## Notice of Public Hearing

April 7, 2005 Ref. 2005-H-7

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 COGEMA Resources Inc.'s (COGEMA) proposal to mine and mill uranium ore from its Sue E site. The site is situated at the McClean Lake Operation in Northern Saskatchewan. 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, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario

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

CNSC staff received notice from COGEMA of its intent to apply for an amendment to their existing licence at the McClean Lake Operation. The Sue E ore would be mined using an open-pit method and milled at the existing JEB mill. The mill tailings would be disposed at the existing JEB Tailings Management Facility (TMF). No changes would be required to the mill, the TMF or to the existing water treatment facilities.

Before the Commission makes its decision on COGEMA'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 COGEMA'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 final 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: <a href="www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca">www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca</a>. Hearing documents (submissions) are not available on-line and must be requested through the Secretariat at the address below:

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