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# *Revised Notice of Public Hearing*

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Revision 1

## **CNSC to conduct public hearing on application from Ontario Power Generation to refurbish Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and to renew licences for the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and Waste Management Facility**

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a 2-part public hearing to consider an application from Ontario Power Generation (OPG). OPG's application was to request authorization to refurbish the [Pickering Nuclear Generating Station](#) (PNGS), as well to renew the power reactor operating licence for the PNGS and the waste facility operating licence for the Pickering Waste Management Facility (PWMF) for a 10-year period. Both facilities are located at the Pickering nuclear site in Ontario, on the traditional lands and waters of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg, the Gunshot Treaty (1877–88), the Williams Treaties (1923), and the Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement (2018). **This revised notice is to announce the hearing locations and a change in hearing dates. The 2-part hearing will now take place in the National Capital Region on June 23, 2026, and in Ajax, Ontario, during the week of October 5, 2026. This revised notice also clarifies that the purpose and scope of the hearing includes the Commission's duties as an agent of the Crown.**

OPG's current power reactor operating licence for the PNGS and waste facility operating licence for the PWMF are valid until August 31, 2028. OPG is currently authorized to operate PNGS Units 5 to 8 until December 31, 2026. As part of its application, OPG is seeking to consolidate the licensed activities of the separate licences into a single Pickering power reactor operating licence.

### **Purpose and scope of hearing**

The Commission will be considering whether to issue a licence to OPG pursuant to section 24 of the [Nuclear Safety and Control Act](#). The Commission will also be considering whether to authorize the refurbishment of the PNGS.

As an agent of the Crown, the Commission's responsibilities include the duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate Indigenous Nations and communities where the Crown contemplates conduct that may adversely impact their potential or established

Aboriginal or treaty rights. To assist the Commission in meeting its duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate, the Commission may rely on the following:

- consultation undertaken by CNSC staff, as well as the opportunities for Indigenous Nations and communities to make submissions directly to the Commission and to participate in the hearing process, as a key component of the consultation process
- engagement work done by OPG, including with respect to avoidance, mitigation or other measures adopted or proposed by OPG for potential accommodation purposes (see [REGDOC-3.2.2, Indigenous Engagement](#))

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

### **Hearing details**

Date (Part 1): **June 23, 2026**  
Place: **Outaouais Room, 140 Promenade du Portage, Gatineau, Quebec, and virtually via Zoom**  
Time: As set by the agenda published prior to the hearing date

Date (Part 2): **Week of October 5, 2026**  
Place: **Durham Convention Centre, 630 Beck Crescent, Ajax, Ontario**  
Time: As set by the agenda published prior to the hearing date

The public hearing will be webcast live and available on the CNSC website at [cnsccsn.gc.ca](https://cnsccsn.gc.ca). Additional details about the public hearing will be issued at a later date.

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

[OPG's application](#) is available on the CNSC website or on request to the Commission Registry. OPG's submission and CNSC staff's recommendations to be considered at the hearing will be available on the CNSC website, or on request to the Registry, after **May 15, 2026**.

## Participant funding

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC made up to **\$250,000** in funding available through its [Participant Funding Program](#). The purpose of this funding was to assist Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public and interested parties in reviewing CNSC staff's and OPG's submissions to the Commission, as well as in participating in the hearing process by providing topic-specific interventions to the Commission. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form was September 15, 2025. A funding review committee, independent of the CNSC, reviewed the funding applications received and made recommendations on the allocation of funds. Based on the recommendations, the [CNSC's funding decision](#) awarded up to \$343,584.86 to 10 applicants.

## Interventions

Pursuant to rule 19 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#) (the Rules), persons who have an interest or expertise in this matter or information that may be useful to the Commission in coming to a decision are invited to comment on OPG's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Registry by **August 12, 2026**, using the [online request form](#), [email](#), or the contact information below. **The request to intervene must include the following information:**

- a written submission of the comments to be presented to the Commission, including an appendix with all documents mentioned as references in the written submission
- a statement setting out whether the requester wishes to intervene by way of written submission only or by way of written submission and oral presentation
- the requester's name, address, telephone number and email address

Oral presenters that wish to use a PowerPoint presentation are asked to submit their slide decks to the Commission Registry by **September 21, 2026**. All submissions will be available for [download](#) on the CNSC website, through the CNSC Open Government Portal or on request to the Commission Registry. Personal information, such as email address and telephone number, is essential for linking the submission to its author. If you wish to ensure the confidentiality of your personal information, please submit it on a separate page.

Individuals who require Indigenous language interpretation for Part 2 of the hearing are asked to contact the Commission Registry by **April 24, 2026**, to request interpretation services. If the request is received after this date, the Commission Registry will do its best to provide interpretation services.

## **Obligation for providing documentary material for the record**

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

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

## **Confidentiality**

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

## **For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:**

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

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