



Notice of Public Hearing

April 22, 2002

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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a one-day public hearing on the establishment of Environmental Assessment Guidelines (EA Guidelines) for the construction of the Darlington Used Fuel Dry Storage Facility located in Clarington, Ontario.

One Day Hearing: June 27, 2002
Location: 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.

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) notified the CNSC of its intent to apply for a licence to construct and operate a used fuel dry storage facility at the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station site. If licensed, the facility would be designated as a Class IB Nuclear Facility under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*. Before the Commission makes its decision on OPG's application, an environmental assessment must be completed in compliance with the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca). The purpose of an environmental assessment is to identify the possible environmental effects of a proposed project, and to determine whether these effects can be mitigated before the project is allowed to proceed.

A draft EA Guidelines was announced and issued for public comment on February 8, 2002. The public comment period closed on April 5, 2002. The revised EA Guidelines, taking public comments into account, will be made available to the public on May 7, 2002. The revised EA Guidelines will then be presented to the Commission for consideration for approval at the one-day public hearing on June 27, 2002.

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 June 6, 2002.

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The Commission will hold a public hearing on the licence application at a later date. The Commission will also consider the results of the environmental assessment screening report during that hearing.

Information on the environmental assessment and copies of the draft EA Guidelines are available on the CNSC website at: www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca.

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission regulates the use of nuclear energy and materials to protect health, safety, security and the environment and to respect Canada's international commitments on the peaceful use of nuclear energy.