

CNSC Participant Funding Program Decision

Meeting with Hiawatha First Nation Regarding the CNSC's Independent Environmental Monitoring Program and REGDOC-3.2.2, *Aboriginal Engagement*



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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) offered up to \$337.35 under its Participant Funding Program (PFP) to facilitate a meeting between Hiawatha First Nation and CNSC staff, regarding the CNSC's Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP) and CNSC REGDOC-3.2.2, *Aboriginal Engagement*.

Hiawatha First Nation is a Williams Treaties signatory with reserve lands located approximately 30 km from the Port Hope area and approximately 40 km from the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station. Hiawatha First Nation has expressed a desire to meet with CNSC staff to learn more about how it can become involved in the CNSC's IEMP, to discuss how its comments on REGDOC-3.2.2 were addressed, and to communicate relevant concerns to CNSC staff and the Commission. The information gathered from the meeting was included in CNSC staff's presentation to the Commission for REGDOC-3.2.2 on January 28, 2016 and will be discussed at future updates to the Commission on the IEMP. The deadline for submitting the participant funding application to the CNSC was January 13, 2016.

Background

The CNSC made participant funding available to:

- enhance Aboriginal and stakeholder participation in the CNSC's regulatory oversight and licensing processes
- help stakeholders bring valuable information to the Commission

A Funding Review Committee (FRC) independent from the CNSC was established to review the funding application received by the CNSC and to make recommendations on the allocation of up to \$337.35 to the applicant, who had requested that amount.

The FRC member was Mr. Guy Riverin, environmental assessment expert and retired federal public servant.

The FRC reviewed the PFP application and provided its recommendations to the CNSC.

Eligibility and funding criteria

For more information on participant funding and how it works, including details on eligibility and funding criteria, please read the <u>Participant Funding Program Guide</u>.

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The CNSC has carefully considered the FRC's recommendations for the allocation of participant funding in the matter of a meeting between Hiawatha First Nation and CNSC staff, regarding the CNSC's IEMP and REGDOC-3.2.2.

The CNSC approved the reimbursement of up to \$337.35 in participant funding to the recipient, as follows.

Applicant	Maximum amount of PFP funding available
Hiawatha First Nation	\$337.35
Total	\$337.35

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