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# Notice of Hearing

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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a hearing to consider the results of an Environmental Assessment Screening (EA Screening) of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's (AECL) proposal to construct and operate low level radioactive waste storage buildings at the Waste Management Area of the Chalk River Laboratories located in Chalk River, Ontario.

Hearing: April 27, 2006  
Place: CNSC Headquarters at 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario

AECL has applied for authorization to construct and operate low level radioactive waste storage buildings at the Chalk River Laboratories. The project involves the construction and operation of six Shielded Modular Above Ground Storage (SMAGS) buildings to provide additional storage for solid low level radioactive waste from the Chalk River Laboratories and off-site commercial generators.

Under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), an environmental assessment must be completed to determine if 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 proceed with a licensing hearing on AECL's application.

The hearing on the EA Screening will take place in a closed session unless the Secretariat of the Commission is informed in advance that members of the public wish to observe the proceeding. There is no opportunity for the public to intervene at this hearing. The public and other stakeholders were consulted in the preparation of the EA Screening Report, and the results of those consultations form part of the submissions for the hearing. Once completed, a Record of Proceeding, including the Reasons for Decision, will be published on the CNSC Web site.

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

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