



Notice of Public Hearing

September 8, 2006

Ref. 2006-H-13

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a one-day public hearing to consider the results of an Environmental Assessment Screening (EA Screening) of Hydro-Québec's proposed modifications to the Gentilly radioactive waste management facilities and refurbishment of the Gentilly-2 nuclear generating station. The environmental assessment is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA).

One-day hearing: From November 7 to 10, 2006 (to be confirmed on the Public Hearings Agenda)
Location: Auberge Godefroy, 1725 Bécancour Boulevard
St-Grégoire district, Bécancour, Quebec

The hearing pertaining to the environmental assessment and the hearing on the renewal of the operating licence for the Gentilly-2 nuclear generating station (Notice of Public Hearing 2006-H-08) will be held from November 7 to 10, 2006 in Bécancour. The Public Hearings Agenda will provide more information on the date and time of the hearings, depending on the number of interventions received as of October 6, 2006.

Hydro-Québec has notified the CNSC of its intention to request authorization to modify its waste management facilities and refurbish the Gentilly-2 nuclear generating station. An environmental assessment must be conducted in order to determine whether the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, taking into account the appropriate mitigation measures. If the Commission concludes that the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, it may decide to study Hydro-Québec's proposal in a hearing.

The draft EA Screening Report was released on May 23, 2006, and the public comment period ended on June 30, 2006. The hearing documents, including the proposed EA Screening Report, will be available after September 8, 2006.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed EA Screening Report by providing a written submission and, if so desired, by presenting an oral summary of the submission. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission by October 6, 2006 at the address below along with a request, if so desired, to make an oral presentation. In accordance with the *Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure*, requests to intervene must include a written submission and, where applicable, the complete text of any oral presentation to be made to the Commission.

Agendas and information on the hearing process are available on the CNSC Web site at www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca. Hearing documents (submissions) are not available on-line and must be requested through the Secretariat at the following address:

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