



Notice of Public Hearing

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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) announces two separate public hearings concerning the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station A (NGS A) located in Tiverton, Ontario.

The first hearing is a one-day public hearing on December 12, 2002 to consider the Environmental Assessment Screening Report for the return to service of Units 3 and 4 of the Bruce NGS A prepared pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. At this hearing, the Commission will also consider whether to refer to a Designated Officer (senior CNSC staff) an application by Bruce Power Inc. dated July 19, 2002 to authorize an amendment to the Nuclear Power Reactor Operating Licence to permit refuelling of Bruce NGS A Units 3 and 4 prior to the decision by the Commission on the restart of these two units. A reference of this application to a Designated Officer would be considered only if the Commission approves the Environmental Assessment Screening Report following the hearing.

The second hearing is a two-day public hearing on January 16 and February 26, 2003 on amendments to the current operating licence of Bruce Power Inc. which would authorize restart of Units 3 and 4. This hearing will proceed only if the Commission approves the Environmental Assessment Screening Report following the December 12, 2002 hearing.

The one-day public hearing will be held on:

One-Day Hearing: December 12, 2002

Intervention deadline: November 27, 2002

Commission documents will be available on November 1, 2002

The two-day public hearing to consider an amendment of the operating licence to authorize the restart of Bruce A Units 3 and 4 will be held on:

Hearing Day One: January 16, 2003

Hearing Day Two: February 26, 2003

Intervention deadline: February 17, 2003

Commission documents will be available December 16, 2002

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The public is invited to intervene either by oral presentation or written submission at both hearings. For the two-day hearing, the public is invited to participate on Day Two. All hearings will be held in the CNSC Public Hearing Room, 14th floor, 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario. Public hearings begin at 8:30 a.m. and follow the order listed in the agenda published prior to the hearing dates.

Requests to intervene and text of oral presentations or written submissions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission by the above-mentioned intervention deadlines.

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Members of the public are welcome to observe public hearings. For current agendas and information on the hearing process, visit the CNSC Web site: www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca