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# Notice of Public Hearing

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February 11, 2004

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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a one-day public hearing to consider the results of an Environmental Assessment Screening Report (EA Screening Report) on the proposed expansion to the storage component of the existing used fuel processing and storage facility located at the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (NGS) site in Pickering, Ontario. The environmental assessment is being conducted pursuant to the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA).

One-Day Hearing: April 28, 2004

Place: CNSC Public Hearing Room, 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Ontario Power Generation (OPG) of its intent to apply for an amendment to their existing licence to authorize the construction of a proposed expansion to the storage component of the existing used fuel processing and storage facility at the Pickering NGS. The existing Pickering Waste Management Facility Phase I (PWMF I) is licensed as a Class IB nuclear facility under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*, and an environmental assessment was completed for the PWMF I in 1999.

Before the Commission makes its decision on OPG's application, an environmental assessment must be completed in compliance with the CEAA to determine if the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. If the Commission concludes that the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, taking into account the appropriate mitigation measures, it may proceed with a licensing hearing on OPG's application.

The draft EA Screening Report was made available to the public on December 19, 2003, and the public comment period ended January 26, 2004. Commission documents related to the hearing on the draft EA Screening Report will be available February 27, 2004.

The public is invited to comment on the results of the EA Screening Report 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 29, 2004.

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