



Notice of Hearing in Writing and Participant Funding

August 14, 2023

Ref. 2024-H-100

CNSC to conduct a hearing in writing on application from McMaster University to renew its McMaster Nuclear Reactor Class IA non-power reactor operating licence

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will conduct a hearing based on written submissions in spring 2024. The hearing is to consider an application from McMaster University to renew its McMaster Nuclear Reactor Class IA non-power reactor operating licence for a period of 20 years. The [McMaster Nuclear Reactor](#) is located on the McMaster University campus, in Hamilton, Ontario, on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabe Nations.

The current licence, which is valid until June 30, 2024, authorizes McMaster University to operate a nuclear research reactor on its campus. The reactor is an open-pool type reactor used for material testing. McMaster University is not seeking any changes to its licensed activities.

For this hearing, the Commission will consider written submissions from McMaster University and CNSC staff, as well as written interventions from members of the public. The Commission will then deliberate and render a decision on McMaster University's application.

McMaster University's [renewal application](#) is available on the CNSC website or on request to the Commission Registry. [Relevant documents](#), including McMaster University's submission and CNSC staff's recommendations to be considered at the hearing, will be available on the CNSC website or on request to the Commission Registry, after **January 17, 2024**.

Participant funding

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC is making available up to **\$15,000** in funding opportunities through its [Participant Funding Program](#). The purpose of the funding is to assist Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public, and stakeholders in reviewing McMaster University's application and associated documents, and in participating in the Commission hearing process by providing topic-specific interventions to the Commission. Participant funding applications must clearly demonstrate how the proposed submission will provide the Commission with information directly relating to McMaster University's application. Please note that the \$15,000 will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form to the CNSC is **October 2, 2023**.

Interventions

Pursuant to Rule 19 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#), persons who have an interest or expertise in this matter or information that may be useful to the Commission in coming to a decision are invited to comment, in writing, on McMaster University's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Registry by **March 18, 2024**, using the [online request form](#), emailing the Registry at interventions@cnsccsn.gc.ca, or using the contact information below. **The request to intervene must include the following information:**

- a written submission of the comments to be presented to the Commission
- the requester's name, address, telephone number and email address

All submissions will be available for download on the CNSC website or upon request to the Commission Registry. Personal information, such as address and telephone number, is essential for linking the submission to its author. If you wish to ensure the confidentiality of your personal information, please submit it on a separate page.

Following the deliberations and decision of the Commission on this matter, a record of decision will be published on the CNSC website at nuclearsafety.gc.ca and made available on request. A decision from the Commission is anticipated in June 2024.

For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:

Administrator, Participant Funding Program
Tel.: 613-415-2814 or 1-800-668-5284
Email: pfp@cnsccsn.gc.ca
Web: [Participant Funding Program](#)

For further information on the public Commission hearing process, or on the licensee or the facility being considered in this matter, or to request documents, contact:

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Web: [Participate in a public Commission hearing](#)

For inquiries to the licence applicant, contact:

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