

Notice of Adjournment of Public Hearing and Request for Supplementary Information

In the matter of:

Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) financial guarantee for decommissioning AECL's Chalk River Laboratories (CRL), including the MAPLE Reactors and New Processing Facility.

On September 16, 2004, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (Commission) commenced a one-day public hearing on the above matter. Following the proceedings, the Commission determined that additional information is needed before it can reach a final decision. The Commission decided therefore, pursuant to Rule 14 of the *CNSC Rules of Procedure*, to adjourn the public hearing to May 20, 2005.

To assist in the continuation of this public hearing, AECL and CNSC staff are requested to file with the CNSC Secretariat, as a minimum, the following information in the form of supplementary Commission Member Documents:

- With reference to the specific sections of AECL's June 25, 2004 CRL site *Preliminary Decommissioning Plan* (PDP), and the related CNSC regulations, guides and policies¹, CNSC staff is requested to provide, on or before November 15, 2004, a detailed listing and description of the CNSC's requirements and expectations that AECL must fulfill before the CRL site PDP can be considered acceptable.
- AECL is requested to provide, on or before March 18, 2005:
 - detailed information on how it has met, or is planning to meet, each of the CNSC requirements and expectations described in the above information request.
 - a further revision of the CRL site PDP and/or a detailed work plan and schedule for completing the PDP in accordance with the above information.
 - a plan for how it will consult with the public in the periodic review and updating of the CRL site PDP over time.

¹ Including but not necessarily limited to:

CNSC Regulatory Guide (G-219), *Decommissioning Planning for Licensed Activities*, June 2000.
CNSC Regulatory Guide (G-206), *Financial Guarantees for the Decommissioning of Licensed Activities*, June 2000; and
CNSC Regulatory Policy (P-290), *Managing Radioactive Wastes*, July 2004

- CNSC staff is requested to provide, on or before April 18, 2005, its preliminary assessment of the above-requested information from AECL.

In addition to the above information, the Commission reserves the right to request additional information prior to the continuation of the hearing on May 20, 2005.

The public is invited to intervene at the continuation of the public hearing. Intervenors are requested to submit the contents of their written or oral interventions to the CNSC Secretariat on or before May 6, 2005.

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Secretary
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

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