledge holders, including not publicly posting or sharing the information with other parties, while recognizing that any information under the control of the CNSC is subject to the *Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act (ATI Act)*. It is therefore important that Indigenous Nations and communities consider, before submitting the information, whether there are any sensitive elements they would not want made public. The principles of the *ATI Act* is that government information or information under the control of government be available to the public, subject only to limited and specific exceptions to protect privacy, confidentiality and security. It is also of the utmost importance to ensure that the CNSC be provided with all of the relevant information needed in support of sound and transparent project decisions. For more information

about some of the exemptions where the government could refuse to disclose any record requested under the *ATI Act*, see Appendix A.

(Signature of representative and title)

(Date)

Appendix A

Access to Information Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. A-1)

Exemptions

Responsibilities of Government

- **13 (1)** Subject to subsection (2), the head of a government institution shall refuse to disclose any record requested under this Part that contains information that was obtained in confidence from
 - **(a)** the government of a foreign state or an institution thereof;
 - **(b)** an international organization of states or an institution thereof;
 - **(c)** the government of a province or an institution thereof;
 - **(d)** a municipal or regional government established by or pursuant to an Act of the legislature of a province or an institution of such a government; or
 - **(e)** an aboriginal government.
- (2)** The head of a government institution may disclose any record requested under this Part that contains information described in subsection (1) if the government, organization or institution from which the information was obtained
 - **(a)** consents to the disclosure; or
 - **(b)** makes the information public.
- (3)** The expression ***aboriginal government*** in paragraph (1)(e) means
 - **(a)** Nisga'a Government, as defined in the Nisga'a Final Agreement given effect by the [*Nisga'a Final Agreement Act*](#);
 - **(b)** the council, as defined in the Westbank First Nation Self-Government Agreement given effect by the [*Westbank First Nation Self-Government Act*](#);
 - **(c)** the Tlicho Government, as defined in section 2 of the [*Tlicho Land Claims and Self-Government Act*](#);
 - **(d)** the Nunatsiavut Government, as defined in section 2 of the [*Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act*](#);
 - **(e)** the council of a participating First Nation as defined in subsection 2(1) of the [*First Nations Jurisdiction over Education in British Columbia Act*](#);
 - **(e.1)** the Tla'amin Government, as defined in subsection 2(2) of the [*Tla'amin Final Agreement Act*](#);
 - **(f)** the Tsawwassen Government, as defined in subsection 2(2) of the [*Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act*](#);

- **(f.1)** the *Cree Nation Government*, as defined in subsection 2(1) of the [*Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee Governance Agreement Act*](#) or a *Cree First Nation*, as defined in subsection 2(2) of that Act;
- **(g)** a Maanulth Government, within the meaning of subsection 2(2) of the [*Maanulth First Nations Final Agreement Act*](#);
- **(h)** Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate Government, within the meaning of subsection 2(2) of the [*Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Governance Act*](#); or
- **(i)** the council of a *participating First Nation*, as defined in section 2 of the [*Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement Act*](#).

Third party information

- **20 (1)** Subject to this section, the head of a government institution shall refuse to disclose any record requested under this Part that contains
 - **(a)** trade secrets of a third party;
 - **(b)** financial, commercial, scientific or technical information that is confidential information supplied to a government institution by a third party and is treated consistently in a confidential manner by the third party;
 - **(b.1)** information that is supplied in confidence to a government institution by a third party for the preparation, maintenance, testing or implementation by the government institution of emergency management plans within the meaning of section 2 of the [*Emergency Management Act*](#) and that concerns the vulnerability of the third party's buildings or other structures, its networks or systems, including its computer or communications networks or systems, or the methods used to protect any of those buildings, structures, networks or systems;
 - **(c)** information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in material financial loss or gain to, or could reasonably be expected to prejudice the competitive position of, a third party; or
 - **(d)** information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with contractual or other negotiations of a third party.

From: Boser, Sydney
Sent: March 21, 2024 3:25 PM
To: Callie Davies-Flett; Janelle Flett; Kg Banjoko
Cc: Levine, Adam; Timothy Bebetidoh; Charlene Williams
Subject: CNSC & ACFN Meeting Summary - March 15th

Good afternoon Callie, Janelle and KG

Thanks for taking the time to meet with us last week regarding a number of items. See below the notes from our meeting and please let me know if you have any comments or questions. We are still reviewing the documents that were sent to us last week from ACFN and should have our review back to you shortly!

CNSC & ACFN Meeting – March 15th , 2024 9am-10am MDT

Participants: Adam Levine, Sydney Nickolet, Callie Davies-Flett, Janelle Flett, and KG Banjoko

TLU & Community Tour:

- ACFN is in the final phase of the TLU and are completing final draft and edits at this time and should sent to CNSC soon
- Potential dates for community tour would be mid-end of May due to harvesting. ACFN wants the land users to be able to attend the meeting
 - The dates will depend on the status of the report
 - Fort McMurray location but could possibly meet in Fort Chipewyan as well. CNSC is open to either or both locations
- The focus would be the TLU results and next steps but would also want to set aside some time for updates on projects in the area such as NexGen, Fission and Beaverlodge
 - Hopefully CNSC could get experts on those projects to attend the meeting as well for a more fulsome discussion
- ACFN is in the process of working on a confidentiality form and will want to be signed from both ends then ACFN can start sending over draft versions of the TLU study to CNSC
 - CNSC will need to review the Indigenous knowledge agreement that ACFN sent over
- ACFN is working internally on how they are planning to engage with the industry companies moving forward but ACFN doesn't know right now how far they want to share the study with industry companies
 - CNSC recommends that this information be shared with proponents with ongoing EA's for proposed projects and other agencies such as NexGen, Fission and the Province of Saskatchewan

NexGen Project Update:

- NexGen is looking to finalize their environmental impact statement (EIS) which includes responding the all comments (federal Indigenous review team and public comments). Typically CNSC requires NexGen to respond to the federal Indigenous review team (FIRT) comments first then following those approved comments, NexGen will respond to the public comments before submitting the final EIS.
 - CNSC expects NexGen to be reaching out to ACFN to discuss responses to those comments and a path forward. From CNSC's understanding, NexGen has been reaching out to ACFN regarding this and is awaiting a reply from ACFN.
- Once a final EIS is received, CNSC will begin drafting our internal EA report which includes working with potentially impacted Nations including ACFN on the rights impact assessment which helps CNSC understand how the Nation is impacted by the project
- ACFN is wanting their technical expertise to be able to look at the responses from NexGen and review the responses that NexGen has provided
 - ACFN thinks it would be appropriate to provide NexGen with a scope of work in order to work through the comments and to review NexGen's response
- ACFN wants NexGen to respond in writing and to provide capacity to review the responses

-CNSC would recommend ACFN reaching out to NexGen to begin those conversations and CNSC can support in any way that ACFN needs. CNSC also recommends organizing a tri-party meeting between ACFN, NexGen and the CNSC to ensure that all parties are on the same page for the next phase in the consultation and regulatory review processes for the Rook 1 project.

TOR and Workplan:

- ACFN has the final draft ready and will send it over to CNSC for review
- ACFN wants their director to sign it once ready
 - CNSC said that we can also get written email approval for the TOR for the pilot year instead of a signature on the document

Fission Project Update:

- ACFN is waiting for Fission to respond to an engagement agreement that ACFN sent in November and Fission has followed up and let them know they are still reviewing and will get back to ACFN shortly
- CNSC can begin working with ACFN on our licensing process for Fission at a future upcoming meeting where we can bring in the technical experts on this file to explain our process and how ACFN can be involved moving forward
 - This can possibly happen at one of our first terms of reference meetings
- Fission has submitted their EIS to the Province on March 5th and ACFN confirmed that they have also received a copy for review. CNSC is reviewing the document as a technical expert and plans to have our comments back to the Province at the beginning of April

Beaverlodge Project Update:

- CNSC wants to work with ACFN to address past comments on the Beaverlodge file as ACFN did intervene at the last hearing and had concerns regarding the properties
 - This includes involving the Province, Cameco and communities in discussions about potential future monitoring opportunities as part of the Provinces Institutional Control Program (ICP)
- Cameco did apply to CNSC for the remaining properties to be transferred to the Province of Saskatchewan under the Institutional Control Program (ICP)
- The Commission hearing is scheduled for January 2025 and the location is still being determined
- Participant funding hasn't been released yet but once available, CNSC will ensure ACFN has all the correct information to apply
- CNSC wants to ensure that we are able to get translation ahead of time so that it is available for Elders and members who may be speaking Dene for the hearing in January

Funding Updates:

- CNSC would appreciate if ACFN can fill out the funding survey as it really helps CNSC convey the positive message that the funding brings for Nations
 - ACFN can't find the survey but CNSC will resend it to them
- CNSC is finishing up reviewing the application for ACFN to attend the CNS conference in Saskatoon - we just have a couple of questions on the application but ACFN has responded to those questions so CNSC will get back to ACFN soon on the status of the application
- CNSC mentioned the outstanding final financial reports that ACFN needs to submit and ACFN confirmed that they will have those in by end of fiscal year (March 31st)

ACTIONS:

- ACFN will check in on which location works better for the community tour/workshops - Fort McMurray or Fort Chipewyan or both and then work with CNSC on setting this up logistically
- ACFN will send back over the confidentiality form and ACFN's Indigenous knowledge agreement for CNSC to review (complete)
- CNSC will review the TOR and the confidentiality agreement and get back to ACFN
- ACFN will send the terms of reference over for CNSC to review (complete)
- ACFN will send in both outstanding final financial reports by March 31st to Adam Zenobi at CNSC

-CNSC will resend the funding survey for ACFN to fill out (complete)

Thank you,

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From: Boser, Sydney
Sent: April 24, 2024 4:33 PM
To: Janelle Flett
Cc: Levine, Adam; Froess, Ryan; Snider, Richard; McKeown, Justin; Charlene Williams; Callie Davies-Flett; Timothy Bebetidoh; Kg Banjoko
Subject: ACFN & CNSC Meeting Notes - April 19th

Good afternoon Janelle and ACFN team,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us last week regarding a number of items. Below I have included a meeting summary of the discussion. Please let me know if you have any edits or comments on the notes! We will be in touch shortly about the actions listed below. Have a great rest of your day!

ACFN & CNSC Meeting – April 19th 11am-12pm MDT

Participants: Sydney Nickolet, Adam Levine, Charlene Williams, Janelle Flett, Callie Davies-Flett, Ryan Froess, Richard Snider, Justin McKeown, Timothy Bebetidoh, KG Banjoko

TLU Study and Agreement:

- ACFN typically provides this type of licensing agreement to any company/government when they share their TLU knowledge and this part of the ACFN process for protecting confidential information
- This is the first time CNSC has been provided with this type of agreement and it was not flagged when we signed onto the contribution agreement on the TLU so we just wanted more clarity surrounding the agreement
- CNSC will have to get advice and review of the document by our legal services team before we proceed with next steps on the agreement which will further delay CNSC receiving a copy of the study
- ACFN is okay with the agreement included as an annex in the CNSC's confidentiality form but CNSC wants to understand how it will be incorporated but ACFN would like CNSC to sign the document whether it is included in one document or separated
 - CNSC will ask our legal services team about this and get back to ACFN
- CNSC asked if there could be an interim step where ACFN can share a presentation on the TLU before sending the study to CNSC due to it being delayed by the licensing agreement?
 - Charlene will check on this and get back to CNSC on presenting this information in a presentation format to CNSC
- ACFN is wanting clarity on providing the study to proponents such as NexGen and Fission
 - CNSC mentioned that yes the TLU study is part of a broader scope for the Region but CNSC flagged that if there were project specific concerns related to these projects in ACFN's traditional territory then that information should be shared with those specific proponents
 - CNSC will clarify this with the proponents and the expectations of the TLU study going forward
- ACFN and CNSC are still interested in having a community session on the TLU in the community. ACFN is thinking early June or August around Dene Days but will work with CNSC on nailing down dates

Beaverlodge:

- CNSC provided a brief overview of the history of the Beaverlodge project
- Cameco is requesting that the remaining properties at the Beaverlodge site be transferred to the province of Saskatchewan under the Institutional Control Program (ICP). There are 27 remaining properties that still need to be transferred
- CNSC has recommended that we believe the properties are ready to be transferred and will be recommending that to the Commission in our Commission member document (CMD)
- Cameco also completed a long-term monitoring program to show how the site will be monitored in the long term which is available on the Beaverlodge web page - [Beaverlodge \(beaverlodgesites.com\)](https://beaverlodgesites.com)

- The hearing is currently scheduled for January 2025. The location hasn't been announced yet but will most likely be in Saskatchewan or virtual
- Cameco has invited CNSC to the engagement session in Uranium City at the end of May and ACFN will be participating in the engagement session as well
- ACFN has been in contact with Kristin from Cameco on this and also attending the May engagement tour with a couple Elders from the community

TOR for long-term engagement:

- Once signed, CNSC would like to discuss with ACFN on how to promote and communicate the signing and relationship between ACFN and the CNSC. Typically CNSC adds a high level summary of the arrangement on our website and also creates a post on our social media regarding the signing and arrangement with an Nation for transparency but since this is a pilot version, we can do that once leadership signs off if ACFN agrees
- The TOR is currently with CNSC and we are getting direction from our director on next steps but the document is in a good place and we are close to signing off
- Once signed, ACFN and CNSC will finalize the workplan to begin our quarterly meetings as laid out in the workplan

NexGen:

- ACFN is waiting on leadership direction to advance working with NexGen and the vision moving forward with uranium mining
- ACFN has had an engagement meeting with NexGen awhile back but it was more of an intro meeting and did not get into the technical comments which ACFN was hoping for
- CNSC asked for clarity as NexGen has indicated in their monthly meetings that they have reached out to ACFN to try to set up a meetings to meet to discuss the NexGen project and ACFN concerns
- ACFN would like NexGen to send the responses to their comments on the EIS in writing via email and CNSC has recommended that to NexGen
 - ACFN hasn't received responses to their comments and concerns to date in relation to the draft EIS from NexGen to date
- CNSC heard from ACFN that they would like responses in writing first as that is their process so CNSC staff committed to passing this request and information onto NexGen

Fission:

- ACFN has received the EIS from Fission
- Fission stated that ACFN is not impacted by the project and does not understand their land use in the area
 - ACFN is concerned about this and that Fission is not taking ACFN seriously as an impacted Nation
 - ACFN will be sending in comments to Fission directly on the EIS by end of April
 - Correspondence will happen through ACFN's lawyers to Fission going forward
 - ACFN is expecting that Fission fund and support a site/project specific land use study

CNSC's Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP):

- ACFN is interested in learning more about the IEMP program. CNSC can bring in experts to talk about this more and CNSC's role and different programs with regards to monitoring at our of our future TOR quarterly meetings

ACTIONS:

- CNSC will do a legal review on the IK licence agreement and get back to ACFN with any questions, comments and next steps
- ACFN will follow up with their team on presenting the TLU study to CNSC in the interim period while we are waiting for the licensing agreement and confidentiality form to be signed
- CNSC will get back to ACFN on finalizing the TOR and next steps
- CNSC will clarify the approach and the expectations on the ACFN TLU study and sharing the information when meeting with proponents including Fission
- CNSC will mention ACFN's concerns on the Patterson South Project next time we meet with Fission on the project

-ACFN will work with CNSC to identify dates for a community meeting on the TLU and CNSC files and processes more generally

Thanks,

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From: Froess, Ryan
Sent: April 24, 2024 11:47 AM
To: aengdahl@nxe-energy.ca; Melissa Scansen (mscansen@nxe-energy.ca); Luke Moger
Cc: Levine, Adam; Boser, Sydney; Frigault, Nicole; Cattrysse, Clare
Subject: CNSC update on ACFN meeting

Good afternoon Adam, Melissa, and Luke

We met with ACFN last Friday (April 19) and wanted to follow up with NexGen team.

ACFN staff have indicated they are still awaiting response to comments from the NexGen on the comment they made on the Draft EIS. We understand that you have reached out on a number of occasions over the last 6-8 months to set-up a follow-up meeting to talk about and address these concerns, but ACFN has asked they be sent in writing. They have a process they are working through with their Nation's leadership to receive further direction on how their team should be engaging on uranium projects at this time and we need to respect their process. As discussed previously, we would recommend that NexGen reach out to ACFN with your response to their comments in writing on the Draft EIS as soon as possible and ideally before you re-submit the Draft EIS to the CNSC. This will ensure that ACFN has time to review the responses and has an opportunity to see in writing the work that NexGen is committed to and how their issues and concerns are being addressed. Having a clear record of how NexGen has, in writing, responded to ACFN's comments and concerns is critical for us and our assessment of the completion of related outstanding IRs for the draft EIS.

Let us know if you have any further questions or would like to touch base on the above but we believe at this stage that its essential that a response is provided in writing to ACFN asap.

Thanks,

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Sent: June 24, 2024 10:55 AM
To: McKeown, Justin
Cc: Boser, Sydney; Froess, Ryan; Levine, Adam; Timothy Bebetoidoh; Charlene Williams; Callie Davies-Flett
Subject: Re: ACFN TLUS - CNSC What We Heard Report
Attachments: E-DOCS-#7300773-v1-2024-05-23-TLUS-ACFN_What_we_Heard_Report_on_TLUS.docx

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Hi Justin,

Thank you for sharing the report ahead of time. Looking forward to meeting this week.

Marsi,
Janelle

From: McKeown, Justin <justin.mckeown@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 1:50 PM
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Subject: ACFN TLUS - CNSC What We Heard Report

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Hi Janelle, Tim and Charlene,

I hope you are having a great Friday and I wanted to extend my best wishes to the community members of ACFN for National Indigenous Peoples Day!

We have completed our review of the ACFN TLUS provided to us and have summarized the findings in the What We Heard Report attached. We will discuss this next week during our meeting, but in advance I wanted to provide this to you for your review. Please advise if you feel anything is missing, if there are any errors or note anything from the report you'd like to discuss.

Again, thank you for providing us the TLUS and I hope you have a great weekend. Take care.

Justin McKeown, B.Sc., P.Biol.

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I have the privilege of living and working in Moh'kinstsis/Wicîspa/Guts'ists'i and on Treaty 7 lands.

From: Boser, Sydney
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To: Janelle Flett
Cc: Levine, Adam; McKeown, Justin; Timothy Bebetidoh; Charlene Williams; Callie Davies-Flett
Subject: ACFN & CNSC Meeting Notes from June 25th and Follow Up
Attachments: E-DOCS-#7307891-v2-ACFN_&_CNSC_Meeting_Notes_-_June_25th__2024.docx

Good afternoon Janelle,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us on Tuesday. Above I have attached the meeting notes for your records. Also thank you for sharing the AI notes app with us, I am just in conversations with our technical team if they are able to give me access to that app so apologies if the notes don't reflect the same information as the app did. As for the communications action, I have been in contact with our CNSC comms team and they will contact you soon here regarding a short summary on the CNSC web page about the TOR signing. In the meantime here is the website so you can familiarize yourself with what has been previously done - [Arrangements with Indigenous Nations and Communities \(cnscccsn.gc.ca\)](https://cnscccsn.gc.ca/Arrangements-with-Indigenous-Nations-and-Communities)

Below I have included some days/times that I am available next week for a quick chat with yourself regarding the planning for a community visit. Let me know if any of these work for you and I can send out an invite!

- Tuesday July 2nd at 11am or 11:30am MDT
- Wednesday July 3rd at 3:30pm MDT
- Thursday July 4th at 10am or 10:30am MDT
- Friday July 5th anytime between 10am-12pm MDT

Hope you and the rest of the ACFN team have a great long weekend!

Cheers,

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ACFN & CNSC Meeting

June 25th, 2024
Virtual

CNSC Attendees	ACFN Attendees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sydney Nickolet • Adam Levine • Justin McKeown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janelle Flett • Timothy Bebetidoh • Charlene Williams

Agenda

- 1) TOR Work Plan and Planning for First TOR Meeting
- 2) Update on CNSC's Review of ACFN TLU
- 3) CNSC In-Person Community Visit Planning
- 4) Project Updates
 - NexGen
 - Fission

Meeting Notes

Topic	Discussion
TOR Work Plan and Planning for First TOR Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNSC reviewed the draft workplan with ACFN in the meeting and will update key issues, actions and timelines and send back to ACFN for input and comment. Once the workplan is finalized and agreed upon, ACFN can send CNSC a budget for the funding tied to the TOR and workplan activities. CNSC staff will review the proposed workplan budget and once both parties agree to the proposed budget CNSC staff will help ACFN apply for funding through stream of the ISCF. • CNSC will work with ACFN on developing an excerpt for the CNSC website regarding the signed ACFN and CNSC TOR. CNSC will share examples and a draft excerpt for the webpage with ACFN to ensure ACFN is comfortable with the communication. • CNSC mentioned that the TOR focused group usually includes 5-6 people in total. Typically, this includes ACFN staff, CNSC staff, community members and Elder(s). ACFN can discuss internally on who they think will be best suited to sit on this group and attend the TOR meetings between ACFN and CNSC and on what frequency. • Sydney and Justin will be the members from CNSC that will be on the focused group and attend the meetings. Adam Levine and other CNSC staff (subject matter experts) will attend meetings as required and available.
Update on CNSC's Review of ACFN TLU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNSC made reference to two areas where ACFN showed heavy land use around the Beaverlodge and Cluff Lake areas. • Limited data was shown around Patterson Lake and Fission area which was noted in the WWH report.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNSC acknowledged the traplines use in the WWH report that ACFN referenced, particularly traplines N22 and N23 which have been held by ACFN members who reside in Alberta. • The original intent of the study was to gather data around Patterson Lake to address use in the project areas of NexGen and Fission as indicated in the Contribution Agreement. CNSC did amend the contribution agreement to include more funding to conduct more interviews at ACFN's request. • Upon presenting the findings of the TLUS to ACFN leadership and community members, feedback was provided that identified additional community members who would be appropriate and may have additional information regarding traditional use in the project areas. ACFN noted that due to historical distrust and colonial practices that engaging community members with traditional knowledge regarding uranium development has been difficult. However, upon the presentation of the TLUS more individuals are interested in participating in, and willing to provide traditional land use information they possess. • ACFN has submitted a funding application of Stream 1 of the ISCF to expand on their TLUS by conducting additional interviews to address gaps that were identified in the TLUS provided, including the Patterson Lake South area, trapline N19 and the N22 fur block. CNSC will need to review the application further before making a decision on the funding ask however, as noted by CNSC, we have received a number of funding applications for the 2024 year and will need to prioritize funding based on current projects, community needs and equitable access to funding for Nations that have not previously received funding. • The CNSC acknowledges the historical distrust of community members and Elders regarding government agencies such as the CNSC. The CNSC proposes that in the spirit of reconciliation and working together, that the CNSC and ACFN work together through our TOR to provide a space for community members and Elders to provide their feedback to the CNSC and to put forward their concerns and experiences with uranium development so that the CNSC can attempt to address noted concerns and inform community members and Elders. The CNSC is committed to working ACFN and ACFN community members on hearing, understanding and addressing their concerns regarding uranium and nuclear development in the territory. • ACFN would like to continue this discussion at our next meeting.
CNSC In-Person Community Visit Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sydney will book a side meeting with Janelle to discuss this further.
Projects	<p><u>NexGen Project:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NexGen and ACFN are planning to have a meeting next week to discuss the issues and concerns as well as NexGen's responses to ACFN's public comments. ACFN will keep CNSC updated on the outcome of this meeting.

	<u>Fission Project:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CNSC and ACFN discussed the potential sale of Fission to Paladin. This sale is not finalized yet and CNSC will update ACFN as more details emerge as the EA continues to move through the provincial review process.
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Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
CNSC	CNSC will reach out to our internal comms team to get in touch with ACFN on providing a brief summary on the CNSC website regarding the signing of the TOR. (complete)
CNSC	CNSC will update the workplan and send it to ACFN for review and comment. (complete)
ACFN	ACFN will determine who is included in the TOR focused group for the quarterly meetings.
ACFN	ACFN will create a budget for CNSC to review once the workplan is finalized.
ACFN	ACFN will review the WWH report and return to CNSC with comments.
CNSC	CNSC will book a one-on-one meeting with Janelle to discuss the community meeting in September and plan that session. (complete)

From: Boser, Sydney
Sent: September 3, 2024 5:06 PM
To: Janelle Flett
Cc: Snider, Richard
Subject: CNSC Presentation - Community Meeting Sept 5th
Attachments: ACFN Community Meeting - CNSC Presentation September 5th.pdf

Good afternoon Janelle,

Please see attached a copy of CNSC's presentation for the community meeting in Fort Chip on Thursday. Looking forward to seeing you and the rest of the ACFN team then!

Cheers,

Sydney Nickolet (she/her/elle)

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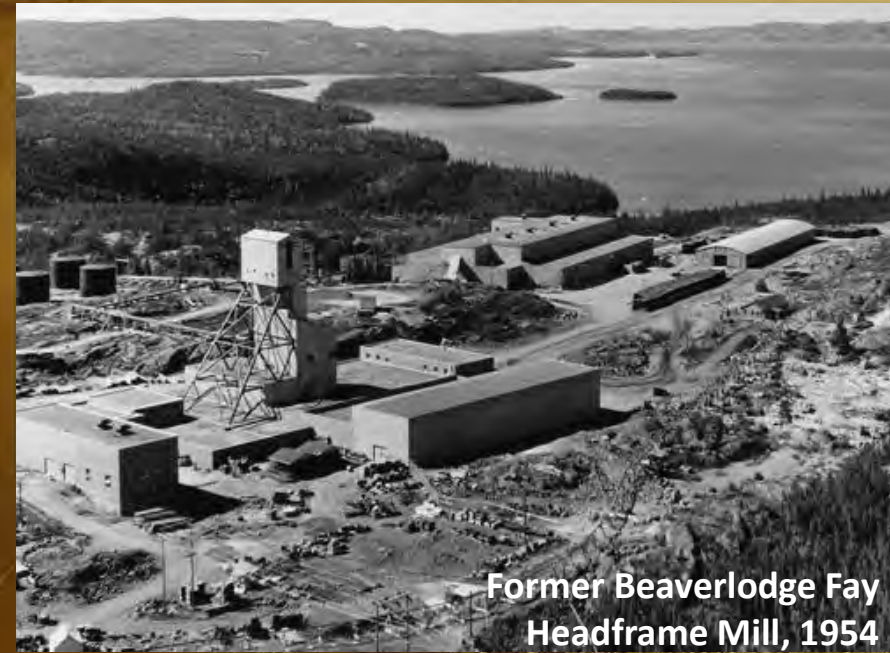
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Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation
(ACFN)

September 5, 2024



Richard Snider &
Sydney Nickolet



Former Beaverlodge Fay
Headframe Mill, 1954





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CNSC Offices

- ✓ HQ in Ottawa
- ✓ 4 site offices at power reactors
- ✓ 1 site office in Chalk River
- ✓ 4 regional offices

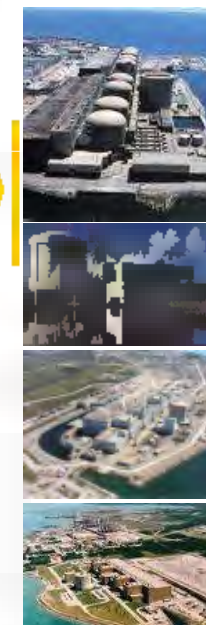
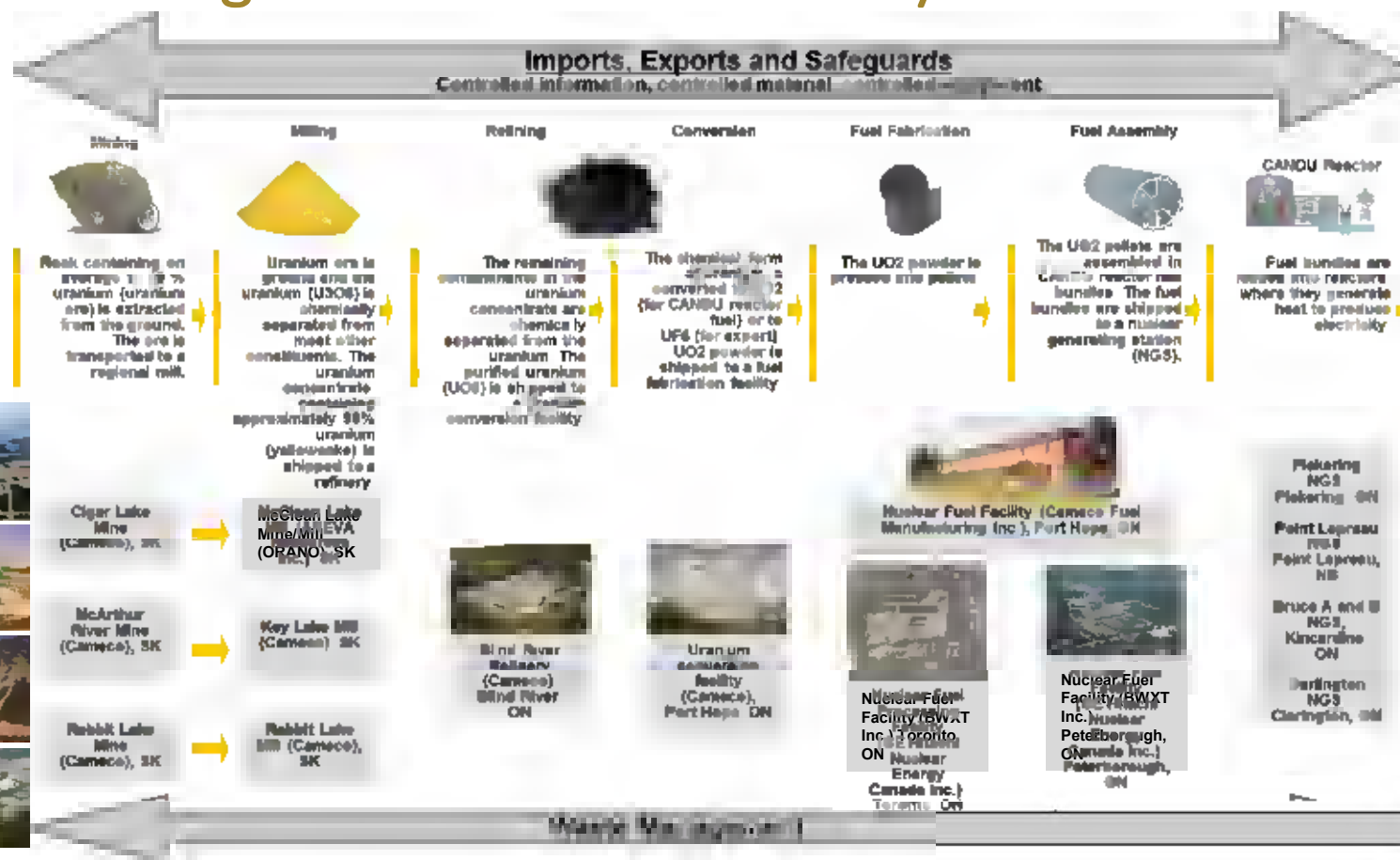




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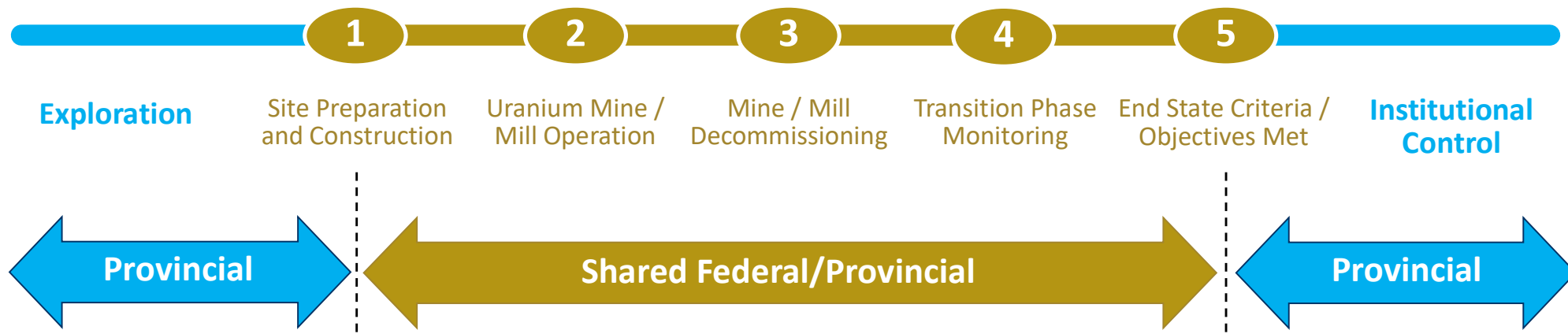
CNSC Regulates all Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facilities and Activities



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Uranium Mines and Mills Regulatory Lifecycle



Responsibility returns to the province at end of project life



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What We Do, What We Don't

- Commission and staff work for Canadians, we are an **independent** regulator
- Staff **review** applications and Commission **issues** licences
- Commission's decisions based on **best available information** (*i.e., science and Indigenous Knowledge*)
- Staff **verify safety and compliance** – take action if needed



- We are **not** industry, nor are we the Province
- We do **not** select sites
- We do **not** own, manage, construct or operate projects
- We **don't** regulate exploration
- We do **not** promote the nuclear industry





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Engagement

CNSC's Indigenous Engagement Activities

- CNSC is a lifecycle regulator and is working to build long-term relationships with Indigenous Nations and communities near existing or proposed nuclear facilities

Examples of Recent Engagement Activities:

- Community information sessions – CNSC 101
- CNSC staff visits to culture camps and Treaty Day celebrations
- Collaboration on environmental monitoring programs
- Signing of long-term engagement Terms of Reference
 - Including signing one with ACFN in May of this year



CNSC Outreach & Consultation at the KML Culture Camp
Learning How to Fillet a Fish - September 2022
Source: CNSC



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CNSC's on-going Engagement with ACFN

- CNSC staff are committed to and will continue to work with Indigenous Nations and communities to establish regular and ongoing engagement throughout the life cycle of UMM facilities and activities

Engagement Activities with ACFN:

- Recently signed a Terms of Reference for long-term engagement with ACFN in May 2024 including developing a workplan for future meetings and collaboration together
- Providing funding for ongoing activities in ACFN's traditional territory including funding a traditional land use study and sponsoring ACFN's Dene Days
- Provided funding for ACFN to hire a capacity support for the community – Janelle Flett
- Keeping ACFN updated on all project activities within their traditional territory





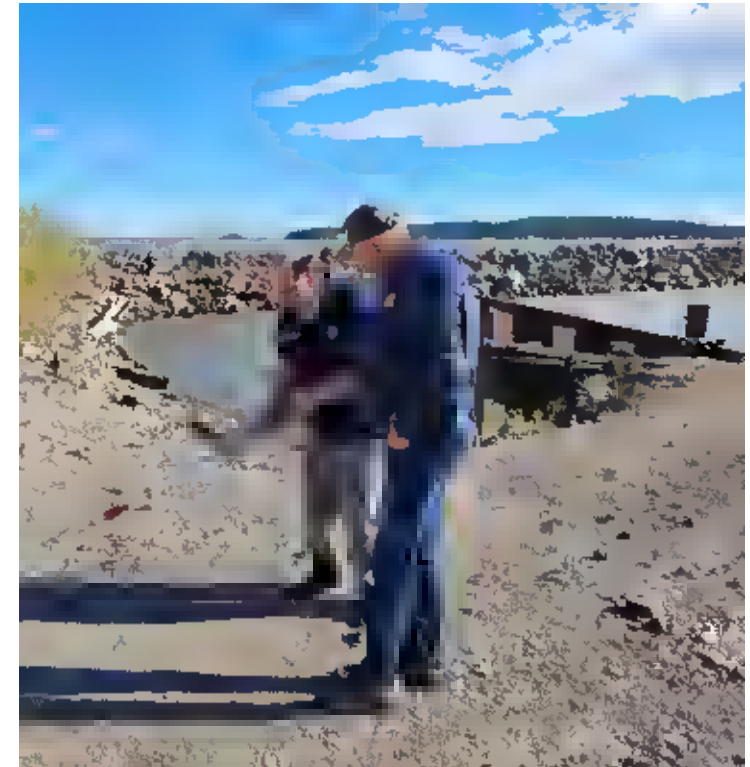
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CNSC's on-going Engagement with ACFN

In-Person Community Visit ACFN & CNSC:

- In September 2022, CNSC visited the Fort Chipewyan community and met with ACFN community members and Elders
- CNSC also took radiation measurements of the soil and dock and showed Elders how to use the radiation monitoring devices.
- CNSC staff measurements did not identify any areas with radiation readings higher than background
- Information found was discuss at an Elder's meeting with CNSC staff in the community



CNSC & ACFN Elder - September 2022
Source: CNSC



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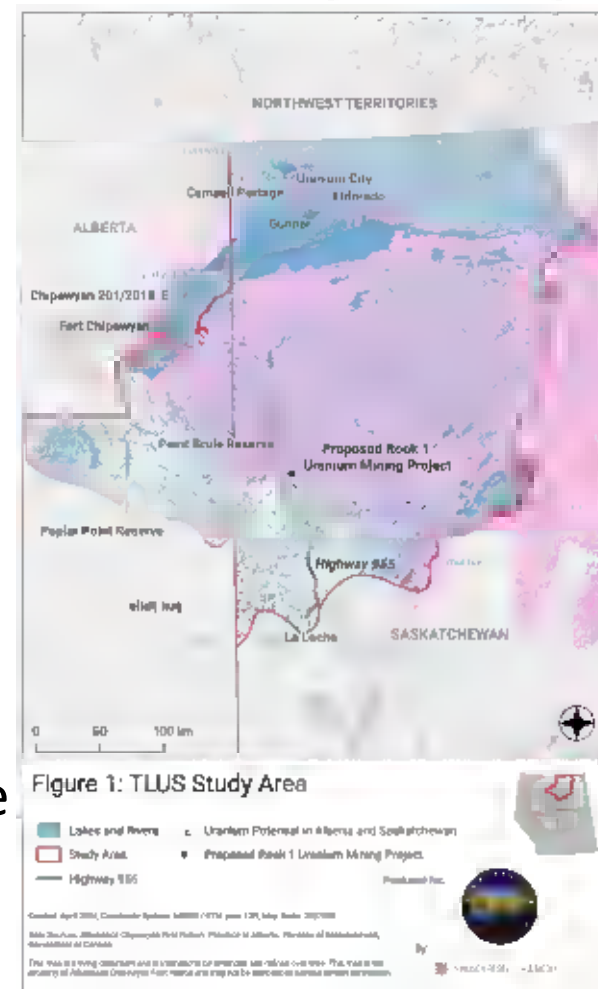
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What We Heard Report – ACFN Traditional Land Use Study (TLUS)

- Traditional Land Use Study (TLUS) was completed as a regional study
- ACFN's first Saskatchewan-focused TLUS
- The TLUS was completed based on the NexGen Rook I proposed uranium mine and mill at Patterson Lake
- TLUS also informs historical/decommissioned mine sites and overlaps area of the proposed Fission uranium mine and mill at Patterson Lake



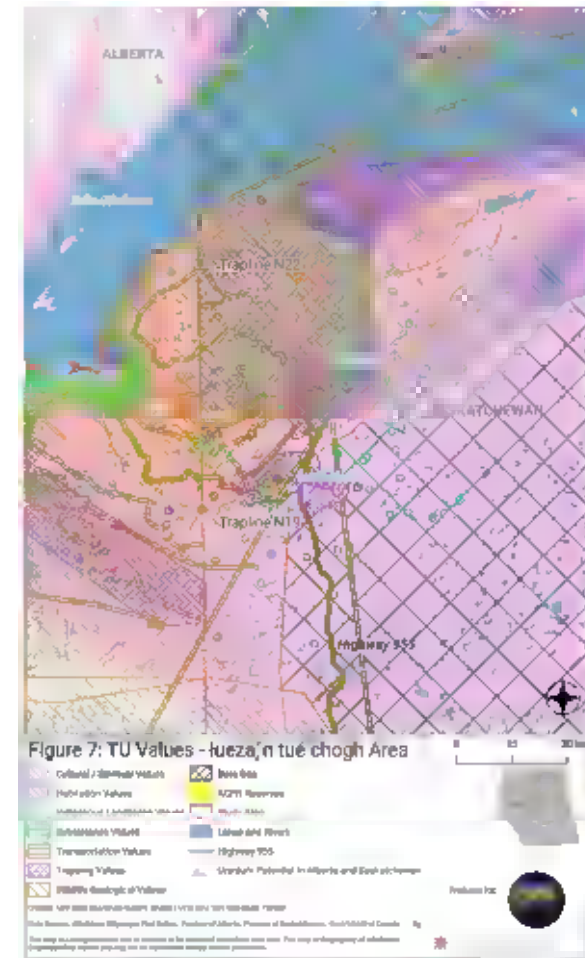


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What We Heard Report – ACFN Traditional Land Use Study - Highlights

- Significant amount of traditional land use surrounding Lake Athabasca, including Beaverlodge Lake and Cluff Lake
- ACFN Interview Respondents' noted concerns related to uranium mining and milling and effects on caribou, moose, fish, water quality, etc.
- Concerns of community members has led to avoidance of areas for traditional use
- A Traditional Land User indicated their concern that traditional trapline N22 stays in their family
- General traditional use values were noted in the Patterson Lake area





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Saskatchewan Uranium Mine and Mill Sites

Operating

- Cigar Lake Operation (mine)
- McArthur River Operation (mine)
- Key Lake Operation (mill)
- McClean Lake Operation (mine/mill)
- Rabbit Lake Operation (mine/mill)

Decommissioned

- Beaverlodge Project

Remediation Projects

- Gunnar
- Lorado





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Decommissioned Sites

Beaverlodge Project - History

Operated (1952-1982)

- Eldorado Nuclear Limited, a Federal Crown Corporation
- Past operations left historical environmental impacts

Decommissioned (1982-1985)

- Approved by provincial and federal regulatory bodies
- All buildings and structures were removed



Former Beaverlodge Fay Mine and Mill, 1977



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Decommissioned Sites

Beaverlodge Project - History

Monitoring and Maintenance (1985-Present)

- Cameco wants to transfer the site back to the province through Saskatchewan's Institutional Control Program (ICP)
- Transfer to ICP only occurs if the CNSC and government of Saskatchewan agree and complete their approval processes
- ICP provides for monitoring and maintenance



Fookes Tailings Management Area (shown in background)
(CNSC 2021)

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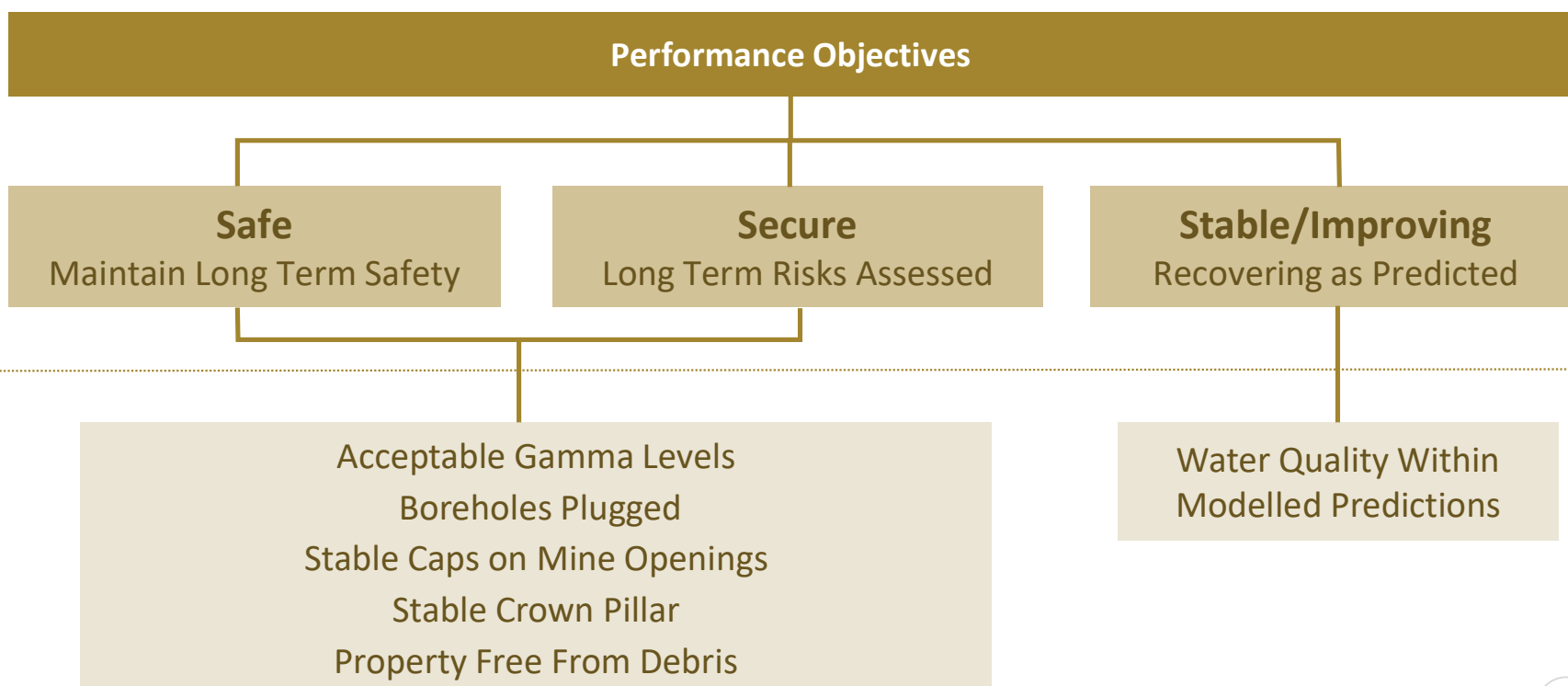


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Decommissioned Sites

Beaverlodge Project - Performance Objectives and Indicators





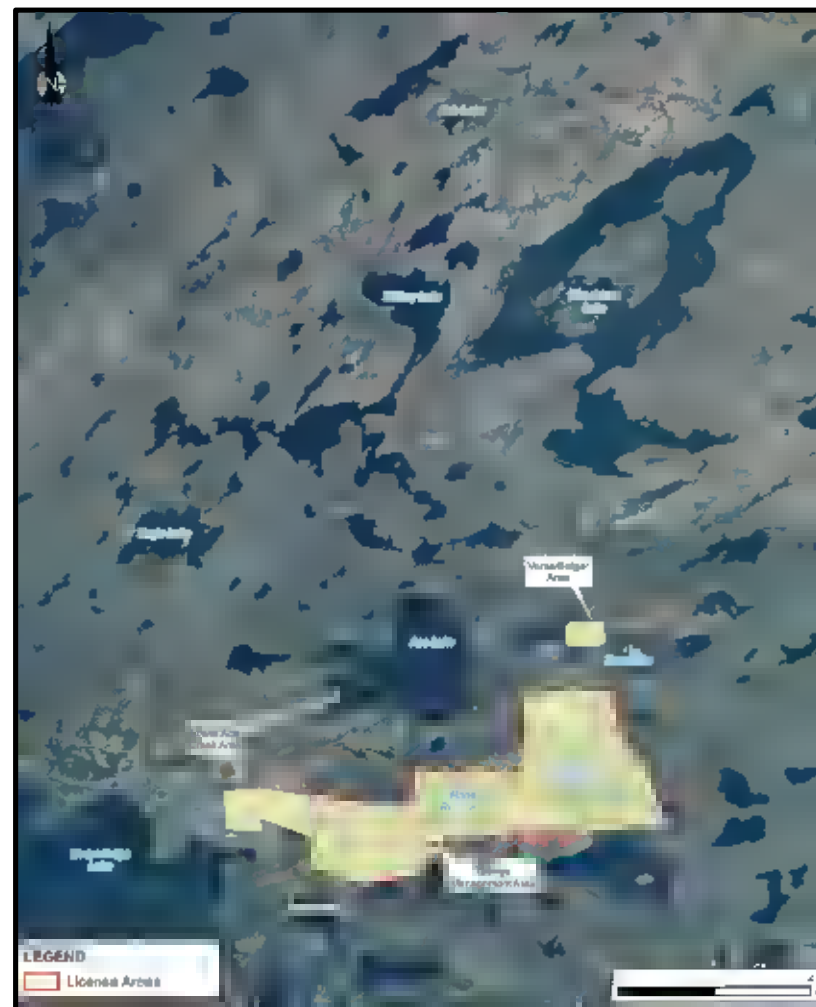
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Decommissioned Sites

Beaverlodge Project - Hearing

- 27 properties remaining under CNSC licence, valid to May 31, 2025
- Cameco has applied for revocation of the CNSC licence and transfer of remaining properties into Saskatchewan's Institutional Control Program (ICP)
- Hearing scheduled for January 29-30, 2025 – location TBD
- Participant funding provided





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Remediation Projects

Gunnar, Lorado (SRC)

- Gunnar remediation activities are ongoing
 - 100% completion of cover systems for Gunnar Main and Central Tailing Management Areas
 - Preparatory work for Langley Bay tailings remediation commenced in Summer of 2023
 - Licence renewal, CMD to be available for review late Summer
- Lorado remediation is complete and the site is in a monitoring phase
 - Licence renewed in 2023, for 10 years
 - SRC's intention to apply for transfer to ICP in coming years



Sign at entrance to Gunnar Main Tailings Area August 2023 (top); Lorado site in October 2022 (bottom) (Photo source: CNSC staff)

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Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP)

- Works to build trust with Indigenous Nations and communities and the public via an independent, technical and accessible environmental sampling program
- Supports ongoing compliance verification activities
- Samples collected in publicly accessible areas near
 - Uranium City in 2023 (results to be posted); Cigar Lake planned for 2024; McClean Lake planned for 2025
- In consultation with traditional land users, samples included:
 - Water
 - Labrador tea, wild blueberries
 - Fish, multiple species

No IEMP results of concern to date

CNSC Staff and YNLR Staff water sampling on Lake Athabasca 2023. Source: CNSC Staff



IEMP results provided on the CNSC website at:
www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/IEMP



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CNSC IEMP – Where samples were collected





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CNSC IEMP – Results

- CNSC Staff will be working with Indigenous Nations and communities and Uranium City community representatives to develop a summary poster explaining IEMP results
- Except for some water and fish samples, country foods are within the natural background range for the region
- All the water and fish samples are consistent with past sample results, notably in Martin Lake, there is elevated uranium in the water and elevated selenium in the fish
- IEMP results agree with the conclusions of the Healthy Fish Consumption Guideline, which is that fish may be consumed from Martin Lake in moderation.



CNSC Staff and YNLR Community
Land Technician Collecting
Labrador Tea Samples in 2023
(Source: CNSC)



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Proposed new Uranium Mines and Mills

- **NexGen's Rook-I project**

- licence application received in 2019
- CNSC-led Environmental Assessment (EA) under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012* (CEAA 2012)

- **Fission's Patterson Lake South project**

- Provincial-led EA under Saskatchewan's Environmental Assessment Act – at the request of the Province of Saskatchewan, the CNSC is acting as a federal expert
- Licence application received in 2023





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Proposed Projects

Rook-I Project (NexGen)

- Proposed underground uranium mine and uranium mill on Patterson Lake
 - Proposes underground tailings management
- Initial regulatory applications in 2019
 - CNSC-led Environmental Assessment
 - Application for CNSC licence to construct a mine, mill
 - Applications for Provincial approvals
- Ongoing reviews of NexGen's documents, responses to comments

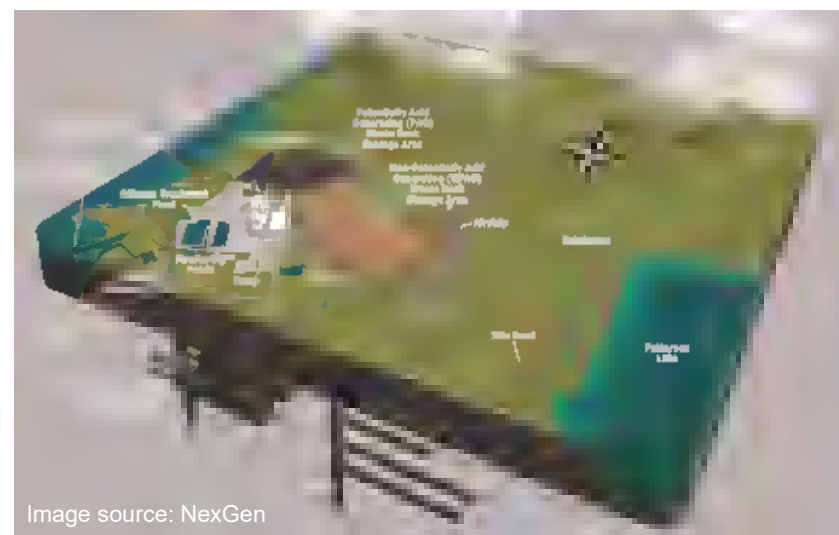


Image source: NexGen

Commission decisions required before mine/mill construction can begin



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Rook-I Project (NexGen)

- Undergoing Environmental Assessments under concurrent Federal (led by CNSC) and Provincial (led by SK) processes:
 - CNSC staff are completing the technical review of NexGen's May2024 draft EIS package re-submission and expected to send results back to NexGen by end of September 2024
 - On November 8, 2023, SK granted approval to NexGen to proceed with Rook 1 project
- July 1, 2023 NexGen submitted final licence application package and CNSC staff confirmed on September 1st of this year that package was sufficiently detailed to commence its review
 - Submission included programs, manuals, procedures, design information, etc.



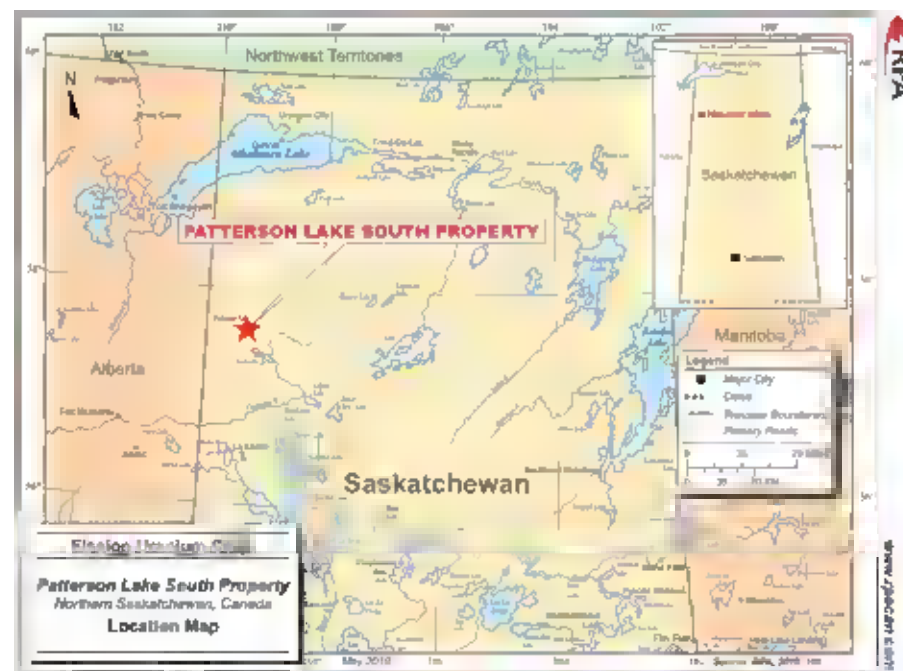
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Proposed Projects

Patterson Lake South Project (Fission)

- Proposed underground uranium mine and uranium mill on Patterson Lake
- Undergoing Provincial Environmental Assessment led by Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment
- Application for CNSC licence to prepare site for and construct a uranium mine and mill
- Ongoing reviews of Fission's documents, responses to comments
- Indigenous and Public Engagement



Source: [Fission Uranium Corp.'s Fission Project Description](#)



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Proposed Projects

Patterson Lake South Project (Fission)

Provincial EA

- Fission submitted a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the province in March 2024
- At the request of the province, CNSC conducted a technical review of the draft EIS and submitted comments. Fission has now responded to those comments and the province and CNSC are now reviewing those responses.

CNSC Licensing

- April 2023 - Fission submitted an initial application for CNSC licence
- Working in Parallel - CNSC has initiated a review of their application for sufficiency while the province of Saskatchewan conducts the EA
- CNSC staff are engaging and consulting with Indigenous Nations and communities to address concerns and advise on the CNSC licence review process.



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Location: Youth and Elder Lodge - Villebrun Ave in Fort Chip

Start: Thu 2024-09-05 1:30 PM
End: Thu 2024-09-05 3:30 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Boser, Sydney

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Nickolet, Sydney
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To: Nickolet, Sydney; Levine, Adam; Frigault, Nicole; Snider, Richard; Janelle Flett; Charlene Williams; Callie Davies-Flett; Timothy Bebetidoh
Subject: ACFN & CNSC Meeting
When: September 5, 2024 1:30 PM-3:30 PM (UTC-06:00) Saskatchewan.
Where: Youth and Elder Lodge - Villebrun Ave in Fort Chip

Hello everyone – sending around an invite to have an in-person meeting in the afternoon of September 5th before our community meeting at the ACFN band hall. I spoke with Janelle earlier today and here is a draft agenda for our discussion. Please let me know if you have any questions or edits and looking forward to seeing everyone in Fort Chip next week 😊

CNSC & ACFN Meeting – September 5th 1:30pm-3:30pm

1. Overview of ACFN's community based monitoring program and CNSC to give overview of our monitoring program
2. CNSC to give update on the decommissioned sites of ACFN's interest that will be presented on in this year's Regulatory Oversight Report (ROR)
3. Any outstanding updates on TOR budget and focus group – next steps
4. Finalizing anything needed for evening community meeting
5. Next Steps and Closing

Sydney

Subject: FW: PLACEHOLDER: ACFN In-Person Community Meeting
Location: Charlie Voyager Conference Center - Fort Chipewyan

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September 26, 2024

Adam Levine
Team Leader, Aboriginal Consultation and Participant Funding
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Email: Adam.Levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)

Dear Mr. Levine,

Re: Request for recategorization of Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation for the NexGen Rook1 Project.

On behalf of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN), the Dene Lands and Resource Management (DLRM) is writing to request the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) advise NexGen Energy Inc. and all proposed industries within our consultation area to change the status of ACFN to a "Primary" indigenous group from their previous inference and placement of ACFN as an "Other" indigenous group. The categorization of ACFN as a First Nation with minimal impacts from the project is false and requires immediate reparation.

Overview of the Project

The NexGen Rook 1 is the largest proposed uranium project in Canada, along the Clearwater River System. The proposed mine will be near Patterson Lake, 80 KM south of the now decommissioned Cluff Lake Mine and within ACFN traditional territory, and consultation area. The project would span a 34-year period and would include an underground mine, waste management and storage areas, and access/site roads.

Consultation to Date

ACFN is concluding a technical review of the draft federal Environmental Impact Statement. ACFN submitted our strategic technical review in October of 2022 and NexGen supplied responses to our comments in August of 2024. NexGen maintains its position as of August 8, 2024, to keep ACFN categorized as an "Other" First Nation engaging in information sharing only. Within the above-mentioned time frame, NexGen has since committed to supply

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technical funding to complete our responses on our strategic technical review, with a goal of an engagement agreement to be signed between ACFN and NexGen.

Other vs. Primary

The duty to consult stems from the Honour of the Crown and the Crown's unique relationship with Indigenous Peoples. Meaningful consultation seeks to identify potential adverse impacts of federal activities on potential or established Aboriginal or Treaty rights and related interests and find ways to avoid or minimize these adverse impacts. The Crown is also responsible for clearly communicating what is expected of proponents during consultation. While Industry proponents are often in the best position to accommodate an Aboriginal group, the ultimate responsibility falls on the Crown.

ACFN has worked closely with the CNSC to conduct a Traditional Land Use Study (TLUS) to identify traditional and current land use within the Rook 1 project area. During this timeline we have established a total of 3,655 Traditional Use values within the ancestral homelands in Saskatchewan. The study also concluded that this is only a small portion of ACFN members, this was the first TLUS study conducted by the ACFN that is focused on the recording of traditional use values within the area. It is certain from ACFN's perspective, there will be a significant increase in the number of values as we continue to engage our members and fill in the gaps with the study.

ACFN has been mostly impacted by Oilsands development in Northern Alberta and it was required to increase capacity within our offices to manage the onslaught of resource development. While uranium mining historically affected our members, no new projects have been proposed until now. ACFN has a fierce responsibility to protect the land and environment and maintains its position to focus on environmental protection with all new uranium projects within our ancestral homelands. Without our categorization as a primary indigenous group, meaningful environmental consultation is not guaranteed.

Through the information provided by ACFN in our TLUS, the categorization by NexGen is clearly false. Under the Crown's guidelines for consultation, as new information comes to light, re-assessment may be required as the consultation proceeds. Now is the time for re-assessment.

ACFN requires timely exchanges of information, correspondence, meetings, site visits, further research and study of the area, opportunities to make submissions to the decision makers, and

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where appropriate, seek to develop mitigating measures, and provide further technical input to environmental decisions made by the proponent. We will not be guaranteed this right, nor will we have the capacity to meaningfully consult with NexGen unless we are categorized as a primary indigenous group.

Closure

Please consider our formal request and advise the proponent considering the new information provided to the CNSC, ACFN will no longer be categorized as "Other", but should be categorized as "Primary". Given the nature of the project, and the potential environmental impacts on our land and water, as well as the diminishing ability to exercise our rights within our Traditional Lands, we look forward to your positive response.

Mahsi Cho,



Callie Davies-Flett
Regulatory Advisor, DLRM

cc. Clare Cattrysse- Director, ISRD
Lisa Tssassaze- Executive Director, DLRM
DLRM Regulatory Team

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Hello Janelle,

Please see attached the notes from our meeting on Monday. I hope you and the rest of the ACFN team have a great holiday break and we will touch base in the new year!

Cheers,

Sydney Nickolet (she/her/elle)

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ACFN & CNSC Meeting

December 16th, 2024
Virtual

CNSC Attendees	ACFN Attendees
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sydney Nickolet• Justin McKeown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janelle Flett• Charlene Williams• Callie Davies-Flett

Agenda

- 1) TOR/Work Plan/Budget Next Steps
- 2) Stream 1 TLU Next Steps
- 3) Project Updates

Meeting Notes

Topic	Discussion
TOR/Workplan/Budget Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACFN indicated that they are in the final stages of identifying a focus group for the TOR meetings and that they will have 6 people identified in the new year.• ACFN agreed that meeting on Jan 28th for a kick off meeting would work best due to ACFN members being in Saskatoon for the Beaverlodge hearing.• ACFN will respond to Anne's questions on the budget directly and once the budget is finalized funds should be in place for our kick off meeting on Jan 28th.
Stream 1 TLU Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACFN are happy with the funding that was awarded through Stream 1 for expansion of TLU in the Athabasca Basin and monitoring and sampling with ACFN's traditional territory.• Currently ACFN is working with their Community Based Monitoring (CBM) group to identify where they can streamline this work and work together. ACFN will begin the interviews for the TLU expansion project into next year.• ACFN is also looking around at different labs and the pricing so they can ensure they are testing the samples they receive. CNSC can send ACFN a list of labs that they use to test radionuclides.
Projects	<p><u>Fission Project:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACFN is working with Fission on a consultation agreement and are currently having discussions. It is close to being signed. <p><u>NexGen Project:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACFN completed their review of NexGen's draft EIS and the review of the responses that NexGen provided. ACFN has also added in another column that includes ACFN's response back to NexGen's responses.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are still outstanding technical concerns by ACFN. NexGen told ACFN that they aren't planning on mitigating the ACFN outstanding concerns on water quality and wildlife/vegetation monitoring. • The engagement agreement between ACFN and NexGen is still in draft and has not moved further along or been signed. ACFN has chosen to not move forward with the agreement as it only addresses engagement and not consultation or financial needs that ACFN is looking for. In addition, ACFN indicated NexGen was unwilling to adopt mitigation measures that ACFN have proposed for the project. • ACFN is wanting to share best practises on the regulatory processes that they've experienced on oil sands projects with CNSC including bringing in CNSC technical experts. • ACFN would like the NexGen hearing to take place in Saskatoon or Saskatchewan. <p><u>Beaverlodge:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACFN has sent in their written intervention to the Registry on Friday Dec 13th.
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Action Item Summary

Responsible Party	Action Item
CNSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To look into having technical discussions with CNSC staff on best practises for the NexGen project with ACFN
CNSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To send around placeholder invite for kick off meeting on Jan 28th (complete)
CNSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To send a list of labs that CNSC uses for sampling to ACFN

From: Frigault, Nicole
Sent: February 14, 2025 4:33 PM
To: Callie Davies-Flett
Cc: McKeown, Justin; Burton, Patrick; Froess, Ryan; Pandolfi, Dana; Zenobi, Adam; Kwamena, Nana-Owusua; Levine, Adam; Timothy Bebetidoh; Janelle Flett
Subject: Next Steps of Consultation with ACFN - Proposed Rook I Project
Attachments: E-DOCS-#7460215-v3-2025-02-14-Letter-CNSC_to_ACFN_-_Next_steps_of_the_Regulatory_Process-Rook_I_EA.pdf

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Dear Callie,

I am sending the attached letter on behalf of the CNSC, outlining proposed next steps of the CNSC's consultation process with Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation for the Rook I regulatory review process.

We look forward to hearing back from you and setting up a meeting to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Nicole

Nicole Frigault

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February 14, 2025

Ms. Callie Davies-Flett
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callie.davies-flett@acfn.com

Subject: Proposed Next Steps of Consultation and Engagement with Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation for the Remaining Steps of the Regulatory Review Process for the Proposed Rook I Project

Dear Ms. Davies-Flett:

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update and share a proposed consultation and engagement approach with Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) on the regulatory review process for NexGen Energy Ltd.'s (NexGen) proposed Rook I Project (the Project).

Current Status of the Process of the federal Environmental Assessment

On January 28th, 2025, the federal review of NexGen's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concluded, and the Final EIS was accepted by CNSC staff as it meets the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, 2012 (CEAA, 2012). As communicated in CNSC's January 28th, 2025 email to the project distribution list for the project, the documents can be found on the [Canadian Impact Assessment Registry \(the Registry\)](#).

CNSC staff have reviewed the responses NexGen provided to comments that were received during the public comment period on the draft EIS in 2023, including those from ACFN. The comments and NexGen's responses are now [available on the Registry](#). CNSC staff have also drafted responses to comments that were applicable to CNSC's oversight and responsibilities and look forward to further discussing these as part of our proposed next steps as described below. CNSC's responses to these comments can also be [found on the Registry](#).

Proposed Next Steps of Consultation

Building on the ongoing consultation and engagement that started in 2019 between ACFN and CNSC in relation to this Project, CNSC staff have provided the consultation approach as outlined in Appendix 1. Table 1 of this letter details the suggested consultation activities for the remaining steps of the regulatory review process for the Project.

The CNSC staff will be preparing the following reports and documents to support staff's recommendations to the Commission:

- **An EA Report** which provides information and analysis to assist the Commission in its determination on whether the proposed project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.
- **A Consultation Report** which will include details on consultation and engagement activities and perspectives, knowledge, and concerns, of the Project's potential impacts on Indigenous Nations' rights and interests.
- **A Commission Member Document (CMD)** which presents CNSC staff's findings, recommendations and conclusions from the technical review of NexGen's licence application and supporting documentation.

CNSC staff are interested in ensuring that ACFN's perspectives, issues and concerns, and other topics of interest to ACFN are properly reflected in CNSC staff's reports and recommendations. This would involve CNSC staff developing the content as a first step based on information that ACFN has submitted and provided to date to the CNSC and NexGen and then providing the draft content for review and comment. CNSC staff will be providing detailed timelines on the remainder of the regulatory process once a Commission hearing date has been identified by the Commission Registry.

The activities outlined in the proposed consultation approach are flexible, and CNSC staff would like to discuss these remaining steps of the regulatory review process. Some potential topics for discussion would include:

- review of the CNSC's assessment of the Project specifically related to ACFN information on community member perspectives, knowledge, and concerns, of the Project's potential impacts on ACFN's rights and interests
- discussions with the CNSC and NexGen, as appropriate, regarding potential commitments, and mitigations to address potential impacts and concerns
- awarding funding through the CNSC's Participant Funding Program to support the review of CNSC staff's reports, consultation and engagement with the CNSC and participation in the CNSC's Commission hearing process through interventions
- discussions with the CNSC on conclusions and recommendations related to topics of concern and interest to ACFN

CNSC staff are committed to continued collaboration with ACFN to ensure that consultation for the Project is meaningful, addresses ACFN's concerns, and upholds the Honour of the Crown. To discuss any matters related to the regulatory review process of the Project, please contact:

- Nicole Frigault, Environmental Review Officer, Rook I EA Lead
Email: nicole.frigault@cnsccsn.gc.ca
- Justin McKeown, Team Leader Western and Northern Regions, Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division
Email: justin.mckeown@cnsccsn.gc.ca

Please review the proposed consultation process for the remaining steps of the regulatory review process for the Rook I Project (Appendix 1) and **provide any feedback by March 14, 2025.**

The CNSC looks forward to continuing to build a long-term relationship with ACFN and working together throughout the regulatory review process for the proposed Rook I Project.

Yours sincerely,



Nana-Owusua Kwamena
Director
Environmental Review Division
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission



Adam Levine
Director
Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

c.c./c.c. : CNSC: J. McKeown, P. Burton, N. Frigault, R. Froess, D. Pandolfi, A. Zenobi
ACFN: T. Bebetidoh, J. Flett

Enclosure: (1) Proposed consultation process with Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation for the regulatory review process of the Rook I Project

References:

- [1] CNSC, Regulatory Guide, *REGDOC- 3.2.2: Indigenous Engagement*, Version 1.2, February 2022, <https://www.cnsccsn.gc.ca/eng/acts-and-regulations/regulatory-documents/published/html/regdoc3-2-2-v1-2/>
- [2] CNSC, *Generic Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement*, May 2016, <http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/pdfs/Environmental-Assessments/CEAA-2012-Generic-EIS-Guidelines-eng.pdf>

Appendix 1

Proposed Consultation Process with Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation for the Remaining Steps of the Regulatory Review Process of the Rook I Project

1. Introduction

These proposed next steps in the consultation process, which started in 2019, are intended to guide federal Crown (led by CNSC) consultation activities with Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) during the remaining steps of the regulatory review process of the Rook I Project (the Project). They communicate CNSC's objectives for consultation, the proposed structure for integrating consultation into the regulatory review process, and the proposed activities in which the CNSC and ACFN can work together to address ACFN's concerns regarding the Project.

2. Federal Crown's Consultation Objectives

- To continue the establishment of a positive and productive working relationship with ACFN during the remaining steps of the regulatory review process.
- To communicate with ACFN about the Project and developments during the regulatory review process in a timely manner.
- To work with ACFN to:
 1. identify any potential environmental effects of the Project, including those on current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes, health and socio-economic conditions, and heritage resources
 2. identify adverse impacts of the Project on your community's potential or established rights
 3. ensure options for avoiding, mitigating, or accommodating adverse impacts are considered
- To continue to work with ACFN and the proponent to respond to specific questions and requests regarding issues raised related to the Project.
- To listen to and understand the concerns raised, and consider the feedback, perspectives, and issues raised by ACFN.

3. Integrating Consultation into the Regulatory Review Process

Table 1 provides a description of the main remaining steps in the regulatory review process and a description of how the CNSC proposes to integrate consultation activities into those steps. This table describes what ACFN should receive, have access to, or expect from the CNSC, on behalf of the federal Crown, and what ACFN could share and provide to the regulatory review process.

Table 1: Integrating Consultation into the Remaining Steps of the Regulatory Review Process¹

Regulatory Review Step²	Description of Activities³	What ACFN should receive, have access to, or expect from the federal Crown	Information ACFN may want to consider providing to the federal Crown, and ways ACFN may want to participate
Project Description Review and Scoping Decision <i>(Completed in 2019-20)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for ACFN to provide comments on the Project Description – Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNSC notification to ACFN of the project and project description review process - Completed • PFP offering - Completed • Early information sharing and offers of consultation meetings – Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide comments on the project description - Completed
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Review <i>(Initiated 2022 – complete as of January 28, 2025)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for ACFN to provide comments on draft EIS – Completed • NexGen to revise documentation to address comments and concerns raised by ACFN - Completed • NexGen expected to discuss with ACFN how their comments and concerns have been addressed. - Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to participate in technical discussions with CNSC staff regarding ACFN's outstanding comments and concerns, as well as other discussions as necessary (e.g. teleconferences and/or meetings with ACFN). - Completed • Opportunity for direct and continued discussions between ACFN and the CNSC. - Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide ACFN's views on the accuracy of NexGen's information about issues ACFN have raised and on any proposed ways of addressing those impacts. - Completed

¹ Adapted from a template developed by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) (CEAA references the BC First Nations Environmental Assessment Technical Working Group Toolkit Workshop as a basis for this document).

² Any updates to dates related to the regulatory review process will be communicated to ACFN.

³ NexGen's activities during this step of the regulatory review process are not specifically steps of the regulatory review process, but these are expectations of NexGen, by CNSC staff.

Regulatory Review Step ²	Description of Activities ³	What ACFN should receive, have access to, or expect from the federal Crown	Information ACFN may want to consider providing to the federal Crown, and ways ACFN may want to participate
Development of draft Consultation Report <i>(Current phase – 2025)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Consultation Report includes a summary of consultation with Indigenous Nations and communities, potential impacts to potential or established rights of select Indigenous Nations and communities, views and concerns expressed by Indigenous Nations and communities and the CNSC's response to those concerns, and potential mitigation and/or accommodation measures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity for direct discussions between ACFN and the CNSC to accurately reflect issues and concerns to ACFN (e.g. teleconferences and/or meetings with ACFN). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and provide comment on sections of the draft Consultation Report specific to ACFN.

<p>EA Report, Consultation Report and Licensing CMD Review</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Commission Public Hearings</p> <p><i>(Hearing date 2025 –2026 TBD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EA Report presents the CNSC staff's views on the findings of the EA, including conclusions and recommendations regarding the adverse environmental effects that are likely to result from the project, appropriate measures that would mitigate those effects, the significance of residual effects after implementation of the mitigation measures, as well as the components of the follow-up and monitoring program. • CNSC staff will submit and make publicly available, for review, the Final EA Report, Consultation Report and licensing CMD in advance of public hearings (timing to be determined by CNSC Registry). • The licensing CMD presents CNSC staff's findings, recommendations and conclusions from the technical review of NexGen's licence application and supporting documentation. • The Commission will hold public hearings with opportunities for public and Indigenous Nations and communities to submit oral and/or written interventions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to review the Final EA Report, Consultation Report and licensing CMD to inform oral and/or written intervention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present ACFN's views to the Commission by providing information orally and/or in writing. • It is recommended that any diverging views with CNSC staff's analysis and findings in CNSC's reports be captured in ACFN's written and/or oral intervention to the Commission, if required.
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Regulatory Review Step ²	Description of Activities ³	What ACFN should receive, have access to, or expect from the federal Crown	Information ACFN may want to consider providing to the federal Crown, and ways ACFN may want to participate
Commission's EA and Licensing Decisions <i>(Future phase 2025-2026 – Hearing date TBD)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission considers the EA Report, Consultation Report and CMD and interventions from the public and Indigenous Nations and communities and determines whether, taking into account the mitigation measures, conditions, accommodations and commitments proposed, the Project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects and if the duty to consult was met. Should the Commission issue an EA decision statement allowing the Project to proceed, the Commission will also include legally binding conditions with which NexGen must comply to implement appropriate mitigation measures and a follow-up and monitoring program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification and sharing of the Commission's Detailed Record of Decisions (EA and licensing). Meetings with ACFN and the community to discuss the Commission's decision and next steps for ongoing engagement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback on preferred approach to ongoing engagement, and information sharing.

Subject: FW: ACFN & CNSC Kick Off TOR Meeting
Location: CNSC CONF Saskatoon CONF CCSN

Start: Tue 2025-01-28 1:00 PM
End: Tue 2025-01-28 3:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Boser, Sydney

Importance: High

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Nickolet, Sydney
Sent: January 16, 2025 4:22 PM
To: Callie Davies-Flett; Janelle Flett; Charlene Williams; Timothy Bebetidoh; McKeown, Justin; Levine, Adam; Froess, Ryan; Frigault, Nicole; Snider, Richard; O'Neill, Shannon; Healy, Maria Magdalene; Noakes, Rain; Akhter, Salman
Cc: Burton, Patrick
Subject: Canceled: ACFN & CNSC Kick Off TOR Meeting
When: January 28, 2025 1:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-06:00) Saskatchewan.
Where: CNSC CONF Saskatoon CONF CCSN
Importance: High

Cancelling due to travel and late afternoon flights. Stay tuned for a reschedule day/time

Hello all – as discussed today please see the invite for our TOR Kick off Meeting to be held in Saskatoon at the CNSC board room on the afternoon of Jan 28th prior to the Beaverlodge hearing and UMM ROR. ACFN and CNSC will work on an agenda for the meeting in the new year and update the meeting invite then.

Thanks,
Sydney

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Subject: ACFN & CNSC TOR Kick Off Meeting March 26, 1:00pm
Location: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88479608313>

Start: Wed 2025-03-26 1:00 PM
End: Wed 2025-03-26 3:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Janelle Flett

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Hi,
Please see the attached agenda for tomorrow's virtual meeting. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Marsi CHo,
Janelle

Janelle Flett is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
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Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation/Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

ACFN/CNSC TOR Kick Off Working Group Meeting

VIRTUAL via Zoom

March 26th 1pm-3pm CST

Attendees:

Sydney Boser – Senior Policy Office (CNSC & Co-Chair)
Nicole Frigault – Environmental Review Specialist (CNSC)
Dana Pandolfi – Senior Project Officer (CNSC)
Maria Healy – Project Officer (CNSC)
Shannon O'Neill – Environmental Review Officer (CNSC)
Hilary Hunter – Senior Advisor (CNSC)
Janelle Flett – Resource Development Advisor (ACFN & Co-Chair)
Charlene Williams – Manager, Regulatory and Industry Relations (ACFN)
Callie Davies-Flett – Regulatory Advisor (ACFN)
Timothy Bebetidoh – Regulatory and Environmental Advisor (ACFN)
Joy Flett - ACFN Focus Group Member
Lance Laviolette - ACFN Focus Group Member
Jonhathan Bruno - ACFN Focus Group Member
Rose Desjarlais - ACFN Focus Group Member
Susana Deranger - ACFN Focus Group Member

Agenda:

1:00pm Welcome and Opening Prayer
1:05pm Introductions
1:15pm CNSC 101 Presentation on who the CNSC is, what we do, background information for group
1:30pm Go through TOR and workplan as a group
Questions / Comments / Concerns
2:00pm BREAK
2:10pm Project Updates (NexGen, Fission, Gunnar, Lorado and IEMP)
Questions / Comments / Concerns
2:40pm Next steps for next meeting
2:55pm Closing prayer and meeting adjournment

From: Boser, Sydney
Sent: April 9, 2025 3:42 PM
To: rose desjarlais; lance r laviolette; Joy Rose Flett; jonathan.bruno2003@gmail.com; susanaderanger@gmail.com
Cc: Janelle Flett; Timothy Bebetidoh; Charlene Williams; McKeown, Justin; Hunter, Hilary
Subject: For Your Review: CNSC & ACFN Kick Off Meeting Minutes March 26th 2025
Attachments: ACFN & CNSC Meeting Minutes TOR Kick Off Meeting - Draft March 26th, 2025.docx; E-DOCS-#7486124-v2-ACFN_TOR_Kick_Off_Meeting_Presentation_-_March_26th.pdf; ACFN-CNSC_Terms_of_Reference_for_Long-Term_Engagement - May 2024 Final - Signed.pdf; CNSC_ACFN Workplan for Long-Term TOR - Final September 2024.pdf

Good afternoon ACFN Committee Members!

Thank you all again for participating in our first kick off meeting for our Terms of Reference on March 26th. It was a great first meeting and a fantastic opportunity to meet each other...even if it was only virtual! As promised, please see attached above the draft meeting minutes, a copy of the presentation given, as well as a copy of our TOR and workplan that was presented during the meeting.

If you could please take a look at the meeting minutes and let me know if you have any comments – that would be great!

As for our next meeting, we discussed having this meeting as a half day in Saskatoon. I have worked with Janelle to find some days that may work. Would any of the below days work for the committee members:

- Tuesday July 8th
- Wednesday July 9th
- Thursday July 10th

Could you please provide me with any edits to the meeting minutes and also your preference for the next meeting by Friday April 25th so we could get something scheduled and begin planning!

Looking forward to meeting everyone in person next time 😊

Cheers,

Sydney Boser née Nickolet (she/her/elle)

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CANADIAN NUCLEAR SAFETY COMMISSION: ACFN & CNSC TOR Kick Off Meeting

March 26th, 2025



Overview

- Who is the 'CNSC' and what do we do?
- TOR and Workplan Walkthrough
- Project Updates:
 - NexGen, Patterson Lake South, Gunnar, Lorado and IEMP
- Planning for Next Meeting

Who is the CNSC and what do we do?





Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission



Canada's Nuclear Regulator



Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission



Uranium mines
and mills



Uranium fuel
fabrication and
processing



Nuclear power
plants



Nuclear substance
processing



Industrial and
medical applications



Nuclear research
and educational
activities



Transportation of
nuclear substances



Nuclear security
and safeguards



Import and
export controls



Waste management
facilities

Regulates All Nuclear-Related Activities in Canada



CNSC Across Canada

Human resources

Approximately **1,000** full-time equivalents

Licensees

1,700

Licenses

2,500

Calgary Western
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What We Do, What We Don't

- Commission and staff work for Canadians, we are an **independent** regulator
- Staff **review** applications and Commission **issues** licences
- Commission's decisions based on **best available information** (*i.e., science and Indigenous Knowledge*)
- Staff **verify safety and compliance** – take action if needed



- We are **not** industry, nor are we the Province
- We do **not** select sites
- We do **not** own, manage, construct or operate projects
- We **don't** regulate exploration
- We do **not** promote the nuclear industry



TOR and Workplan Walkthrough



Project Updates



NexGen Rook I





Environmental Assessments

- Federal and provincial EA processes
- Federal IAs are conducted under the *Impact Assessment Act* (2019)
- Physical Activities Regulations outline the thresholds
- CNSC always leads environmental review for licensing activities under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*
- CNSC act as subject matter experts in all EAs related to nuclear developments





Rook I Project (NexGen)

- NexGen Energy Ltd. (NexGen) is proposing to develop an underground uranium mine on the Patterson Lake peninsula in the southwestern Athabasca Basin in northern Saskatchewan, approximately 155 km north of the town of LaLoche, SK.
 - Proposing underground tailings management
- Requires approval under the Nuclear Safety Control Act and an environmental assessment (EA) conducted under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012.
- An EA decision affirming that the proposed activities will not cause significant adverse environmental effects is required before the CNSC can make a licensing decision on this proposal.

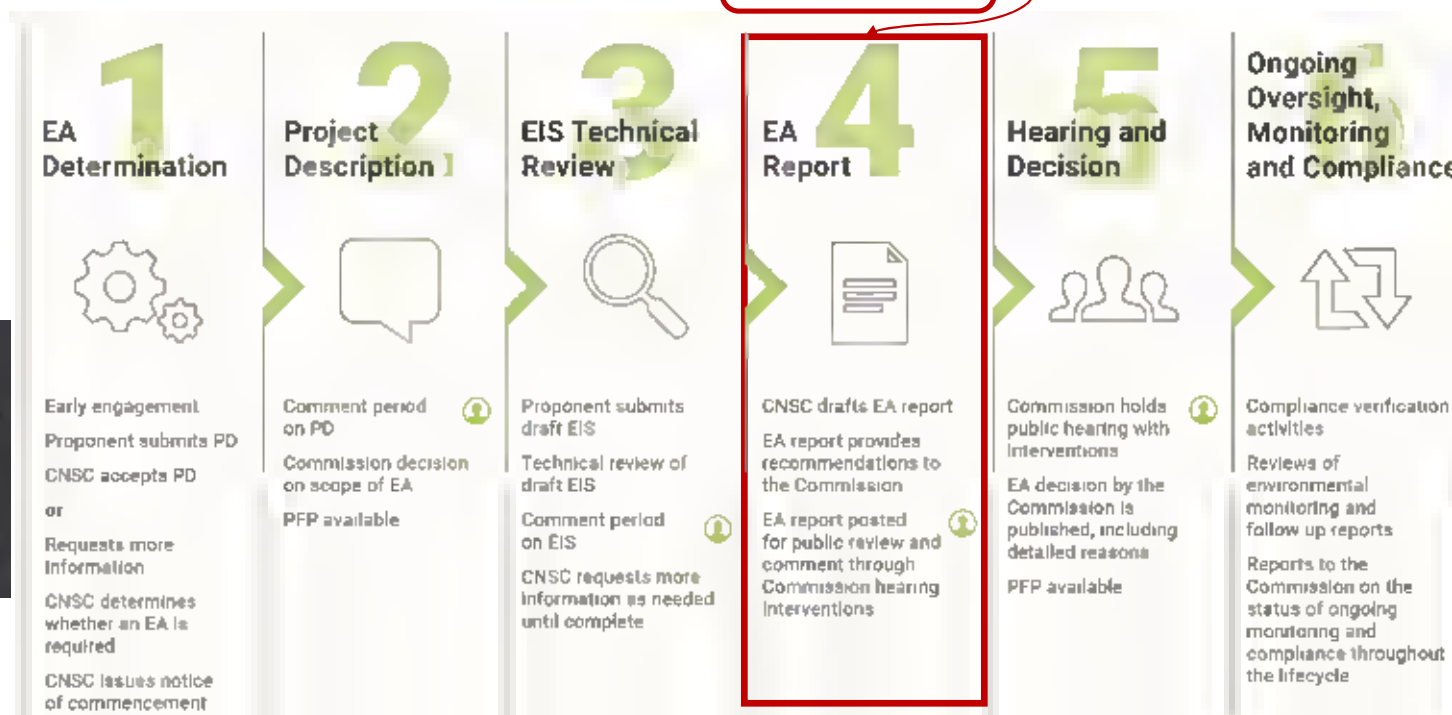




Environmental Assessment Process

Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012

**Book I
Status**



Legend

EA: Environmental Impact Assessment
PD: Project Description
EIS: Environmental Impact Statement
PFP: Participant Funding Program
👤 : Formal Participation Opportunity

Ongoing public engagement and Indigenous Consultation throughout the EA Process



Rook I - Timeline

Historical Timeline

- Submitted EA Project Description in 2019
- Public and Indigenous comment period on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in 2022
- Multiple reviews of the draft EIS have occurred since the initial submission (2022 to date)
- NexGen's final submission of responses to Information Requests (IRs) was provided on November 29th, 2024, and outstanding IRs accepted (January 28th, 2025)
- After a 60+ day review, CNSC accepted NexGen's Final EIS

Current Status:

- CNSC staff are currently drafting the EA, Consultation and CMD Reports

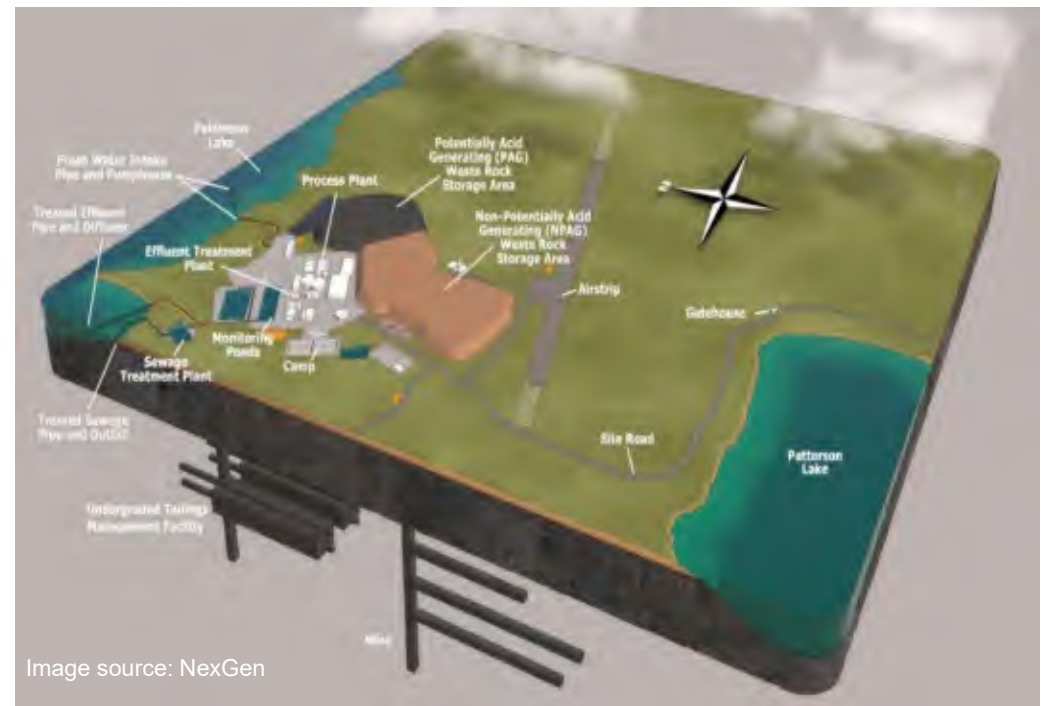


Image source: NexGen



Hearing Dates and PFP

- Two-Part hearing scheduled for Winter of 2025-2026:
 - Part One: November 19th (1 day, Virtual) – Presentations by NexGen and the CNSC
 - Part Two: Week of February 9th (~5 days, Saskatoon) – Interventions
 - Link to hearing announcement: [Hearing Information for NexGen's Rook 1 Project](#)
- Participant Funding Program:
 - Announced March 10th, 2025 – PFP applications are **due May 9th, 2025**
 - Link to funding announcement: [Participant Funding for NexGen's Rook 1 Project](#)



Ongoing Consultation & Engagement with ACFN

- CNSC is committed to continuing to work and meet with ACFN to:
 - Understand issues and concerns with respect to potential project impacts on Aboriginal and Treaty rights, interests, culture or traditional uses
 - Discuss and consult on the project specific issues and concerns identified by ACFN, as well as responses by NexGen and CNSC respectively and path forward to resolution (including technical meetings)
 - Review by ACFN of EA content specific to ACFN land use and traditional knowledge
 - Support ACFN (PFP) in making a presentation to the CNSC's Commission, as an intervenor in hearing proceedings if they choose.

Patterson Lake South





Nuclear Facility Licensing Stages





CNSC SAFETY AND CONTROL AREAS (SCA)

Safety and Control Areas (SCAs)

Management System

Human Performance Management

Operating Performance

Safety Analysis

Physical Design

Fitness for Service

Radiation Protection

Conventional Health and Safety

Environmental Protection

Emergency Management and Fire Protection

Waste Management

Security

Safeguards and Non-Proliferation

Packaging and Transport

Other

Indigenous Engagement

Informing the public

Siting and EA

- Technical topics used by the CNSC to assess, review, verify and report on regulatory requirements and performance across all regulated facilities and activities
- Regulatory framework documents exist for each Safety and Control Area (SCA)
- License Application Guides articulate scope and depth considerations for each SCA
- Application comprises the safety case, and is part of the licensing basis for the regulated activity

Reference: <http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/acts-and-regulations/regulatory-documents/index.cfm#R8>



Patterson Lake South Project (Fission)

- Proposed underground uranium mine and uranium mill on Patterson Lake Property
- Application for CNSC licence to prepare site for and construct a uranium mine and mill
- Ongoing reviews of Patterson Lake South's documents, responses to comments
- Indigenous and Public Engagement

CNSC Licensing

- April 2023 – The Applicant/Patterson Lake South submitted an initial application for CNSC licence
- Working in Parallel - CNSC has initiated a review of their application for sufficiency while the province of Saskatchewan conducts the EA
- CNSC staff are engaging and consulting with Indigenous Nations and communities to address concerns and advise on the CNSC licence review process.



Patterson Lake South Project – Provincial EA

Undergoing Provincial Environmental Assessment led by Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment

Provincial EA

- A draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was submitted to the province in March 2024. At the request of the province, CNSC conducted a technical review of the draft EIS and submitted comments.
- Iterative process until all comments are accepted.



Source: [Fission Uranium Corp.'s Fission Project Description](#)

Gunnar & Lorado





Gunnar Remediation Project

Update on remediation work at Gunnar:

- Tailings Management Areas:
 - 100% completion of cover systems for Gunnar Main and Central Tailings
 - Preparatory work for Langley Bay tailings remediation commenced in Summer of 2023
 - Licence renewal submission planned for Winter of 2025
 - Written interventions only
 - PFP will be available
 - No public hearing



Photo of warning sign at entrance to Gunnar Main Tailings Area August 2023 (Photo source: CNSC staff)



Lorado Operation

Remediation (2014-2016)

- Approved by provincial and federal regulatory bodies
- Nero lake water was treated
- A tailings cover was constructed

Compliance (2016-Present)

- Inspected June 2022 and licensee compliant with regulatory requirements
- Water quality improved and significant Increase in wildlife activity observed

Licensing (2023)

- Licence was renewed in April 2023 by designated officer and is now valid until April 30, 2033



Soil and vegetative cover on tailings area, 2022 (Photo source CNSC staff)

CNSC's Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP)





Independent Environmental Monitoring Program(IEMP)

- Independent of a facility's environmental monitoring program
- We seek input from local Indigenous Nations and communities such as traditional knowledge, land use, and values and incorporate this into our sampling plans
- Air, water, soil, fish, and vegetation samples are collected in the immediate vicinity of nuclear facilities
- Samples are analyzed for radioactive and hazardous substances
- <https://www.cnsccsn.gc.ca/eng/resources/maps-of-nuclear-facilities/iemp/>

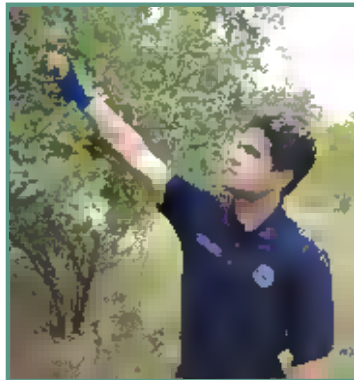




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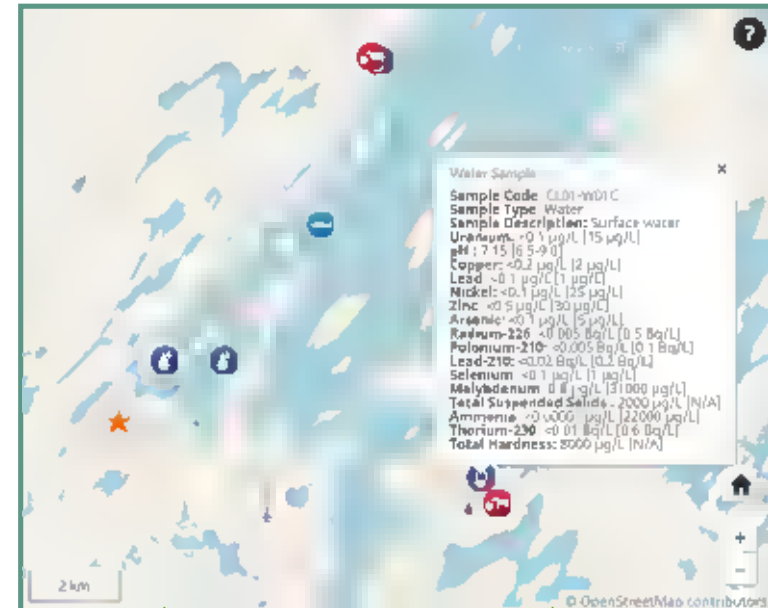
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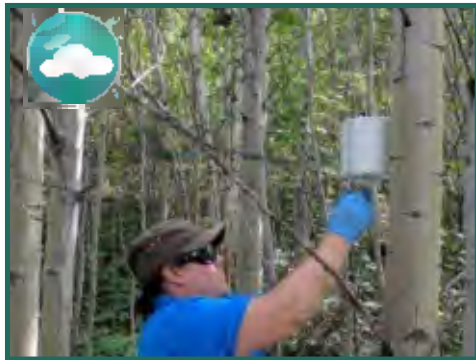
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We collaborate and engage with Indigenous Nations and communities throughout the process



IEMP IN ACTION



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Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation Dene Lands and Resource Management (ACFN DLRM)/Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)

**ACFN DLRM/CNSC TOR Kick Off Working Group Meeting
VIRTUAL via Zoom
March 26th 1pm-3pm
CST**

Attendees:

Sydney Boser – Senior Policy Office (CNSC & Co-Chair)
 Dana Pandolfi – Senior Project Officer (CNSC)
 Maria Healy – Project Officer (CNSC)
 Shannon O'Neill – Environmental Review Officer (CNSC)
 Hilary Hunter – Senior Advisor (CNSC)
 Rain Noakes – Environmental Review Officer (CNSC & Notetaker)
 Janelle Flett – Resource Development Advisor (ACFN DLRM & Co-Chair)
 Charlene Williams – Manager, Regulatory and Industry Relations (ACFN DLRM)
 Timothy Bebetidoh – Regulatory and Environmental Advisor (ACFN DLRM)
 Joy Flett - ACFN DLRM Focus Group Member
 Lance Laviolette - ACFN DLRM Focus Group Member
 Jonhathan Bruno - ACFN DLRM Focus Group Member
 Rose Desjarlais – ACFN DLRM Focus Group Member
 Susana Deranger - ACFN Focus Group Member

Agenda:

1:00pm Welcome and Opening Prayer
 1:05pm Introductions
 1:15pm CNSC 101 Presentation on who the CNSC is, what we do, background information for group
 1:30pm Go through TOR and workplan as a group
 Questions / Comments / Concerns
 2:00pm BREAK
 2:10pm Project Updates (NexGen, Fission, Gunnar, Lorado)

Questions / Comments / Concerns

2:40pm Next steps for next meeting

2:55pm Closing prayer and meeting adjournment

Meeting Minutes: Terms of Reference Working Group - CNSC and ACFN DLRM

1. Opening Prayer,

- Rose started the meeting in a good way

2. Remarks and Introductions

- **Rose:** Shared her background, growing up in Uranium City, Saskatchewan, and moving to Fort Chip. Emphasized the long-term exposure to uranium mining and its impacts on her family and community.
- **Lance:** introduced himself and background
- **Su:** Introduced herself, highlighting her experiences with uranium mining and its effects on her community, including PTSD from displacement.
- **Joy Flett:** Shared her upbringing in Cluff Lake, Saskatchewan, and her connection to the land through her grandparents and the Flett cabin.
- **Jonathan Bruno:** Introduced himself as a lifelong resident of Fort Chip and a land user familiar with the N22 area.
- **Janelle, Timothy and Charlene:** Introduced themselves and their roles within ACFN DLRM.
- **CNSC Representatives:** Introduced themselves and their roles within the CNSC.

2. CNSC Overview

- **Sydney Boser:** Provided an overview of the CNSC, its mandate, and its role in regulating nuclear activities in Canada. Emphasized the importance of protecting communities, workers, and the environment. Presentation will be shared with committee members
- **Dana Pandolfi and Maria Healy:** Explained the regulatory framework and the various safety and control areas that the CNSC oversees.

3. Discussion on Uranium Mining and Legacy Impacts

- **Rose:** Raised concerns about the historical and ongoing impacts of uranium mining on ACFN's traditional lands. Emphasized the need for more engagement and respect from the federal and provincial governments.
- **CNSC Response:** Acknowledged the legacy impacts and explained the regulatory improvements and processes in place for new projects. Highlighted the importance of ongoing consultation and engagement with ACFN.

4. Project Updates

- **Nex Gen Rook I Project:**
 - **Shannon O'Neil:** Provided an update on the Next Gen Rook I Project, including the environmental assessment process and the upcoming hearings. Highlighted the opportunity for ACFN to intervene in the hearings should ACFN wish to.
 - Two part hearing scheduled for November 19th 2025 and the week of February 9th 2026: [Notice of Public Hearing and Participant Funding](#)
 - Participant funding is due on May 9th, 2025: [Participant Funding for NexGen's Rook 1 Project](#)
- **Patterson Lake South Project:**

- **Maria Healy:** Discussed the Patterson Lake South Project, its current status, and the ongoing review process. Highlighted the importance of Indigenous and public engagement as well as the differences between the processes as this project is undergoing a provincial environmental assessment process which differs from the NexGen project.
- **Gunnar and Lorado Projects:**
 - **Dana Pandolfi:** Provided updates on the remediation work at the Gunnar and Lorado sites, including monitoring and sampling activities as well as the upcoming hearing in writing for Gunnar. More information on the hearing in writing will be shared with ACFN when known.

5. Concerns and Questions from ACFN Committee Members

- **Rose:** Expressed concerns about the proposed projects and the need for more frequent and meaningful engagement with ACFN from CNSC and NexGen.
- **Rose:** Suggests an Indigenous person fill the vacant position on the commission
- **Su:** Raised questions about the weight of CNSC's decisions and the consideration of treaty rights and Indigenous knowledge in the regulatory process.
- **Su:** The implementation of FPIC should be unitized in consultation of project from CNSC and proponents.
- **Jonathan:** Inquired about the monitoring and reporting of spills and accidents at uranium mining sites.
- **Lance:** Asked about the monitoring of water quality at the Gunnar mine site and the frequency of sampling.
- **Lance:** Inquired about the frequency of amendments the province and feral governments make to protocols

6. Next Steps and Action Items

- **CNSC:** Committed to continuing engagement with ACFN and addressing their concerns through the TOR committee. Emphasized the importance of ACFN's participation in the upcoming hearings and the availability of participant funding.
- **CNSC:** To share the notes back with committee members including the presentation and TOR/Workplan
- **CNSC & ACFN:** To work together on our next meeting in June or July in Saskatoon
- **ACFN:** Agreed to review the information provided related to the NexGen project including information ACFN may need to review for accuracy including a section in the Consultation Report and prepare for the upcoming NexGen Commission hearing. Emphasized the need for ongoing dialogue and collaboration with CNSC.

7. Closing Remarks

- **Sydney Boser:** Thanked all participants for their contributions and reiterated the CNSC's commitment to meaningful engagement with ACFN.
- **ACFN Representatives:** Expressed appreciation for the opportunity to discuss their concerns and looked forward to continued collaboration.

***Were not able to talk about the IEMP and will be carried over to the next meeting ***

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Attachments: ACFN Consultation Report - Section 4.5 - For Review.docx;
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Good afternoon Callie,

I hope you are doing well. Sending out a friendly reminder that we'd appreciate your review on the attached sections of the Consultation and Environmental Assessment reports by June 27th.

Also, Nicole and I would like to set up a 30-minute touch base next week to discuss any questions you may have about the reports. Would there be any dates or times that work best for ACFN?

Thanks,

Hilary

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Subject: CNSC & ACFN Documents for Review - NexGen Rook 1: Consultation Report and EERRs

Good afternoon Callie,

I am writing to provide you with sections of the Consultation and Environmental Assessment Reports. These documents are CNSC staff submissions that will be included in the CNSC Commission Member Document that will be presented to the Commission for the NexGen Rook 1 Project hearings. There are two documents attached to this email which contain the following information:

1. Section 4.5 of the Consultation Report which outlines our engagement activities with ACFN related to the Rook 1 project. The Report contains background information on ACFN, a table with key engagement activities to date, a summary of concerns raised to date, and CNSC staff's response. This information will be publicly accessible, once published.
2. The EA Report content for review includes a "Views Expressed" section for each topic area. As you will see from the table of contents included in the first part of the attachment, the EA report will contain sections for each topic area (ie. Atmospheric, aquatic environment, etc.), each of which will include a description of the environment, the proponent's assessment, other views expressed (including how concerns were addressed), CNSC staff's analysis, followed by CNSC staff's conclusions on the significance of effects. The content attached for review includes the Views Expressed section, relevant to issues and concerns raised by ACFN related to each topic area. This information will be included in the EA report, as written and will be publicly accessible, once published.

We are asking you to review both documents for **accuracy** and to provide any comments and suggested edits as necessary. We ask that these documents are returned to us no later than **June 27th, 2025**. Please note that if we do not receive comments by the deadline then this information will be included without ACFN's feedback. If you have any questions, please reach out to myself or Nicole Frigault, or we can set up a meeting to discuss further.

Thanks,

Hilary

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4.5 Consultation Activities with Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation

4.5.1 Background on Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation



Figure 4. Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation logo

Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) is a signatory of Treaty 8 and is situated in northeastern Alberta with the current main settlement being in Fort Chipewyan, Alberta. ACFN has eight reserves with a combined area of 34,767 hectares. ACFN has a registered population of approximately 1,500 members. The reserves are located near the southwestern tip of Lake Athabasca, across the lake from Fort Chipewyan, and on the Athabasca River. It is accessible by air from Edmonton and Fort McMurray, and by winter road from Fort Smith (140 km to the north) or Fort McMurray (303 km to the south).

The Rook 1 Project (the Project) is located approximately 160 km from the main ACFN reserve in a straight-line distance. The Project also overlaps ACFN's Treaty territory and ACFN's claimed consultation notification territory. Given ACFN's previous interest in the Cluff Lake Project (ACFN members have a trapping and hunting cabin on the Cluff Lake site, which is located 80 kms north of Rook 1, and that the Project site is located within ACFN's Treaty and claimed consultation notification territories, ACFN has been identified as a community to consult and engage with for this Project.



Figure X. Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation Traditional Territory

4.5.2 CNSC's Consultation Activities with Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation

CNSC staff have been engaging with ACFN on the Project since 2019. In February 2023, the CNSC funded an ACFN traditional land use study (TLUS) to better understand the extent and use of ACFN's traditional territory in relation to CNSC-regulated projects and facilities. The *Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation Traditional Land Use Study regarding Uranium Exploration and Development in ACFN Homelands in Northern Alberta and Northern Saskatchewan* was completed and shared with the CNSC in 2024. This TLUS provided CNSC staff with

information and insights on current and past land use, as well as knowledge of the land as it relates to historic and current uranium development in ACFN's territory. CNSC staff drafted a What We Heard Report (WWHR) based on the TLUS and shared it with ACFN for review and accuracy. Based on the TLUS, CNSC staff concluded that ACFN did not demonstrate that specific traditional or current land use activities or sites would be impacted directly by the Project; however, CNSC staff and NexGen continued to engage with ACFN to address and respond to any outstanding concerns relating to the Project.

In May 2024, the CNSC and ACFN signed a TOR for long-term engagement that outlines how the CNSC and ACFN engage and collaborate on nuclear projects that are within ACFN's traditional territories. CNSC and ACFN have a standing monthly meeting to discuss the Project, to work towards understanding, assessing, and addressing the concerns that ACFN has raised about the Project.

CNSC and ACFN have had ongoing discussions to address Project-specific concerns and potential impacts. ACFN expressed concerns, previously, in relation to technical elements of the Project which are summarized in the **Appendix ____ Issues Tracking Table**.

CNSC staff have worked and continue to work with ACFN and NexGen to respond to all the Nation's concerns, questions, and comments about the Project. The CNSC has communicated to ACFN that it is seeking ACFN's feedback on the CNSC staff's Consultation Report, to ensure that information specific to ACFN's Rights, knowledge, concerns, and perspectives is captured accurately.

Table 1 Summary of the key consultation activities with Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation

Date	Consultation Activity
April 2019 – June 2019	CNSC staff sent ACFN an email and letter, giving notice that the CNSC has received an application for the Project. The letter outlined CNSC's licensing and EA processes and opportunities for ACFN participation, including funding opportunities.
July 2019 – December 2019	CNSC staff sent an email offering ACFN an additional review period of the Rook I Project Description, as the official comment period had already closed. ACFN provided comments on the Project Description to which CNSC responded to.
January 2020 – June 2020	No activity.
July 2020 – December 2020	No activity.
January 2021 – June 2021	CNSC staff called ACFN offering to have a meeting and share information and answer questions on the Project.

July 2021 – December 2021	No activity.
January 2022 – June 2022	No activity.
July 2022 – December 2022	CNSC staff met with ACFN to discuss their interest in reviewing the draft EIS. CNSC staff provided information on timelines, how ACFN can be involved in the regulatory process, and funding opportunities. ACFN requested an extension to complete their review of the draft EIS and CNSC staff granted the extension. ACFN provided their draft EIS review.
January 2023 – June 2023	CNSC staff provided an overview of the CNSC’s regulatory process and updates on the Project.
July 2023 – December 2023	CNSC staff and ACFN had a meeting and discussed ACFN’s progress on developing a traditional land use study (TLUS) and development of a terms of reference (TOR) with the CNSC. Additionally, CNSC staff and ACFN discussed the Project’s status and upcoming timelines, including the status of the re-submission of the draft EIS and the review of responses to information requests. CNSC staff requested that ACFN share comments on the provincial EIS if of interest and offered to meet to discuss comments and concerns on the Projects and its potential impacts on ACFN’s Rights and interests. ACFN emphasized that they are focused on obtaining environmental information from NexGen, not economic benefits.
January 2024 – June 2024	<p>CNSC staff met with ACFN to provide updates on the status of the Project. CNSC staff shared that NexGen is still responding to the information requests on the federal EA. CNSC staff noted that it is expected that NexGen will include ACFN’s information and TLUS within the EIS. ACFN emphasized that they are approaching the NexGen project strictly from an environmental lens.</p> <p>ACFN shared that NexGen has not been taking their concerns seriously and is looking for NexGen to respond to ACFN’s comments on the draft EIS. CNSC staff shared these concerns with NexGen and stated that the expectation is for NexGen to provide responses to ACFN’s comments on the draft EIS as soon as possible.</p> <p>Discussions continued on the development of the TLUS and means of sharing the TLUS with the CNSC confidentially.</p>
July 2024 – December 2024	CNSC staff met with ACFN and provided updates on the status of NexGen’s technical review and outstanding information requests. ACFN confirmed that they have received NexGen’s responses to their review of the draft EIS. CNSC staff and ACFN

	<p>planned an in-person community visit to discuss the status of NexGen with community members in Fort Chipewyan, Alberta.</p> <p>ACFN shared that they have outstanding technical concerns on water quality, wildlife, and vegetation monitoring. ACFN shared that NexGen was unwilling to adopt mitigation measures that ACFN proposed.</p>
January 2025 – June 2025	CNSC staff sent an email and letter with proposed next steps for consultation and engagement with ACFN for the remaining steps of the regulatory review process for the proposed Project. This letter shared a status update on the acceptance of the final EIS, as well as next steps for developing an EA report, Consultation Report, and Commission Member Document.
July 2025 – December 2025	TBD.

4.5.3 Key issues and concerns raised by Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation and CNSC staff response

The key issues and concerns specific to the Project that ACFN has raised to date are summarized below. ACFN raised these concerns in their October 2022 submission on the draft EIS. The detailed issues tracking table for ACFN can be found in [Appendix \[redacted\]](#). The specific row discussing these issues can be found in [Appendix \[redacted\]](#) and is listed beside each bullet. Please refer to this row in [Appendix \[redacted\]](#) for additional context regarding the issue, CNSC staff's response and the issue's current status.

1. Concerns about treaty and aboriginal rights including the following topics:
 - a. Concerns around that the project will infringe on ACFN's ability to practice their section 35 treaty rights to hunt, fish, trap, which are guaranteed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.
 - b. Emphasis from ACFN that the land is integral to ACFN's culture, identity and spirituality.
 - c. Concerns that ACFN requires funding for consultation and engagement meetings to better understand the potential project impacts.
 - d. Concerns that access to the land is central for teaching cultural knowledge and language.
 - e. Fears that is traditional practices aren't continued; Dene culture and language could be lost.
2. Concerns about land use and sustainability including concerns around the following topics:
 - a. Concerns that ACFN members actively use the land for traditional practices.

- b. Concerns about the cumulative effects of development on ACFN's traditional lands.
 - c. Concerns that a technical review and land use study are necessary to fully consider the impacts of the project.
- 1. Concerns about environmental impacts and wildlife concerns including concerns around the following topics:
 - a. Concerns that the project description failed to provide sufficient information for understanding potential environmental impacts.
 - b. Concerns about water quality, fish and aquatic habitat, wildlife and overall environmental health.

Since 2019, CNSC staff have continued to engage with ACFN and keep the Nation informed of the Project, providing ongoing opportunities to meet and discuss any comments or concerns.

CNSC staff have offered to have additional discussions to understand, respond to, and address the concerns that ACFN has raised. To date, ACFN has not provided the CNSC with specific information regarding traditional or current land use in the proposed Project area. CNSC staff have offered and will continue to offer ACFN opportunities to provide input on how they would like to be engaged on the Project and what would constitute meaningful engagement.

Additionally, CNSC staff are satisfied with NexGen's responses to ACFN's concerns and comments on the draft EIS. However, CNSC staff note that ACFN has indicated they are not satisfied with NexGen's engagement and responses to their technical concerns and comments to date. CNSC staff will continue to monitor NexGen's engagement throughout the lifecycle of the Project, if approved. Additional context can be found in the [Appendix issues tracking table](#).

CNSC staff encourage NexGen to continue discussing and collaborating with ACFN to address outstanding concerns and questions, working towards consensus on the Project. CNSC staff anticipate receiving an update from NexGen on their engagement efforts in an IER to be filed on record, as part of the upcoming Commission hearings.

4.5.4 Conclusion

CNSC staff's view is that NexGen has considered and addressed ACFN's questions adequately. To date, ACFN has not provided specific information that demonstrates that the Project could lead to impacts on their Rights or interests directly. CNSC staff remain committed to engaging and sharing information with ACFN about the Project. CNSC staff are committed to continuing to consult, engage, and work collaboratively with ACFN and NexGen in advance of the Part-2 Commission hearing to address any outstanding concerns.



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Section 6 - PREDICTED CHANGES TO THE ENVIRONMENT

6.1. Atmospheric environment

6.1.1 Air Quality / 6.1.2 Acoustic Environment / 6.1.3 Greenhouse Gases

Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) requested that NexGen include a summary of ACFN-identified issues relating to predicted concentrations of COPCs in air modeling. Specifically, ACFN offered suggestions for improving air dispersion modelling such as using a three-year period to enable comparison with federal air quality standards (CAAQS); reevaluating predictive modeling data for air to identify bioaccumulative and persistent substances; using complex mixtures in the screening process for COPCs and updating the HHRA and ERA accordingly; and employing World Health Organization (WHO) air quality guidelines (AQGs) to identify air-related COPCs. ACFN also requested clarification on how the air dispersion modelling study is representative of long-term exposures and enquired as to whether NexGen will monitor snow quality to confirm non-negligible residual effects from air emissions. The Nation recommended that NexGen update the ERA to include soil screening values using the 2006 Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) guidance for metals associated with air deposition of total suspended particles. ACFN also asked NexGen to provide scientific evidence showing that mitigations for fugitive dust and constituent emissions will prevent dust and other emissions from impacting plant species. Beyond plant life, ACFN remains concerned about the ability of air emissions to acidify lakes and rivers.

6.2. Aquatic Environment

6.2.1. Changes in surface water quality and sediment quality

ACFN requested that NexGen include an assessment for the potential acidification of lakes and rivers to capture results from emissions from the Project that may deposit contaminants of potential concern to surface waters. In addition, ACFN requested clarification if climate change induced effects on surface water temperature were assessed for the residual and cumulative impacts for the Project. Lastly, ACFN recommended that NexGen adjust the Project life to align with outputs included in their predictive modeling related to waste rock seepage which may impact the surface water quality at Patterson Lake and constitute a risk to human health. ACFN requested that surface water quality data compilations and related analyses be revised so that updated data points and more robust approaches are used in the surface water quality data study.

ACFN requested an explanation of why project thresholds for sediment quality were not selected for contaminants of potential concern (COPCs) with existing guidance thresholds readily available. ACFN requested that sediment quality data compilations and related analyses be revised so that updated data points and more robust approaches are used in the sediment quality data study. ACFN asked for clarification if sediment concentration data was standardized to particle size for the sediment quality data analyses. ACFN questioned why sediment quality was not considered as a Project effect for the life of the Project given that effects to water are predicted to continue. Lastly, ACFN recommended that the screening process to identify COPCs associated with sediment be re-evaluated to consider complex mixtures as per Health Canada guidance and identify individual COPCs and mixture-based COPC classes that reflect similar target organs and effects and that the new COPCs are contained in an updated HHRA and environmental risk assessment (ERA).

6.3. Terrestrial environment

6.3.1. Terrain and soils / 6.3.2. Vegetation

ACFN requested that NexGen re-evaluate the predictive modelling data for soils in the environmental risk assessment (ERA) to identify bioaccumulative and persistent substances with respect to the Canadian Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA) Persistence and Bioaccumulation Regulations. Concerning invasive species, ACFN asked NexGen to provide scientific evidence that plant species that predominate pre-disturbance plant communities (e.g., lichens and feathermosses) can be reestablished within boreal forest reclamation sites. The Nation noted that NexGen plans to use non-native plant species in reclamation and asked that NexGen explain how it will prevent those each of those plants from becoming established within the reclaimed plant community. ACFN asked whether NexGen would carry forward the invasive species pathway in its assessment of project effects. Additionally, ACFN requested justification for the prediction that impacts on availability of upland and riparian ecosystems are reversible, given that many predominant species, including traditional plant species, are difficult to reestablish in reclamation.

6.4. Geological and hydrogeological environment

6.4.1. Changes in groundwater flow / 6.4.2. Changes in groundwater quality

ACFN recommended that the environmental risk assessment extend to 77 years when groundwater influences from the waste rock pile are predicted to discharge to the south end of Patterson Lake and would overlap the reasonably foreseeable future development case.

6.5. Human Environment

6.5.1. Human Health

ACFN recommended that NexGen adjust the Project lifecycle to align with outputs from predictive modeling, which indicate project-related contaminants may present risks to human health by contaminating Traditional Foods. ACFN requested that NexGen demonstrate the methodology is representative of predicted risks to human health by providing a comparative analysis of the predicted risks of exposure from the project-only scenario versus the scenario which accounts for exposure to baseline conditions and project-related effects. Additionally, with reference to the HHRA, the Nation requested an explanation of how the air dispersion modeling study is representative of long-term exposures. ACFN also requested the inclusion of available federal human health assessment guidance documents and confirmation that these were used to conduct the HHRA.

7. PREDICTED EFFECTS ON VALUED COMPONENTS

7.2. Terrestrial Biota / 7.3. Migratory Birds / 7.4. Ungulates, Furbearers and Woodland Caribou

ACFN requested that NexGen clarify which species were included in the ERA and that NexGen describe which species will be monitored and how predictions will be verified. Impacts to fisher and marten are of interest to ACFN, as well as the mortality risk for smaller wildlife in the VC risk assessment. ACFN also had suggestions for improving the Habitat Suitability Indices (HSI) for moose and questioned how NexGen will monitor habitat availability for woodland caribou. ACFN requested the NexGen quantitatively assess changes in wildlife habitat quality and quantity, identify movement corridors due to

loss of habitat between Patterson and Forrest Lakes, and explain how it will assess wildlife use of reclaimed habitat in follow-up programs. In terms of mitigating impacts, the Nation requested that NexGen provide scientific evidence that strategies for mitigating fugitive dust and constituent emissions coating plant leaves will be effective, particularly for sensitive species. Further, ACFN asked NexGen to clarify how it will assess mitigation effectiveness for smaller species which are underreported or unknown.

7.5. Indigenous uses: Current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes

Indigenous Land Use

ACFN emphasized the importance of trapping in Saskatchewan, including the N22 and N23 traplines located south and north of Lake Athabasca. These traplines are ancient to ACFN members and have a network for harvesting and spiritual value. Respondents spoke of the unwelcoming atmosphere and feeling the Alberta-Saskatchewan has created with people being territorial over traplines and individuals requiring hunting licenses for the Territories and Saskatchewan. One respondent who has used the N22 trapline for 30 years indicated that once they pass away, they have been told they will not be able to pass along the trapline to a family member as the trapline will revert to provincial ownership and be open to Saskatchewan residents only. This will end the transfer of knowledge of this trapline for ACFN members and may impact the livelihood of younger generations.

ACFN requested that NexGen provide justification for the prediction that the impacts on the availability of upland and riparian ecosystems are reversible given there are traditional use plants that are difficult to re-establish in reclamation.

ACFN is concerned that NexGen did not providing enough capacity funding to support meaningful engagement on the Rook 1 Project to complete Land Use study. ACFN was unable to determine potential impacts to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights early in the EA process through independent and objective review of the project impacts on ACCN's land use in the region. ACFN has also expressed concerns in Draft EIS that Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use from ACFN has not yet been included or considered in NexGen's EIS and that a fulsome consideration of ACFN's Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use was needed to assess the impacts the Project may have on ACFN's rights.

Legacy Impacts and Fear and Avoidance

ACFN has raised concerns with water in and around the decommissioned Cluff Lake Mine and are concerned that their members will feel the same regarding Patterson Lake due to the proposed Rook I project. There are concerns regarding the water quality and subsequent health and safety of consuming fish from Cluff Lake (łuezǎn túaze). Respondents note that Cluff Lake is well-stocked and could provide food security to families however, there is uncertainty whether the fish have been impacted by the nearby decommissioned mine. One respondent noted that the water from Cluff Lake goes to Fort Chipewyan, as does the water from Fort McMurray. This has led to the respondent to cease fishing in the Fort Chipewyan area entirely due to concerns of water quality from uranium and oil sands related development. Another respondent noted concerns about runoff impacts near the decommissioned Beaverlodge (néé Eldorado) mine to the nearby lakes of Beaverlodge and Martin Lake.

Cumulative Impacts of mining projects and exploration activities

ACFN indicates that further uranium mining exploration or development in the study area is anticipated to have potential to direct and adverse effects on their Treaty Rights and add to the ongoing cumulative effects in the region.

Community Health and Socio-Economic

ACFN indicated they have not stopped harvesting or caring for the land but have lost language, travel opportunities, and cultural knowledge. Lifestyles have changed for ACFN members and have concerns that uranium mines in combination with oil sands development will affect future generations' health and way of life. ACFN wants to ensure Treaty Rights of members are protected (with a focus on water) and that socio-economic and cultural rights and well-being of ACFN members are protected.

8. OTHER EFFECTS CONSIDERED

8.3. Effects of the environment on the project

Potential impacts as a result of climate change

ACFN identified data and assessment gaps, and methodological deficiencies in climate change data components that render the assessment of the effects of climate change unreliable. ACFN requested that the future climate predictions include the full extent of climate change expected during the Project lifespan. ACFN also requested clarification if climate change-induced effects on surface water temperatures included climate change scenarios.

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EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

Hello

Yes, the edits are satisfactory.

Thank you,
Callie

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Hi Callie,

The CNSC appreciates ACFN's feedback on the CR. We are continuing to work on the Consultation report as it goes through various levels of reviews.

I've attached the latest copy of the ACFN section of the consultation report. We have incorporated a view expressed section to capture feedback, as well as replaced the original map with the version that ACFN provided.

Thank you,

Hilary

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Hello

Following up to inquire if our changes have been corrected in the report.

Thank you,
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Hi Callie,

Thank you for providing comments and edits. We will look at this next week.

Have a great weekend.

Hilary

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Hello

I have made comments and edits to the report, please incorporate the edits and revise the report based on comments provided.

Looking forward to the revision.

Thank you,
Callie

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Good afternoon Callie,

I hope you are doing well. Sending out a friendly reminder that we'd appreciate your review on the attached sections of the Consultation and Environmental Assessment reports by June 27th.

Also, Nicole and I would like to set up a 30-minute touch base next week to discuss any questions you may have about the reports. Would there be any dates or times that work best for ACFN?

Thanks,

Hilary

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Subject: CNSC & ACFN Documents for Review - NexGen Rook 1: Consultation Report and EERRs

Good afternoon Callie,

I am writing to provide you with sections of the Consultation and Environmental Assessment Reports. These documents are CNSC staff submissions that will be included in the CNSC Commission Member Document that will be presented to the Commission for the NexGen Rook 1 Project hearings. There are two documents attached to this email which contain the following information:

1. Section 4.5 of the Consultation Report which outlines our engagement activities with ACFN related to the Rook 1 project. The Report contains background information on ACFN, a table with key engagement activities to date, a summary of concerns raised to date, and CNSC staff's response. This information will be publicly accessible, once published.
2. The EA Report content for review includes a "Views Expressed" section for each topic area. As you will see from the table of contents included in the first part of the attachment, the EA report will contain sections for each topic area (ie. Atmospheric, aquatic environment, etc.), each of which will include a description of the environment, the proponent's assessment, other views expressed (including how concerns were addressed), CNSC staff's analysis, followed by CNSC staff's conclusions on the significance of effects. The content attached for review includes the Views Expressed section, relevant to issues and concerns raised by ACFN related to each topic area. This information will be included in the EA report, as written and will be publicly accessible, once published.

We are asking you to review both documents for **accuracy** and to provide any comments and suggested edits as necessary. We ask that these documents are returned to us no later than **June 27th, 2025**. Please note that if we do not receive comments by the deadline then this information will be included without ACFN's feedback. If you have any questions, please reach out to myself or Nicole Frigault, or we can set up a meeting to discuss further.

Thanks,

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4.5 Engagement activities with Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation

Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation has reviewed and provided feedback on Section 4.5 of the Consultation Report. An updated traditional territory map was included in their response which has been included in 4.5.1. Views expressed by ACFN are shared in 4.5.3.

4.5.1 Background on Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation



Figure 12: ACFN logo

Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) is a signatory of Treaty 8 and is situated in northeastern Alberta with the current main settlement being in Fort Chipewyan, Alberta. ACFN has eight reserves with a combined area of 34,767 hectares. ACFN has a registered population of approximately 1,500 members. The reserves are located near the southwestern tip of Lake Athabasca, across the lake from Fort Chipewyan, and on the Athabasca River. It is accessible by air from Edmonton and Fort McMurray, and by winter road from Fort Smith (140 km to the north) or Fort McMurray (303 km to the south).

The Rook 1 Project is located approximately 160 km from the main ACFN reserve in a straight-line distance. The Project also overlaps ACFN's treaty territory and ACFN's claimed consultation notification territory, which includes the Clearwater River Watershed. Given ACFN's previous interest in the Cluff Lake Project (ACFN members have a trapping and hunting cabin on the Cluff Lake site, which is located 80 kms north of Rook 1) and that the Project site is located within ACFN's treaty and claimed consultation notification territories, ACFN has been identified as a community that should be engaged and consulted with for this Project.



Figure 13: ACFN traditional territory.

4.5.2 CNSC consultation activities with Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation

CNSC staff have been consulting and engaging with ACFN on the Project since 2019. In February 2023, the CNSC funded an ACFN TLUS to better understand the extent and use of ACFN's traditional territory in relation to CNSC-regulated projects and facilities. ACFN completed and shared the *Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation Traditional Land Use Study regarding Uranium Exploration and Development in ACFN Homelands in Northern Alberta and Northern Saskatchewan* with the CNSC in 2024. This TLUS provided CNSC staff with information and insights on current and past land use, as well as knowledge of the land as it relates to historic and current uranium development in ACFN's territory. CNSC staff drafted a WWHR based on the TLUS and shared it with ACFN for review and confirmation of accuracy.

ACFN noted the TLUS was preliminary and based on the limited interviews of land users they were able to conduct and is continuing to conduct the TLUS. Based on what has been shared from the TLUS, CNSC staff concluded that ACFN did not demonstrate that the Project would impact specific traditional or current land use activities directly; however, CNSC staff and NexGen continued to engage with ACFN to address and respond to any outstanding concerns regarding the Project.

In May 2024, the CNSC and ACFN signed a TOR for long-term engagement that outlines how the CNSC and ACFN engage and collaborate on nuclear projects that are within ACFN's traditional territory. CNSC and ACFN have a regular quarterly meeting to discuss the Project, and other projects of interest, and work towards understanding, assessing and addressing the concerns that ACFN has raised.

CNSC and ACFN have had ongoing discussions to address Project-specific concerns and potential impacts. ACFN expressed concerns, previously, in relation to technical elements of the Project which are summarized in the **Appendix** issues tracking table.

CNSC staff have worked and continue to work with ACFN and NexGen to respond to all the Nation's concerns, questions and comments about the Project. The CNSC has communicated to ACFN that it is seeking ACFN's feedback on the CNSC staff's Consultation Report, to ensure that information specific to ACFN's rights, knowledge, concerns and perspectives is captured accurately.

Appendix includes key correspondence relating to the consultation activities listed below.

Table 7: Summary of key engagement activities with Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation

Date	Engagement Activity
April 2019 – June 2019	CNSC staff sent ACFN an email and letter, giving notice that the CNSC has received an application for the Project. The letter outlined CNSC's licensing and EA processes and opportunities for ACFN participation, including funding opportunities.
July 2019 – December 2019	CNSC staff sent an email offering ACFN an additional review period of the Rook I Project Description, as the official comment period had already closed. ACFN provided comments on the Project Description to which CNSC responded to.
January 2020 – June 2020	No activity.
July 2020 – December 2020	No activity.
January 2021 – June 2021	CNSC staff called ACFN offering to have a meeting and share information and answer questions on the Project. ACFN sent the CNSC a signed Contribution Agreement in relation to the CNSC's PFP funding opportunity to review the draft EIS for the Project.
July 2021 – December 2021	No activity.
January 2022 – June 2022	No activity.
July 2022 – December 2022	CNSC staff met with ACFN to discuss their interest in reviewing the draft EIS. CNSC staff provided information on timelines, how ACFN can be involved in the regulatory process, and funding

	<p>opportunities. ACFN shared a financial report for a partial technical review of the EIS and requested an extension to complete the review and CNSC staff granted the extension. ACFN provided their EIS review comments to the CNSC.</p> <p>In September 2022 CNSC staff participated in an Elders meeting as well as a community workshop in Fort Chipewyan to provide an overview of the CNSC's mandate and the existing and proposed nuclear projects in ACFN's territory, including the NexGen Rook 1 Project. CNSC staff answered questions and concerns of community members, Elders and leadership regarding the Project and committed to coming back to the community to discuss the Project in more detail.</p> <p>CNSC staff also participated in two virtual events coordinated by ACFN to provide community members who don't live in the Fort Chipewyan community. CNSC staff gave a presentation regarding the CNSC's mandate, role and information on key projects in ACFN's territory, including the NexGen Rook 1 Project.</p>
January 2023 – June 2023	<p>CNSC staff and ACFN discussed and finalized a funding agreement to support engagement, offering advance payment to ACFN which the Nation accepted. Other topics discussed during this period included CNSC's regulatory process, Project updates, and an IK study. CNSC staff noted that Project timelines might inhibit the inclusion of the IK study within the EIS but stipulated that it would be included within the EA and CMD as appropriate.</p> <p>ACFN hosted a Fort Chipewyan Uranium TLUS Open House and CNSC staff shared presentation materials and participated.</p> <p>CNSC staff and ACFN continued to discuss the agenda and logistics for meeting, within the context of fires in the community. ACFN still expressed an interest in meeting with CNSC staff.</p>
July 2023 – December 2023	<p>CNSC staff and ACFN had a meeting and discussed ACFN's progress on developing a TLUS and development of a TOR for long-term engagement with the CNSC. ACFN enquired about additional funding to support the TLUS given the scope of the study. CNSC staff amended the funding agreement to support this request and shared the signed contribution agreement with ACFN. Both corresponded about the timelines and estimated completion date for the TLUS.</p> <p>CNSC staff and ACFN also discussed the Project's status and upcoming timelines, including the status of the re-submission of the draft EIS and the review of responses to information requests.</p>

	<p>CNSC staff requested that ACFN share comments on the provincial EIS, if of interest, and offered to discuss comments and concerns on their rights and interests. ACFN emphasized that the Nation is focused on obtaining environmental information from NexGen, not economic benefits.</p>
January 2024 – June 2024	<p>CNSC staff met with ACFN and provided updates on the status of the Project, including the status of NexGen’s responses to information requests on the federal EA. CNSC staff noted that NexGen is expected to include ACFN’s information and TLUS within the EIS if shared in a timely manner during the EIS drafting process. ACFN emphasized that they are approaching the Project strictly from an environmental protection perspective.</p> <p>ACFN indicated that NexGen had not been taking the Nation’s concerns seriously and that the Nation is looking for NexGen to respond to ACFN’s comments on the EIS. CNSC staff shared these concerns with NexGen and stated that the expectation is for NexGen to provide responses to ACFN’s comments on the EIS as soon as possible. CNSC staff also offered to set up a meeting between the CNSC, ACFN, and NexGen to discuss the concerns and find a path forward.</p> <p>CNSC staff and ACFN continued discussing the TLUS, including means of sharing information confidentially. CNSC staff also shared a draft copy of the WWHR summarizing the TLUS completed by ACFN for the Nation’s review.</p>
July 2024 – December 2024	<p>CNSC staff met with ACFN and provided updates on the status of NexGen’s technical review and outstanding information requests. ACFN confirmed that they have received NexGen’s responses to their review of the EIS. ACFN also provided comments on CNSC staff’s draft WWHR and CNSC staff returned a final copy for ACFN’s review.</p> <p>CNSC staff and ACFN planned an in-person community visit to discuss the status of NexGen with community members in Fort Chipewyan. ACFN shared that they have outstanding technical concerns on water quality, wildlife and vegetation monitoring. ACFN also shared that NexGen is unwilling to adopt mitigation measures that ACFN proposed.</p> <p>On September 26th, ACFN sent a letter to the CNSC requesting that the CNSC advise NexGen and all proposed industries within the consultation area to recategorize ACFN as a “Primary” Indigenous group, rather than as an “Other” Indigenous group, noting that the categorization of ACFN as a First Nation with</p>

	<p>minimal impacts is false and requires immediate reparation. On October 11th, CNSC staff and ACFN met to discuss the request.</p> <p>In September 2024 CNSC staff participated in a community meeting and workshop in Fort Chipewyan where the results of the TLUS was discussed. CNSC staff provided a presentation regarding the Project and answered questions from community members, Elders and leadership. CNSC staff also met with ACFN staff and representatives to discuss next steps in the regulatory process and an approach to collaborating on and supporting ACFN led environmental monitoring and data gathering activities.</p>
January 2025 – June 2025	<p>On February 14th, 2025, CNSC staff sent an email and letter with proposed next steps for consultation and engagement with ACFN for the remainder of the regulatory review process. This letter shared a status update on the acceptance of the final EIS, as well as next steps for developing an EA report, Consultation Report, and CMD. On March 6th, ACFN responded to the letter, expressing that the Nation looked forward to continuing engagement with the CNSC and requesting that CNSC staff share information on engagement timelines. ACFN also shared a document with technical responses and recommendations for the EIS. On March 18th, CNSC staff and ACFN met to discuss this correspondence and chart a path forward. CNSC staff followed up with ACFN after this meeting to clarify some of the language from the February 14th letter, noting the CNSC's acknowledgment of ACFN's position and concerns about the Project.</p>
July 2025 – December 2025	To be determined.

4.5.3 Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation's key issues and concerns and CNSC staff's response

The key issues and concerns specific to the Project that ACFN has raised to date are summarized below. ACFN raised these concerns in their October 2022 submission on the EIS. The detailed issues tracking table for ACFN can be found in [Appendix ____](#). The specific row discussing these issues can be found in [Appendix ____](#) and is listed beside each bullet. Please refer to this row in [Appendix ____](#) for additional context on the issue, CNSC staff's response and the issue's status.

1. Concerns about treaty and aboriginal rights including the following topics:
 - a. Concerns around that the project will infringe on ACFN's ability to practice their section 35 treaty rights to hunt, fish, trap, which are guaranteed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.
 - b. Emphasis from ACFN that the land is integral to ACFN's culture, identity and spirituality.
 - c. Concerns that ACFN requires funding for consultation and engagement meetings to better understand the potential project impacts.

- d. Concerns that access to the land is central for teaching cultural knowledge and language.
 - e. Fears that traditional practices aren't continued; Dene culture and language could be lost.
- 2. Concerns about land use and sustainability including concerns around the following topics:
 - a. Concerns that ACFN members actively use the land for traditional practices.
 - b. Concerns about the cumulative effects of development on ACFN's traditional lands.
 - c. Concerns that a technical review and land use study are necessary to fully consider the impacts of the project.
- 3. Concerns about environmental impacts and wildlife concerns including concerns around the following topics:
 - a. Concerns that the project description failed to provide sufficient information for understanding potential environmental impacts.
 - b. Concerns about water quality, fish and aquatic habitat, wildlife and overall environmental health.

ACFN has noted that, due to a lack of internal capacity and a lack of information and responses to technical questions from NexGen, ACFN is conducting additional assessments to better understand the potential adverse impacts to the Nation that may arise from the Project.

Views Expressed

ACFN has indicated that the CNSC has a duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate and/or mitigate potential impacts to Section 35 Aboriginal rights. ACFN has noted that discussion and collaboration do not fulfil the duty to consult and accommodate, nor do they address potential impacts to Section 35 Aboriginal rights.

Staff Response

CNSC staff will continue to work collaboratively with ACFN and NexGen to respond to and address the concerns raised to date including discussions on potential mitigations, and commitments to address the concerns ACFN has raised. This can include opportunities to collaborate on monitoring and follow up activities that aim to address ACFN's concerns on the Project.

Since 2019, CNSC staff have continued to consult and engage with ACFN and keep the Nation informed of the Project, providing opportunities to meet and discuss any comments or concerns. CNSC staff have offered additional meeting opportunities to understand, respond to and address concerns that ACFN has raised. To date, ACFN has not provided the CNSC with specific information regarding traditional or current land use in the proposed Project area. CNSC staff have offered and will continue to offer ACFN opportunities to provide input on how they would

like to be engaged on the Project and what would constitute meaningful engagement for ACFN. Additionally, CNSC staff are satisfied with NexGen's responses to ACFN's concerns and comments on the EIS. However, CNSC staff note that ACFN has indicated they are not satisfied with NexGen's engagement and responses to their technical concerns and comments to date. CNSC staff will continue to monitor NexGen's engagement throughout the lifecycle of the Project, if approved. Please see the issues tracking table in **Appendix X** for additional context.

CNSC staff encourage NexGen to continue engaging and collaborating with ACFN to address outstanding issues and concerns, with a goal of reaching consensus on the Project, where possible. CNSC staff anticipate receiving an update on NexGen's engagement efforts in an IER to be filed on record, as part of the upcoming Commission hearings.

4.5.4 Conclusion

CNSC staff's view is that the CNSC has conducted a thorough and flexible consultation and engagement process with ACFN to date. In addition, CNSC staff are satisfied with NexGen's consideration and responses to ACFN's questions, comments and concerns in relation to the Project. To date, ACFN has not provided specific information that demonstrates that the Project could lead to new impacts on their rights or interests directly. CNSC staff remain committed to engaging and sharing information with ACFN about the Project. CNSC staff are committed to continuing to consult, engage, and work collaboratively with ACFN and NexGen in advance of the Part-2 Commission hearing to address any outstanding concerns.

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Good afternoon Callie,

I wanted to thank ACFN Committee Members and Technical Staff in sharing ACFN's known historical and contemporary land use information related to the proposed NexGen Rook I Project. We appreciate the time it took to gather and present the information and the passion members spoke of when sharing their connection to the ancestral lands.

Attached is our analysis of the traditional use information provided as it pertains to potential impacts to ACFN's rights as a result of the proposed Project. We are open to receiving any updated information the Nation wishes to share regarding member land use as more Nation members come forward. In addition, we are happy to discuss our findings in a follow-up call should the Nation wish to meet.

Thank you again for your time.

Hilary

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Sent: 2025-12-10 11:52:00 AM

Good morning Callie,

Thank you for reaching out to confirm important dates for the NexGen Part II hearing.

The Revised Notice of Public Hearing and Participant Funding is available here: [Revised notice of public hearing and participant funding - CMD 25-H12](#). Agendas are normally posted online 1-2 weeks before each part of the hearing. They will provide additional details about the hearing.

Part 2 of the hearing is scheduled for the **week of February 9, 2026**, at the Delta Saskatoon Downtown, 405 20th Street East in Saskatoon. The precise dates of the hearing will be confirmed once we know the number of intervenors.

Key deadlines include **January 9, 2026** for intervention requests, and **January 19, 2026** for PowerPoint submissions. Contact emails are pfp@cnscccsn.gc.ca for funding inquiries and interventions@cnscccsn.gc.ca for hearing-related questions.

In Part 2, NexGen and CNSC staff will make opening presentations. This will be followed by all the other participants who want to make an oral presentation (some intervenors make written presentations only). Commission members may ask questions to intervenors after each presentation. Most intervenors are given 10 minutes for their presentation; however, Indigenous Nations and communities are often given more time. If there are ways that we can facilitate your presentation to the Commission, please let us know in advance. Once all the participants have made their presentations, there will be a final round of questions from Commission members. Then, NexGen and CNSC staff will both be given the opportunity to make final remarks. Again, the agenda will provide more precise information, but hearing days normally start at 9:00 am and can last until 5:00 or 6:00 pm, with breaks in the morning, afternoon, and for lunch.

I hope this answers your questions; if there are any others, please let me know.

Thank you,

Hilary

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EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

Hello Hilary

Could you please relay important upcoming dates and deadlines for submissions, in-person presentations, and any other important milestones to take note?

Our office is breaking for the holidays, and I would like to understand the upcoming important dates to remember as we prepare for our submission and intervention material.



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Hi Callie,

ACFN will be intervening the week of February 9-13th, 2026 during the part 2 hearing for NexGen. My understanding is that we will have a better idea on the exact day of the ACFN intervention closer to the part 2 hearing. As information becomes available, we will keep you posted.

Thank you,

Hilary

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EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

Hello

Could you please confirm the dates of the hearing in which ACFN will be participating as an intervenor?

Thank you,
Callie

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Subject: CNSC & ACFN - Issues Tracking Table - Fore Review: Rook I

Good Afternoon Callie,

Please see attached ACFN's issues tracking table for the NexGen Rook I Project for your review. This tracking table includes concerns that ACFN has raised throughout the EA process for the Project and includes CNSC's response. This table will be appended to the Consultation Report for the Project in advance of the Part 1 hearing. Note that the status of each issue and concern will not be included in the posting prior to the Part 1 hearing until there is validation from ACFN.

Please review the document for **accuracy** and return to us no later than **October 17th, 2025**. Please note that if we do not receive comments by the deadline then this information will be included without ACFN's feedback. If you have any questions, please reach out to myself or Nicole Frigault.

Thank you,

Hilary

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Subject: NexGen Rook I Project – Consultation with Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation

Dear Ms. Flett:

I would like to thank Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) for your continued interest and engagement with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) as it relates to the proposed NexGen Rook I Project (the Project). In correspondence, discussions and through ACFN's written intervention we have heard ACFN's concerns regarding the potential of the Project to impact ACFN members' exercise of rights.


We appreciate ACFN sharing its study "*Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation Traditional Land Use Study Regarding Uranium Exploration and Development in ACFN Homelands in Northern Alberta and Northern Saskatchewan*" (TLUS). The TLUS provided CNSC staff valuable insight into historical and current land use, cultural connections, and community perspectives on uranium mining, milling, and exploration activities within the western Athabasca Basin to aid in CNSC staff's understanding of potential impacts on ACFN's Aboriginal and treaty rights as affirmed under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982. CNSC staff have evaluated the traditional land use information shared to date and details of our assessment of potential impacts on ACFN's rights related to the Project are contained in Annex A attached to this letter.

The analysis contained in Annex A will be included in CNSC staff's publicly available Commission Member Document supplemental submission to outline CNSC staff's analysis and recommendations as it relates to assessing impacts to ACFN's rights as a result of the Project. This information is required for the Commission to make an informed decision on the Project. Please advise if Annex A contains any confidential information that ACFN wishes to not be on the public record as a summary analysis can be provided.

CNSC staff understand and acknowledge that ACFN's Indigenous Knowledge and traditional land use data are ever-evolving and as more Nation members come forward to share their knowledge, more historical and contemporary use may be understood. CNSC staff remains open to receiving information with regards to ACFN's traditional use and practices at any time as the information becomes available.

The CNSC is committed to working with ACFN to collaborate on addressing any outstanding concerns with respect to the NexGen Rook I Project, including engagement on monitoring initiatives and follow-up activities, where appropriate. Please let us know if you would like to set up a meeting to discuss CNSC staff's analysis of the information shared to date as it relates to ACFN's traditional use and rights, and working on a path forward together.

Yours sincerely,



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CNSC staff's analysis of potential impacts on ACFN's rights as it relates to the NexGen Rook I Project

Summary of Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation Traditional Land Use

Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) shared its study “*Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation Traditional Land Use Study Regarding Uranium Exploration and Development in ACFN Homelands in Northern Alberta and Northern Saskatchewan*” (TLUS)¹. The TLUS provided CNSC staff valuable insight into historical and current land use, cultural connections, and community perspectives on uranium mining, milling, and exploration activities within the Athabasca Basin. The study addressed two proposed projects, NexGen’s Rook I and Fission’s Patterson Lake South, as well as the cumulative impacts from historical uranium mining at Beaverlodge and Cluff Lake. As indicated in the TLUS, the data was comprised of information provided by 12 ACFN members interviewed for their knowledge. ACFN’s ancestral lands encompass Northern Alberta and Northern/Northwestern Saskatchewan, with traditional activities concentrated around Carswell Lake, Cluff Lake, Sandy Lake, and Lake Athabasca. These areas remain critical for subsistence, cultural, and spiritual practices that sustain ACFN’s identity and way of life.

Results shared with CNSC staff identified the following:

- 3,655 Traditional Use (TU) Values identified across seven categories: Subsistence (2,532), Habitation (470), Cultural/Spiritual (130), Transportation (164), Trapping (56), Indigenous Landscape (188), Wildlife/Ecological (115).
- Significant areas include *huezân tué chogh* (Carswell Lake), *thai tué* (Sandy Lake), and *huezân túaze* (Cluff Lake).
- Generational traplines (N22 and N23) near Lake Athabasca remain culturally important.
- Wildlife/Ecological Values include caribou habitat and fish spawning areas near Lake Athabasca, Gunnar mine, Beaverlodge mine, and south to Patterson Lake.

¹ CNSC acknowledges that ACFN’s Indigenous Knowledge is a living entity that is ever-evolving and changes as more members come forward with information regarding historical and contemporary use. CNSC used the provided traditional use information to conduct an assessment on the potential impacts to the rights and interests of ACFN members arising from the proposed NexGen Rook I Project. The CNSC acknowledges that this may not be the extent of ACFN member historical and contemporary land use nor does it constitute the full extent of the Nation’s rights assertions.

ACFN believes the TLUS findings underscore the importance of relatively undisturbed areas in Saskatchewan for hunting, fishing, and gathering, given the extensive land disturbance in Alberta from oil sands development.

CNSC Evaluation of Traditional Use Data and Impacts to ACFN's Aboriginal and Treaty Rights

Based on CNSC staff's analysis and independent review of the potential impacts of the NexGen Rook I Project, CNSC staff evaluated the Project's potential impacts to rights considering:

- Changes to quantity and quality of resources relating to the exercise of rights
- Changes in access to areas of cultural importance and areas containing resources that support the exercise of rights
- Changes to governance, laws and cultural traditions that inform the exercise of rights

Changes in the Quantity and Quality of Resources Relating to the Exercise of Rights

ACFN's Ancestral Lands encompass a large section of the boreal forest in present-day northern Alberta and northwestern Saskatchewan, with traditional activity focused throughout the northwest corner of the Athabasca basin. Members of ACFN have observed notable changes in the availability and condition of resources essential for exercising their Indigenous and Treaty rights, largely due to cumulative industrial activities such as uranium mining, oil sands development, and other land disturbances. Community feedback highlights a decline in wildlife and fish health, with concerns regarding reduced caribou populations, altered migration patterns, and perceived contamination of fish near historical mine sites such as Cluff Lake and Beaverlodge. These concerns have led to the avoidance of traditional fishing and hunting areas. Areas historically used for berry picking and medicinal plant harvesting have also been disturbed or abandoned due to contamination fears and industrial activity, compelling families to relocate these practices to less impacted regions. Access to undisturbed lands has diminished, particularly in Alberta where oil sands development has significantly altered the landscape, limiting opportunities for traditional harvesting and cultural activities, although Saskatchewan areas remain relatively intact. Perceived contamination has further influenced community behaviours, including avoiding certain lakes for fishing and relocating berry picking activities away from uranium sites, with implications for cultural continuity and food security.

ACFN members rely on Saskatchewan territory for subsistence activities such as moose hunting, berry gathering, and fishing within the Regional Study Area (RSA²). Hunting for moose and caribou on the Saskatchewan side of the traditional territory is considered particularly important, as these lands remain relatively undisturbed compared to ACFN's traditional territory located in Alberta. ACFN emphasized their use and significance of N22 and N23 traplines, located on the

² The Project LSA and RSA is based on those areas identified in the NexGen Environmental Impact Statement for Indigenous Land and Resource Use.

south and north sides of Lake Athabasca respectively, which have been maintained by multiple generations of ACFN members.

In addition, as discussed in CNSC staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) report, the residual impact on key valued components (VC) (including surface water and sediment quality, fish and fish habitat, hydrology wildlife and wildlife habitat, woodland caribou, terrain and soils, and vegetation) are expected to be primarily contained to the Project site, and in some instances extend minimally into the LSA. However, with the application of mitigation measures, and follow-up activities outlined in the EA report, including the proposed condition of requiring NexGen to submit a Woodland Caribou Mitigation and Offset Plan, the residual impacts to the noted VCs are predicted to be non-significant. Given ACFN members' land use is primarily located outside the Project RSA and there are no predicted changes in wildlife (i.e. fish and animals) use and travel/migration inside or outside the RSA as a result of the Project, it is expected that there will be no direct impacts on ACFN's right to fish, hunt, trap and gather in relation to the Project. In addition, given that the predominant areas of traditional use noted by ACFN are in a different watershed to the Project, CNSC staff do not expect there to be any direct impacts to ACFN's rights and interests as they related to the changes to the quantity and quality of resources.

Changes in Access to Areas of Cultural Importance and Areas Containing Resources that Support the Exercise of Rights

ACFN's use, as described to CNSC staff, is concentrated in areas of northern Alberta, along the Alberta-Saskatchewan border, and around the Lake Athabasca, Beaverlodge Lake and Cluff Lake areas. Key access and travel routes identified by ACFN include Highway 955, a parallel route to Highway 955, and pathways through and around Lake Athabasca outside the Project RSA.

As ACFN members' land use is primarily located outside the project RSA it is expected that there would be no direct impacts on ACFN's right to access culturally important lands and resources. As such, any physical changes to the landscape are not likely to be experienced by ACFN members when accessing areas of cultural importance. NexGen will be utilizing the existing access by Hwy 955 for Project development. Therefore, the Project will not create any new access, and increased access to the Cluff Lake area is not predicted. When taking into consideration the mitigation measures and follow up activities outlined in the EA report, as they relate to Indigenous Land and Resource use, the CNSC does not expect any direct impacts to ACFN's rights and interests to access areas and sites of cultural importance and areas containing resources that related to the exercise of rights as result of the Project.

Changes to Governance, Laws, and Cultural Traditions that Inform the Exercise of Rights

ACFN reported that community members continue to demonstrate resilience and adaptability in maintaining their connection to the land and exercising Treaty and Aboriginal rights, despite changes in resource availability and governance frameworks. While declines in wildlife and fish health and shifts in traditional harvesting areas have required adjustments, ACFN families are actively seeking alternative locations for berry picking, medicinal plant gathering, and fishing to sustain cultural practices. Efforts to access culturally significant areas remain strong, with community members prioritizing visits to ancestral sites, cabin maintenance, and seasonal harvesting whenever possible. Governance changes, including provincial regulations on traplines and licensing, present opportunities for dialogue and collaboration to ensure that administrative processes support cultural continuity and knowledge transmission.

ACFN have identified locations of cultural and spiritual importance along the shores of Lake Athabasca, Beaverlodge Lake, Traplines N22 and N23 and the Flett cabin near Cluff Lake. Access to these areas, as well as important fishing spots, hunting locations, gathering locations and cultural sites that ACFN has identified remain even if the Project is approved and developed. The development of the Project will not result in a loss of stewardship over areas used for the exercise of rights and all stewardship and decision-making abilities of the identified culturally and ecologically important lands, based on the noted areas of traditional use, will not be directly impacted by the Project.

Project-related activities during site preparation, construction and operation have the potential to disrupt access and change land users' experiences. However, based on the traditional use data and information shared by ACFN to date, approval and the potential development of the Project will not directly change the experience in accessing and using areas of cultural importance for ACFN members. No new access will be created for the Lake Athabasca, Beaverlodge Lake, N22 and N23 traplines and Cluff Lake area and there is no predicted increase in activity to these areas as a result of the Project.

In addition, by adopting an underground tailings management facility, NexGen has taken steps to minimize the footprint of the proposed mine and mill which helps minimize any potential impacts to views in the Project area. This helps reduce any impacts to Indigenous land user experience when exercising rights in the immediate vicinity of the Project. NexGen has committed to creating a closure landscape that supports unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Nations and communities as a core objective of its decommissioning and reclamation plans. When taking into consideration the mitigation measures, and follow-up measures outlined in the EA report, CNSC staff do not expect any residual potential impacts to ACFN's rights and interests as they relate to governance, laws and cultural traditions resulting from the Project.

Cumulative Effects and Regional Monitoring in the Athabasca Basin

ACFN emphasized concerns about cumulative effects from decades of industrial development, including uranium mining and oil sands activities, which have collectively reduced ecological integrity and cultural continuity. The community has called for regional monitoring programs that incorporate Indigenous knowledge and address cumulative impacts beyond project-specific assessments. Transparent reporting and ongoing collaboration were identified as essential to ensuring that future development does not further erode environmental health or cultural practices.

The CNSC's Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP) is a regulatory verification tool that supplements licensee environmental monitoring programs. Under the IEMP, CNSC staff work directly with Indigenous Nations and communities to identify areas of traditional use and collect samples of environmental media in publicly accessible areas surrounding nuclear facilities including uranium mines and mills. Samples such as air, surface water, soil, sediment, fish and traditional foods such as berries and wild game are collected and analyzed for radionuclides and other contaminants of potential concern (COPCs) using accredited laboratories and validated analytical methods. Measured concentrations of COPC are analyzed and interpreted by CNSC staff to confirm that exposures to COPCs remain well below thresholds that could pose risks to human health or ecological receptors. IEMP results are provided to interested Indigenous Nations and communities in plain language summary cards and published on the CNSC website to ensure transparency and support evidence-based regulatory oversight.

In addition, the CNSC and the Province of Saskatchewan are exploring implementing a program similar to the Eastern Athabasca Regional Monitoring Program (EARMP) for uranium mine and mill developments in the western Athabasca Basin. As with EARMP, the goal of a similar program in the western Athabasca Basin would be to understand the downstream impacts of uranium mining and milling operations in Northwestern Saskatchewan.

The predominant area(s) of traditional use in closest proximity to Patterson Lake noted by ACFN members is at Lake Athabasca and surrounding Beaverlodge Lake which are located outside of the Project RSA.

Based on the technical analysis of the proposed Rook I Project, cumulative effects arising from the Project are not predicted. In addition, The NexGen Rook I Project will be included in CNSC's IEMP and recommended for inclusion into a potentially expanded Athabasca Regional Monitoring Program allowing for community-based monitoring to evaluate the ongoing environmental health of the region and to ensure the Project is not contributing to regional cumulative effects. CNSC staff are committed to engaging ACFN on IEMP and regional monitoring initiatives so Nation members can continue carrying out traditional practices in areas of use with confidence.

Conclusions

Based on the assessment of Project residual impacts and factoring in the predominant area of traditional use reported by ACFN members, CNSC staff do not predict any direct impacts to ACFN's Indigenous and treaty rights as a direct result of the Project if approved, based on the information shared to date. CNSC staff remain committed to continuing to engage and work with ACFN to address any outstanding concerns and questions with regards to the Project and are committed to engaging and collaborating on monitoring activities to ensure that ACFN and its members have confidence in the health and safety of the environment in order to continue to carry out traditional practices and activities in their traditional and treaty territories.

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Hello Adam

I do apologize for that oversight! I was under the impression this was due January 16. I had searched for the deadlines online and that is the date I had received and communicated to my technical team.

I have requested an extension with the email you provided below for January 16.

Please advise if there are any further steps to ensure our submission is allowed, I would hate to miss this due to an administrative error.

Thank you,
Callie

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Cc: McKeown, Justin (CNSC/CCSN) <justin.mckeown@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Hunter, Hilary (CNSC/CCSN) <hilary.hunter@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Participant Funding Program - Programme de financière des participants (CNSC/CCSN) <pfp@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Janelle Flett <janelle.flett@acfn.com>; Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>; Timothy Bebetidoh <Timothy.Bebetidoh@acfn.com>
Subject: Fw: CNSC Participant Funding Program - Contribution Agreement - NexGen Rook 1 Project - ACFN
Importance: High

Hi Callie,

I hope you are well! This is an urgent reminder that the deadline to submit an intervention for the NexGen hearing was January 9, 2026 (see section 2.3 of the contribution agreement). Does ACFN still intend to submit an intervention? If so, please contact the Commission Registry as soon as possible to request an extension: interventions@cnscccsn.gc.ca.

Let us know if you have any questions, thanks!

Adam Zenobi

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From: Jean, Arielle
Sent: July 9, 2025 3:52 PM
To: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>
Subject: RE: CNSC Participant Funding Program - Contribution Agreement - NexGen Rook 1 Project - ACFN

Hi Callie,

Please find attached the agreement signed by CNSC for your records.

Thank you,

Arielle

From: Jean, Arielle

Sent: July 8, 2025 2:06 PM

To: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>

Subject: RE: CNSC Participant Funding Program - Contribution Agreement - NexGen Rook 1 Project - ACFN

Hi Callie,

Thank you for providing the signed agreement – I will send you the fully executed copy as soon as possible.

Have a great day!

Arielle

From: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>

Sent: July 8, 2025 1:44 PM

To: Jean, Arielle <arielle.jean@cnsccsn.gc.ca>

Cc: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>

Subject: FW: CNSC Participant Funding Program - Contribution Agreement - NexGen Rook 1 Project - ACFN

EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

Hello

Please see attached signed agreement.

Thank you,

Callie

From: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:44 AM

To: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>

Subject: RE: CNSC Participant Funding Program - Contribution Agreement - NexGen Rook 1 Project - ACFN

Approved.

Thanks
Charlene

From: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:32 AM
To: Charlene Williams <charlene.williams@acfn.com>
Cc: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>
Subject: FW: CNSC Participant Funding Program - Contribution Agreement - NexGen Rook 1 Project - ACFN

Hello

Please approve.

Thank you,
Callie

From: Jean, Arielle <arielle.jean@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:23 PM
To: Callie Davies-Flett <callie.davies-flett@acfn.com>
Subject: CNSC Participant Funding Program - Contribution Agreement - NexGen Rook 1 Project - ACFN

Hello,

The application for Participant Funding that you submitted on behalf of **Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation** to review the environmental assessment (EA) and Licence to Construct (LTC) application for **NexGen’s Rook 1 Project** has been accepted, with some modifications. Please read this whole email, as well as the attached **Contribution Agreement** and the PFP Terms and Conditions in their entirety.

It is important to review the entire Contribution Agreement, particularly the text in bold. **The specific objectives that you are required to complete under this agreement are included in section 2.2 and 2.3.** Section 3.3 includes the deadline for your submissions.

Please let me know as soon as possible whether you will be accepting the terms of the Contribution Agreement. The CNSC must receive a signed copy of the Contribution Agreement by **July 11, 2025** otherwise the Contribution Agreement will be considered null and void.

The breakdown of funding, based on your initial application, reviewed by the independent Funding Review Committee (FRC), and then accepted by the CNSC, is as follows:

Professional Fees	
• Integrated Toxicology Solutions:	
• Thompson Aquatic:	
• GeoRoots:	
• Cumulative Effects Environmental:	
• Project management:	
• Presentation preparation (consultants + Elder participation):	
• Legal review:	
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Travel:	
• 4 ACFN and/or technical staff to travel to Saskatoon for the Commission hearing:	
Other:	
• Admin fees:	
Total Funding	

This is provided as a guide to you, to show you how the independent FRC approved your initial budget. Should you wish to discuss the breakdown of funding allotted based on your PFP application form, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

*****Important***:** All document acquisition requests to the CNSC (i.e. licensing documentation, Licence Conditions Handbook, Commission Member Documents, environmental monitoring reports etc.) must be directed to the CNSC Interventions Inbox at interventions@cnscccsn.gc.ca but please also copy pfp@cnscccsn.gc.ca so that the PFP administrators are aware of your request. The CNSC will attempt to address information requests as quickly as possible so as not to delay recipient efforts, however, some documents may take more time to access. The CNSC reserves the right to limit the amount of information provided when information requests become onerous, or when the material is deemed proprietary or confidential.

If you have any questions or require any clarification regarding any of the above material, please feel free to contact me.

Arielle Jean

(she/her/elle)

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C.7 Key Correspondence with Ya'thi Néné Land and Resource Office



April 2, 2019

e-Doc: 5865657

Mr. Garrett Schmidt
Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resource Office

garrett.schmidt@yathinene.com

Subject: Notice of NexGen Ltd, Rook I Project, a Proposal for a New Uranium Mining and Milling Project, in northern Saskatchewan.

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with notice that the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) has received an application from NexGen Energy Ltd (NexGen) to develop a uranium mine and mill on the Patterson Lake peninsula in the southwestern Athabasca Basin in northern Saskatchewan, approximately 155 km north of the town of La Loche, SK. The proposed development is called the Rook I Project.

The proposed project requires a federal environmental assessment (EA) under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) and will require authorization from the CNSC under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* (NSCA).

The proposed project includes underground and surface facilities to support the mining and processing of uranium ore. The main components of the project include:

- underground mine development
- an on-site mill to process an average of 1,400 tonnes of ore per day
- surface facilities to support the short and long-term storage of waste rock and ore
- an underground tailings management facility
- water handling infrastructure and an effluent treatment and discharge
- additional infrastructure including but not limited to, a camp for personnel, and supporting facilities such as an airstrip, waste and water management facilities, maintenance shop, warehouse, and offices

Vehicle access to the site would be provided by upgrading an existing access road that connects the site with Provincial Highway 955 which extends from La Loche to the decommissioned Cluff Lake uranium mine site.

Environmental Assessment and Licensing

The proposed project will require an EA under CEAA 2012. The CNSC will be responsible for making both an EA and a licensing decision for this project. The CNSC is also the Crown Consultation Coordinator for the federal government for the project.

As part of their application, NexGen will be seeking concurrent EA and licensing processes so that both EA and licensing matters can be considered at the same public Commission hearing. The Commission must make an EA decision that the project will not cause significant adverse environmental effects prior to making a licensing decision.

The proposed project is also subject to a provincial environmental assessment as it is a “development” as defined in section 2(d) of *The Environmental Assessment Act*. Therefore, NexGen is also required to undertake a provincial EA for the project and seek approval from the Saskatchewan Minister of Environment prior to proceeding with the project. CNSC and the Saskatchewan Environmental Assessment & Stewardship Branch will work closely to coordinate our respective EA processes wherever possible.

Commission Hearing

Before the Commission can make a decision on the licence application, a public hearing will be held to ensure that the Commission has the information it needs, and that NexGen and interveners (including Indigenous groups and members of the public) have had a reasonable opportunity to present relevant information to the Commission. The CNSC encourages your participation in the review process, including the public hearing.

The Commission’s public hearing for the Rook I Project has not yet been scheduled. We will provide you with an update once further details are confirmed regarding the timing, location and format of the Commission hearing for this project.

For more details on CNSC’s public hearing processes, you can visit the web link:
<http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/the-commission/hearings/participate/index.cfm>.

Participant Funding Program

The CNSC has established a Participant Funding Program (PFP) to enhance participation in the CNSC’s regulatory processes. Funding for this project will be offered for participation in both the EA/licensing and Commission hearing processes. The availability of PFP will be announced within the next few months (around the same time as the official posting of the Notice of Commencement for the project). Once the availability of funding is announced we will provide you with further details on the application process, scope of funding and amounts available.

Please visit the CNSC’s PFP funding opportunities webpage for more information, including the application process: <http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/the-commission/participant-funding-program/opportunities/index.cfm>

If you have questions about the PFP please contact the PFP Administrator toll-free at 1-800-668-5284, or by e-mail at cnsf.pfp.ccsn@canada.ca.

Indigenous Consultation

The CNSC, as an agent of the Government of Canada and as Canada's nuclear regulator, recognizes and understands the importance of consulting and building relationships with Canada's Indigenous peoples.

As an Indigenous group with potential interest in this project, the CNSC is interested in hearing any views you may have with respect to the project.

Next Steps:

Once the final project description has been submitted by NexGen, CNSC staff will provide your community with further details on the federal EA process to be followed for the proposed project.

The CNSC will be posting a Notice of Commencement on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry within the next couple of weeks. At the same time as the posting of the Notice of Commencement, the CNSC will also post the project description for a 30 day review and comment period. As part of the EA process, Indigenous groups and members of the public will have the following opportunities to comment on the:

- the project description
- the draft Environmental Impact Statement

Indigenous groups and members of the public will also be given the opportunity to submit comments to the Commission for an eventual EA/Licensing hearing as a Commission Member Document (written intervention and/or oral presentation).

Staying Informed

The CNSC is committed to ongoing consultation and engagement with you and your Nation in relation to this proposed project and will be providing information updates directly to you at key points in the regulatory process.

In addition, if you wish to receive e-mail notifications when the CNSC's website is updated, including notices for hearings, meetings and PFP funding opportunities, you can sign-up to the CNSC mailing list by visiting the following web link and choosing the 'new subscriber' option:

<http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/stay-connected/get-involved/subscribe/index.cfm>.

If you have any questions relating to this project during the EA process, please contact the Crown Consultation Coordinator on this file, Nicole Frigault, by phone at 613 995-7948 or by email at nicole.frigault@canada.ca

Yours sincerely,



Candida Cianci
Director, Environmental Assessment Division
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

Enclosure: Appendix A: Location of the proposed Rook I uranium mine and processing mill project

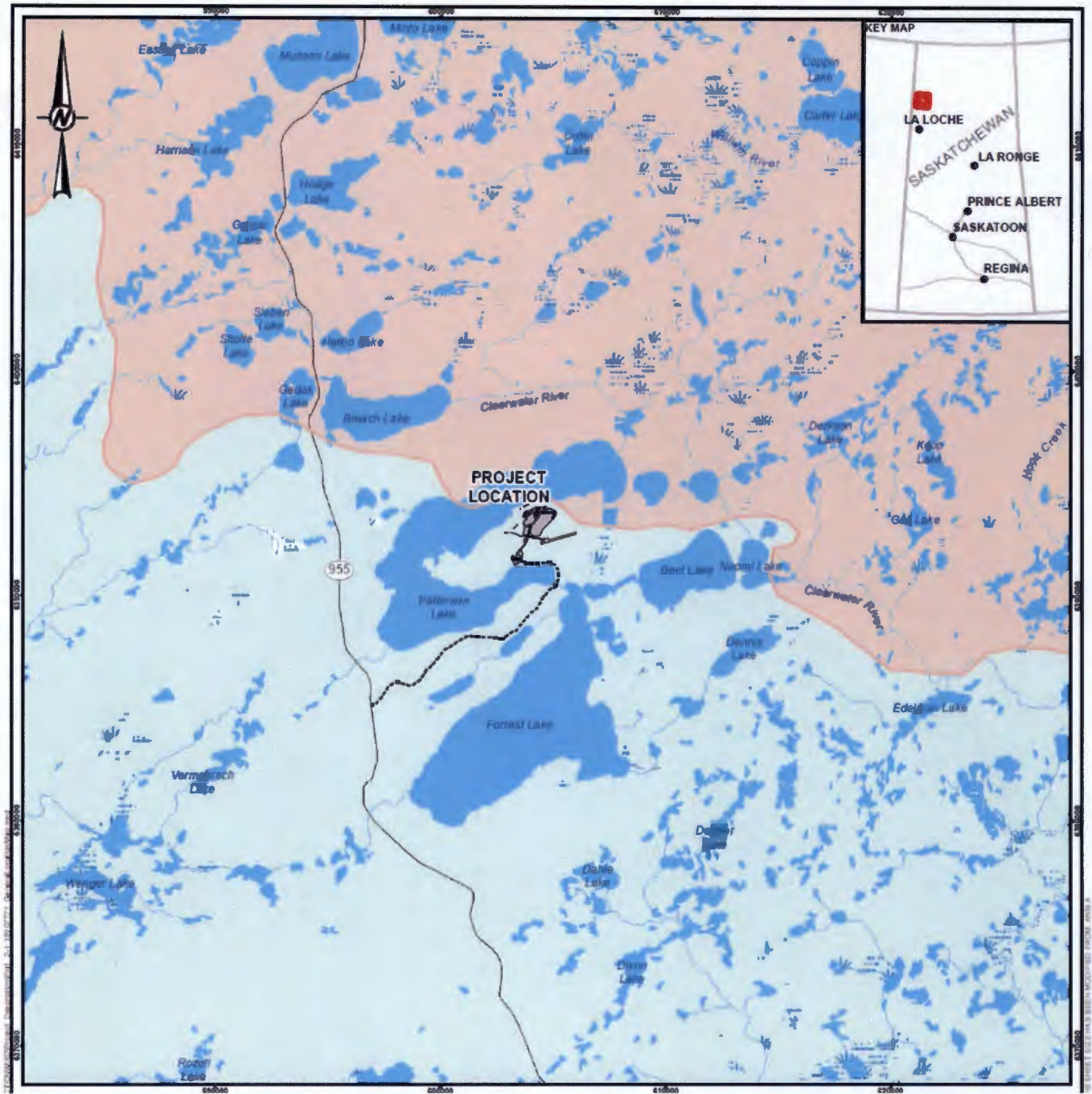
Appendix B: Indigenous Consultation and Engagement at the CNSC (e-doc 5862079)

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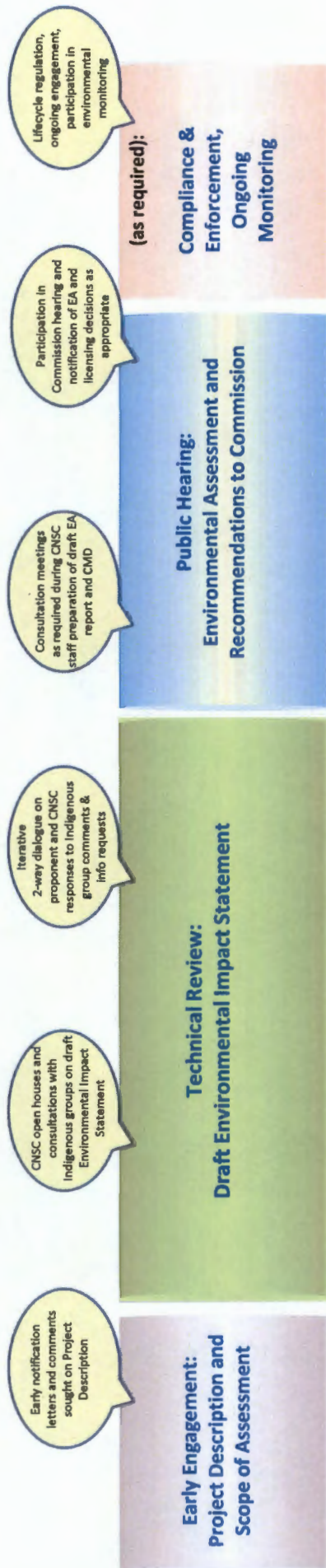
A similar letter was sent to the following groups:

Metis Nation Saskatchewan, Northern Region II
Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation
Clearwater River Dene Nation
Black Lake Denesuline First Nation
Fond-de-Lac Denesuline First Nation
Buffalo River Dene Nation
Birch Narrows Dene Nation
English River First Nation
Meadow Lake Tribal Council

Appendix A: Location of the proposed Rook I uranium mine and mill project



Appendix B: Indigenous Consultation and Engagement at the CNSC



March 2019 to Submission of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SUBMISSION DATE TO BE DETERMINED)

SUBMISSION DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Public Commission Hearing – DATE TO BE DETERMINED

From: Ennamsaoui, Mouna (CNSC/CCSN) on behalf of [Cianci, Candida \(CNSC/CCSN\)](#)
To: Garrett.schmidt@yathinene.com
Cc: louiemergredi.fdl@sasktel.net; csayazie@hotmail.com;
tlbbeavereye@hotmail.com;
Subject: Notice of NexGen Ltd, Rook I Project, a Proposal for a New Uranium Mining and Milling Project, in northern Saskatchewan.
Sent: 2019-04-02 12:50:00 PM

Dear Garrett Schmidt,

Please find attached an electronic copy of the Notice sent to you regarding a project proposal submitted by NexGen Ltd for a new uranium mine and milling project in northern Saskatchewan.

Please direct any questions relating to the environmental assessments of these projects to Nicole Frigault (Environmental Assessment Officer, Environmental Assessment Division, CNSC), at (613) 995-7948 or by e-mail at nicole.frigault@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

Candida Cianci
Director, Environmental Assessment Division
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

From: [Frigault, Nicole \(CNSC/CCSN\)](#)
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['info@mltc.net'](#);
Subject: REMINDER: Comments invited on NexGen Energy Ltd. Project Description
Sent: 2019-05-31 3:42:00 PM

Good afternoon,

I am just following up with you to see if you and/or or your community plan to submit comments on the project description for the proposed Rook I Project (<https://www.ceaa.gc.ca/050/documents/p80171/129514E.pdf>). – as detailed in the e-mail correspondence below that was sent to you on May 3, 2019.

If you are planning on submitting comments, and would like an extension to the June 1, 2019 deadline, please let me know and we can certainly find a date that works for you.

Please do not hesitate to phone me at 613-995-7948 or simply respond by e-mail Nicole.frigault@canada.ca.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best regards,

Nicole

Nicole Frigault

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From: Frigault, Nicole (CNSC/CCSN)
Sent: May 3, 2019 2:30 PM
To: Frigault, Nicole (CNSC/CCSN) <nicole.frigault@canada.ca>
Subject: Comments invited on NexGen Energy Ltd. Project Description

Good afternoon,

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) is [seeking comments](https://www.ceaa.gc.ca/050/documents/p80171/129514E.pdf) from the public and Indigenous groups on the project description for the proposed Rook I Project (<https://www.ceaa.gc.ca/050/documents/p80171/129514E.pdf>).

The project involves the construction of a new uranium mining and milling operation located on the Patterson Lake peninsula in the southwestern Athabasca Basin in northern Saskatchewan, approximately 155 km north of the town of La Loche, Saskatchewan.

The CNSC reviewed the project description and determined that it was written in accordance with the Prescribed Information for the Description of a Designated Project Regulations. (These regulations are made under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012). Detailed information about the project will be available in the environmental impact statement, which NexGen Energy Ltd., the proponent, will submit at a later stage of the environmental assessment (EA) process.

Comments on the project description should be based on local, regional or traditional knowledge of the site or surrounding environment, or provide any other relevant information that may help with the conduct of the EA. All comments received will be considered public.

Written comments must be submitted by June 1, 2019, to:

Nicole Frigault, Environmental Assessment Specialist
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
P.O. Box 1046 Station B
280 Slater Street

Ottawa ON K1P 5S9
Telephone: 613-995-7948 or 1-800-668-5284
Fax: 613-995-5086
Email: cnsccs@canada.ca

Following receipt of comments on the project description, CNSC staff will consider all submissions received and make recommendations to inform the Commission's decision on the scope of the factors to be considered in the EA. In addition, CNSC staff will respond to all comments received from members of the public and Indigenous groups. The comments and responses will be placed in a table and publicly posted to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry. Effort will be made to group common issues together.

Following the Commission's decision on the EA scope, NexGen Energy Ltd. will then be required to provide to the CNSC an environmental impact statement (EIS) for review. An EIS is a report that a proponent writes to present the technical studies and findings of an EA. The CNSC's Generic Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (<http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/pdfs/Environmental-Assessments/CEAA-2012-Generic-EIS-Guidelines-eng.pdf>) provide general instructions on preparing the EIS and information that must be included in it in order to comply with CEAA 2012 requirements.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Nicole.frigault@canada.ca or by telephone at 613-995-7948.

Kind regards,

Nicole Frigault

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission / Government of Canada
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Participant funding to review the draft Environmental Impact Statement for NexGen Energy Ltd.'s Rook I project

Participant funding for NexGen Energy Ltd.'s Rook I project will be open from **May 25 to August 28, 2020**.

Participant funding notice

The CNSC is offering participant funding to assist Indigenous peoples, members of the public, and stakeholders in the review of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Rook I project by NexGen Energy Ltd. (NexGen).

NexGen is proposing to develop an underground uranium mine on the Patterson Lake peninsula in the southwestern Athabasca Basin in northern Saskatchewan, approximately 155 km north of the village of La Loche, Saskatchewan. The proposed project includes underground and surface facilities to support the mining and processing of uranium ore. The main components include:

- Underground mine development
- An onsite mill to process an average of 1,400 tonnes of ore per day
- Surface facilities to support the short- and long-term storage of waste rock and ore
- An underground tailings management facility
- Water-handling infrastructure and an effluent treatment circuit
- Additional infrastructure to support mining activities

CNSC authorization in the form of a licence issued under subsection 24(2) of the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* is required in order for the project to proceed. Before the Commission can make a decision regarding NexGen's proposal, an environmental assessment (EA) conducted under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*, is required.

For further details on NexGen's proposal and the EA process, please see [Canadian Impact Assessment Registry project #80171](#). The dates and location of public Commission hearings will be announced at a later date in a notice of public hearing.

Up to **\$150,000** in participant funding will be disbursed among all eligible applicants for the provision of new, distinctive and valuable information on NexGen's upcoming draft EIS and related documentation. The first phase of funding is intended to assist in the review of the draft EIS, which is anticipated to be submitted in late 2020 or early 2021. A second phase of funding to assist with participation in the remainder of the regulatory process, including the review of the EA report and related Commission Member Documents, will be announced at a later date.

To apply, submit a [participant funding application form](#). Certain [terms and conditions](#) apply. An application form can be submitted by:

- Email: cpsc.pfp.ccsn@canada.ca
- Mail: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
c/o Participant Funding Program Administrator
P.O. Box 1046, Station B
280 Slater Street
Ottawa, ON, Canada K1P 5S9
- Fax: 613-995-5086

Deadline for submitting a participant funding application: August 28, 2020.

A funding review committee independent of the CNSC will consider all applications for funding and make recommendations on the allocation of funds.

Related links

- [Participant Funding Program](#)
- [Rook I project](#)

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For questions about this specific funding opportunity, contact:

Adam Zenobi
Participant Funding Program Administrator
613-992-8469
cpsc.pfp.ccsn@canada.ca

Financement des participants offert pour examiner l'énoncé des incidences environnementales pour le projet Rook I de NexGen Energy Ltd.

Les demandes de financement des participants pour le projet Rook I de NexGen Energy Ltd. seront acceptées **du 25 mai au 28 août 2020**.

Avis de financement des participants

La CCSN offre du financement pour aider les peuples autochtones, le public et les parties intéressées à examiner l'énoncé des incidences environnementales (EIE) pour le projet Rook I de NexGen Energy Ltd. (NexGen).

NexGen propose d'exploiter une mine d'uranium souterraine dans la péninsule du lac Patterson, au sud-ouest du bassin d'Athabasca situé dans le nord de la Saskatchewan, à environ 155 km au nord de la ville de La Loche (Saskatchewan). Le projet proposé comprend des installations souterraines et de surface destinées à soutenir l'extraction et le traitement du minerai d'uranium. Les principales composantes comprennent :

- le développement d'une mine souterraine
- une usine sur le site pour traiter en moyenne 1 400 tonnes de minerai par jour
- des installations de surface pour le stockage à court et à long terme des stériles et du minerai
- une installation souterraine de gestion des résidus
- une infrastructure de traitement de l'eau et un circuit de traitement des effluents
- de l'infrastructure supplémentaire pour soutenir les activités minières

Pour autoriser le projet, la CCSN doit délivrer un permis en vertu du paragraphe 24(2) de la Loi sur la *sûreté et la réglementation nucléaires* (LSRN). Avant que la Commission ne rende une décision sur la proposition de NexGen, une évaluation environnementale (EE) doit être réalisée conformément à la *Loi canadienne sur l'évaluation environnementale* (2012).

Pour plus de détails sur la proposition de NexGen et le processus d'EE, veuillez consulter [le projet 80171 du Registre canadien d'évaluation d'impact](#). Les dates et l'emplacement des audiences publiques de la Commission seront annoncés à une date ultérieure au moyen d'un avis.

De l'aide financière pouvant atteindre **150 000 \$** sera répartie parmi l'ensemble des demandeurs admissibles pour la présentation de renseignements nouveaux, distincts et utiles sur l'EIE à venir de NexGen et la documentation connexe. La première offre de financement vise à aider les bénéficiaires à examiner l'EIE préliminaire, qui devrait être soumis vers la fin de 2020 ou le début de 2021. Une deuxième offre de financement pour la participation au reste du processus réglementaire, y compris l'examen du rapport d'EE et des documents à l'intention des commissaires connexes, sera annoncée à une date ultérieure.

Pour faire une demande de financement, veuillez soumettre un [formulaire de demande de financement des participants](#). Certaines [conditions générales](#) s'appliquent. Le formulaire de demande peut être soumis par l'un des moyens suivants :

- Courriel : cnsc.pfp.ccsn@canada.ca
- Poste : Commission canadienne de sûreté nucléaire
a/s de : Administrateur du Programme de financement des participants
280, rue Slater, C.P. 1046, succursale B
Ottawa (Ontario) K1P 5S9
Canada
- Télécopieur : 613-995-5086

Date limite pour soumettre un formulaire de demande de financement : 28 août 2020.

Liens connexes

- [Programme de financement des participants](#)
- [Projet Rook I](#)

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Un comité d'examen de l'aide financière indépendant de la CCSN examinera toutes les demandes et formulera des recommandations sur l'attribution des fonds.

Pour toute question sur cette possibilité de financement, communiquez avec :

Adam Zenobi
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ensc.pfp.ccsn@canada.ca

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From: Garrett Schmidt <garrett.schmidt@yathinene.com>

Sent: August 27, 2020 11:37 PM

To: Participant Funding Program / Programme de financement des participants (CNSC/CCSN) <cnscc.pfp.ccsn@canada.ca>; Zenobi, Adam (CNSC/CCSN) <adam.zenobi@canada.ca>

Subject: Ya'thi Néné PFP application for review of NexGen's Rook 1 Draft EIS

Hello Adam,

Attached is Ya'thi Néné's completed PFP application form and accompanying attachments to participate in the review of the draft EIS for the NexGen Rook 1 project.

We look forward to responding to any questions or comments that the review committee may have. Please confirm receipt of our submission.

Regards,

Garrett Schmidt, P.Eng., MBA
Executive Director



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Subject: Nexgen Energy Proposed Rook I Project - Upcoming EIS Submission and Project Update
Sent: 2022-03-29 10:22:02 AM

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Dear Mr. Schmidt,

Attached, please find a letter outlining the remaining steps of the regulatory review process, including the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed NexGen Rook I Project.

As outlined in the attached letter, NexGen is on track to submit their draft EIS to the CNSC in April 2022, and the formal public review of the draft EIS will commence as early as May 2022.

Please review the attached letter, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly any time. We are also happy to meet at your convenience to chat and to answer any questions you might have.

Best Regards,
Nicole

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Subject: Project Update: Nexgen Energy Proposed Rook I Project

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

The purpose of this letter is for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) to provide an update to Ya'thi Néné Land and Resource Office, (YNLRO) and the communities YNLRO represents, on the regulatory review process, including the Environmental Assessment (EA), for the proposed Rook I Project.

Table 1 of this letter outlines the consultation activities for the remaining steps of the regulatory review process for the Project. Key regulatory steps for consultation, as outlined in this table, include the review of NexGen's draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the review of the draft EA Report, the development of a Rights Impact Assessment, inclusion of relevant YNLRO knowledge, and participation in the public Commission hearing process.

YNLRO was awarded Participant Funding on January 15, 2021 to review and provide comment on the Draft EIS and to engage with the CNSC on the first phase of the NexGen Rook 1 EA. The CNSC will also be offering an additional funding opportunity for the public and Indigenous Nations and communities to review and provide comment on the Final EA and Commission Member Documents prior to a public hearing for the proposed project. Should the YNLRO require additional funding to support ongoing engagement in the process with the CNSC, requests or applications for additional funding through the CNSC's Participant Funding Program (PFP) will be considered by the CNSC on a case-by-case basis.

Current Status and Next Steps

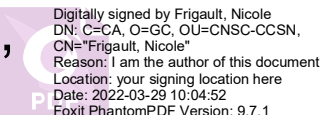
Once NexGen submits their draft EIS (expected in early to mid April 2022) to CNSC, CNSC staff will conduct a completeness check of the submission to determine whether the information provided is sufficient for conducting the next stage of the process. Should the completeness check be successful, the 90-day technical review of the Draft EIS would commence, of which 8 weeks would be allocated to the public review. CNSC staff would be happy to organize a meeting with YNLRO to answer any questions you might have regarding the public review of the draft EIS.

CNSC staff are committed to being flexible and to collaborating with YNLRO to ensure that consultation for the Project is meaningful, addresses YNLRO concerns, and upholds the honour of the Crown, and also takes into account the need for additional flexibility at this time, as a result of the current pandemic situation related to COVID-19 across Canada. To discuss any matters related to the regulatory review process of the Project, please contact me directly by phone at 343-542-7657, or by email at nicole.frigault@cnscccsn.gc.ca.

The CNSC looks forward to continuing to build a long-term collaborative relationship with YNLRO and working together throughout the regulatory review process for the proposed NexGen Rook I Project.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: (1) Proposed consultation process with YNLRO for the regulatory review process of the proposed Rook I Project

References:

- [1] CNSC, Regulatory Guide, *REGDOC- 3.2.2: Indigenous Engagement*, Version 1.2, February, 2022
<http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/acts-and-regulations/regulatory-documents/published/html/regdoc3-2-2-ver1.1/index.cfm>
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Appendix 1

Proposed Consultation Process with YNLRO Land and Resource and the Communities it Represents for the Remaining Steps of the Regulatory Review Process of the proposed Rook I Project

1. Introduction

These proposed next steps in the consultation process, which started in 2019, are intended to guide federal Crown consultation activities with Ya'thi Néné Land and Resource Office (YNLRO) during the remaining steps of the regulatory review process of the Rook I Project (the Project). They communicate the federal Crown's objectives for consultation, the proposed structure for integrating consultation into the regulatory review process, and the proposed activities in which the CNSC and YNLRO can work together to address YNLRO's concerns regarding the Project. This document is intended to be a "living document" that can be updated as necessary during the regulatory review process, as a result of ongoing discussions between the CNSC and YNLRO.

2. Federal Crown's Consultation Objectives

- To continue to build a positive and productive working relationship with YNLRO during the regulatory review process.
- To communicate with YNLRO about the Project and developments during the regulatory review process in a timely manner.
- To establish how YNLRO would like to be consulted during the remaining steps of the regulatory review process and establish a flexible and responsive consultation approach.
- To work with YNLRO to:
 1. identify potential environmental effects of the Project, including those on current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes, health and socio-economic conditions, and heritage resources
 2. identify adverse impacts of the Project on your community's potential or established rights
 3. ensure options for avoiding, mitigating, or accommodating adverse impacts are considered
- To work with YNLRO and the proponent to respond to specific questions and requests regarding issues raised related to the Project.
- To listen to and understand the concerns raised, and consider the feedback, perspectives, and issues raised by YNLRO in order to inform decision-making.

We invite YNLRO to share their consultation objectives with the CNSC and would be happy to set up a meeting to answer any questions or concerns you may have on the Federal Crown's (CNSC) consultation objectives.

3. Integrating Consultation into the Regulatory Review Process

Table 1. provides a description of the main remaining steps in the regulatory review process and a description of how the federal Crown (the CNSC) proposes to integrate consultation activities into those steps. This table describes what YNLRO should receive, have access to, or expect from the CNSC, on behalf of the Federal Crown, and what YNLRO could share (if they choose) and be involved to the regulatory review process.

Table 1. Integrating Consultation into the Remaining Steps of the Regulatory Review Process¹

Regulatory Review Step	Description of Activities²	What YNLRO should receive, have access to, or expect from the Federal Crown (Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC))	Information YNLRO may want to consider providing to the federal Crown, and ways YNLRO may want to participate
Project Description Review and Scoping Decision <i>(Completed in May 2019)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity for the YNLRO to provide comments on the Project Description – Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from CNSC notifying YNLRO of the project and project description review process – Completed PFP offering – Completed Early information sharing and offers to have consultation meetings – Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide comments on the project description – Completed
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Review (2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity for YNLRO to participate in the draft EIS public comment period to bring Indigenous knowledge and expertise with respect to their community to the EIS technical review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scope of the technical review would be to review the EIS and supporting documents (e.g. the Indigenous Engagement Report) that contain information or relate directly to impacts on the representative's community or nation. YNLRO would provide CNSC staff with their comments on the draft EIS. CNSC staff will inform the proponent and identify any information required in the form of information requests (IRs). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide comments on the draft EIS Participate in technical discussions with CNSC staff / the proponent to address YNLRO outstanding comments and concerns. TKLU information, potential impacts of the Project on YNLRO Communities' rights and traditional uses.

¹ Adapted from a template developed by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) (CEAA references the BC First Nations Environmental Assessment Technical Working Group Toolkit Workshop as a basis for this document).

² NexGen's activities during this step of the regulatory review process are not specifically steps of the regulatory review process, but these are expectations of NexGen, by CNSC staff.

Regulatory Review Step	Description of Activities ²	What YNLRO should receive, have access to, or expect from the Federal Crown (Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC))	Information YNLRO may want to consider providing to the federal Crown, and ways YNLRO may want to participate
Review of draft EA Report <i>(Future phase – tentative 2023)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EA Report presents the CNSC staff's views on the findings of the EA, including conclusions and recommendations regarding the adverse environmental effects that are likely to result from the project, appropriate measures that would mitigate those effects, the significance of residual effects after implementation of the mitigation measures, as well as the components of the follow-up program. The EA Report also includes a summary of consultation with Indigenous peoples, potential impacts to potential or established rights of Indigenous peoples, views and concerns expressed by Indigenous Nations and communities and the Crown's response to those concerns, and potential mitigation and/or accommodation measures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity to review sections of the draft EA Report specific to YNLRO such as TKLU information, potential impacts of the Project on YNLRO Communities' rights and traditional uses, and concerns expressed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objective is to obtain mutually agreed upon text, between CNSC staff and YNLRO (as noted in the next step, where YNLRO has diverging views with CNSC staff's analysis and findings, these will be reflected in the EA Report, and we also invite YNLRO to capture this information in their written and/or oral intervention to the Commission). Opportunity for direct discussions between YNLRO and the Crown (e.g. teleconferences and/or meetings with Chief and Council of communities represented by YNLRO, community open houses). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and provide comment on sections of the draft EA Report specific to YNLRO.

Regulatory Review Step	Description of Activities²	What YNLRO should receive, have access to, or expect from the Federal Crown (Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC))	Information YNLRO may want to consider providing to the federal Crown, and ways YNLRO may want to participate
EA Report and Licensing CMD Review AND Commission Public Hearings (<i>Future phase – TBD</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CNSC staff will submit and make publicly available, for review, the draft EA Report and licensing CMD in advance of public hearings (timing to be determined by CNSC the Commission Registry). The licensing CMD presents CNSC staff's findings, recommendations and conclusions from the technical review of NexGen's licence application and supporting documentation. The Commission will hold public hearings with opportunities for public and Indigenous groups to submit oral and/or written interventions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity to review draft EA Report and licensing CMD to inform oral and/or written intervention. Opportunity for direct discussions between YNLRO and the Crown (e.g. teleconferences and/or meetings with Chief and Council, community open houses) in advance of the public Commission hearings. PPF offering for Review of Final EA and opportunity for public and Indigenous groups to submit oral and/or written interventions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present YNLRO views to the Commission by providing information orally and/or in writing. It is recommended that any diverging views with CNSC staff's analysis and findings in the EA Report be captured in YNLRO written and/or oral intervention to the Commission, if required.

Regulatory Review Step	Description of Activities ²	What YNLRO should receive, have access to, or expect from the Federal Crown (Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC))	Information YNLRO may want to consider providing to the federal Crown, and ways YNLRO may want to participate
<p>Commission's EA and Licensing Decisions</p> <p><i>(Future phase – TBD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission considers the EA Report and interventions from the public and Indigenous groups and determines whether, taking into account the mitigation measures proposed, the Project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects and if the duty to consult was met. Should the Commission issue an EA decision statement allowing the Project to proceed, the Commission will also include legally binding conditions with which NexGen must comply to implement appropriate mitigation measures and a follow-up program. Should the Commission issue an EA decision statement that the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, the Commission considers licensing CMD and interventions from the public and Indigenous groups, in making a licensing decision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification and sharing of the Commission's Detailed Record of Decisions (EA and licensing). Meetings with YNLRO to discuss the Commission's decision and next steps for ongoing engagement and collaboration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback on preferred approach to ongoing engagement, information sharing, and collaboration.

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Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: RE: YNLR-CNSC Terms of Reference - Signed

Good afternoon Garrett,

Please find attached a signed copy of the YNLRO-CNSC Terms of Reference, signed by Clare Cattrysse.

As discussed the CNSC can draft some text for the website and social media and once we get the draft text (possibly early next week) we can share with the Ya'Thi Néné for review with the hope of posting in the next month if that works? I will also follow-up with my Director Clare to see if she can get a picture of her signing the TOR. Also, I chatted with Adam today and unfortunately both of us will be away next week on separate trips so will not be able to make it when the ALPC is visiting next week.

Thanks,
Ryan

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Sounds good. Thanks Ryan.

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Great news Garrett !

I will send off to Clare and we can get signed and move to making this public in the next few weeks if that works? I will be in touch as soon as I hear back and starting making arrangements.

Thanks,
Ryan

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Good afternoon Ryan/Adam,

Attached is the YNLR-CNSC Terms of Reference signed by chair of the board, Mary Denechezhe.

Please return a fully executed copy once Clare has signed.

Regards,

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Hi Garrett,

Please see below for the meeting minutes from last week's meeting.

Related to our discussion on the ROR, attached is the notice of meeting and PFP offering.

If you have any questions or concerns about these, please let me know.

Thanks,
Jes

Ya'Thi Néné Lands and Resource Office (YNLRO)-CNSC Meeting Minutes – Denison Mines Wheeler River Project

June 14th, 2022 1:30-2:30PM EST

Attendees: Garrett Schmidt, Bruce Hanbidge, Jes Way, Ryan Froess, Wish Yen

Terms of Reference

- Terms of reference has been signed by YNLRO, CNSC will send back the signed copy
 - CNSC proposes a newsletter to announce signing the Terms of Reference
- Scopes of work and project activities will be established in a workplan
 - Funding will be determined through the workplan
- Quarterly meetings to include all CNSC related projects, with monthly meetings for ongoing projects and sub-groups from the committee to focus on different projects, as needed

Denison Wheeler River Project

- PFP submission has been approved
- YNLRO participation in the EA process will be clarified in the workplan
- Denison draft-EIS review by the YNLRO will consider feedback from the YNLRO working group, community and leadership feedback
- YNLRO anticipates that Hatchet Lake will participate in engagement through TK or site visits

EA Update

- Draft EIS submission is anticipated for September
- Field test (60-day test)
 - CNSC will provide an information letter on the project shortly
 - Field test is considered an exploratory activity and is not part of the EA process – usually this would be a provincially regulated activity, however CNSC has deemed that a Nuclear Substance licence is required
 - Licencing review is currently underway and could be issued (if approved) as early as July
 - CNSC will provide the YNLRO an update once available
 - Province of SK has been engaging with YNLRO on the field test

- In-person engagement on the draft EIS, technical review and public comment period planned for the fall
- Timelines for the project to be shared once available
- Denison and YNRLO has an engagement agreement in place since Fall 2021
- YNRLO is concerned that the plate cap could leak into the water table and has requested background information for that environment from Denison
 - Denison has indicated they will provide the report for CNSC and the Province of SK to review
 - CNSC will flag this for our experts to review

Annual Regulatory Oversight Report

- July 15th: PFP due date for the ROR for Uranium Mines and Mills in Canada: 2021 (Notice attached)
- ROR information session may be hosted locally and is anticipated for September
- Scope includes operating sites, including Key Lake Mill, McArthur River Mine, Cigar Lake Mine, Rabbit Lake Mine and Mill and McClean Lake Mill
 - Decommissioned sites will be reviewed again in 2024 as part of the 3-year review cycle

Action Items

- CNSC will send the signed ToR back to the Ya'Thi Néné (Ryan)
- CNSC to provide updates on the timelines for next steps ASAP (Jes)
- Once YNLRO-CNSC workplan is developed, team to reconvene discussions specific to the Wheeler Project (pending confirmation from Ryan and Larrell)

Jess Way, MEnv, PMP

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Dear Mr. Hanbidge,

I am writing to confirm receipt of your correspondence. CNSC Staff will ensure that this information is taken into consideration during the technical review of NexGen's revised Draft EIS submission.

We look forward to our continued discussions on this project.

Best Regards,

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Dear Ms Beaton, Kwamena and Frigault:

Please find attached the subject letter.

The attachment to this 19 June 2024 letter is attached to this email.

Respectfully

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19 June 2024

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Dear Melissa:

Re: YNLR comments concerning the NexGen License application for the Rook 1 project in Northern Saskatchewan

In response to your emails of 14 and 20 March 2024, the following is our response to the attached summary of issues and concerns.

The follow up from YNLR on comments in the latest draft of NexGen's Summary of Issues and Concerns document (attached) are based on four guiding concerns that YNLR believes must be addressed in the generic process for environmental assessment:

- The nature of the consultation with YNLR
- Cumulative effects, especially on woodland caribou
- Water quality impacts and its associated fish health
- Environmental monitoring programs

As you know, YNLR supports sustainable development in northern Saskatchewan, provided that it brings both social benefits and environmental protection. However, NexGen's latest response to the Summary of Issues and Concerns document, while encouraging in some respects, still fails to adequately address YNLR's four guiding concerns

1. The Nature of Consultation

YNLR represents three Athabasca Denesutiné First Nations as their delegated authority. As a representative of rightsholders YNLR has requested NexGen companies to consider YNLR as a collaborative, active partner, rather just than a passive recipient of information. In other words, YNLR would like to be involved well before plans and programs are finalized, especially with respect to impact monitoring and follow-up. This position has been articulated in our responses to NexGen's EIS. We believe this early involvement is the most efficient and cost-effective way to deal with our concerns in the EIS. NexGen's



responses still treat YNLR as an interested party, to provide comments on a completed EIS and plans, rather than involving us at the conceptual stage of development as requested.

2. Cumulative Effects on Woodland Caribou

Caribou are important to the Athabasca Denesuḡiné. YNLR has conducted their own cumulative effects analysis, in accordance with accepted federal parameters¹²³⁴⁵, of the area around NexGen's project and while both the YNLR and NexGen analyses concluded that there would be significant residual and cumulative effects in its EIS; YNLR believes that the spatial scope of NexGen's analysis is too limited to adequately address the cumulative environmental effects (CEs) that are likely to result from other reasonably foreseeable future activities in the area (i.e., the expansion, of a logistical hub, 17 km north of the NexGen site). In recognition of this and other foreseeable activities that YNLR is concerned have not been taken into account in NexGen's CE assessment; it should be noted that the Province of Saskatchewan Ministerial Decision approving the Rook I Project contains a condition as follows:

7. The proponent shall submit a woodland caribou mitigation and offset plan that utilizes site-specific information to evaluate effects to woodland caribou and includes a plan for habitat offsetting. The plan shall be submitted to the ministry for approval prior to initiating construction of the project.

3. Water Quality and Fish Health

Clean, abundant water and the fish that it supports are another very important value of the Athabasca Denesuḡiné. In the case of the proposed NexGen and Fission mine sites, both of their proposed mines will be releasing the treated effluents into the same lake and watershed and one of these companies have noted that thresholds will be exceeded for some constituents. YNLR believes that the role of properly designed, transparent, statistically robust monitoring programs are therefore critical and leads into the last area of concern. This is the basis for YNLR's consistent requests for collaboration and involvement at all stages for the monitoring process from conception to methodological development to execution. The responses from NexGen do not support these requests from YNLR for involvement at the earliest stage.

¹ Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012

² Technical Guidance for Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Act, 2012, March 2018, Version 2

³ Operational Policy Statement: Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Act, 2012, Updated March 2015

⁴ Woodland Caribou, Boreal Population (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*): amended recovery strategy 2020

⁵ Agreement for the Conservation of the Woodland Caribou, Boreal population (Woodland Caribou) in Saskatchewan, 19 June 2019



4. Monitoring Programs

There are limits to models being used to project assumptions into the future. Confirmation of projections is the role of a well-designed monitoring plan. YNLR would like to emphasize that all monitoring programs should be transparent and statistically robust.

As a result, in the final monitoring designs, consideration should be given to their statistical power in order to minimize the likelihood of a Type 2 error, i.e. the possibility of not detecting an environmental change even when one occurs. YNLR would like this to be reflected in the government's project approval process and the appropriate mitigation measures incorporated into the project design.

The consequences of such errors can be serious and underpins YNLR's ongoing desire for increased collaboration with NexGen in the conceptual development and operation of such programs, as detailed in our attached comments to their EIS.

In conclusion, addressing these areas of concern, prior to the issuance of any license, is the simplest and most cost-effective manner to ensure environmental compliance. While YNLR will continue to work with NexGen we believe that the failure to address our stated concerns has a great likelihood of causing impacts to the lands, waters and wildlife of Nuhenéné which will in turn become an infringement on the exercise of our member's Treaty and Aboriginal rights.


YNLR will continue to be available for constructive engagement with NexGen to address our four guiding concerns, while concurrently addressing these concerns directly with the regulator.

Respectfully,

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Attachment: YNLR Issues and Concerns Summary Table for Review Updated 032024



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Subject: Proposed Next Steps of Consultation and Engagement with Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources for the Remaining Steps of the Regulatory Review Process for the Proposed Rook I Project

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update and share a proposed consultation and engagement approach with Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources (YNLR) on the regulatory review process for NexGen Energy Ltd.'s (NexGen) proposed Rook I Project (the Project).

Current Status of the Process of the federal Environmental Assessment

On January 28th, 2025, the federal review of NexGen's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concluded, and the Final EIS was accepted by CNSC staff as it meets the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, 2012 (CEAA, 2012). As communicated in CNSC's January 28th, 2025 email to the project distribution list for the project, the documents can be found on the [Canadian Impact Assessment Registry \(the Registry\)](#).

CNSC staff have reviewed the responses NexGen provided to comments that were received during the public comment period on the draft EIS in 2023, including those from YNLR. The comments and NexGen's responses are now [available on the Registry](#). CNSC staff have also drafted responses to comments that were applicable to CNSC's oversight and responsibilities and look forward to further discussing these as part of our proposed next steps as described below. CNSC's responses to these comments can also be [found on the Registry](#).

Proposed Next Steps of Consultation

Building on the ongoing consultation and engagement that started in 2019 between YNLR and CNSC in relation to this Project, CNSC staff have provided the consultation approach as outlined in Appendix 1. Table 1 of this letter details the suggested consultation activities for the remaining steps of the regulatory review process for the Project.

The CNSC staff will be preparing the following reports and documents to support staff's recommendations to the Commission:

- **An EA Report** which provides information and analysis to assist the Commission in its determination on whether the proposed project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.
- **A Consultation Report** which will include details on consultation and engagement activities and perspectives, knowledge, and concerns, of the Project's potential impacts on Indigenous Nations' rights and interests.
- **A Commission Member Document (CMD)** which presents CNSC staff's findings, recommendations and conclusions from the technical review of NexGen's licence application and supporting documentation.

CNSC staff are interested in ensuring that YNLR's perspectives, issues and concerns, and other topics of interest to YNLR are properly reflected in CNSC staff's reports and recommendations. This would involve CNSC staff developing the content as a first step based on information that YNLR has submitted and provided to date to the CNSC and NexGen and then providing the draft content for review and comment. CNSC staff will be providing detailed timelines on the remainder of the regulatory process once a Commission hearing date has been identified by the Commission Registry.

The activities outlined in the proposed consultation approach are flexible, and CNSC staff would like to discuss these remaining steps of the regulatory review process. Some potential topics for discussion would include:

- review of the CNSC's assessment of the Project specifically related to YNLR information on community member perspectives, knowledge, and concerns, of the Project's potential impacts on YNLR's rights and interests
- discussions with the CNSC and NexGen, as appropriate, regarding potential commitments, and mitigations to address potential impacts and concerns
- awarding funding through the CNSC's Participant Funding Program to support the review of CNSC staff's reports, consultation and engagement with the CNSC and participation in the CNSC's Commission hearing process through interventions
- discussions with the CNSC on conclusions and recommendations related to topics of concern and interest to YNLR

CNSC staff are committed to continued collaboration with YNLR to ensure that consultation for the Project is meaningful, addresses YNLR's concerns, and upholds the Honour of the Crown. To discuss any matters related to the regulatory review process of the Project, please contact:

- Nicole Frigault, Environmental Review Officer, Rook I EA Lead
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- Justin McKeown, Team Leader Western and Northern Regions, Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division
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Please review the proposed consultation process for the remaining steps of the regulatory review process for the Rook I Project (Appendix 1) and **provide any feedback by March 14, 2025.**

The CNSC looks forward to continuing to build a long-term relationship with YNLR and working together throughout the regulatory review process for the proposed Rook I Project.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure: (1) Proposed consultation process with Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources for the regulatory review process of the Rook I Project

References:

- [1] CNSC, Regulatory Guide, *REGDOC- 3.2.2: Indigenous Engagement*, Version 1.2, February 2022, <https://www.cnsccsn.gc.ca/eng/acts-and-regulations/regulatory-documents/published/html/regdoc3-2-2-v1-2/>
- [2] CNSC, *Generic Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement*, May 2016, <http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/pdfs/Environmental-Assessments/CEAA-2012-Generic-EIS-Guidelines-eng.pdf>

Appendix 1

Proposed Consultation Process with Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources for the Remaining Steps of the Regulatory Review Process of the Rook I Project

1. Introduction

These proposed next steps in the consultation process, which started in 2019, are intended to guide federal Crown (led by CNSC) consultation activities with Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources (YNLR) during the remaining steps of the regulatory review process of the Rook I Project (the Project). They communicate CNSC's objectives for consultation, the proposed structure for integrating consultation into the regulatory review process, and the proposed activities in which the CNSC and YNLR can work together to address YNLR's concerns regarding the Project.

2. Federal Crown's Consultation Objectives

- To continue the establishment of a positive and productive working relationship with YNLR during the remaining steps of the regulatory review process.
- To communicate with YNLR about the Project and developments during the regulatory review process in a timely manner.
- To work with YNLR to:
 1. identify any potential environmental effects of the Project, including those on current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes, health and socio-economic conditions, and heritage resources
 2. identify adverse impacts of the Project on your community's potential or established rights
 3. ensure options for avoiding, mitigating, or accommodating adverse impacts are considered
- To continue to work with YNLR and the proponent to respond to specific questions and requests regarding issues raised related to the Project.
- To listen to and understand the concerns raised, and consider the feedback, perspectives, and issues raised by YNLR.

3. Integrating Consultation into the Regulatory Review Process

Table 1 provides a description of the main remaining steps in the regulatory review process and a description of how the CNSC proposes to integrate consultation activities into those steps. This table describes what YNLR should receive, have access to, or expect from the CNSC, on behalf of the federal Crown, and what YNLR could share and provide to the regulatory review process.

Table 1: Integrating Consultation into the Remaining Steps of the Regulatory Review Process¹

Regulatory Review Step²	Description of Activities³	What YNLR should receive, have access to, or expect from the federal Crown	Information YNLR may want to consider providing to the federal Crown, and ways YNLR may want to participate
Project Description Review and Scoping Decision <i>(Completed in 2019-20)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for YNLR to provide comments on the Project Description – Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNSC notification to YNLR of the project and project description review process - Completed • PFP offering - Completed • Early information sharing and offers of consultation meetings – Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide comments on the project description - Completed
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Review <i>(Initiated 2022 – complete as of January 28, 2025)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for YNLR to provide comments on draft EIS – Completed • NexGen to revise documentation to address comments and concerns raised by YNLR - Completed • NexGen expected to discuss with YNLR how their comments and concerns have been addressed. - Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to participate in technical discussions with CNSC staff regarding YNLR's outstanding comments and concerns, as well as other discussions as necessary (e.g. teleconferences and/or meetings with YNLR). - Completed • Opportunity for direct and continued discussions between YNLR and the CNSC. - Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide YNLR's views on the accuracy of NexGen's information about issues YNLR have raised and on any proposed ways of addressing those impacts. - Completed

¹ Adapted from a template developed by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) (CEAA references the BC First Nations Environmental Assessment Technical Working Group Toolkit Workshop as a basis for this document).

² Any updates to dates related to the regulatory review process will be communicated to YNLR.

³ NexGen's activities during this step of the regulatory review process are not specifically steps of the regulatory review process, but these are expectations of NexGen, by CNSC staff.



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Regulatory Review Step²	Description of Activities³	What YNLR should receive, have access to, or expect from the federal Crown	Information YNLR may want to consider providing to the federal Crown, and ways YNLR may want to participate
Development of draft Consultation Report <i>(Current phase – 2025)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Consultation Report includes a summary of consultation with Indigenous Nations and communities, potential impacts to potential or established rights of select Indigenous Nations and communities, views and concerns expressed by Indigenous Nations and communities and the CNSC's response to those concerns, and potential mitigation and/or accommodation measures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity for direct discussions between YNLR and the CNSC to accurately reflect issues and concerns to YNLR (e.g. teleconferences and/or meetings with YNLR). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and provide comment on sections of the draft Consultation Report specific to YNLR.

<p>EA Report, Consultation Report and Licensing CMD Review</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Commission Public Hearings</p> <p><i>(Hearing date 2025 –2026 TBD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EA Report presents the CNSC staff's views on the findings of the EA, including conclusions and recommendations regarding the adverse environmental effects that are likely to result from the project, appropriate measures that would mitigate those effects, the significance of residual effects after implementation of the mitigation measures, as well as the components of the follow-up and monitoring program. CNSC staff will submit and make publicly available, for review, the Final EA Report, Consultation Report and licensing CMD in advance of public hearings (timing to be determined by CNSC Registry). The licensing CMD presents CNSC staff's findings, recommendations and conclusions from the technical review of NexGen's licence application and supporting documentation. The Commission will hold public hearings with opportunities for public and Indigenous Nations and communities to submit oral and/or written interventions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity to review the Final EA Report, Consultation Report and licensing CMD to inform oral and/or written intervention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present YNLR's views to the Commission by providing information orally and/or in writing. It is recommended that any diverging views with CNSC staff's analysis and findings in CNSC's reports be captured in YNLR's written and/or oral intervention to the Commission, if required.
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Regulatory Review Step ²	Description of Activities ³	What YNLR should receive, have access to, or expect from the federal Crown	Information YNLR may want to consider providing to the federal Crown, and ways YNLR may want to participate
Commission's EA and Licensing Decisions <i>(Future phase 2025-2026 – Hearing date TBD)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission considers the EA Report, Consultation Report and CMD and interventions from the public and Indigenous Nations and communities and determines whether, taking into account the mitigation measures, conditions, accommodations and commitments proposed, the Project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects and if the duty to consult was met. Should the Commission issue an EA decision statement allowing the Project to proceed, the Commission will also include legally binding conditions with which NexGen must comply to implement appropriate mitigation measures and a follow-up and monitoring program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification and sharing of the Commission's Detailed Record of Decisions (EA and licensing). Meetings with YNLR and the community to discuss the Commission's decision and next steps for ongoing engagement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback on preferred approach to ongoing engagement, and information sharing.



**Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources/Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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Chris Toutsaint - ALPC Member (Fond du Lac)
Jimmy Isadore – ALPC Member (Fond du Lac)
Louise Bougie-Still - ALPC Member (PRO – Uranium City)
Mervin MacDonald – ALPC Member (PRO – Stony Rapids)
Mary Denechezhe - ALPC Member (Hatchet Lake)
Emil Dzeylion - ALPC Member (Hatchet Lake)
Garrett Schmidt - YNLR Executive Director (Co-Chair)
Kathy Hay – YNLR Corporate Affairs Manager
Celeste Robillard – YNLR Admin/Comms Assistant
Ryan Froess – CNSC Senior Advisor (Co-Chair)
Sydney Nickolet – CNSC Policy Officer
Jessica Way – CNSC Environmental Review Officer
Richard Snider – CNSC Senior Project Officer, Cigar Lake and Beaverlodge

Agenda:

1:00 PM – Welcome, coffee and opening prayer
1:10 PM – Review and adopt agenda and adopt previous meeting minutes (Sept 17, 2024)
1:30 PM – Discussion on change in Commission hearing format and feedback from ALPC/YNLR
1:40 PM – Update on IEMP, Cigar Lake results (Jeffrey/Ryan/Richard)
2:00 PM – Update on Orano Sabre/other – Salman (McClean Lake Project Officer)
2:30 PM – BREAK
3:00 PM – Update on EAs: Focus on Denison, NexGen (Jessica/Sydney/Ryan)
3:30 PM – Update on funding applications and upcoming PFP (Stream 1 funding renewal, Reg doc 3.2.2, Denison PFP, TOR Workplan, etc.)
3:45 PM – Next meeting: May 29 or 30 in person in Saskatoon?
4:00 PM – Update on Indigenous Protected Areas (Tina)
4:45 PM – Closing prayer & meeting adjournment



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Mary Denechezhe - ALPC Member (Hatchet Lake, Co-Chair)
Emil Dzenlioun - ALPC Member (Hatchet Lake)
Garrett Schmidt - YNLR Executive Director (Co-Chair)
Kathy Hay – YNLR Corporate Affairs Manager
Celeste Robillard – YNLR Admin/Comms Assistant
Dana Kellett – YNLR Manager of Environment
Keesha Martin – YNLR ENSA Coordinator (joining at 3:00pm)
Hilary Hunter – CNSC Senior Advisor, Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division (Co-Chair)
Justin McKeown – CNSC Team Lead, Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division
Quinn Zheng – CNSC Geoscience Technical Specialist, Environmental Risk Assessment Division
Carey Hyndman – Orano Manager, Communications and Stakeholder Relations
Adam Engdahl – NexGen VP, Community
Shawna Pelech – Ministry of Environment (MOE) Strategic Conservation Specialist, Lands Branch
Derek Lemke – Ministry of Environment (MOE) Strategic Conservation Specialist, Lands Branch

Agenda:

8:00 AM – Welcome, coffee and opening prayer
8:10 AM – Review and adopt agenda and adopt previous meeting minutes (March 12, 2025)
8:30 AM – Orano SABRE Presentation (Carey Hyndman)
9:30 AM – CNSC ISR (in situ recovery) Presentation (Quinn Zheng to join virtually)
10:15 AM – BREAK
10:30 AM – NexGen Project Update, Environmental Protection, YNLR Meeting Recap (Adam Engdahl)
12:00 PM – LUNCH
1:00 PM – MOE update on SK1 Woodland Caribou Study (Shawna Pelech and Derek Lemke)
2:45 PM – BREAK
3:00 PM – Update on Etthén Néné Stewardship Areas (Keesha Martin)
4:55 PM – Closing prayer & meeting adjournment



**Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources/Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
YNLR-CNSC Working Group Meeting
CNSC Office, Saskatoon
September 18, 2025, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm**

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Tina Giroux – YNLR ENSA Project Manager
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Nick Bridges – CNSC Senior Policy Officer, Reconciliation Policy and Public Programs Division
Nhan Tran – Director, Reconciliation Policy and Public Programs Division
Martijn Schetselaar – Policy Officer, Reconciliation Policy and Public Programs Division

Agenda:

8:30 AM – Welcome, coffee, and opening prayer
8:40 AM – Review and adopt agenda and adopt previous meeting minutes (May 6, 2025)
9:00 AM – Listening Tour Dialogues
10:15 AM – BREAK
10:30 AM – Listening Tour Dialogues (continued)
11:15 AM – REGDOC 3.2.2 update & timelines
11:45 AM – LUNCH
12:45 PM – CNSC updates – Denison and NexGen hearings/McClean Lake Orano discussion with Salman
1:30 PM – YNLRO updates – licensees' engagement on activities ongoing in traditional territory/ other updates on general activities ongoing for YNLRO in communities
1:50 PM – Next CNSC-ALPC meeting, closing prayer & meeting adjournment
2:00 PM – ENSA Update (Tina Giroux to attend in person)
3:00 PM – ENSA Meeting conclusion

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Hello Hillary,

Attached is YNLR's response to the issues tracking table for Rook 1. Please let myself, Kathy and Bruce know if you have any questions or comments.

Regards,

Garrett Schmidt

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Hi Garrett,

Please see attached the YNLR's issues tracking table for the NexGen Rook I Project for your review. This tracking table includes concerns that YNLR has raised throughout the EA process for the Project and includes CNSC's response. This table will be appended to the Consultation Report for the Project in advance of the Part 1 hearing. Note that the status of each issue and concern will not be included in the posting prior to the Part 1 hearing until there is validation from YNLR.

Please review the document for **accuracy** and return to us no later than **October 17th, 2025**. Please note that if we do not receive comments by the deadline then this information will be included without YNLR's feedback. If you have any questions, please reach out to myself or Nicole Frigault.

Thank you,

Hilary

Hilary Hunter (she/her)

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A.2 Issues Tracking Table for Ya' Thi Néné Lands and Resources (YNLR) with respect to the NexGen Rook I Project

ID	Issue or concern (including impacts to Indigenous and/or Treaty Rights)	Theme	Crown response	Status of issue/concern
YNLR01	<p>Categorization Concerns</p> <p>YNLR and Athabasca Denesųliné are concerned that they have been improperly categorized as an “Other Indigenous Group” rather than as a “Primary Indigenous Group”. YNLR notes that this exclusion from the primary Indigenous group category is prejudicial and self-perpetuating. The exclusion of Athabasca Denesųliné ensures their rights and interests cannot be fully considered. Athabasca Denesųliné consider themselves a local community.</p> <p>YNLR expects ongoing interaction between NexGen and Indigenous peoples throughout the project's life.</p>	Indigenous engagement/ human environment	<p>NexGen maintains that the categorization of YNLR is appropriate, and the Project will not result in direct adverse effects to the communities that YNLR represents YNLR. The CNSC expects NexGen to continue to work collaboratively with YNLR to address access issues and concerns and to minimize disruptions on traditional practices and land use.</p> <p>CNSC staff will ensure NexGen is meeting their commitments through oversight of NexGen's environmental assessment follow-up and monitoring</p>	<p>Response to YNLR01, Categorization Concerns: the Crown response is insufficient; both in the recognition of the Athabasca Denesųliné as a Primary Indigenous Group and in its assurances for their inclusion. Irrespective of the geographic distances between the mine and YNLR communities, the mine will sit on Treaty 8 lands which Black Lake and Fond du Lac are signatory to, hence they should be considered as ‘primary’, not secondary. YNLR shall continue to: 1) monitor this issue</p>

	<p>Protection of the Natural Environment</p> <p>YNLR notes that it is a high priority for community members to ensure that their quality of life is not negatively impacted, preserving the Denesuline way of life. This includes the social, economic and environmental health of local people and their descendants.</p>		<p>program. CNSC staff are proposing a Project-specific license condition requiring NexGen to report progress on engagement and implementation of commitments to Nations, including YNLR, annually. The effectiveness of the commitments that NexGen implements will be evaluated through oversight of NexGen's environmental assessment follow-up and monitoring program. CNSC staff are committed to building a meaningful and trusting relationship with YNLR, collaborating with the Nation to address the Nation's issues and concerns. This means engaging and collaborating with YNLR on monitoring, oversight, reporting, and follow-up activities throughout the Project's full lifecycle, should this Project be approved. CNSC staff will ensure</p>	<p>through Canadian regulatory processes while 2) concurrently expressing the issue until further recognition is achieved.</p> <p>Response to YNLR01, Protection of the Natural Environment:</p> <p>YNLR supports the CNSC proposal (for a Project-specific license condition requiring NexGen to report progress on engagement and implementation of commitments to Nations, including YNLR) as a means of addressing their concerns for this issue.</p>
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			NexGen continues to engage meaningfully with YNLR on these topics and concerns.	
\\YNLR0 2	<p>Employment and Business Opportunities</p> <p>YNLR recommends that NexGen contract local/community-owned businesses and employ residents from the Athabasca Basin with defined employment objectives, including developing training and education programs, to benefit local Indigenous peoples. YNLR would like NexGen to set aspirational targets for hiring workers from LSA communities (75%) and award external spending to LSA and RSA businesses (30%).</p> <p>Monitoring and Follow-Up</p> <p>YNLR requests that NexGen establish an Implementation Committee to facilitate effective, ongoing working relationships and verify commitments in Benefit Agreements. Further, YNLR requests monitoring of NexGen's ongoing communications and engagement</p>	Socio-economic considerations	<p>The CNSC acknowledges YNLR's concerns about economic inclusion and is satisfied that NexGen's commitments address these concerns. NexGen has committed to continued discussions with the YNLR regarding potential Project benefits such as education, training, employment and contract opportunities through an engagement agreement signed with YNLR.</p> <p>CNSC staff are proposing a Project-specific license condition requiring NexGen to report progress on engagement and implementation of commitments to Nations, including YNLR, annually. CNCS staff remain committed to engaging and collaborating with YNLR on follow-up and</p>	YNLR is committed to establishing strong communication processes and clearly defined objectives that support the delivery of procurement, education, training, and employment opportunities for members of the Athabasca Basin communities.

	activities with Indigenous Nations and communities for the Project lifecycle.		monitoring activities on this topic and other topics of concern, in relation to topics that are within the CNSC's mandate and authorities, should this Project be approved.	Response to CNSC (YNLR 02 Monitoring and Follow-up): YNLR supports the CNSC recommended Project-specific license condition as a solution to their concerns.
YNLR03	<p>Selection and Analysis of VCs</p> <p>YNLR has concerns about the subjective and qualitative nature of the EIS, as only woodland caribou is deemed to have significant residual and cumulative effects. YNLR is concerned that the potential cumulative impacts, such as additional harvesting pressure on fish and wildlife, are overlooked.</p> <p>Significant Effects on Caribou</p> <p>YNLR is concerned that the Project will exacerbate the precarious situation of woodland caribou in the SK2 Region and that both the NexGen Rook I and Fission Patterson Lake South projects will worsen the situation. NexGen has proposed</p>	Terrestrial biota/ species at risk/ cumulative effects/ soil and groundwater/ aquatic environment	<p>NexGen established and analyzed VCs based on regulatory guidance, considering the potential for interaction and degree of interaction with the project, the sensitivity of a VC to potential project effects, species conservation status, Indigenous and Local knowledge and ecological and socio-economic/cultural value to communities.</p> <p>NexGen included comprehensive assessments of cumulative effects in the final EIS, and the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan will be open to Indigenous</p>	<p>Response to CNSC (YNLR03 Selection and Analysis of VCs, Significant Effects on Caribou and Cumulative Effects):</p> <p>YNLR is satisfied with the assurances from NexGen and CNSC coupled with the conditions set out by the Ministerial Decision letter concerning SK MoE approval</p> <p>Response to CNSC (YNLR 03 Soil and Water Contamination, Vegetation Ecosystem VCs, Increased Hunting</p>

	<p>Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan, but YNLR and Athabasca Denesúliné want to participate fully in the development and finalization of any Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan before construction begins. YNLR requests and expects to be involved in future woodland caribou conservation decisions.</p> <p>Cumulative Effects</p> <p>YNLR has concerns about long-term ramifications of cumulative effects, especially on woodland caribou, and requests a thorough cumulative effects analysis, given the increased pressures from uranium exploration and mining in the Athabasca Basin.</p> <p>Soil and Water Contamination</p> <p>YNLR members are concerned about the potential contamination of soils and water from construction, commissioning, operation, decommissioning and reclamation, especially in Patterson Lake. YNLR has requested effective mitigation</p>	<p>engagement and submitted prior to construction. Furthermore, NexGen will revise the assessment of caribou habitat and range to better align with Indigenous Knowledge.</p> <p>Regarding potential soil and water contamination and copper loading to Patterson Lake, NexGen is developing an adaptive management plan. This plan aims to reduce uncertainty and manage risks associated with this pathway. NexGen will also develop mitigation measures including Project-specific Groundwater, Effluent, and Environmental Monitoring Plans, and installing effluent and sewage treatment plants to minimize impacts on the aquatic environment and fish habitats.</p> <p>CNSC staff are of the view that YNLR's concerns relating to long-term impacts</p>	<p>Pressure, Value of Land and Wildlife Collisions):</p> <p>YNLR is satisfied with the response and will continue to monitor the results going forward.</p>
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	<p>measures for cobalt and copper mass loading.</p> <p>Vegetation Ecosystem VCs</p> <p>YNLR has concerns about the introduction of invasive plant species due to increased human disturbance.</p> <p>Increased Hunting Pressure</p> <p>YNLR notes that increased human activity and the presence of camps may lead to higher hunting and trapping pressures on various species due to fishing, hunting, ATV and snowmobile use. These pressures on local wildlife may impact Indigenous Nations and communities' traditional practices. YNLR requests careful management of refuse dumps to limit human-bear conflict.</p> <p>Value of Land</p> <p>YNLR notes the high value of land as a natural food and medicine resource and the need to protect the land should the Project be approved.</p>		<p>have and will continue to be addressed through the responses and commitments of NexGen and CNSC staff. NexGen has included Indigenous land and resource use, and cumulative effects assessments within their final EIS that considers impacts on numerous valued components. NexGen has committed to limiting the Project footprint as feasible, as well as ongoing engagement with interested Indigenous Nations and communities throughout the Project lifecycle, to ensure any issues or concerns are discussed and addressed as feasible.</p> <p>NexGen has assessed transportation-related risks within the final EIS and committed to collision mitigation measures, including adjusting speed limits, discussing a road upgrade and maintenance plan</p>	
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	<p>Wildlife Collisions</p> <p>YNLR has concerns about the potential for wildlife collisions and their impacts on people and wildlife.</p>		<p>for Highway 955 with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways, driver training, and issuances of no-travel orders in unsafe conditions.</p> <p>The commitments will be implemented by NexGen through an environmental assessment follow-up and monitoring program. The effectiveness of these commitments will be reviewed and verified by CNSC staff through compliance activities and inspections conducted throughout the lifecycle of the facility, if it is approved. CNSC staff remain committed to engaging and collaborating with YNLR on follow-up and monitoring activities on this topic and other topics of concern, in relation to topics that are within the CNSC's mandate and authorities,</p>	
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YNLR04	<p>Water Resources</p> <p>The sustainable and responsible use of water resources is a top priority for YNLR. YNLR requests that NexGen design water management systems to minimize freshwater intake, by reusing and recycling water, and ensure NexGen is reviewing monitoring results with Athabasca Basin communities regularly.</p> <p>Underground Tailings Management Facility</p> <p>YNLR has significant environmental concerns related to tailings management methods and their potential for releasing contaminants of potential concern.</p> <p>Project Footprint</p> <p>YNLR requests that NexGen make efforts to minimize the Project's footprint.</p>	Aquatic environment/ fish and fish habitat/ environmental monitoring	<p>NexGen has committed to minimizing potential Project effects to groundwater and surface water through an Environmental Protection Program (EPP) and supporting processes containing monitoring and mitigation plans in addition to environmental design features. NexGen will recycle and reuse process water to reduce freshwater intake and release to Patterson Lake, to the extent practical. NexGen has confirmed that cumulative effects of seepage are considered in the surface water quality assessment. NexGen considers effects on groundwater are considered to be local and believes they would reverse over time, following Operations. NexGen has committed to developing additional</p>	<p>Response to CNSC (for all of YNLR 04):</p> <p>YNLR is satisfied with NexGen's response yet there is still one outstanding concern that remains unaddressed: The fact that there are two mines proposed that will be releasing effluent into the same lake requires an analysis of both plans by CNSC. YNLR would like to hear some assurance from CNSC that this joint analysis has occurred and further information as to how, or if, CNSC is considering this cumulative effect in the licence for NexGen.</p>	should this Project be approved.
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	<p>Groundwater and Surface Water</p> <p>YNLR has concerns regarding groundwater contamination and the Project's impact on surface water quality. YNLR wants mitigation measures to limit copper concentration levels.</p> <p>Fish Habitat Offsets</p> <p>YNLR requests a policy review and adjustment of season and catch limits to protect local fish populations to ensure that Athabasca Basin communities' traditional and sustenance activities can be maintained. This could include a need for review and adjustment of season and catch limits by company, Indigenous representatives and the Provincial Government.</p> <p>Monitoring Programs</p> <p>YNLR has indicated strong support for follow-up and monitoring programs to detect changes in groundwater quantity and quality.</p>		<p>measures beyond future monitoring to address concerns regarding residual impacts, if needed.</p> <p>The potential environmental effects of the underground tailings management facility are assessed in the EIS through alternative means assessment, source term characterization and control and groundwater contaminant transport analysis, in addition to adequate engineering design features and environmental assessment follow-up and monitoring programs.</p> <p>NexGen has committed to avoiding the disruption of critical habitats and harmful alteration, disruption and destruction (HADD) of fish and fish habitat through measures such as limiting the project footprint to the extent possible. NexGen will</p>	
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			<p>implement appropriate mitigation measures, including avoiding sensitive habitat during construction, implementing Project-specific Groundwater, Effluent, and Environmental Monitoring Plans, optimizing the use of cleared areas and designing efficient infrastructure footprint.</p> <p>NexGen recognizes that while the Indigenous rights to fish cannot be limited, a policy supported by local Indigenous groups may assist in limiting effects to fish while at the Project site. NexGen will work with the Environmental Committees established between NexGen and primary Indigenous groups to determine if further mitigation measures should be considered to minimize effects to fish populations.</p>	
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			CNSC staff remain committed to engaging and collaborating with YNLR on follow-up and monitoring activities on this topic and other topics of concern, in relation to topics that are within the CNSC's mandate and authorities, should this Project be approved. NexGen is supportive of additional independent Indigenous environmental monitoring programs, and CNSC staff expect NexGen to continue engaging with YNLR on aquatic monitoring if the project is approved.	
YNLR05	<p>Increased Traffic</p> <p>YNLR has concerns about increased traffic between La Loche and the Project site, impacting human safety and wildlife.</p> <p>Air Quality and Dust</p>	Atmospheric environment/ Indigenous land and resource use	<p>NexGen has acknowledged that maintenance of Highway 955 is outside of NexGen's control but has committed to discussions with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways to develop a road upgrade and maintenance agreement to minimize noise and dust.</p>	<p>Response to CNSC (for all of YNLR 05):</p> <p>YNLR is satisfied with the response and will continue to monitor the results going forward.</p>

	<p>YNLR has concerns about air quality, including dust from local roads and increased traffic levels on Highway 955, as well as potential impacts from increased noise levels from elevated traffic on local roadways and Highway 955.</p> <p>Unauthorized People</p> <p>YNLR has concerns that active exclusion of unauthorized people from the project area may affect other land and resource use, including traditional use by Indigenous Nations and communities.</p> <p>Consultation on Accidents and Malfunctions</p> <p>YNLR is supportive of consultation with Indigenous peoples on accidents and malfunctions and expects ongoing dialogue on these matters.</p>		<p>NexGen has assessed transportation-related risks to human safety and wildlife within the final EIS and committed to collision mitigation measures, including speed limits, a road upgrade and maintenance plan for Highway 955 with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways, driver training, and issuances of no-travel orders in unsafe conditions.</p> <p>NexGen supports ongoing dialogue with Indigenous Nations regarding accidents and malfunctions. Furthermore, NexGen acknowledges that the presence of the Project could restrict access to Indigenous land and resources users and as such they have committed to mitigation measures to limit the proposed Project footprint as feasible.</p>	
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			<p>CNSC staff are proposing a Project-specific license condition requiring NexGen to report progress on engagement and implementation of commitments to Nations, including YNLR, annually. The effectiveness of the commitments that NexGen implements will be evaluated through oversight of NexGen's environmental assessment follow-up and monitoring program, in relation to topics that are within the CNSC's mandate and authorities. CNSC staff are committed to building a meaningful and trusting relationship with YNLR, collaborating with the Nation to address the Nation's issues and concerns. This means engaging and working with YNLR on monitoring, oversight, reporting, and follow-up activities</p>	
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YNLR06	<p>Participation in Monitoring Programs</p> <p>YNLR requests that Athabasca Basin traditional land users participate in environmental monitoring programs and that NexGen inform community members of monitoring results. YNLR expects full involvement in the design, implementation and reporting of all monitoring programs and the inclusion adaptive management processes in monitoring programs. YNLR notes that follow-up and monitoring are critical to assessing the total significance of residual and cumulative effects.</p> <p>Air and Water Quality</p> <p>YNLR notes that maintenance of air and water quality over the long term is a high priority and that air monitoring programs should detect significant deviations from baseline conditions.</p>	Environmental monitoring/ Indigenous engagement/ atmospheric environment/ aquatic environment	<p>throughout the Project's full lifecycle.</p> <p>NexGen has committed to working with local Indigenous Groups, including YNLR, to implement independent environmental monitoring in addition to standard Project monitoring processes. The independent Indigenous monitoring program is intended to provide unfettered access to the site during all Project phases and allow for opportunities such as independent environmental sampling. Furthermore, NexGen has committed to engaging directly with Indigenous Groups, including YNLR, throughout the project lifespan through Environmental Committees.</p> <p>CNSC staff will ensure NexGen is meeting their commitments through compliance activities and inspections conducted</p>	<p>Response to CNSC (For all of YNLR 06):</p> <p>YNLR is satisfied with some of NexGen's response; however, given the critical importance of the monitoring, YNLR supports CNSC's proposal for a project-specific licence condition (NexGen to report progress on engagement and implementation of commitments to Nations, including YNLR) with one addition:</p> <p>NexGen is to be required to release all raw data from their monitoring program, in an ongoing manner, to YNLR within 2 months of its collection</p>
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NexGen timelines and project activities

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Good morning Garrett,

Following up to the action item for specific project information for the upcoming hearings.

Here is the updated notice of hearing for NexGen - [Revised notice of public hearing and participant funding - CMD 25-H12](#)

***PowerPoint interventions are due by January 19, 2026.

Please see the attached detailed project activities for the Rook I project. This summary was copied directly from section 2 of the DRAFT EA Report which is yet to be approved. Once an approved version of documents becomes available, I will send an update.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Hilary

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Good question! We didn't entirely strike them – we will do a quick update during our YNLR updates, but you're right I don't think Sydney would need to be in attendance for that, unless you think she could answer some potential questions. But it will be very high level – what we've submitted so far, what we still need to submit, when the hearings are, who will be attending, etc.

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Hi Kathy,

Thanks for passing along the minutes and agenda for Nov 13th. No edits required. Just to clarify, is the discussion on the Denison and NexGen interventions struck from the Nov 13th agenda? If so, then we wouldn't have Sydney Boser (Denison lead) attending the meeting.

I have passed along the Midwest EA question to ERD's A/Director, Doug Wylie. This analysis may take some time for them as they are undergoing staffing changes. Once I hear back from them, we can add to a future TOR meeting – I hope that works for YNLR?

With regards to the Listening tour Dialogues, R3PD welcomes any feedback or edits from YNLR (as soon as they are available). Please feel free to send any feedback or edits prior to the Nov 13th discussion, as it may help make the discussion more productive. R3PD will have updates on where they are at with the 'What We Heard Report' as well on Nov 13th.

Let me know if I've misunderstood anything above.

Hilary

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Hi Kathy,

Does YNLR have any feedback on these tables? My deadline is in a couple days, and I will need to post them as is if I haven't heard anything.

Thanks,

Hilary

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Good morning Garrett,

I hope things are going well.

I wanted to let you know that the hearing documents were posted online by the Registry this past Friday. You can access them here: [Download Hearing Documents](#). The CMD is available at this link: [CMD NexGen Rook I](#), and the Consultation Report starting on page 418 of 628.

I'm also following up regarding the YNLR Issues and Concerns Table for Rook I. CNSC staff did not post the table yet, as we were hoping to receive your review beforehand. This table will be included as part of a supplemental filing ahead of the Part 1 hearing scheduled for November 19, 2025.

If you're able to provide your review at your earliest convenience, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

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Hello Hillary,

Attached is YNLR's response to the issues tracking table for Rook 1. Please let myself, Kathy and Bruce know if you have any questions or comments.

Regards,

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Presentation - Introduction to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - YNLR-CNSC Meeting.pdf;

Hi Kathy,

Thank you to YNLR and ALPC members for a great discussion this morning. In follow-up to this morning, please see the attached copy of the UN Declaration slide deck.

Earmarking these topics for future meetings: follow-up to Denison/NexGen hearings, Midwest EA, how does the CNSC consider TK/IK discussion, further discussion on regdoc 3.2.2.

Please reach out with any comments or questions.

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From Katherine Hay <katherine.hay@yathinene.com>**Date** Fri 11/14/2025 10:59 AM**To** Hunter, Hilary (CNSC/CCSN) <hilary.hunter@cnscccsn.gc.ca>**Cc** Garrett Schmidt <garrett.schmidt@yathinene.com>; McKeown, Justin (CNSC/CCSN) <justin.mckeown@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Rolfe, Spencer (CNSC/CCSN) <spencer.rolfe@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Tran, Nhan (CNSC/CCSN) <Nhan.Tran@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Bridges, Nick (CNSC/CCSN) <nick.bridges@cnscccsn.gc.ca>**EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE**

Thank you, Hilary. I agree, it was a great meeting with lots of meaningful discussion. We truly appreciate the CNSC staff providing such informative and thought-provoking presentations.

I've noted the topics you identified for future meetings; thank you for flagging those.

We look forward to seeing you next month!

Kathy Hay

Manager of Corporate Affairs
Ya'thi Néné Land and Resource Office

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From: Hunter, Hilary (CNSC/CCSN) <hilary.hunter@cnscccsn.gc.ca>**Sent:** November 13, 2025 1:58 PM**To:** Katherine Hay <katherine.hay@yathinene.com>**Cc:** Garrett Schmidt <garrett.schmidt@yathinene.com>; McKeown, Justin (CNSC/CCSN) <justin.mckeown@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Rolfe, Spencer (CNSC/CCSN) <spencer.rolfe@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Tran, Nhan (CNSC/CCSN) <Nhan.Tran@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Bridges, Nick (CNSC/CCSN) <nick.bridges@cnscccsn.gc.ca>**Subject:** EXTERNAL: RE: ALPC meeting minutes 2025-09-18 and agenda 2025-11-13

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Hi Kathy,

Thank you to YNLR and ALPC members for a great discussion this morning. In follow-up to this morning, please see the attached copy of the UN Declaration slide deck.

Earmarking these topics for future meetings: follow-up to Denison/NexGen hearings, Midwest EA, how does the CNSC consider TK/IK discussion, further discussion on

Please reach out with any comments or questions.

Hilary

Hilary Hunter (she/her)
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Territory and Homeland of the Métis*

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Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 4:16 PM
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Hi Hilary,

I hope you had a great weekend!

Attached are the previous meeting minutes and revised agenda for next week. Please let me know if you require any edits. As discussed, CNSC staff are not required to attend the afternoon portion of the meeting.

Additionally, 1) Garrett wanted to know if the action item regarding the comparison of the Midwest EA and modern EA terms would be completed by next week's meeting; and 2) after YNLR's review (including legal review) of the Listening Tour Dialogues, is there an opportunity for us to respond and, if so, is there a deadline for that response?

Any questions, let me know. Thanks!

Kathy Hay

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FW: ALPC-CNSC Meeting

From Katherine Hay <katherine.hay@yathinene.com>**Date** Mon 11/17/2025 1:23 PM**To** Boser, Sydney (CNSC/CCSN) <sydney.boser@cnscccsn.gc.ca>

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As requested.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Katherine Hay <katherine.hay@yathinene.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025 4:21 PM**To:** Katherine Hay; m.dene.64@gmail.com; archie.disain@outlook.com; christopher.p.toutsaint98@outlook.com; mervin mcdonald; Emil Dzeylion; freddie throassie; Louise E BougieStill; Louise Bougie Still; Garrett Schmidt; Ashley Robillard; Bruce Hanbidge; Dana Kellett; Hunter, Hilary (CNSC/CCSN); McKeown, Justin (CNSC/CCSN); Tran, Nhan (CNSC/CCSN); Bridges, Nick (CNSC/CCSN)**Subject:** ALPC-CNSC Meeting**When:** November 13, 2025 8:30 AM-2:45 PM (UTC-06:00) Saskatchewan.**Where:** Holiday Inn Express & Suites Saskatoon East - University by IHG (1838 College Drive, Bldg# 2, Saskatoon SK S7N 2Z8)

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Attached is the agenda and previous meeting minutes for your preview. Agenda is also listed below for your convenience: the morning portion will be with the CNSC and the afternoon portion will focus on updates from Bruce on the Cumulative Effects Study and updates from NexGen.

We are in the **Evan Thomas Room** at the **Holiday Inn Express & Suites on College Drive**.

Agenda:

8:30 AM – Welcome, coffee, and opening prayer

8:40 AM – Review and adopt agenda and adopt previous meeting minutes (Sept 18, 2025)

9:00 AM – CNSC Updates and YNLR Updates

9:30 AM – UNDRIP Presentation (by CNSC)

10:15 AM – BREAK

10:30 AM – Review Listening Tour notes

11:00 AM – Overview of RegDoc 3.2.2 (by CNSC)

11:45 AM – TOR meeting closing remarks, next CNSC-ALPC meeting

12:00 PM – LUNCH

1:00 PM – Cumulative Effect Study update (Bruce)

2:00 PM – NexGen updates (Melissa and Adam to join)

2:45 PM – closing prayer and meeting adjournment

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C.8 Key Correspondence with Mikisew Cree First Nation

From: McKeown, Justin
Sent: March 20, 2025 9:49 AM
To: Daniel Stuckless
Cc: Kennedy Tuccaro; Sebastien Fekete; Levine, Adam; Hunter, Hilary; Frigault, Nicole; Pandolfi, Dana
Subject: RE: Impact Assessment Agency of Canada – Information about the Peace River Nuclear Power Plant Project - Mikisew Cree First Nation

Good morning Daniel,

Thank you for your email regarding the Rook 1 project. As you are aware from the link provided by Claudette, Rook 1 is a proposed Uranium Mine and Mill located in NW Saskatchewan in the western portion of the Athabasca Basin. We are happy to schedule a meeting with you to provide any information regarding the project you are seeking.

Given my, and the team members schedules are there available times to meet the week of April 7th? There may be an opportunity to meet next week, the week of March 24th however I will have to check with my colleagues to see their availability as I will be away on holidays.

Please advise what times may work . Thank you for your time.

-Justin

From: Daniel Stuckless <danstuckless@4asolutions.ca>
Sent: March 18, 2025 2:57 PM
To: McKeown, Justin <justin.mckeown@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Cc: Kennedy Tuccaro <Kennedy.Tuccaro@mcfngir.ca>; Sebastien Fekete <sebastien.fekete@mcfngir.ca>
Subject: FW: Impact Assessment Agency of Canada – Information about the Peace River Nuclear Power Plant Project - Mikisew Cree First Nation
Importance: High

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Hello Justin:

Can we set up a meeting to discuss the Rook 1 project that we just became aware of at Mikisew Cree? Please and thanks? Just learning that a hearing has been set down for the fall. Given the proximity of the project to significant traditional lands of the Mikisew people and our beloved Peace Athabasca Delta watershed, we are dumbfounded by the lack of notice and consideration for Mikisew's Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. Especially our long standing relationship with the federal government and the work we've tried to do together on the UNESCO petition. This creates another risk to the PAD that we are just now becoming aware of.

Hope to hear from you very soon.

Regards,

Dan



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From: Bois, Claudette (IAAC/AEIC) <Claudette.Bois@iaac-aeic.gc.ca>

Sent: March 18, 2025 10:06 AM

To: Daniel Stuckless <danstuckless@4asolutions.ca>

Cc: Chiblow, Liane (IAAC/AEIC) <Liane.Chiblow@iaac-aeic.gc.ca>; Ronzio, Joseph (IAAC/AEIC) <Joseph.Ronzio@iaac-aeic.gc.ca>; Timoumi, Fatima-Zahra (IAAC/AEIC) <Fatima-Zahra.Timoumi@iaac-aeic.gc.ca>; Levine, Adam <Adam.levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; McKeown, Justin <justin.mckeown@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Sebastien Fekete <sebastien.fekete@mcfngir.ca>; Lefebvre, Allisson (IAAC/AEIC) <Allisson.Lefebvre@iaac-aeic.gc.ca>; Carriere, Sean (IAAC/AEIC) <Sean.Carriere@iaac-aeic.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: Impact Assessment Agency of Canada – Information about the Peace River Nuclear Power Plant Project - Mikisew Cree First Nation

Good morning Dan,

Thank you for reaching out and the reminder. My apologies for the delay.

Regarding the designation request for Treaty 6, Allisson Lefebvre, Project Manager in the Prairie and Northern Regional Office (cc'd above), would be the appropriate IAAC contact.

For information on NexGen's proposed project Rook 1, please see the following link ([Rook 1 Project](#)) and feel free to reach out to my Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) colleague Justin McKeown (cc'd above) if you have questions.

Our available dates for initial meet and greet are below. The intent of our initial meeting would be to introduce ourselves, learn about Mikisew's perspectives about the proposed Peace River Nuclear Power Plant Project, and plan subsequent meetings and information sharing sessions that will require 2-3+ hour meeting slots. For example, our first information session would be the introduction of the integrated impact assessment process for nuclear projects, delivered in collaboration with IAAC and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC).

Available dates:

- March 21, 1-2 pm (MST)
- March 31, 10-11 (MST)

- April 7, 10-11 (MST)
- April 11, 8-9 (MST)

Please let me know if you require dates further out than those above. I am looking to meeting with you.

Claudette Bois

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From: Daniel Stuckless <danstuckless@4asolutions.ca>

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 5:02 PM

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Cc: Chiblow, Liane (IAAC/AEIC) <Liane.Chiblow@iaac-aeic.gc.ca>; Ronzio, Joseph (IAAC/AEIC) <Joseph.Ronzio@iaac-aeic.gc.ca>; Timoumi, Fatima-Zahra (IAAC/AEIC) <Fatima-Zahra.Timoumi@iaac-aeic.gc.ca>; Levine, Adam <Adam.levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; McKeown, Justin <justin.mckeown@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Sebastien Fekete <sebastien.fekete@mcfngir.ca>

Subject: RE: Impact Assessment Agency of Canada – Information about the Peace River Nuclear Power Plant Project - Mikisew Cree First Nation

Good afternoon Claudette:

Just following up on this email. Also, I'm looking for information or a contact within IAAC who's dealing with the designation request for Treaty 6. Mikisew has prepared its own designation request and will send it in later this week and would like to ensure we have the correct CC list after the appointment of Minister Duguid.

Lastly, I'm looking for information on a uranium mine in north western Saskatchewan by a company called NexGen who has proposed a project called Rook 1. We had just become aware of the project at the GIR office and have no contacts or information. Any information you have be able to share would be appreciated.

Lastly, Mitchel Bower is no longer with the GIR.

Thanks,

Dan



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From: Daniel Stuckless

Sent: March 4, 2025 7:52 PM

To: Claudette.Bois@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

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Subject: FW: Impact Assessment Agency of Canada – Information about the Peace River Nuclear Power Plant Project - Mikisew Cree First Nation

Good evening Claudette:

Mikisew Cree First Nation, has requested an introductory meeting related to the project attached. Do you have some dates where you and the IAAC/CNSC team would be available?

Thank you,

Dan



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Cc: Sebastien Fekete <sebastien.fekete@mcfngir.ca>; Breanne Whiteknife <breanne.whiteknife@mcfngir.ca>; Chiblow, Liane (IAAC/AEIC) <Liane.Chiblow@iaac-aeic.gc.ca>; Ronzio, Joseph (IAAC/AEIC) <Joseph.Ronzio@iaac-aeic.gc.ca>; Timoumi, Fatima-Zahra (IAAC/AEIC) <Fatima-Zahra.Timoumi@iaac-aeic.gc.ca>; Levine, Adam <Adam.levine@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; McKeown, Justin <justin.mckeown@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: Impact Assessment Agency of Canada – Information about the Peace River Nuclear Power Plant Project - Mikisew Cree First Nation

Tansi Chief Billy-Joe Tuccaro,

I am reaching out on behalf of the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) to share information about the proposed Peace River Nuclear Power Plant Project (the Project) and to learn about Mikisew Cree First Nation's interest in participating in the potential integrated impact assessment process.

Energy Alberta is proposing to construct two twin CANDU MONARK nuclear reactors, located about 30 kilometers north of the Town of Peace River, Alberta. The proposed Project would generate up to 4,800 megawatts of nuclear power for Alberta, with an operational period expected to last approximately 80 years.

Please find the attached letter, which includes additional information about the Project, an overview of the early steps in the integrated impact assessment process for nuclear projects, and details about an available funding opportunity.

If you are interested in discussing the Project, the integrated impact assessment process, and our approach to collaborating with your Nation, colleagues from IAAC, CNSC and I would be happy to meet with you at your convenience.

We look forward to working with you as the project assessment progresses.

E'kosi,

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CNSC – Mikisew Cree First Nation (MCFN) Introductory Teams Meeting on NexGen project

April 7, 2025 2-3 pm MST

Participants:

MCFN: Daniel Stuckless (CEO – 4A solutions in Fort McMurray, and Indigenous relations manager for Mikisew), Kennedy Tuccaro (govt relations mgr, Mikisew member as well)

CNSC: Adam Levine, Patrick Burton, Dana Pandolfi, Justin McKeown, Nana Kwamena, Hilary Hunter, Nicole Frigault

Dan inquired as to why MCFN was finding out about the project at the announcement of NexGen hearing. He shares that he heard about the Commission Hearing and did a google search to obtain more information. Dan indicated residents in Fort Chipewyan have been discussing the Rook I project. Dan has concerns that MCFN should have been scoped in as part of project consultations since they locate in the Lake Athabasca watershed.

Adam explained the CNSC's pre consultation analysis, and that when the project started in 2019, that potential impacts were not seen further than the localized area of Patterson lake. Adam indicated as part of the analysis, and based on the known and provided Indigenous land use in the project area CRDN, and other local nations were noted to be potentially impacted from the project. He continued that the EIS supported that the project impacts are localized, not on the river shed or downstream where MCFN members are located.

Adam continued that ACFN expressed an interest early on, based on their interest in other projects in Northern Sask and that the CNSC engaged with ACFN on an interests basis.

Dan asked about water intake needs of the project, and if there is a downstream impact. It was explained that there is no taking up of water like a proposed reactor project may have. There are different intake pathways due to it being a uranium mine. CNSC also indicated no surface water connectivity, and therefore no potential for influence from the mining operation.

In terms of the regulatory process, the CNSC accepted the final EIS at the end of January. The CNSC will continue to address outstanding concerns and is imposing additional monitoring to verify the conclusions of the EIS that there are no impacts to surface or groundwater.

The prediction will be validated with a focus at the site directly and Patterson Lake in the Treaty 8 area.

Through TLUS and LUS funded by NexGen it was determined that the impacts of project are localized, and they have worked to mitigate the impacts.

A discussion ensued about a second proposed UMM on Patterson Lake – The Fission/Paladin Patterson Lake South project. This proposed project is 8.5 km from the NexGen site and early in approval phases. However, this project was subject to a provincial EA conducted by the Government of Saskatchewan's Ministry of Environment, but will require the same licencing as the Rook I project by the CNSC.

There was a discussion about the CNSC's monitoring programs – EARMP and IEMP. It was explained that the CNSC will continue general outreach as the life cycle regulator, and staff provided an explanation of how the Environmental risk assessment cycle works. MCFN raised a question about products coming out of the mine and mill and their associated transportation. It was explained that the facility will mine ore from shafts, and that yellowcake (UO₂) would be transported in steel drums on the back of trucks to be refined out of province. It was discussed that the route would be heading south on the highway through La Loche.

From: McKeown, Justin
Sent: April 16, 2025 2:10 PM
To: Levine, Adam; Hunter, Hilary; Zenobi, Adam
Cc: Frigault, Nicole; Pandolfi, Dana; Burton, Patrick; Kwamena, Nana-Owusua
Subject: Fw: Participation in NexGen Rook 1 Hearing
Attachments: image001.png

FYI Adam and team. We will need to discuss.

Justin McKeown
Team Leader, Western & Northern Regions
Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Division
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From: Daniel Stuckless <danstuckless@4asolutions.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 11:21:56 AM
To: McKeown, Justin <justin.mckeown@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: Participation in NexGen Rook 1 Hearing

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Good morning Justin:

Mikisew would like to participate in the hearing for Patterson Lake, SK – NexGen Rook 1 hearing scheduled for this fall. Can you provide information and key contacts on how we would formally request this through the hearing panel?

Please and thanks?

Dan



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From: McKeown, Justin
Sent: April 30, 2025 12:01 PM
To: Daniel Stuckless
Cc: Hunter, Hilary; Frigault, Nicole; Zenobi, Adam
Subject: RE: Participation in NexGen Rook 1 Hearing

Good afternoon Dan,

I wanted to reach out and provide the following link in the event you are looking to participate in the NexGen Rook 1 Public Hearing process. [Participant Funding for NexGen's Rook 1 Project](#)

I would still very much like to meet to discuss and to learn of Mikisew Cree's concerns so we can support your participation in the process. However, I did want to ensure you had some information and dates regarding funding for participation should MCFN wish to apply.

Thanks.

-Justin

From: McKeown, Justin
Sent: April 23, 2025 4:33 PM
To: Daniel Stuckless <danstuckless@4asolutions.ca>
Cc: Hunter, Hilary <hilary.hunter@cnscccsn.gc.ca>; Frigault, Nicole <nicole.frigault@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Participation in NexGen Rook 1 Hearing

Hi Dan,

Very sorry on the tardy reply. Is there a time we can meet in the next week that works for you?

If you're amenable we would like to discuss your concerns and provide you information on our hearing process and how you can be involved.

Thanks.

-Justin

From: Daniel Stuckless <danstuckless@4asolutions.ca>
Sent: April 16, 2025 11:22 AM
To: McKeown, Justin <justin.mckeown@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
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From: Daniel Stuckless <danstuckless@4asolutions.ca>
Sent: July 24, 2025 9:30 AM
To: McKeown, Justin; Jean, Arielle
Cc: Julie Abouchar; Sebastien Fekete; Hunter, Hilary
Subject: RE: PFP Agreement and information request

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Thank you Justin. I'll get back to you if we have any further questions. Appreciate the quick response.

Dan



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Sent: July 24, 2025 9:07 AM
To: Daniel Stuckless <danstuckless@4asolutions.ca>; Jean, Arielle <arielle.jean@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Cc: Julie Abouchar <julie@millertiterle.com>; Sebastien Fekete <sebastien.fekete@mcfngir.ca>; Hunter, Hilary <hilary.hunter@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: PFP Agreement and information request

Hi Dan,

Thanks for your email and the signed agreement for the PFP. Please see my responses to your questions below.

- 1) I have included the Mikisew Cree First Nation-specific section of our Consultation Report that will be presented to the Commission. It is intended to reflect the discussions and communications yourself, on behalf of Mikisew, and ourselves have had to date.
- 2) Regarding consultation on the Rook I Project, the CNSC uses various sources of information to help determine the Indigenous Nations and communities to consult and engage with. Through an evaluation of the impacts of the Project, and using resources such as CIRNAC's ATRIS, reviewing information regarding

Indigenous and Treaty Rights shared by Indigenous Nations and communities through interventions or submissions, as well as information gathered and submitted by proponents or licensees and any publicly available data, CNSC conducts a preliminary analysis of which Indigenous Nations and communities may be potentially impacted from the Project. In the case of Rook I, the evaluation of the Project indicated that the residual impacts arising from the Project are point-source, and will not extend past the local study area as noted in the NexGen EIS. In addition, data available to the CNSC indicated that Mikisew Cree FN's reserve lands, core territory and known use were not in the vicinity of the project or in an area where impacts arising from the Project are expected.

Concerning ACFN's involvement in the Rook I Project, ACFN had previously provided a Consultation Map to the CNSC indicating that the Project overlapped ACFN's consultation and traditional territory. As such, the CNSC engaged in interest-based discussions with ACFN as per their request.

- 3) Concerning the funding allocation provided to Mikisew Cree FN, for the Participant Funding Program the general guidelines for the CNSC's PFP is that it is a contributions program, that helps to support Indigenous Nations and interested parties in accessing funding to support their participation in the CNSC's regulatory processes, but it is not intended to cover all potential costs that an applicant may request. For this final stage of the regulatory process there was initially a maximum of \$250,000 available to be awarded across all successful applications. Given the high level of requests and demand, the total allocation was nearly doubled to \$465,000. Even with the increase in funding, virtually all applicants did not receive their requested amounts in full. Given the late engagement of Mikisew Cree, and given the lack of predicted impacts to Mikisew Cree FN the Funding Review Committee made recommendations on how best to allocate the available funds amongst all applicants, including Mikisew Cree FN's allocation.

Please let me know if you have any further follow-up or require further clarifications. We would be happy to have a follow-up meeting to discuss any further questions or concerns Mikisew Cree FN has in regards to the Rook 1 project and the regulatory process. Thanks.

-Justin

From: Daniel Stuckless <danstuckless@4asolutions.ca>

Sent: July 22, 2025 3:24 PM

To: Jean, Arielle <arielle.jean@cnsccsn.gc.ca>

Cc: McKeown, Justin <justin.mckeown@cnsccsn.gc.ca>; Julie Abouchar <julie@millertiterle.com>; Sebastien Fekete <sebastien.fekete@mcfngir.ca>

Subject: PFP Agreement and information request

Importance: High

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Good afternoon Arielle:

Attached is the signed agreement as requested. Apologies for the delay. To aid in our participation Mikisew is requesting the following items:

- 1) Record of engagement / consultation between CNSC and Mikisew related to the NexGen Rook 1 Project.
- 2) Rationale for not engaging / consulting Mikisew on the NexGen Rook 1 Project while engaging / consulting ACFN.

- 3) Rationale for the PFP agreement amount of \$16,600 of the \$50,000 requested. Mikisew will give our best efforts in attempting to meet the requirements of the funding agreement while being realistic about the limitations.

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Background on Mikisew Cree First Nation



Figure 1: MCFN logo

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Subject: RE: PFP Agreement and information request
Attachments: PFP - CA - MCFN- NEX04 - 2025 - RPPPD - FINAL.pdf

Hi Dan,

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Thank you and have a great day!
Arielle

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Subject: Willow Lake Metis Nation - Patterson Lake South (PLS) Project

Good afternoon,

Please find enclosed correspondence from D. Gerald Roth.

Thank you.

Katherine Antoniuk

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May 8, 2025

VIA FAX (613) 995-5086

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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Ottawa, ON K1P 5SP

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: **WILLOW LAKE METIS NATION – PATTERSON LAKE SOUTH (PLS)
PROJECT**

Please find attached letter sent to regarding the proposed Patterson Lake South (PLS) Project. This will serve as formal notice to Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (“CNSC”) that our client, the Willow Lake Metis Nation (“WLMN”), asserts that its members possess aboriginal rights that will be impacted by the project. Our client hereby demands that CNSC consult with WLMN to identify, accommodate, and mitigate the projects impacts.

Should we not receive a favourable response from CNSC on or before May 20, 2025, we have instructions to file a claim in Federal Court.

Kind regards,

GOODFELLOW & SCHUETTLAW

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WITHOUT PREJUDICE

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Paladin Canada
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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: WILLOW LAKE METIS NATION – PATTERSON LAKE SOUTH (PLS)
PROJECT**

Please be advised that we are the lawyers for the Willow Lake Metis Nation (“WLMN”), as represented by the Willow Lake Metis Community Association, located near Fort McMurray, Alberta. Our client has recently become aware of your Patterson Lake South Project, north of La Loche, Saskatchewan. WLMN is also aware, from public announcements, that you are negotiating impact benefit agreements (IBAs) with the local Dene and Metis communities, including La Loche and the Clearwater River Dene Nation (“CRDN”).

Please be advised that our client is a rights bearing Metis community with historical and contemporary ties to the PLS Project area, which predate the creation of the Alberta – Saskatchewan border. A well-known example is that the La Loche Band (now CRDN) signed Treaty 8 at Fort McMurray in 1899. Another well-known example is in the *R. v. Laviolette*, (2005) 267 Sask.R. 291 (PC), court decision which recognized that the Northwest Saskatchewan Metis community extends into what is now Northeast Alberta.

WLMN members are ancestrally connected to Metis and First Nations families in the area, primarily La Loche and CRDN. WLMN has completed significant historical research to establish its connection to the project area. The local Dene, Metis, and WLMN communities continue to frequently travel, hunt, gather, and reside, between Northeast Alberta and Northwest Saskatchewan.

Furthermore, Paterson Lake, Saskatchewan flows into Forrest Lake to the Mirror River and to Lloyd Lake before joining the Clearwater River, which then flows to Fort McMurray, Alberta. Our client asserts that its aboriginal rights to hunt, gather, and to otherwise use its traditional territory, will be adversely impacted by the Rook 1 Project.

Neither Paladin Energy (Fission Energy) nor Canada have consulted with WLMN regarding the impacts of the Project on their aboriginal rights. Our client's members are not represented by the Metis Nation-Saskatchewan, Northern Region II, or CRDN. The IBAs with those groups will have no benefit, or application, to WLMN.

We therefore herein demand that Paladin Energy immediately engage with WLMN to identify and address the impacts that the PLS Project will have on its aboriginal rights. Be advised that should Paladin fail to adequately reply to this demand on or before May 20, 2025, we have instructions to file a claim in Federal Court to oppose the Project.

Kind regards,

GOODFELLOW & SCHUETTLAW

Per: 

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May 20, 2025

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Subject: Willow Lake Metis Nation – NexGen Rook I Project

Dear Mr. Roth:

Thank you for your letter dated May 8th, 2025, addressed to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) regarding Willow Lake Metis Nation's rights and interests in the NexGen Rook I Project (herein referred to as 'the Project'), located approximately 155 km north of La Loche, Saskatchewan.

On January 28th, 2025, the federal review of NexGen's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concluded, and the Final EIS was accepted by CNSC staff as it meets the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, 2012 (CEAA, 2012). On March 11th, 2025 the CNSC announced a two-part Commission hearing to consider NexGen's application for the environmental assessment under CEAA, 2012 and the licence application to prepare site towards the Commission's decision-making. The hearing dates are scheduled for November 19th, 2025 and February 9th to 13th, 2026. Information related to the Project and the regulatory review process can be found here: [Rook I Project](#).

The CNSC acknowledged receipt of your letter on May 12th and received a response on May 15th from Mr. Michetti, Senior Manager of Government and Industry Relations, for Willow Lake Métis Nation indicating availability to meet to discuss the Project. CNSC would like to discuss Willow Lake Metis Nation's concerns and interests in relation to the Project and learn about the Nation's historical and contemporary use of the Project area. We welcome a discussion with yourself and Willow Lake Metis Nation leadership to further discuss the Project.

Please provide a list of meeting participants and your preferred means of communication to the CNSC so we can schedule an initial discussion. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Levine, Adam

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Subject: Re: Willow Lake Metis Nation concerns with Patterson lake South Project

EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

Hey Adam,

I just wanted to provide a quick update to our meeting tomorrow.

In addition to Myself, President Lavallee and Keely Winnitoy from Certes, we'll be joined by one of the Nation's elders, Rollo Goodwin, our Sustainability Manager, Destiny Martin, Kyle Whitford, our Indigenous Guardian and Mitchel Janvier, Our Climate Change Specialist.

Looking forward to meeting you and introducing you to the Nation, I'd ask for about 20 minutes to present a bit of the Nation's history and values as well as project discussion.

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Good morning! Please find attached a formal response to the letter the CNSC received from Willow Lake Metis Nation on May 8, 2025. We look forward to meeting you and discussing further this week. Thanks!

Adam

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Subject: Re: Willow Lake Metis Nation concerns with Nexgen Rook 1

Hi Matt, thanks for the response! I think we can make the time on May 21st work. Just to confirm, would that be Mountain Standard Time and is it ok if we do the meeting over Microsoft Teams? If so, I can send a meeting invite for all of us to connect. Looking forward to meeting you.

Adam

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Subject: Willow Lake Metis Nation concerns with Nexgen Rook 1

EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

Hello Mr. Levine,

Thank you for your response to Mr. Roth and for your invitation to meet and discuss Willow Lake Metis Nation's position.

We are available on May 20 (9 am - 3 pm) or May 21 (9 am -10:30 am) to meet.

I hope I could impose on you for an introductory phone call before our meeting to discuss attendees, process etc.

Matt Michetti



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Hi Matt! Yes I can work on setting up a meeting for us tomorrow. I will send an invite shortly, thanks!

Adam

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Hello Adam,

Thank you for your prompt attention to Willow Lake Metis Nation's correspondence.

We are hoping you are still available at 9 am MST for a virtual meeting with President Stella Lavallee, Keely Winnitoy and myself for an initial discussion.

matt

CNSC-Willow Lake Métis Nation (WLMN) Introductory Teams Meeting

May 21, 2025, 9-10am MST

Participants:

WLMN: Matthew Michetti (Sr. Mgr Government and Industry Relations), Rollo Goodwin (Elder), Stella Lavallee (President), Kyle Richards (Indigenous Guardian), Destiny Martin (Mgr of Sustainability), Keely Winnitoy (Certes consulting).

CNSC: Adam Levine (Director, ICED), Justin McKeown (Western Team Lead, ICED), Hilary Hunter (Senior Advisor, ICED), Sandhya Chari (Counsel, Legal Services).

Notes:

1. Participants from the CNSC and WLMN introduced themselves.
2. WLMN Background and Presentation - Matthew Michetti provided a brief history of the Willow Lake Métis Nation (WLMN), noting that they were part of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MN-A) until asserting their sovereignty in December 2019. While WLMN is not a settlement, they are not landless, having recently acquired 205 acres near Anzac, Alberta.

WLMN presented a PowerPoint that included a map of their traditional territory in northeastern Alberta and northwestern Saskatchewan, highlighting documented land use. Michetti explained that WLMN citizens hold harvesting rights under government policy in Alberta and maintain familial connections with neighboring Nations.

WLMN's governance model is built on seven pillars:

Community, Administration & Governance, Cultural Retention, Environment, Government Relations, Industry Relations, and Growth & Equity.

WLMN have engaged with the Alberta Government, Alberta Energy Regulator, and the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) on various projects.

Specific to the NexGen project: Stella noted that WLMN citizens owns property in northwestern Saskatchewan, near the Alberta border. Rollo and Kyle raised concerns about transboundary environmental impacts, such as pollution and caribou habitat ranges that extend beyond provincial borders. Keely added that historical research supports WLMN's ties to La Loche and Île-à-la-Crosse.

3. CNSC Introduction - Adam introduced the CNSC, outlining its mandate, independence from government, staffing structure, and the role of the Commission. He emphasized that CNSC staff make recommendations, while the Commission holds hearings and makes final decisions on project approvals and conditions.
4. NexGen Rook 1 Project Update – Adam provided an update on the NexGen Rook 1 project. NexGen applied for a licence under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* (NSCA) in 2019, with the Environmental Assessment (EA) conducted under the *Canadian Environmental*

Assessment Act, 2012 (CEAA). After addressing technical concerns – such as water impacts, hydrogeology and caribou habitat – the CNSC accepted the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Jan 28, 2025. A two-part Commission hearing is scheduled for Nov 19, 2025, and Feb 9 -13, 2026. Staff are preparing reports and gathering information to support the Commission’s decision-making process, which will also include interventions and submissions from the proponent, Indigenous Nations and communities, and the public.

5. Question from WLMN on transportation. WLMN inquired whether transportation impacts were included in the assessment. Justin explained that transportation is partially included, with traffic volumes during construction considered. He described CNSC’s regulation of packaging and transport, including approved drum packaging for yellowcake, designated routes and emergency response procedures. The CNSC has strict regulations and requirements for the shipment and transport of all nuclear and radioactive materials including uranium.

Adam clarified that for the NexGen Rook 1 project that the uranium product (yellow cake) would be transported by truck and in approved drums and not by rail. Adam noted that while there have been one or two incidents involving nuclear material transport, emergency protocols were followed, and there were no environmental or human impacts. He also discussed shipment tracking, nuclear safeguards, and international obligations.

6. Environmental Monitoring and Indigenous Involvement - Justin emphasized that the EA process involves collaboration with federal departments such as Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). Adam introduced the Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP), which includes Indigenous participation in sample collection.

WLMN inquired about capacity funding for water monitoring. Adam referenced the Eastern Athabasca Regional Monitoring Program (EARMP) and suggested a similar initiative could be considered for the Western Athabasca Basin. WLMN expressed interest in building monitoring capacity.

7. CNSC shared links in the chat related to nuclear packaging, transport and the IEMP: [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission - CNSC - YouTube](#), and [Independent Environmental Monitoring Program \(IEMP\)](#).
8. CNSC Licensing process - Sandhya explained CNSC’s regulation of the full nuclear lifecycle, including a staged licensing process: Licence to Prepare Site (LTPS), Licence to Construct (LTC), and Licence to Operate (LTO).
9. Follow-Up and Relationship building - Adam expressed interest in further discussions regarding WLMN’s key concerns as it relates to both the NexGen Rook 1 and Fission/Paladin Patterson Lake South Project, including potential impacts on caribou, watersheds, and groundwater. He also asked about WLMN’s engagement with NexGen and Paladin. CNSC staff offered to present a “CNSC 101” session to WLMN leadership or members. WLMN was open to continued engagement.

10. Meeting adjourned.

Follow-up actions: 1. WLMN to send copy of PowerPoint presentation to CNSC staff.

2. Justin to ensure information on PFP for NexGen Rook 1 hearing sent to WLMN.
(done on May 21st by Adam Zenobi)



Willow Lake Métis Nation

WHO WE ARE



WLMN: History

Were a part of the Métis Nation of Alberta until December 2019.

Pulled away from the MNA to assert our own sovereignty.

Have been engaged in the Credible Assertion process with the Government of Alberta for many years.

Anticipating accreditation in the coming months.

Not a settlement; however, not landless.

Purchased 205 acres of land, in 2022, that is of ancestral importance to Willow Lake Métis Nation Citizens.



WLMN: Roots

- Current and historic Métis community with family lines, historical records, oral history, and documented land use information demonstrating occupancy and exercise of rights in Northeastern Alberta from the early 1800's to present day
- Land use interviews document WLMN land use sites that include:
 - Harvesting, hunting, fishing, plant and berry gathering, trapping, and water collection
 - Transportation sites such as trails and water travel routes
 - Habitation sites such as cabins and campsites
 - Cultural or spiritual sites including place names and burials



WLMN: Principles

Vision

To effectively represent the rights bearing community of the Willow Lake Métis, ensuring trust, cultural retention, economic stability, a sustainable environment, and a better life for all.

Core Values

Community
Integrity
Identity
Culture
Sustainability

Mission

By operating through a structured governance of transparency and accountability we aim to improve our community's way of life and sovereignty through responsible leadership.



Community

Administration and Governance

Cultural Retention

Environment

Government Relations

Industry Relations

Growth and Equity

WLMN: Seven Pillars

- Built upon seven pillars of governance that guide the organization and set the expectations to accomplish its values, purpose and mission
- Supports community growth and development while maintaining identity and fostering culture



Community

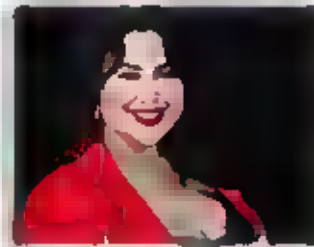
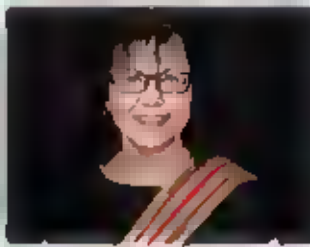
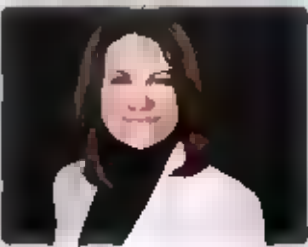


WLMN: Pillar Insight

- Engaged Citizenship
- Established sustainable policies and programming including:
 - Post Secondary Education Program
 - Skills Employment & Training Program
 - Christmas Hamper Program
 - Youth Summer Employment Program
 - Elders Wood Program
 - Harvesting Policy
 - Bereavement Policy
 - Hardship Policy
 - Medical Policy
- Willow Lake Métis Group provides for:
 - Community Investment
 - Community Development



Administration and Governance



WLMN: Pillar Insight

- WLMN Board of Directors
 - Stella Lavallee, President
 - Jason McKenzie, Vice President
 - Jessica McKenzie, Secretary
 - Joyce Quintal, Treasurer
 - Feather Bourque-Jenner, Director
- Staff
 - 11 Employees: 9 Full-time, 1 Part-time, 1 Summer Student





Cultural Retention



WLMN: Pillar Insight

- Unites the community while maintaining our identity and supporting our culture
- Several cultural activities are held throughout the year including:
 - Harvesting Camp
 - Fish Camps
 - Berry Picking
 - Métis Festival
 - Community Christmas Dinner
- Willow Lake Métis Group hosts:
 - Annual Cultural Cup Golf Tournament





Environment



WLMN: Pillar Insight

- Steering Committee established to guide and prioritize the environmental activities
- Observe, document and analyze information to support the connection to the land
- Part of the Oil Sands Monitoring Program, starting our 5th year
- Conduct bi-annual fish examinations and take samples to test for contamination
- Conduct surface water quality monitoring at various lakes and rivers within the region
- Indigenous Guardian has been hired to conduct general environmental observations, sampling and monitoring at culturally significant locations and potential project locations
- Wildlife Camera Program has been established





Government Relations



WLMN: Pillar Insight

- Currently awaiting approval of Credible Assertion with the Government of Alberta
 - Application has been submitted; awaiting approval by the Minister
- Recognized by the federal and provincial governments.
- Consulted by the AB Govt on plans including:
 - Lower Athabasca Regional Plan
 - Wandering River Sub-regional Plan
 - Slave Lake / Wabasca Sub-regional Plan
 - Northeast Wildland Parks Cooperative Management Plan





Industry Relations

WLMN: Pillar Insight

- Wishes to collaborate with Industry partners by fostering relationship agreements with producers in the region.
- Recognized by the Alberta Energy Regulator and receive updates.
- Currently maintains relationships with the following producers:
 - ConocoPhillips
 - Keyera Corporation
 - Suncor
 - Enbridge
 - CNOOC
 - Greenfire
 - MEG Energy
 - Cenovus
- Several other producers in the region are also engaging in discussions





Growth and Equity

WLMN: Pillar Insight

- Astisiy Partnership
- Athabasca Indigenous Investments Partnership
- Land Acquisition
 - 205 Acres of land situated on both sides Hwy 881, along Willow Lake
- Willow Lake Metis Farms:
 - Bison Ranch
 - Community Heritage Centre
 - Mother Earth's Garden
 - Métis Housing
 - Tourism and Camping





Growth and Equity

WLMN: Pillar Insight

- Willow Lake Métis Group consist of 12 partnerships
- Work is underway to define sustainability from an Indigenous perspective by identifying ESG (Environment, Social, and Governance) priorities, assessing the current state, and developing a culturally relevant pathway to guide future action.



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Attachments: WLMN Who We Are - CNSC - May 2025.pdf (2.19 MB)

EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

Hello All,
Please see the attached Who We Are presentation that was requested from the meeting last week.
Thank you for the information below, we will get to work on submitting the application as soon as possible.
Have a great day!

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EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION / COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE

Hello,
Please see the attached application and supporting documentation for the CNSC – PFP. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Have a great day!

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Subject: RE: CNSC - Participant Funding Program - NexGen Rook I

Hi Matt,

My apologies for the late reply, Hilary had passed along your message earlier but it got lost in my inbox. I received the application from Destiny this morning, but if you have a more detailed budget please send it to me as it will help the independent Funding Review Committee (FRC) when they review the application.

Thanks!

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July 2, 2025

Arielle Jean

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RE: Willow Lake Métis Nation CNSC Participant funding application – Nexgen Rook 1

Ms. Jean

I am writing to express my dismay at the paltry funding offered by CNSC for Willow Lake Métis Nation to review the Environmental Assessment and License to Construct application for NexGen's Rook 1 Project in the context of impacts to the traditional lands of the Willow Lake Métis in what is now Saskatchewan. The Willow Lake Métis are a sovereign Nation as defined in Section 35 of Canada's Constitution Act of 1982, independent of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan ("MNS") and the Métis Nation of Alberta Association ("MNAA") and entitled to in depth meaningful consultation and accommodation regarding this proposed project. Canada has failed to uphold its obligations to WLMN and its ancestors, including the honourable and fiduciary duties of the Crown.

Rather than protecting WLMN's way of life and ensuring the meaningful exercise of their rights, Canada has engaged in a pattern of conduct that, taken together, has, and will continue to, significantly diminished WLMN's right to hunt, fish, trap, and gather as part of their way of life. Among other things, habitats have been, and will be, fragmented, lands and waters have been, and will be, degraded, substances have been, and will be, introduced that cause legitimate fears of contamination and pollution, and lands have been put to uses that are incompatible with the continued meaningful exercise of WLMN's aboriginal rights.

The funding level offered precludes any meaningful or responsible review of the project. As such, Willow Lake Métis Nation respectfully declines this contribution offer and will seek alternate means to protect our constitutionally held rights.

Sincerely,

Matt Michetti

Sr Manager Government and Industry Relations

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Subject: RE: CNSC - Participant Funding Program - NexGen Rook I

Thank you for your response and letter outlining your concerns with the PFP. We would be happy to meet to discuss the Nation's letter and press release to find a path forward together. It is important to the CNSC that your Nation continues to engage with NexGen and the CNSC so we can fulsomely understand the concerns being raised and how we can best support WLMN in having those concerns addressed.

We are open to meeting and very much wish to continue discussions from our initial meeting at your interest and convenience.

As stated please reach out at any time. Thanks.

-Justin

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Hey Justin,

No discussions or follow up with Nexgen, the Nation's response to the funding contribution is attached.

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Subject: RE: CNSC - Participant Funding Program - NexGen Rook I
Attachments: CNSC Participant Funding Program - Contribution Agreement - NexGen Rook 1 Project - WLMN.msg (828.5 KB)

Hi Matthew,

I wanted to reach out and check in with yourself and the Willow Lake Métis Nation leadership.

Our last correspondence following our May 20th meeting is contained below and I've attached the confirmation of Participant Funding your Nation received to intervene in the NexGen Rook I hearing process. We have been made aware of the following press release: [A Message from the Leadership of Willow Lake Métis Nation](#)

We remain open and committed to dialogue with WLMN and would like to offer to have any follow-up discussions to address your issues and concerns you may have regarding the Project and process. In addition, we are interested to hear if there has been any follow-up with NexGen regarding your Nation's issues and concerns and if there have been any discussions between yourselves and NexGen since May.

Feel free to reach out at any time to discuss as we would be happy to set up a meeting.

Thank you for your time.

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CC: Hunter, Hilary <hilary.hunter@cnscccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Willow Lake Metis Nation Engagement

Thanks for the update Adam. We met with them and offered to follow up with our experts if they had any questions or needed more information. They indicated to us they would be engaging with yourselves to get information on the project and have their technical questions answered. We asked they follow up with us to let us know how things were going and if they needed any additional info.

So, like you, they haven't reached out to us as well. We will be in touch on this and keep you posted if you hear anything but we will be reaching out.

-Justin

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Justin,

We did respond to the WLMN on May 20th and have not yet heard back from them since our response.

Have they reached out to your team to consult since the last time you met?

When you met with them last what was the actions or follow-ups?

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: CNSC - Participant Funding Program - NexGen Rook I
Attachments: Filed Notice of Application - Willow Lake Metis.pdf (310.3 KB)

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Hello Justin,

Thank you for the invitation for a follow up meeting. As you are aware, CNSC has decided to not provide Willow Lake Metis Nation with proper capacity funding to allow for meaningful engagement. Our response, as stated, is to seek Judicial Review of the failure of Canada to uphold its duty to consult with us. Please find attached a courtesy copy of our court application, which includes an injunction application to order that the CNSC Rook 1 hearings be postponed.

Please be advised that we require proper capacity funding before we can further discuss this project in any meaningful way.

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Subject: RE: CNSC - Participant Funding Program - NexGen Rook I

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Hey Justin,

Thank you for your email.

Notwithstanding your explanation, and your attempt to miscategorize Willow Lake Metis Nation (WLMN) as declining funding, our view is that CNSC failed to provide capacity for WLMN to participate in any meaningful way.

The offer to provide less than 10% of our proposed amount is grossly inadequate and would simply bring WLMN to the table without any resources to undertake any work or produce any documents. The 10% offer was made in bad faith to set WLMN up for failure, and not in keeping with the honor of the Crown to meaningfully consult with our Nation.

We have notified the Federal Crown many times that we credibly assert historic aboriginal rights in NW Saskatchewan. We possess historical documentation and genealogical evidence that clearly establish that the WLMN connection to what is now NW Saskatchewan predates the creation of the Alberta/Saskatchewan border in 1905. Our community is in closer proximity to Patterson Lake than some of the communities that have been consulted, including the Buffalo River Dene Nation, and St. George's Hill Metis Local.

Lastly, we wish to again thank you for your offer to meet. However, as previously stated, we lack capacity to participate in any meaningful way. Your offer to meet on one hand, while refusing to provide capacity to meaningfully participate on the other, is more bad faith and more evidence of the ongoing breach of the honor of the crown.

MATTHEW MICHETTI

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CC: Luke Moger <lmoger@nxe-energy.ca>; Hunter, Hilary <hilary.hunter@cnsccsn.gc.ca>
Subject: Engagement with Willow Lake Métis Nation

Hi Adam & Melissa,

Hope your Monday is going well. I wanted to follow up on our call from Friday August 8th. As discussed, the CNSC is working to understand Willow Lake Métis Nations interests and rights in the Rook I Project. We have exchanged correspondence with the Nation in attempts to address questions and concerns they have on the Project and to further exchange information.

Based on our conversation I understand that Willow Lake Métis Nation has not reached out to NexGen beyond their initial correspondence in May. The CNSC strongly encourages NexGen to proactively reach out to the Nation to offer any information, and address any questions regarding the Project you are in the best position to provide the members of Willow Lake. We want to encourage and, where necessary, facilitate dialogue between all parties at this time. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

If you wish to discuss the above please don't hesitate to reach out. Take care.

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CNSC – Willow Lake Metis Nation (WLMN) Meeting to Discuss Proposal for Funding and Building Awareness/Knowledge of the CNSC’s Processes and the Nuclear Sector

Virtual- Microsoft Teams meeting

September 4, 2025 9-10am

Participants:

WLMN: Matthew Michett (Sr. Mgr Government and Industry Relations), Stella Lavalee (President), Destiny Martin (Mgr of Sustainability).

CNSC: Adam Levine (Director, ICED), Justin McKeown (Western Team Lead, ICED), Adam Zenobi (Team Lead, Funding Programs), Dana Pandolfi (Licensing Lead, UMM) and Hilary Hunter (A/Senior Advisor, ICED).

Notes:

1. Participants from the CNSC and WLMN introduced themselves.
2. Justin opened the meeting by asking to hear more about what WLMN envisions from the activities proposed and timelines that are in the funding ask.
3. Matthew explained that WLMN would like clarification on what they can expect from the CNSC vs a proponent. In terms of activity: Month 1 – learning CNSC process and about nuclear development. Month 2 – Knowledge development about Northern Sask and credible assertion work. Month 3 – Steering committee will review the credible assertion, and approve document to be shared with the CNSC.
4. The CNSC asked of WLMN if they have an existing map or information they could share with the CNSC in relation to their claimed traditional territory and exercise of rights. WLMN indicated that they have a general territorial map that they could share with the CNSC.
5. CNSC and WLMN agree that virtual meetings are easiest as the WLMN steering committee is used to this format, however, the CNSC indicated that they are open to in-person meetings with WLMN and their community members where appropriate.
6. CNSC indicated they have a generic CNSC 101 presentation which covers various topics of interest such as the regulatory process, environmental protection, consultation and engagement, communications, collaboration with other jurisdictions like provinces, etc.
7. Matthew explained that WLMN has concerns about environmental protection, Health and Safety, Employment and Business opportunities.
8. Adam Levine explained that the CNSC will move ahead with initial engagement and information sharing, and through our ongoing engagement we will manage the information load as we build our relationship. Adam asked who WLMN would like training sessions geared towards: community members or leadership and steering committee. Matthew explained that the initial training session would be for their leadership and steering committee, then a community meeting would be more appropriate with participation with project proponents, and that CNSC could be invited to participate in the meeting too.
9. Adam Levine raised some pre-reading for WLMN on nuclear basics / videos/ fact sheets on nuclear safety and framework, and the nuclear fuel cycle. The link to the [Learning Portal](#) was shared in the chat.

10. Adam Zenobi gave an update on the funding proposal, and that a decision would be made in 45 business days.
11. Adam Levine asked if WLMN had heard from NexGen. Matthew indicated WLMN has yet to hear from NexGen. Adam Levine indicated that the CNSC communicated the expectation for NexGen verbally and in writing to engage and follow up with WLMN. Also, that this message to engage with WLMN was communicated to Paladin as well, however that project is not as far along in the regulatory process. If WLMN would like to intervene at Part 2 NexGen hearing, that the CNSC would be able to have a dialogue about it, and prep WLMN ahead of time. CNSC also reiterated that they are committed to continuing to engage directly with WLMN on the NexGen and Paladin projects and would like to work together to better understand their concerns regarding each project. CNSC offered to have specific meetings to discuss each project and work together to address their concerns. The CNSC also reiterated that the funding awarded to WLMN to participate in the NexGen Part-2 Commission hearing remains available and the CNSC is willing to have further discussions on their funding and capacity needs to be able to participate in the process, if needed.

ACTIONS:

- 1) WLMN – will send the CNSC a map of WLMN traditional territory – COMPLETED on Sept 5th – [2025SEPT05 - WLMN trad terr map.msg](#)
- 2) CNSC will identify suggested dates and times to meet virtually with the WLMN committee to deliver the CNSC 101 presentation.
- 3) Decision on the funding application will be communicated through the funding program and within 45 business days.
- 4) WLMN to indicate to the CNSC if they receive correspondence from NexGen and Paladin and indicate if they would like to have a specific meeting with the CNSC to discuss each project.

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Subject: RE: ISCF - Grant Funding Application - Completed
Attachments: WLM.Traditional.Territory.Map_2020-04.pdf (4.17 MB)

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Hello all,

As promised, here is a map of WLMN's traditional territories.



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Thank you so much Matthew.

Beyond the work plan and funding application is there anything additional Willow

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Hi Matt,

Thanks for the reply. Can we schedule 1:30PM on October 20th for 1-1.5 hours for the virtual presentation? Please let me know if you'd like to send out the invite or if you'd like myself to send out.

From: McKeown, Justin
Sent: October 1, 2025 8:58 AM
To: Matthew Michetti; Keely Winnitoy; Destiny Martin
Cc: Stella Lavallee - Willow Lake Metis Nation; Hunter, Hilary
Subject: RE: ISCF - Grant Funding Application - Completed

Hi Matt,

Thanks for the note and information. I will follow up with Paladin to see what is happening on their end at our next meeting with them.

Concerning NexGen, try and reach out to Melissa Scansen and indicate that you attempted to contact Mr. St. Pierre when doing so. Her email is mscansen@nxe-energy.ca

I will await your invitation and please continue to keep us apprised of your interactions. Take care.

-Justin

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Subject: Acknowledgement of Affidavit Evidence and Request for Additional Historical Information for the Proposed NexGen and Paladin Projects

Hello Matthew,

CNSC staff write to acknowledge that we have received a copy of the Willow Lake Métis Nation (WLMN) materials filed on October 2nd in Federal Court File no. T-2177-25. The CNSC will review these materials, namely the expert statements of Keeley Winnitoy and Laura Hanowski as well as the affidavit of Stella Lavallee. These materials may provide us with valuable information regarding evidence of historical use and potential interactions with the effects of the proposed NexGen and Paladin projects. The CNSC seeks to meaningfully understanding WLMN's expressed interest in the proposed projects.

We wanted to ensure that you were aware that CNSC staff has access to this information, and we appreciate the opportunity to consider your information. In light of this, we take the opportunity to reiterate our openness to receiving any additional historical information or documentation that relates to WLMN's traditional and current land and resource use in proximity to the proposed NexGen and Paladin projects that you may wish to share with us. As always, we remain open to receiving further evidence that could assist in our assessment and process for consultation with WLMN.

We would also like to take this opportunity to re-emphasize the importance of evidence of current and historical traditional land use and rights practices in helping to inform the CNSC's consultation process. This information is critical in helping us assess whether there may be any potential impacts on rights from a particular project proposal, and to ensure that our understanding is as complete and accurate as possible.

We would also like re-emphasize that the consultation process for both the NexGen and Paladin projects are ongoing and the Commission has not made a decision regarding the applications of either project to date. We continue to be committed to working with WLMN to better understand how both projects could potentially impact WLMN's rights in order to collaborate on identifying potential solutions and accommodations that could address any potential impacts, where appropriate.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss further. I look forward to connecting with yourselves and the steering committee on October 20th.

Take care.

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Subject: FW: Steering Committee Meeting - CNSC Intro
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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The Role of the Nuclear Regulator

October 20th, 2025



Canadian Nuclear
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Overview

- Who is the 'CNSC' and what do we do?
- Environmental Assessment and Licensing at the CNSC
- How we consult, engage and collaborate with Indigenous communities?

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission





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Canada's Nuclear Regulator



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Uranium mines
and mills



Uranium fuel
fabrication and
processing



Nuclear power
plants



Nuclear substance
processing



Industrial and
medical applications



Nuclear research
and educational
activities



Transportation of
nuclear substances



Nuclear security
and safeguards



Import and
export controls



Waste management
facilities

Regulates All Nuclear-Related Activities in Canada



CNSC Across Canada

Human resources

Approximately **1,000** full-time equivalents

Licensees

1,700

Licenses

2,500

Calgary Western
Regional Office

Saskatoon Uranium Mines
and Mills Regional Office

Chalk River

Ottawa

Point Lepreau

Bruce

Laval Eastern Regional Office

Mississauga Southern
Ontario Regional Office

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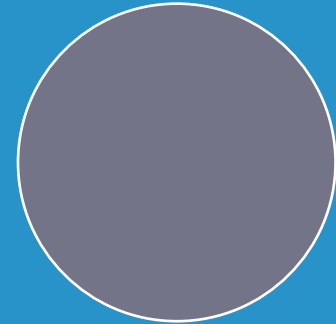
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TRANSPARENT, EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING



What We Do, What We Don't

- Commission and staff work for Canadians, we are an **independent** regulator
- Staff **review** applications and Commission **issues** licences
- Commission's decisions based on **best available information** (*i.e., science and Indigenous Knowledge*)
- Staff **verify safety and compliance** – take action if needed



- We are **not** industry, nor are we the Province
- We do **not** select sites
- We do **not** own, manage, construct or operate projects
- We **don't** regulate exploration
- We do **not** promote the nuclear industry



Environmental Assessment & Licensing Requirements





Environmental Assessment

- Can be a federal or provincial-led process
- Determined by, and subject to the Physical Activities Regulation (PAR) from the *Impact Assessment Act* (2019)
- CNSC always leads environmental review for licensing activities under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*
- CNSC act as subject matter experts in all EAs related to nuclear developments





Nuclear Facility Licensing Stages



Site Preparation

Construction

Operation

Decommissioning

**Release from CNSC
regulatory control**

**Licence to
Prepare Site**

**Licence to
Construct**

**Licence to
Operate**

**Licence to
Decommission**

**Licence to
Abandon**



CNSC SAFETY AND CONTROL AREAS (SCA)

Safety and Control Areas (SCAs)

Management System

Human Performance Management

Operating Performance

Safety Analysis

Physical Design

Fitness for Service

Radiation Protection

Conventional Health and Safety

Environmental Protection

Emergency Management and Fire Protection

Waste Management

Security

Safeguards and Non-Proliferation

Packaging and Transport

Other

Indigenous Engagement

Informing the public

Siting and EA

- Technical topics used by the CNSC to assess, review, verify and report on regulatory requirements and performance across all regulated facilities and activities
- Regulatory framework documents exist for each Safety and Control Area (SCA)
- License Application Guides articulate scope and depth considerations for each SCA
- Application comprises the safety case, and is part of the licensing basis for the regulated activity

Reference: <http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/acts-and-regulations/regulatory-documents/index.cfm#R8>



Licensing under the Nuclear Safety and Control Act

A licence will only be issued by the Commission when the applicant:

- ✓ Is deemed **qualified** to carry out the activity that the licence will authorize
- ✓ Has demonstrated that they will **protect the health and safety of persons and the environment**
- ✓ Has demonstrated that they will maintain **national security**
- ✓ Has confirmed that they will **adhere to international obligations** to which Canada has agreed



Regulator and Licensee Responsibilities

Regulator (Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission)

- Set safety requirements, inform licensees, verify compliance
- Assure Parliament and Canadians that licensee responsibilities are properly discharged
- Make **independent, objective** and **risk informed decisions**

Licensee

- Responsible **for safety**
- Manage regulated activities in a manner that protects the **health, safety, security** and the **environment** while respecting Canada's **international obligations**



Commission Hearings and Meetings

Commission Member Documents (CMD)

- Used during licensing hearings
- Is an overview/summary document of the License
- Is provided in advance of a Licensing Hearing allowing for intervenor participation

Regulatory Oversight Reports (ROR)

- Acts as a “report card” for the license/licensee
- Is provided in advance of a Commission Meeting allowing for intervenor participation

Risk Assessments & Protection Reviews





Environmental & Human Health Risk Assessments

- Science-based technical assessments conducted by licensees
- Analyses the effects of a nuclear facility on human health and environmental receptors
- Predicts radiation doses to members of the public and considers how contaminants can get into the environment
- *Quantifies* risk to human health and environment from any accidents and malfunctions
- Considers radiological and non-radiological sources of contamination





Environmental Protection Reviews (EPR)

- Science-based technical assessments conducted by CNSC staff
- Completed cyclically during each phase of a facility's lifecycle
- CNSC staff review environmental monitoring data and environmental risk assessments
- EPR reports are considered by the Commission as part of licensing decisions and are posted on the CNSC website



Indigenous Consultation and Engagement and Public Participation





Indigenous Consultation & Engagement – CNSC'S Role

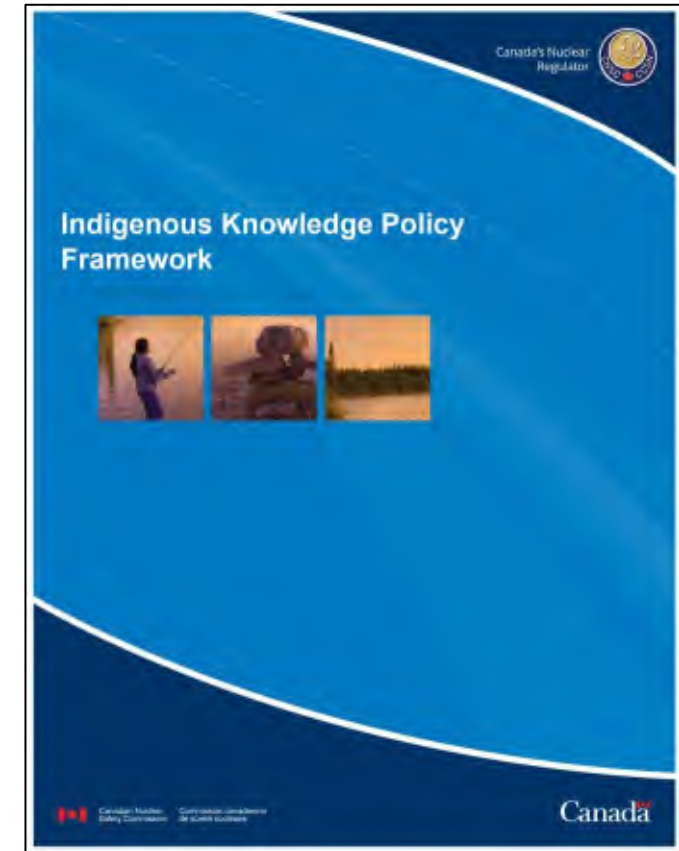
- Agent of the Crown (S. 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 - **Duty to Consult**)
- Crown Consultation Coordinator for all non-designated projects
- Building long term relationships with Indigenous peoples
- Listen to and address concerns and potential impacts on rights (mitigation/accommodation)
- Provide funding and support building capacity
- Being flexible, honourable, reasonable, accessible, fair
- Support implementation of UNDRIP and advance reconciliation





Key Consultation and Engagement Tools

- Oversight of proponent engagement and commitments (REGDOC 3.2.2: Indigenous Engagement)
- Support for gathering and consideration of Indigenous Knowledge (IK Policy Framework)
- Rights Impact Assessments
- Collaborative drafting of CNSC reports and documents
- Commitment to long-term engagement and collaboration (11 ToRs Signed to Date)
- Collaboration on monitoring activities (IEMP)
- Indigenous and Stakeholder Capacity Fund (Launched in May 2023)





CNSC Participant and Capacity Funding

- Participant Funding Program (PFP) provides funds to assist members of the public and Indigenous Nations and communities to take part in our regulatory processes including Commission proceedings.
- The Capacity Fund (ISCF) aims to build organizational capacity and support relationship-building with Indigenous Nations and communities and stakeholders.



Capacity Fund Funding Streams

- **Stream 1:** Indigenous Capacity Support
- **Stream 2:** Regulatory Policy Dialogue
- **Stream 3:** Engagement and Collaboration Support





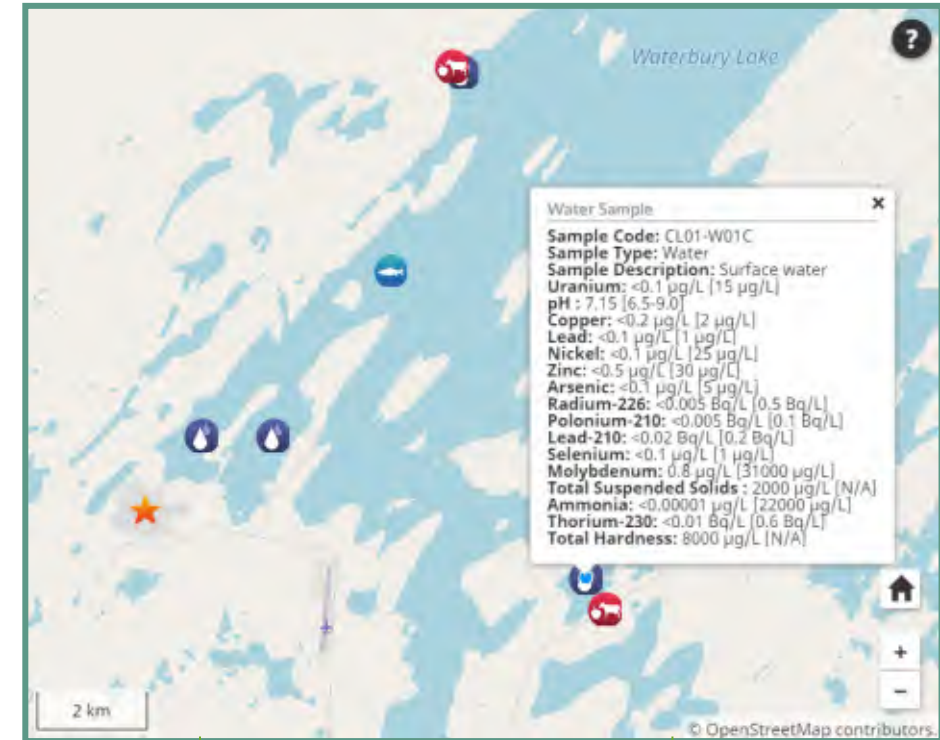
Independent Environmental Monitoring Program(IEMP)

- Independent of a facility's environmental monitoring program
- We seek input from local Indigenous Nations and communities such as traditional knowledge, land use, and values and incorporate this into our sampling plans
- Air, water, soil, fish, and vegetation samples are collected in the immediate vicinity of nuclear facilities
- Samples are analyzed for radioactive and hazardous substances
- <https://www.cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca/eng/resources/maps-of-nuclear-facilities/iemp/>





The IEMP Process



Program and
sample planning

Sampling

Laboratory
analysis

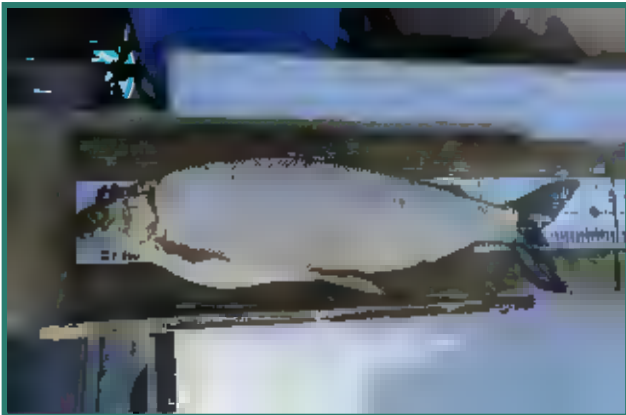
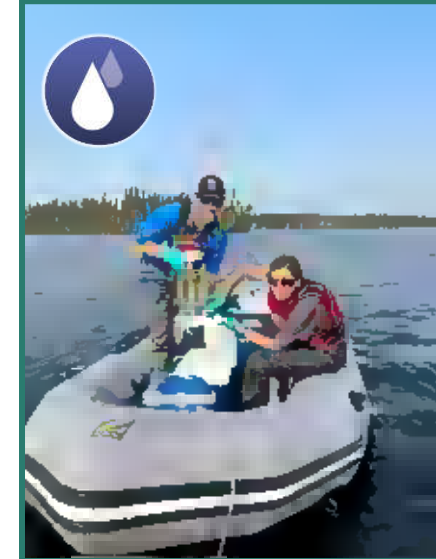
Interpretation
of results

Publication
of results

We collaborate and engage with Indigenous Nations and communities
throughout the process



IEMP IN ACTION





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Thank you Adam,

It completely slipped by us. I will file that request immediately

thanks



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Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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