



Notice of Public Hearing

February 9, 2007

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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a one-day public hearing to consider the *Environmental Assessment Track Report* (Track Report) regarding AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s (AREVA) proposal to mine a uranium ore deposit as an open pit mine at its Midwest location; to construct a dedicated haul road and pipeline between the Midwest and McClean Lake sites; and to expand its McClean Lake mill. The Commission will also consider the *Project Specific Guidelines and Comprehensive Study Scoping Document* (the Scoping Document).

One-Day Hearing: April 12, 2007

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

A comprehensive study environmental assessment (EA) of the project must be conducted pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) before the CNSC can proceed with AREVA's licence application. The EA is being carried out as a joint federal/provincial EA with the Province of Saskatchewan. Three other federal departments, Natural Resources Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Transport Canada, are also Responsible Authorities for the EA.

Following the hearing, the Commission will report to the Minister of the Environment and make a recommendation on whether to continue with the environmental assessment as a comprehensive study, or to refer the project to a mediator or review panel.

A draft Scoping Document was issued for public comment on December 1, 2006, and the comment period closed on January 5, 2007. The revised Scoping Document, taking public comments into account, and AREVA's submission will be made available after February 9, 2007.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed Track Report and Scoping Document. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission by March 12, 2007 at the address below. The request must include the following information, as per the *Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure*:

- a written submission of the comments to be presented to the Commission;
- a statement setting out whether the requester wishes to intervene by way of written submission only or by way of written submission and oral presentation; and
- name, address and telephone of the requester.

Agendas and information on the public hearing process are available on the CNSC Web site at www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca. Submissions from CNSC staff, the proponent and the public are not available on-line and must be requested through the Secretariat at the following address:

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