
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) announces that a public meeting will be held regarding the following matter:

- Environmental assessment guidelines (scope document) of the proposed Iter International Fusion Energy Facility in Clarington, Ontario

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) has received notice from the Iter International Fusion Energy Institute (The Iter Institute) of its intent to apply for a licence to site and construct the Iter facility. The Iter Institute would conduct research at the proposed facility into producing energy from controlled fusion reactions. The proposed site for Iter is the Township of Clarington, adjacent to the existing Darlington nuclear generating station.

A draft scope of the environmental assessment was announced and made available for public comment on September 17, 2001. The purpose of the environmental assessment is to determine if the proposed project, taking into account the appropriate mitigation measures, is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. The period for public comment on the draft scope document ended October 19, 2001. The revised draft scope will be available to the public after January 29, 2002.

Revised draft environmental assessment guidelines that take the public comments into account will come before the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission for approval at a public meeting. The scope document identifies the project that will be assessed and the factors that will be considered in the assessment.

The public meeting on the scope document will be held on March 1, 2002 at the CNSC offices, 280 Slater, 14th Floor, Ottawa, Ontario. The CNSC meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and follow the order listed in the agenda published prior to the meeting date.

Written comments from the public on the revised scope document will be accepted until February 18, 2002. The Commission will consider only written comments at the meeting. All comments must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission at the following address:

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The Commission will hold a public hearing on the licence application at a later date, in accordance with the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* and CNSC Rules of Procedure.

Information on the environmental assessment is available on the CNSC website at <http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/regulate/nov01.htm>

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