



Notice of Public Hearing

January 14, 2003

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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 to Ontario Power Generation's Pickering Waste Management Facility in Pickering, Ontario.

One-Day Hearing: April 10, 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.

Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG) has notified the CNSC of its intent to apply for the authorization to construct and operate additional storage buildings at the existing used fuel processing and storage facility at the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station site in Pickering, Ontario.

Under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, the CNSC must complete an environmental assessment of the project before making a licensing decision on OPG'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 October 18, 2002. The public comment period closed on December 18, 2002. The revised EA Guidelines, taking public comments into account, will be made available to the public on February 7, 2003. The revised EA Guidelines will be presented to the Commission for approval at a one-day public hearing on April 10, 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 March 11, 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.

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.

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