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# Notice of Public Hearing

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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a one-day public hearing on the Environmental Assessment Guidelines (EA Guidelines) for the proposed expansion of Hydro-Québec's Gentilly-2 Waste Management Facility in Bécancour, Québec.

One-Day Hearing: June 26, 2003

Place: CNSC Public Hearing Room, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario

Public hearings begin at 8:30 AM and follow the agenda published prior to the hearing date.

Hydro-Québec has notified the CNSC of its intent to apply for authorization to construct and operate additional storage structures at, and adjacent to, the existing used fuel dry storage facility at the Gentilly-2 Nuclear Generating Station site in Bécancour, Québec.

Under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, the CNSC must complete an environmental assessment of the project before making a licensing decision on Hydro-Québec's application. Based on the results of the environmental assessment, the CNSC must determine if the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, taking into account the application of appropriate mitigation measures.

Draft EA Guidelines were issued for public comment on February 11, 2003, and the public comment period closed on March 14, 2003. The revised EA Guidelines, taking public comments into account, will be made available to the public on April 25, 2003. The revised EA Guidelines will be presented to the Commission for approval at a one-day public hearing on June 26, 2003.

The public is invited to comment on the revised EA Guidelines either by oral presentation or written submission. Requests to participate and text of oral presentations or written submissions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission by May 26, 2003.

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The Commission will hold a public hearing on the results of the environmental assessment prepared in accordance with the approved EA Guidelines and the licence application at a later date.

Members of the public are welcome to observe the hearings. For current agendas and information on the hearing process, visit the CNSC website: [www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca](http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca)