

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES
Deep Geologic Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste Project
Public Hearing Procedures Release Date: June 18, 2013

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Participating in the Hearing

- Participants must apply and request of the Panel permission to make written or oral submissions; all requests to participate must be made by July 5th, 2013
- To register for the hearing (request to participate) a group or individual must complete the on-line request form available at www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/intervention/eng/ or the printable version of the request form which is included in the Hearing Procedures as Appendix A or call Marie-Claude Valade at 613-947-8597
- A person may apply to the Panel to make a written-only hearing submission; written submissions must be submitted by August 13th and titled “DGR Joint Review Panel Hearing Written-only Submission” and must include the contact information (full name, address, telephone number(s) and Email address, if possible) of the submitter; identifying information should be provided on a separate page
- Requests to make a written-only submission may be accepted by the Panel from a person or group who has an interest in the DGR Review or from a person who has expertise in the matter or information that may be useful to the Panel
- A person may apply to make an oral intervention at the hearing (30 minutes to speak); those making oral interventions must provide a detailed written submission in support of their oral intervention by August 13, 2013 and the written submission should be clearly titled, “DGR Joint Review Panel Hearing Written Submission in Support of an Oral Intervention”
- a person may apply to make an oral statement at the hearing (10 minutes to speak)
- slides or other visual aids to be used for oral interventions (30 minutes) or oral statements (10 minutes) must be provided to the Panel Secretariat no later than August 27, 2013
- Those who have requested to make a written-only submission and later decide to apply to make an oral presentation to the Panel may submit this request to the Panel; the request may be granted, subject to time constraints and other considerations
- On request, the Panel will decide whether to accept a late submission or otherwise extend a deadline by considering the reason for lateness, the likelihood of it assisting the Panel, whether similar submissions have been or could be made by others, and how other parties could be disadvantaged as a result of the late submission or other missed deadline, and other considerations
- A registered oral participant is a participant who has either been directed by the Panel to participate at the hearing or has had their request to participate at the hearing accepted by the Panel.

Limiting Participation / Participants

- the Panel may request that a single representative speak to an issue if multiple requests to participate in the hearing that identify the same or similar issues or interests are received
- The Panel may refuse any request to participate when it is of the view that the request falls outside the scope of the review, addresses matters that are repetitive, irrelevant, immaterial or have already been answered to the Panels satisfaction.

Observing the Hearing

- Any person may attend the public hearing in person and is not required to register
- The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission will endeavour to Webcast the hearing sessions.
- Written transcripts will be prepared and will be posted to the CEEA registry as quickly as possible
- Observers not registered in advance may, on request, be allowed to make a brief oral statement if time remains at the end of each hearing day.

Government Participants

- Government Participants who have received notice from the Panel to make a presentation at the hearing are required to submit written materials in support of their presentation to the Panel no later than July 23, 2013 and will be allowed approximately 30 minutes presentation
- Other Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments, departments and agencies that were not directed by the Panel to participate in the hearing are welcome to request to participate by July 5, 2013 and providing written materials no later than July 23, 2013.

Ontario Power Generation's Participation

- Written information to be provided by the Proponent for the public hearing must be submitted to the Panel Secretariat no later than July 23, 2013.
- OPG will make a general overview presentation of approximately 30 minutes at the start of the hearing to provide a general overview of the project and its predicted effects; additional presentations on specific themes or subjects may be requested by the Panel throughout the public hearing
- OPG and their "subject matter experts" are to be in attendance or otherwise available throughout the public hearing

Hearing Schedule

- The public hearing schedule will be available approximately 14 days before the public hearing begins and will be updated as required and persons impacted by updates notified
- OPG will make a general overview presentation of approximately 30 minutes at the start of the hearing to provide a general overview of the project and its predicted effects; additional presentations on specific themes or subjects may be requested by the Panel throughout the public
- Each presentation will be followed by a question and answer period led by the Panel Chair; when the Panel has completed its questions, the Proponent, Government Participants and registered oral participants may seek leave of the Panel Chair to pose questions relating to that presentation; questions or comments that fall outside the scope of the review, are repetitive, irrelevant, immaterial or have already been answered to the Panels satisfaction may be excluded; The opportunity to ask a question through the Chair may also be limited or denied due to time constraints; The Panel Chair may limit the number of questions to respect the Agenda for each public hearing day.
- A request to the Panel for a ruling may seek to address any issue relating to these procedures or any other procedural or administrative issue; a pre-hearing request for a ruling may be made by submitting the request in writing to the Panel no later than July 23, 2013.

Hearing Venue

- The Panel will endeavor to secure a hearing venue that accommodates all that wish to attend. In the event that the demand for seating in the public hearing room exceeds the space available, access priority will be given to the Proponent, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission staff and registered oral participants on the agenda with the balance of the seating will be available on a first come, first served basis.
- All persons entering the hearing room may be subject to a search.
- Media are welcome to attend the public hearing; filming, recording and photographs will be allowed in the public hearing room with prior approval from the Panel Chair.

Hearing Closing

- At the end of the hearing, the Panel will offer the Proponent and registered oral participants an opportunity to make brief oral closing remarks; If time does not permit oral closing remarks at the hearing, or if a registered oral participant is unavailable, the Panel may provide an opportunity to submit written closing remarks, limited to 10 typed, letter-sized
- The Panel will have 90 days to deliver its Joint Review Panel Report after closing the record

All requests to participate and materials to be submitted to the Panel for the hearing should be sent by email to OPG-DGR@cnsccsn.gc.ca or by fax to 613-995-5086. For more information about the hearing, contact Debra Myles at 1-866-582-1884. To register for the hearing by telephone call Marie-Claude Valade at 613-947-8597