



Notice of Public Hearing

July 17, 2003

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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a two-day public hearing on an application by New Brunswick Power Corporation Inc. (NB Power) for an amendment to their operating licence to authorize the completion of the proposed modifications to the Solid Radioactive Waste Management Facility (SRWMF) located in Lepreau, N.B. This hearing will proceed only if the Commission accepts the results of the Environmental Assessment Screening Report carried out in accordance with the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA)* and the *Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation of the New Brunswick Clean Environment Act*.

Hearing Day One: September 25, 2003

Place: CNSC Public Hearing Room, 14th floor, 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario

Hearing Day Two: November 26, 2003

Place: CNSC Public Hearing Room, 14th floor, 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario

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

CNSC staff received notice from NB Power of its intent to apply for authorization for modifications to the SRWMF in Point Lepreau, N.B. Before the CNSC makes a decision on NB Power's application, an environmental assessment must be completed in compliance with the *CEAA*. A public hearing for the purpose of considering the results of the Environmental Assessment was held on June 27, 2003 in Point Lepreau, N.B.

If, following the hearing on the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed modifications to the SRWMF are not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, taking into account appropriate mitigation measures, the Commission will hold, on September 25, and November 26, 2003, a further public hearing on NB Power's application for a licence amendment to authorize the completion of the proposed modifications to the SRWMF.

The public is invited to participate either by oral presentation or written submission on Hearing Day Two. Requests to intervene and text of oral presentations or written submissions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission no later than October 27, 2003. Please send interventions to:

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