



Notice of Public Hearing

April 7, 2005

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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 (EA Screening) of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.'s (AECL) proposal to continue operation of the Nuclear Research Universal (NRU) Reactor beyond its currently scheduled shutdown on December 31, 2005. The facility is situated at the Chalk River Laboratories, in Chalk River, Ontario. The environmental assessment is being conducted pursuant to the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA).

One-Day Hearing: June 29, 2005

Place: CNSC Public Hearing Room, 14th Floor, 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario

Public hearings follow the agenda published prior to the hearing date.

Before the Commission makes its decision on AECL'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, 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 EA Screening Report and other documents related to the Commission's hearing will be available April 29, 2005.

The public is invited to comment on the results of the EA Screening Report either by oral presentation or written submission. Requests to participate (interventions) and text of oral presentations or written submissions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission by May 30, 2005 at the address below.

Agendas and information on the 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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