



Notice of Hearing

October 20, 2006

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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 decommission the fuel storage and handling bays at the Chalk River Laboratories located in Chalk River, Ontario.

Hearing: October 25, 2006
Place: CNSC Headquarters at 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario

The hearing will follow the agenda published prior to the hearing date.

AECL has applied for authorization for the decommissioning of fuel storage and handling bays at the Chalk River Laboratories. The project involves the demolition of buildings and remediation of the site where the bays are located.

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 public is invited to attend and observe the hearing. However, 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. The transcript and, 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. Hearing documents (submissions) are not available on-line and must be requested through the Secretariat at the address below:

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