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# *Notice of Public Hearing and Participant Funding*

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## **CNSC to conduct a public hearing on Cameco's licence renewal application for the Blind River Refinery**

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a one-part public hearing on November 24–25, 2021, to consider a licence renewal application from Cameco Corporation (Cameco) for the Blind River Refinery (BRR) for a period of 10 years. The BRR is located in Blind River, Ontario.

The current licence, which expires in February 2022, authorizes Cameco to operate a Class IB facility to produce uranium trioxide from uranium concentrates. In its licensing renewal application, Cameco is not seeking any changes to the existing licensed activities and production rates but is requesting that the Commission accept its increased financial guarantee amount of \$57.5 million.

Date: November 24–25, 2021  
Place: To be determined (virtual hearing at this time)  
Time: As set by the agenda published prior to the hearing date

The public hearing will be webcast live and available on the CNSC website at [nuclearsafety.gc.ca](http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca).

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC is making available up to **\$75,000** through its [Participant Funding Program](#). The purpose of the funding is to assist Indigenous peoples, members of the public and stakeholders in reviewing Cameco's application and associated documents, and in participating in the Commission hearing process by providing topic-specific interventions to the Commission. Please note that the \$75,000 will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline to submit a completed participant funding application form to the CNSC is **May 7, 2021**.

Cameco's licensing renewal application is posted on its [website](#). Cameco'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 Secretariat, after **August 20, 2021**.

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 on Cameco's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Secretariat by **October 19, 2021**, using the

[online request form](#) or 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
- 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
- the requester's name, address, telephone number and email address

All submissions will be available for download on the CNSC website or on request to the Secretariat. Personal information, such as email 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.

**For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:**

Administrator, Participant Funding Program

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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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