

# Rook I Project

## Environmental Impact Statement

TSD I: Indigenous Engagement Report

# **INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT REPORT TECHNICAL SUPPORT DOCUMENT FOR THE ROOK I PROJECT**

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## Abbreviations and Units of Measure

| Abbreviation | Definition                                    |
|--------------|---|
| ACFN         | Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation              |
| BLDFN        | Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation            |
| BNDN         | Birch Narrows Dene Nation                     |
| BRDN         | Buffalo River Dene Nation                     |
| CEAA         | <i>Canadian Environmental Assessment Act</i>  |
| CNSC         | Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission            |
| CRDN         | Clearwater River Dene Nation                  |
| EA           | Environmental Assessment                      |
| EIS          | Environmental Impact Statement                |
| ENV          | Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment          |
| ERFN         | English River First Nation                    |
| FLDFN        | Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation           |
| Golder       | Golder Associates Ltd.                        |
| Hwy          | Highway                                       |
| IKTLU        | Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use |
| JWG          | Joint Working Group                           |
| MN-S         | Métis Nation – Saskatchewan                   |
| NexGen       | NexGen Energy Ltd.                            |
| NR2          | Northern Region 2                             |
| Project      | Rook I Project                                |
| UGTMF        | underground tailings management facility      |
| VC           | valued component                              |
| YNLR         | Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources               |

| Unit | Definition    |
|------|---------------|
| %    | percent       |
| km   | kilometre     |
| kt   | kilotonne     |
| M lb | million pound |

## Executive Summary

NexGen Energy Ltd. (NexGen) is proposing to develop a new uranium mining and milling operation in northwestern Saskatchewan, called the Rook I Project (Project). The Project would be located approximately 40 km east of the Saskatchewan-Alberta border, 130 km north of the town of La Loche, and 640 km northwest of the city of Saskatoon. The Project would reside within Treaty 8 territory and the Métis Homeland, and adjacent to Treaty 10 territory. At a regional scale, the Project would be situated within the southern Athabasca Basin adjacent to Patterson Lake, along the upper Clearwater River system. Patterson Lake is at the interface of the Boreal Shield and Boreal Plain ecozones. Access to the Project would be from an existing road off Highway 955, with on-site worker accommodation serviced by fly-in/fly-out access.

The Project would include the construction, operation, and decommissioning and reclamation (i.e., closure) of a mine and process plant facility, including underground and surface facilities that support the extraction and processing of uranium from the Arrow deposit. The Project is expected to produce up to 31 million pounds of uranium concentrate per year over a 24-year mine life.

NexGen is developing the documentation necessary to support an initial licence application to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and has completed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) and *The Environmental Assessment Act* under the jurisdiction of the Province of Saskatchewan. The Environmental Assessment (EA) formally commenced on 2 May 2019, following NexGen's submission and federal and provincial acceptance of the *Rook I Project: Project Description* (NexGen 2019a) in April 2019.

Along with the Project Description, NexGen submitted a document to the CNSC and Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (ENV) titled *Rook I Project: Indigenous Engagement Report* (NexGen 2019b), which outlined NexGen's overall approach to Indigenous (First Nations and Métis) engagement as it relates to the Project. Since that time, NexGen has continued to undertake Indigenous engagement activities, with a focus on providing information and gathering feedback to inform the EA, Project design, and licensing programs. The purpose of this document is to provide the CNSC with a report on the status of Indigenous engagement undertaken since Project initiation in 2013 through to 28 February 2022. This includes summarizing feedback received and other relevant information pertaining to engagement with the identified First Nations and Métis Groups (collectively referred to as Indigenous Groups) for the Project. The engagement activities outlined within this document are intended to satisfy both provincial and federal requirements for NexGen-led Indigenous engagement related to both the EA and licensing processes for the Project.

Since exploration on the Project commenced in 2013, NexGen has engaged regularly and established relationships with local Indigenous Groups. NexGen respects the unique relationship Indigenous Peoples have with the environment and the rights of Indigenous Peoples with respect to the land and recognizes the importance of full and open dialogue with interested or potentially affected Indigenous Groups regarding the development, operation, and closure of the Project. NexGen's objectives when undertaking engagement with Indigenous Groups can be summarized as follows:

- Build sustainable relationships based on mutual trust and respect.
- Communicate clearly with Indigenous communities using appropriate language and agreed upon formats.

- Provide Indigenous communities with timely and accurate information on the Project including information about potential environmental effects for all phases of the Project.
- Understand how the proposed development of the Project may potentially affect Indigenous Peoples' Aboriginal and treaty rights.
- Provide collaborative opportunities to improve the Project through minimizing adverse effects and maximizing benefits.

NexGen's approach to engagement is not intended to replace the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate with respect to the Project, though it is recognized that engagement conducted by NexGen may be used to inform the Crown's consultation process, including the assessment of impacts to Aboriginal and treaty rights. The overall engagement process remains focused on enabling dialogue with Indigenous Groups that could potentially be affected by the proposed Project.

Table ES-1 outlines the Indigenous Groups that NexGen is engaging with in relation to the Project.

**Table ES-1: Indigenous Groups Identified for Engagement**

| Indigenous Group   | Comments   |
|--|--|
| <b>Primary Indigenous Groups</b>   |  |
| Clearwater River Dene Nation   | n/a  |
| Métis Nation – Northern Region 2   | All seven Métis locals within Métis Nation – Northern Region 2 have directed that engagement is to be undertaken through the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan.                              |
| Includes: Métis Local #39 (La Loche), Métis Local #156 (Bear Creek), Métis Local #62 (Buffalo Narrows), Métis Local #162 (Black Point), Métis Local #40 (Turnor Lake), Métis Local #70 (St. George's Hill), Métis Local #65 (Michel Village) |  |
| Birch Narrows Dene Nation  | n/a  |
| Buffalo River Dene Nation  | n/a  |
| <b>Other Indigenous Groups</b>   |  |
| English River First Nation   | n/a  |
| Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation   | n/a  |
| Fond du Lac Denesųliné First Nation  | The Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources is the sole point of contact for Black Lake Denesųliné First Nation and Fond du Lac Denesųliné First Nation for engagement related to the Project. |
| Black Lake Denesųliné First Nation   |  |

n/a = not applicable.

Engagement activities undertaken to date, as well as planned engagement activities, reflect the value NexGen places on meaningful engagement with Indigenous Groups who could be potentially adversely affected by or benefit from the proposed Project, and takes into consideration guidance provided by both provincial and federal governments. Engagement mechanisms include notification letters, meetings with leadership, establishing Joint Working Groups (JWGs) for detailed discussions, and providing funding for Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use (IKTLU) Studies. NexGen is committed to listening to Indigenous Groups and responding to questions and concerns appropriately. It is acknowledged that engagement is a dynamic process, and NexGen intends to maintain flexibility so that engagement remains meaningful. The engagement process was designed, in part, to support the inclusion of Indigenous and Local Knowledge, Traditional Land Use, and other items of value for

potentially affected Indigenous Groups into the EA, Project design, and licensing programs, as well as to facilitate opportunity to participate in the identification, development, and review of mitigation measures. NexGen values meaningful engagement and collaboration with Indigenous communities and is committed to continued engagement throughout the lifespan of the Project.

Feedback received during engagement activities, including issues and concerns raised, has been documented and attributed to the appropriate Indigenous Group. Engagement records and issues and concerns, including where and how issues and concerns have been addressed in the EIS, have been documented within appendices to this Indigenous Engagement Report. Engagement is active and ongoing, and reflects the current stage of Project development.

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

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## 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide the CNSC with a report on Indigenous engagement activities undertaken to date for the Project by NexGen. While this document is intended to satisfy requirements outlined in REGDOC-3.2.2 Indigenous Engagement (CNSC 2019a), the engagement activities outlined within this document and the EIS (Section 2, Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement) are also intended to satisfy both provincial and federal requirements for NexGen-led Indigenous engagement related to both the EA and licensing processes for the Project.

This document includes a summary of Indigenous engagement activities conducted by NexGen in relation to the Project to support the inclusion of Indigenous and Local Knowledge into the EA, Project design, and licensing programs. This report covers the time period from initial Project engagement in 2013 through to 28 February 2022.

## 1.2 Regulatory Considerations

On 20 February 2020, the CNSC (Commission<sup>1</sup>) issued a Record of Decision (DEC 19-H112) on the scope of the EA for the proposed Project (CNSC 2020a). Relevant within this document, the Commission stated that pursuant to Section 19 of CEAA 2012, "the scope of the factors for the Environmental Assessment of the Rook I Project proposed by NexGen Energy Ltd. is to include the factors mandated in paragraphs 19(1)(a) to (h) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*, with no additional factors" and "the Commission accepts CNSC staff's submission that, in accordance with Subsection 19(3) of CEAA 2012, Indigenous traditional knowledge and community knowledge shall inform the EA for the Rook I Project."

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<sup>1</sup> The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission is referred to as the "CNSC" when referring to the organization and its staff in general, and as the "Commission" when referring to the tribunal component.

The Crown has a duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate Indigenous peoples prior to making decisions that may adversely impact established or claimed Aboriginal or treaty rights protected by Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

With regards to the Project, the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate is required to be satisfied by: (1) the CNSC in making decisions under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA 2012); and (2) the Government of Saskatchewan in making decisions under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The CNSC and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (ENV) are conducting a cooperative provincial-federal EA in accordance with the *Canada-Saskatchewan Agreement on Environmental Assessment Cooperation* (Canada-Sask Agreement 2005). Additional federal and provincial licences, approvals, and permits are also required for various aspects and phases of the proposed Project. NexGen is following an integrated EA and CNSC licensing process as described in the *Rook I Project: Initial Licence Application to Prepare Site and Construct* (NexGen 2019c).

Section 1 of the CNSC's *REGDOC-3.2.2 Indigenous Engagement, Version 1.1 (REGDOC-3.2.2)* states:

While the CNSC cannot delegate its obligation, it can delegate procedural aspects of the consultation process to licensees. In many cases, licensees are best positioned to collect information and propose any appropriate additional measures. The information collected and measures proposed by licensees to avoid, mitigate, or offset adverse effects may be used by the CNSC in meeting its consultation objectives.

The provincial requirements are similar to the CNSC regulatory requirements and state that proponents are expected to collaborate with government in providing project information to potentially affected Indigenous Groups.

NexGen's approach to the EA, including the submission of this Indigenous Engagement Report, is not intended to replace the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate with respect to the Project, though it is recognized that information from the EA and the Indigenous Engagement Report may be used to inform the Crown's consultation process.

This document is intended to specifically satisfy CNSC requirements outlined in REGDOC-3.2.2, including certain procedural aspects of consultation that have been delegated to NexGen; however, it has also taken into consideration other relevant regulatory guidance including:

- *Considering Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge in Environmental Assessments Conducted Under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEA Agency 2015).
- *Generic Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement – Pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012, Version 2* (CNSC 2021a).
- E-DOC #6470679: Guidance on Indigenous Engagement for Proposed Projects Undergoing Environmental Assessments under CEAA 2012 (CNSC 2021b).
- E-DOC #6474990 Version 2: CNSC Guidance Key Documents Expected of Proponent by CNSC to Fulfil Indigenous Engagement Requirements for Designated CEAA 2012 Projects in the Key Regulatory Guidance Section (CNSC n.d.).

- E-DOC #6515310 Version 1: Additional Information on the Role of Indigenous Groups Who Will be Participating in the Technical Review and Preparation of the CNSC EA Report Under CEAA 2012 (CNSC 2020b).
- *First Nation and Métis Consultation Policy Framework* (Government of Saskatchewan 2010).
- *Proponents Guide – Consultation with First Nations and Métis in Saskatchewan Environmental Impact Assessment* (Government of Saskatchewan 2014).
- *Proponent Handbook – Voluntary Engagement with First Nations and Métis Communities to Inform Government’s Duty to Consult Process* (Government of Saskatchewan 2013).

### 1.3 Project Overview

The proposed Project would be a uranium mining and milling operation located in the southwestern Athabasca Basin in northern Saskatchewan at latitude 57.668291 N and longitude 109.250704 W. The Project is 100% owned and managed by NexGen, a Canadian company listed on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges and Australian Securities Exchange. The mineral resource basis for the Project is the Arrow deposit, a land-based, basement-hosted, high-grade uranium deposit. The Arrow deposit has Measured Mineral Resources of 209.6 million pounds (M lb) of uranium concentrate contained in 2,183 kilotonnes (kt) grading 4.35% uranium concentrate, Indicated Mineral Resources of 47.1M lb of uranium concentrate contained in 1,572 kt grading 1.36% uranium concentrate, and Inferred Mineral Resources of 80.7 M lb of uranium concentrate contained in 4,399 kt grading 0.83% uranium concentrate.

The proposed Project would include an underground mine and surface facilities to support the extraction of uranium ore and the production of uranium concentrate.

Mine development proposes to use conventional mining methods conducted within the crystalline basement rock that hosts the Arrow deposit. Surface infrastructure required to support underground mining would primarily be located on the mine terrace, which would be a graded pad area surrounding the production shaft, exhaust shaft, and the areas in between. The proposed milling facilities designed to process the ore on site would be located on surface directly above the underground mine. The milling process would utilize acid leaching, solvent extraction, uranium precipitation, and calcining to produce a marketable uranium concentrate product. The process plant would process a maximum of 1,300 t of uranium ore per day with an annual production capacity of up to 30 M lb per year of uranium concentrate. Tailings from the processed ore would be returned below ground as a cemented backfill material, with permanent storage in either previously mined areas or the dedicated underground tailings management facility (UGTMF).

The Project would span a 43-year period from the beginning of Construction, through Operations, to the end of Decommissioning and Reclamation (i.e., Closure). Construction is expected to take place over approximately four years and include activities such as site preparation and infrastructure development. Operations is expected to last for 24 years and would include mining and processing and the associated tailings, waste, and water management. A 15-year Closure would follow, which would include an Active Closure Stage of 5 years, followed by a Transitional Monitoring Stage of 10 years.

The Project would include the following key facilities to support the extraction and processing of uranium from the Arrow deposit for transportation off site:

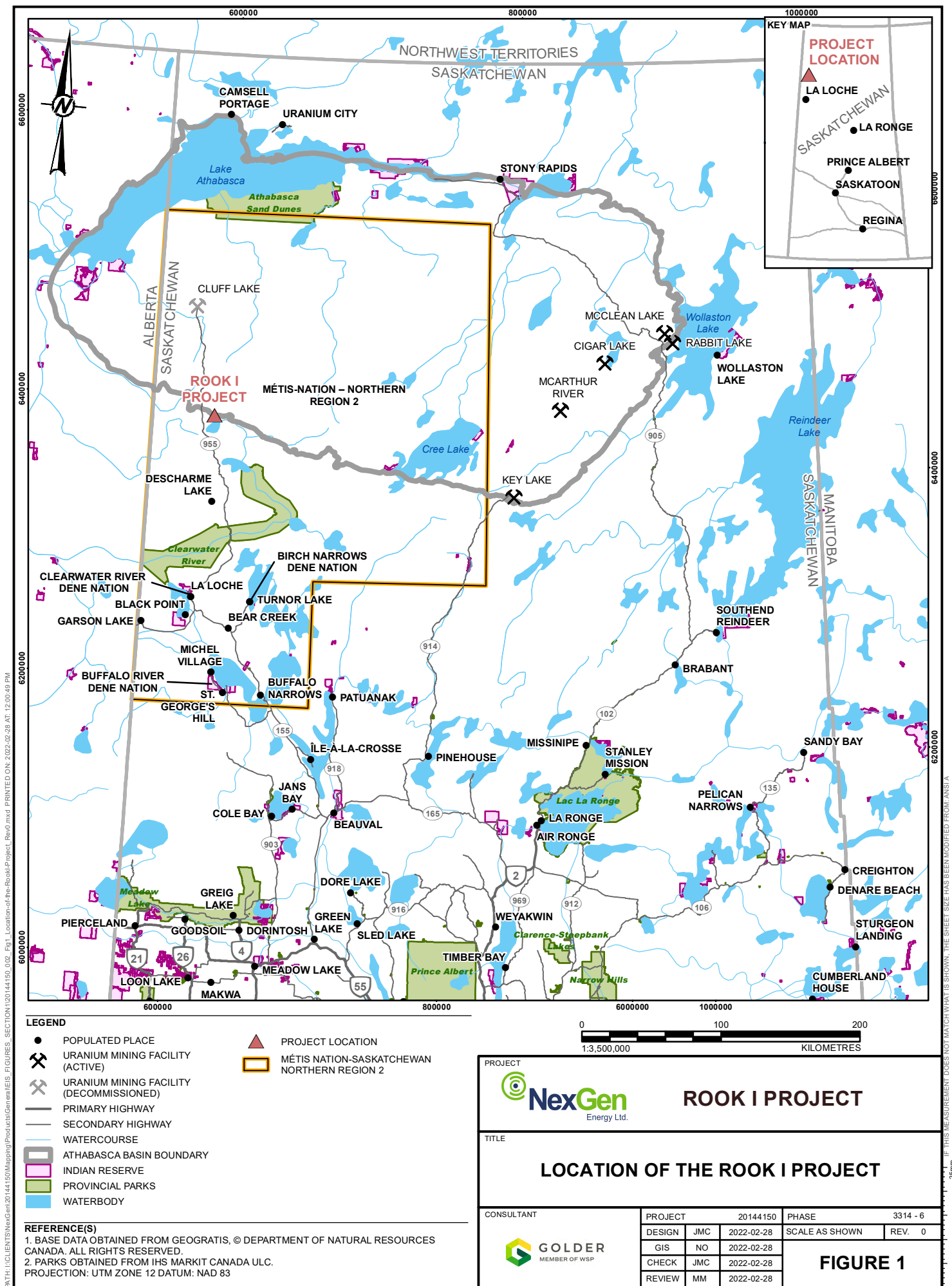
- underground mine development;
- process plant buildings, including uranium concentrate packaging facilities;
- paste tailings distribution system;
- UGTMF;
- potentially acid generating waste rock storage area;
- non-potentially acid generating waste rock storage area;
- special waste rock<sup>2</sup> and ore storage stockpiles;
- surface and underground water management infrastructure, including water management ponds, effluent treatment plant, and sewage treatment plant;
- conventional waste management facilities and fuel storage facilities;
- ancillary infrastructure, including maintenance shop, warehouse, administration building, and camp;
- airstrip and associated infrastructure; and
- access road to Project and site roads.

Project workers would be housed in on-site worker accommodation serviced by fly-in/fly-out access. Materials and equipment would be transported to and from site via Highway 155 and Highway 955. The site would primarily use liquified natural gas for power generation.

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<sup>2</sup> Special waste rock is mine rock that is mineralized with insufficient grade to be considered ore (i.e., greater than 0.03% of triuranium octoxide [ $U_3O_8$ ] and less than 0.26%  $U_3O_8$ ). All special waste would be temporarily stored in the special waste rock stockpile.

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## 2 COMMITMENT TO ENGAGEMENT

Since exploration at the Project commenced in 2013, NexGen has engaged regularly and established relationships with local Indigenous Groups, specifically those closest and most accessible to the proposed Project. This engagement conducted up to the submission of the EIS has been conducted in a manner that has exceeded requirements and guidance for each stage of Project activity. Engagement has included both formal engagement with elected leadership and community representatives, as well as participation in community events and dialogue with community members through community information sessions and key person interviews. All NexGen engagement activities have been based on NexGen's values and governance, and include the following:

- **Respect:** Indigenous Groups' and stakeholders' differing opinions and perspectives are listened to, understood, acknowledged, considered, and to the extent possible, incorporated into the proposed Project.
- **Inclusivity:** Indigenous Groups and stakeholders, including vulnerable and distinct groups and community members, are provided with adequate opportunities to connect with the Project.
- **Meaningfulness:** Participants are provided with accurate, timely, and relevant information to enable informed discussions.
- **Informative:** Information is provided in a format that allows Indigenous Groups and stakeholders to build an understanding of the Project and EA process to enable meaningful engagement.
- **Responsive:** Issues and concerns raised are carefully considered and responded to in a timely and appropriate manner.
- **Transparent:** Engagement activities are open, honest, and fair.

NexGen respects the unique relationship Indigenous Peoples have with the environment and the rights of Indigenous Peoples with respect to the land. NexGen recognizes the importance of full and open discussion with interested or potentially affected Indigenous Groups regarding the development, operation, and decommissioning of the proposed Project. NexGen's objectives when undertaking engagement with Indigenous communities can be summarized as follows:

- Build sustainable relationships based on mutual trust and respect.
- Communicate clearly with Indigenous communities using appropriate methods and agreed upon formats.
- Provide Indigenous communities with timely and accurate information on the Project, including information about potential environmental effects for all phases.
- Understand how the proposed development of the Project may potentially affect Indigenous Peoples' Aboriginal and treaty rights.
- Provide collaborative opportunities to improve the Project while minimizing adverse effects and maximizing positive effects.

NexGen's approach to engagement has been focused on enabling dialogue with and seeking feedback from Indigenous Groups who could potentially be affected by the proposed Project.

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### 3 IDENTIFICATION OF INDIGENOUS GROUPS FOR ENGAGEMENT

As NexGen has advanced development of the Project, review has been undertaken to identify those Indigenous communities who may be affected by or have an interest in the Project. Identification of potentially affected or interested Indigenous Groups and communities was informed through direct correspondence and discussion with Indigenous leaders, community members, and other organizations in the region; review of publicly available information; and guidance provided by provincial and federal agencies.

Prior to Project exploration commencing in 2013, NexGen engaged and established relationships with local Indigenous communities, particularly those closest to the Project: the Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN) and Métis Local #39 (La Loche). This included formal engagement with elected leadership and community representatives as well as informal involvement including participation in community events and initiatives. Over time, engagement activities expanded, with discussion and direct correspondence being conducted with Indigenous Groups and communities more broadly in the local priority area<sup>3</sup>.

The process by which the Indigenous Groups were identified for engagement aligns with REGDOC-3.2.2 Version 1.1, Indigenous Engagement. Indigenous Groups that were identified for potential engagement were mapped along the consultation activity spectrum as outlined in REGDOC-3.2.2 Version 1.1 (Table 2.4-2; CNSC 2019a).

The identification of Indigenous Groups for engagement in relation to the Project is further described in Section 3.1, with additional details on how each factor was used to identify Indigenous Groups for engagement included in EIS Section 2, Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement.

#### 3.1 Indigenous Communities Identified for Engagement

The process to determine engagement requirements for Indigenous Groups included consideration of key factors as outlined in REGDOC-3.2.2, Indigenous Engagement (CNSC 2019a):

- historical and modern treaties;
- proximity of the Project to Indigenous communities;
- traditional territories;
- traditional and current land uses;
- settled or ongoing land claims and/or litigation;
- existing relationships between Indigenous communities and NexGen or the CNSC; and
- potential Project effects on health and safety, the environment, and any potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights and related interests of Indigenous Groups.

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<sup>3</sup> The local priority area consists of the local communities closest to the Project that would experience most of the Project effects and for which NexGen would prioritize local training, employment, and business opportunities for the Project. These communities are located along, or accessed via, Highways 155 and 955 north of the intersection of Highways 155 and 925.



Additional considerations to determine engagement requirements included the CNSC and ENV letters inviting Indigenous Groups to participate in the EA process for the Project. These letters initially established those groups who should be considered the primary groups for engagement (i.e., invited to participate) based on likely Project effects and those who should be considered as other groups for engagement (i.e., informed).

Identification of potentially affected or interested Indigenous and local communities was further informed through direct correspondence and discussion with Indigenous leaders, community members, and other organizations in the region; review of publicly available information; and guidance provided by provincial and federal governments.

The primary Indigenous Groups identified for engagement are:

- Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN);
- Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Northern Region 2 (NR2), including the provincial MN-S government working on behalf of the MN-S NR2 and locals.
- Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN); and
- Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN).

The primary Indigenous Groups are located within the Project local priority area. These communities are NexGen's primary focus for Project benefits and are those communities located along Highway 155, and in some instances, near the junction of Highway 155 and Highway 955, or have close ties to the Patterson Lake area.

Table 1 outlines the rationale behind the selection of each community and their respective levels of engagement.

**Table 1: Primary Indigenous Groups Identified in Relation to Rook I Project Engagement**

| Indigenous Group             | Location   | Rationale   |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>First Nations</b>         |  |   |
| Clearwater River Dene Nation | Has three reserve parcels, with the primary populated reserve parcel located north of Lac La Loche, approximately 120 km from the Project, or 155 km by road                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Treaty 8 signatory</li> <li>■ Proximity to Project</li> <li>■ Potential land use in proximity to the Project</li> <li>■ Potential overlap with traditional territory</li> <li>■ Increased Project-related traffic</li> <li>■ Participation in engagement related to the Cluff Lake operation</li> </ul>                                |
| Birch Narrows Dene Nation    | Has three reserve parcels, with the only population on reserve (Turnor Lake 193B) adjacent to the northern hamlet of Turnor Lake, approximately 135 km from the Project, or 230 km by road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Proximity to Project</li> <li>■ Potential land use in proximity to the Project</li> <li>■ Potential overlap with traditional territory</li> <li>■ Increased Project-related traffic</li> <li>■ Participation in engagement related to the Cluff Lake operation; previously included in engagement identified as Turnor Lake</li> </ul> |
| Buffalo River Dene Nation    | Reserve (Peter Pond Lake 193) is located adjacent to the Village of Dillon, approximately 190 km from the Project, or 330 km by road   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Proximity to Project</li> <li>■ Potential land use in proximity to the Project</li> <li>■ Potential overlap with traditional territory</li> <li>■ Increased Project-related traffic</li> <li>■ Participation in engagement related to the Cluff Lake operation; previously included in engagement identified as Dillon</li> </ul>      |

**Table 1: Primary Indigenous Groups Identified in Relation to Rook I Project Engagement**

| Indigenous Group                                  | Location   | Rationale   |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Métis Communities (MN-S NR2)<sup>(a)</sup></b> |  |   |
| Local #39 – La Loche                              | Located on Lac La Loche approximately 130 km from the Project, or 155 km by road                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proximity to Project</li> <li>Potential land use in proximity to the Project</li> <li>Potential overlap with traditional territory</li> <li>Increased Project-related traffic</li> </ul> |
| Local #40 – Turnor Lake                           | Located adjacent to the BNDN's main reserve parcel, approximately 135 km from the Project, or 230 km by road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proximity to Project</li> <li>Potential land use in proximity to the Project</li> <li>Potential overlap with traditional territory</li> <li>Increased Project-related traffic</li> </ul> |
| Local #62 – Buffalo Narrows                       | Located on Highway 155, approximately 205 km from the Project, or 260 km by road                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proximity to Project</li> <li>Potential land use in proximity to the Project</li> <li>Potential overlap with traditional territory</li> <li>Increased Project-related traffic</li> </ul> |
| Local #65 – Michel Village                        | Located near Peter Pond Lake on Highway 925 approximately 190 km from the Project, or 340 km by road         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential current land uses in proximity to the Project</li> <li>Potential overlap with traditional territory</li> <li>Increased Project-related traffic</li> </ul>                      |
| Local #70 – St. Georges Hill                      | Located near Peter Pond Lake on Highway 925 approximately 190 km from the Project, or 330 km by road         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential land use in proximity to the Project</li> <li>Potential overlap with traditional territory</li> <li>Increased Project-related traffic</li> </ul>                               |
| Local #127 – Garson Lake <sup>(b)</sup>           | Located on Highway 956 close to the Alberta border, approximately 160 km from the Project, or 220 km by road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential land use in proximity to the Project</li> <li>Potential overlap with traditional territory</li> <li>Increased Project-related traffic</li> </ul>                               |
| Local #130 – Descharme Lake <sup>(b)</sup>        | Located approximately 60 km from the Project, or 80 km by road   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proximity to Project</li> <li>Potential land use in proximity to the Project</li> <li>Potential overlap with traditional territory</li> <li>Increased Project-related traffic</li> </ul> |
| Local 156 – Bear Creek                            | Located on Highway 155 approximately 155 km from the Project, or 195 km by road                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proximity to Project</li> <li>Potential land use in proximity to the Project</li> <li>Potential overlap with traditional territory</li> <li>Increased Project-related traffic</li> </ul> |
| Local 162 – Black Point                           | Located towards the south end of Lac La Loche, approximately 145 km from the Project, or 175 km by road      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proximity to Project</li> <li>Potential land use in proximity to the Project</li> <li>Potential overlap with traditional territory</li> <li>Increased Project-related traffic</li> </ul> |

a) The MN-S NR2, including the provincial MN-S government working on behalf of the MN-S NR2 and MN-S Locals.

b) The MN-S Local 127 – Garson Lake and MN-S Local 130 – Descharme Lake have been identified by the Government of Saskatchewan for engagement in relation to the Project. Information provided to NexGen indicates that Local 127 and Local 130 are not currently active. Dialogue with the MN-S NR2 leadership has indicated that Local 127 and Local 130 are no longer established or recognized as MN-S Locals and the area will instead be represented by the MN-S NR2 council.

MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2; BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation.

All nine Métis locals within MN-S NR2 signed a Motion for Métis Local Delegation of Duty to Consult Responsibilities assigning the responsibilities from the Métis locals to MN-S. Signatures on this document were dated 18 June 2019.

Following the same process used for the identification of primary Indigenous Groups, the other Indigenous Groups identified for information sharing are:

- English River First Nation (ERFN);
- Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN);
- Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation (FLDFN), as represented by the Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources (YNLR); and
- Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation (BLDFN), as represented by the YNLR.

Table 2 details the other Indigenous Groups involved in the engagement program and the rationale for inclusion at an inform level.

**Table 2: Other Indigenous Groups Identified in Relation to the Rook I Project**

| Indigenous Group                                   | Location   | Rationale  |
|--|--|--|
| English River First Nation                         | Population centre located on Highway 918 approximately 130 km from the Project to the closest reserve parcel, or 465 km by road from the Project                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Proximity of reserve land to the Project but no access link or known residency/land use</li> <li>■ Potential overlap with traditional territory</li> <li>■ Participation in engagement related to the Cluff Lake operation</li> </ul> |
| Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation                   | Located in Alberta approximately 130 km from the Project to the reserve boundary, or 620 km by road, including portion on a winter road; approximately 1,350 km by all-season road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Treaty 8 signatory</li> <li>■ Previous engagement with the CNSC on the Cluff Lake Project</li> <li>■ Potential overlap with traditional territory but no access link or known residency/land use</li> </ul>                           |
| Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation <sup>(a)</sup>  | Populated reserve located on Black Lake, approximately 260 km from the Project to the reserve boundary, or 1,230 km by road, a portion of which is a winter road                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Treaty 8 signatory</li> <li>■ Previous engagement with the CNSC on uranium mining/milling projects in Saskatchewan</li> </ul>   |
| Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation <sup>(a)</sup> | Populated reserve located on Lake Athabasca approximately 180 km from the Project to the reserve boundary, or 1,335 km by road, a portion of which is a winter road                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Treaty 8 signatory</li> <li>■ Previous engagement with the CNSC on uranium mining/milling projects in Saskatchewan</li> </ul>   |

a) The FLDFN and the BLDFN, as represented by YNLR.

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; YNLR = Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources; BLDFN = Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation; FLDFN = Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation.

The factors identified above were considered in the context of the overall scope of the Project, the potential social and environmental interactions, issues raised, and potential social and environmental effects identified. This approach also considered potential health and safety related aspects; specifically, changes in traffic volumes along remote transportation routes and the movement of dangerous goods. These considerations were used to identify the appropriate level and method of engagement (EIS Section 2.5, Engagement Approach).

## 3.2 Additional Information from Identified Indigenous Groups

NexGen has obtained additional information related to key factors, as outlined in REGDOC-3.2.2, Indigenous Engagement (CSNC 2019a), to consider when determining which Indigenous Groups to engage with and the appropriate level or scope of engagement activities. While the additional information from identified Indigenous Groups received to date has helped provide context, it has not materially changed the planned engagement activities in relation to the Project. Engagement activities would continue to be informed by additional information obtained throughout the engagement process. The additional information received in the reporting period is outlined below.

### 3.2.1 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan

The MN-S is the governing body that represents the political, socioeconomic, cultural, and educational interests of the approximately 80,000 Métis citizens in Saskatchewan. This is administered through a representative system based on 12 regions and approximately 130 Métis locals. All three levels of the MN-S organization were identified for engagement in recognition of the Métis governance structure, the rights of Métis citizens stemming from Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, and the key factor guidance provided in Section 4.1 of REGDOC-3.2.2, which indicates membership in a broader Indigenous collective should be considered.

All of the Métis locals in MN-S NR2 and the MN-S were identified for engagement in relation to the Project in the *Rook I Project: Indigenous Engagement Report* (NexGen 2019b). Early engagement with Métis citizens potentially impacted by the Project was done through both the MN-S NR2 and the Métis locals within NR2.

On 5 September 2019, NexGen was presented with two documents titled Motion for Métis Local Delegation of Duty to Consult Responsibilities and Motion for Authorized Delegate to Accept Delegation Responsibilities of Duty to Consult. These documents were standard Government of Saskatchewan forms that formalize the delegation of the responsibility for activities related to duty to consult (in this case from all seven Métis locals within NR2, to the MN-S), which were signed by all seven locals within MN-S NR2 and the president of the MN-S.

For additional clarity and assurance that NexGen was to engage with the MN-S rather than individual Métis locals, NexGen was provided with a heavily redacted document titled *Agreement of Principles for Engaging with NexGen*, dated 19 December 2019. This document was signed by all seven locals within NR2, as well as the Regional Director of NR2 and the President of the MN-S. This document clarifies that the locals have designated the MN-S to represent them in Project consultation and the satisfaction of the Crown's duty to consult. Each Métis local within NR2, and the MN-S NR2, will remain on the full list of Indigenous Groups identified for engagement in relation to the Project, as outlined in Table 1. However, engagement activities will be conducted through the MN-S, until otherwise formally directed.

It is important to note that there is an outstanding claim of Aboriginal title for parts of the Métis homeland in MN-S NR2, which includes the area of the Project. This claim, filed at Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench in 1994, has since been included in the Framework Agreement signed between MN-S and Canada in July 2018, and is noted as a top priority for MN-S to negotiate. Negotiations on this 1994 claim have begun with Canada, outside of the courts. An additional action was filed in 2019 in Federal Court that spans a portion of northwest Saskatchewan and northern Alberta, including the area encompassed by the 1994 claim. The MN-S is not a party to the 2019 claim and considers the claim to be contrary to the interests of the MN-S and its citizens.

### 3.2.2 Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation

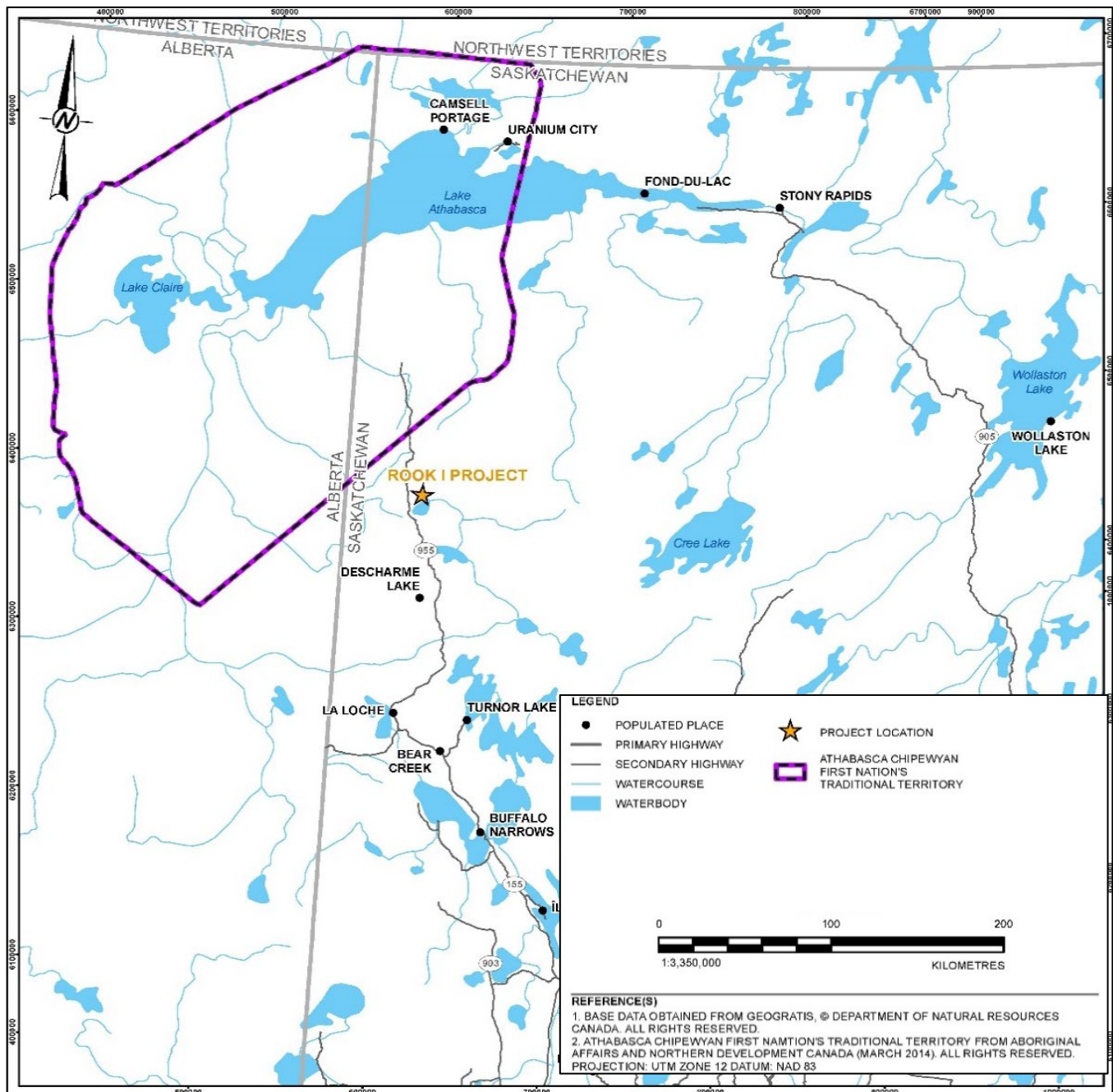
The ACFN was identified as an Indigenous Group for engagement (inform) by the CNSC and ENV in their letters to Indigenous Groups. The original rationale for inclusion was based on consideration that ACFN is signatory to Treaty 8, has potential overlap of traditional territory with the Project, and has been previously engaged with by the CNSC on the decommissioned Cluff Lake Mine. While engagement efforts with ACFN to date are detailed in Section 4.1, Notification and Disclosure of Relevant Information, additional information is presented below to provide further context and to expand on how the relevant guidance factors were used to determine the appropriate level of engagement.

An outline of the ACFN's traditional territory is publicly available through Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and shown in Figure 2, as well as in a document published by the ACFN titled *Nih boghodi: We are the stewards of our land, 26 April 2012* (ACFN 2012). Both sources show that the Project is located southeast of the boundary of the ACFN's homelands / traditional territory. In addition, the publication *Footprints on the Land, Tracing the Path of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation* (ACFN 2003) also includes images of ACFN land use areas that do not coincide with the Project footprint. Although the Project is located outside of the traditional territory of the ACFN, it is within an area defined by the ACFN's as their "Consultation Area". NexGen plans to continue engaging with ACFN as outlined in Section 4.1. To date, ACFN has not responded to any of the invitations to meet extended by NexGen.

### 3.2.3 Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources

On 18 March 2019, the YNLR office sent a letter to NexGen advising that the YNLR be the sole point of contact for Black Lake Denesųliné First Nation, Fond du Lac Denesųliné First Nation, Hatchet Lake Denesųliné First Nation, Stony Rapids, Wollaston Lake, Camsell Portage, and Uranium City in relation to all new and ongoing mining, milling, exploration, forestry, road building, and other industrial and non-industrial developments and activities for which a federal or provincial licensing permit, regulatory process, EA, or other approval is required. The YNLR directed NexGen to communicate solely with the YNLR in all related matters and provided contact information.

**Figure 2: Location of the Rook I Project in Relation to the Traditional Territory of Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation**





## 4 SCOPE OF ENGAGEMENT

The scope of engagement activities undertaken to date, as well as planned future engagement activities, reflects the value NexGen places on meaningful engagement with Indigenous Groups who are potentially affected by the proposed Project. The engagement mechanisms used also take into consideration guidance provided by both provincial and federal governments. This section outlines the scope of engagement for the identified Indigenous Groups in relation to the Project, including details on the different engagement mechanisms employed.

NexGen's engagement process remains focused on enabling dialogue with Indigenous Groups who could potentially be affected by the Project. While this section outlines specific engagement mechanisms, it is acknowledged that engagement is a dynamic process, and NexGen will continue to maintain flexibility in its approach to promote meaningful engagement. NexGen is committed to listening to and collaborating with Indigenous Groups and responding appropriately.

In addition to conducting research to identify Indigenous Groups with potential or established Aboriginal and/or treaty rights that may be adversely affected by the Project, Section 4.1 of REGDOC-3.2.2 states that the "licensee shall . . . determine the appropriate level or scope of engagement activities to be conducted with each identified group". NexGen acknowledges that engagement activities can vary depending on the significance of potentially adverse effects on Indigenous and/or treaty rights, as well as on the relative strength of asserted Indigenous rights. In consideration of the consultation activity spectrum outlined in REGDOC-3.2.2, Table 3 outlines the example activities for the scope of engagement with each identified Indigenous Group.

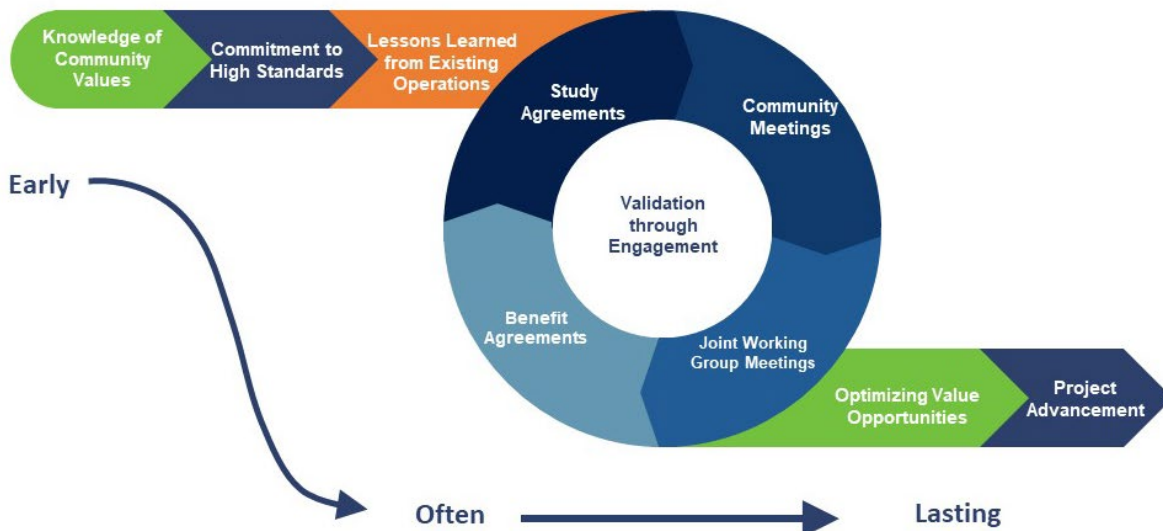
**Table 3: Scope of Engagement Activities**

|                           | Indigenous Group | Example Activities for Identified Scope of Engagement  |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|
| Primary Indigenous Groups | CRDN             | Exchange of information, correspondence, meetings, site visits, research and studies, opportunity to make submissions to the CNSC, determination of accommodation, development of collaboration opportunities. |
|                           | MN-S             |  |
|                           | BNDN             |  |
|                           | BRDN             |  |
| Other Indigenous Groups   | ERFN             | Provision of adequate notice, disclosure of relevant information, discussion of issues raised in response to notice, opportunity to make submissions to the CNSC.  |
|                           | ACFN             |  |
|                           | YNLR             |  |

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; ERFN = English River First Nation; ACFN = Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation; YNLR = Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources.

The foundation for the Indigenous engagement program is built on knowledge of community values, a commitment to high standards, and an understanding of lessons learned from other existing uranium operations in northern Saskatchewan. A variety of engagement methods and activities have been and will continue to be implemented to monitor and validate NexGen's approach to Project development, with the goals of achieving the objectives of the engagement program and optimizing Project outcomes for Indigenous Groups. Early engagement activities commenced prior to initial exploration in 2013, and engagement with all primary Indigenous Groups was initiated by early 2017; Project engagement has been and will continue to be early, often, and lasting. This engagement life cycle is illustrated in Figure 3.

**Figure 3: Engagement Life Cycle**



## 4.1 Notification and Disclosure of Relevant Information

Upon initiation of the EA and licensing process in May 2019, NexGen provided notification by mail to all Indigenous Groups identified in Section 3. The notification packages included preliminary information on the nature and scope of activities proposed for the Project as well as links to the full Project Description. Executive summaries of the Project Description were provided in Dene and/or Cree, as appropriate, for each Indigenous Group. Copies of the notification letters mailed to each identified Indigenous Group are available in Appendix A, Notification Letters for the Commencement of the Environmental Assessment.

In addition to all other forms of engagement, NexGen will continue to provide formal, written notification by mail at key Project milestones to disclose relevant information. The current key Project milestone is the submission of the Project EIS. This notification will be provided to the groups outlined in Section 3. Summaries of relevant Project information will be translated and provided in audio format for sharing with Indigenous Groups as relevant, and use of these additional communication methods will be based on discussions with Indigenous Groups.

## 4.2 Engagement with Primary Indigenous Groups

### 4.2.1 Study Agreements

NexGen has entered into a Study Agreement with each of the primary Indigenous Groups (i.e., CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN) for, among other things, the establishment of a formal engagement process and the sharing of Indigenous Knowledge (EIS Section 3.5, Indigenous and Local Knowledge Sources). Study Agreements are agreements signed by NexGen and each primary Indigenous Group that outline both the engagement approach and resources and funds to be provided by NexGen to support Indigenous Group participation in the Project EA process. These agreements were signed in September and October of 2019.



While the content of each Study Agreement is confidential, the focus of the Study Agreements with each primary Indigenous Group is as follows:

- Develop a Joint Working Group (JWG) structure for each Indigenous Group to support the inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge into the EA process and to facilitate regular, ongoing engagement.
- Assist in the identification of valued components (VCs) for the EA.
- Explore special interest topics for each Indigenous Group.
- Support Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use (IKTLU) Studies<sup>4</sup> in various forms particular to each Indigenous Group.
- Establish a Community Coordinator position in each Indigenous Group to act as the primary contact between NexGen and the Indigenous Group.

Each Study Agreement formalized an engagement process between NexGen and individual Indigenous Groups to, among other things, identify and characterize potential effects on Indigenous (i.e., First Nation and Métis) rights and socio-economic interests resulting from the Project, and to collaboratively identify potential avoidance, mitigation, and accommodation measures related to all identified effects on those rights. The Study Agreements also acknowledged that, notwithstanding the activities contemplated under the Study Agreement, the responsibility for fulfilling the duty of consult remains with the Crown (Section 1.2, Regulatory Considerations).

In addition to the above, each of the Study Agreements:

- commits NexGen to providing capacity funding for the JWG engagement, the retention of technical support by the Indigenous Group, and the completion of a self-directed IKTLU Study (EIS Section 3.5.2, Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies); and
- commits NexGen and each individual Indigenous Group to negotiate in good faith to formalize a Benefit Agreement, and for NexGen to provide funding to assist in negotiating such an agreement.

Through the Study Agreements, the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN formally shared Indigenous Knowledge to inform the EA for the Project.

#### **4.2.1.1 Joint Planning Work**

NexGen has engaged with CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN to establish a framework unique to each group that facilitates the exchange of information to allow for a robust EA of the Project and to inform the Crown as it undertakes its duty to consult. These frameworks have been formalized in the Study Agreements, which, while unique to each of the four primary Indigenous Groups, enable the formal engagement with each Indigenous Group respectively to identify potential effects on Aboriginal and/or treaty rights and related socio-economic interests, as well as potential mitigation and accommodation measures to avoid or mitigate those effects to the extent possible. The Study Agreements extend through the EA and provide capacity funding to each of the four Indigenous Groups for the positions and activities described below.

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<sup>4</sup> Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies include all land use studies developed by the potentially affected Indigenous Groups for the Project, including Traditional Land Use and Occupancy studies, Traditional Knowledge and Use studies, Indigenous Rights and Knowledge studies (henceforth referred to collectively as IKTLU Studies).

## **Community Coordinator**

To respect schedules and existing workloads of employees and leadership of the primary Indigenous Groups, funding has been provided for the community to select and employ a dedicated Community Coordinator to fulfill commitments outlined in the Study Agreement. This person acts as the primary contact representing the Indigenous Group when undertaking activities outlined in the Study Agreement, including coordinating JWG meetings and providing updates on the status of the IKTLU Studies. Each Community Coordinator works with a dedicated, single point of contact at NexGen.

## **Joint Working Group**

A JWG was established with each of the four Indigenous Groups with communities residing in the local priority area to provide an effective method for NexGen to work directly with representatives of each Indigenous Group to, among other things, support the gathering and incorporation of Indigenous Knowledge throughout the EA process. This process includes protocols on consent, ownership, access, and control and possession of Indigenous Knowledge, as well as collaborating towards the identification of VCs for the EA, discussion of potential effects of the Project, and identification of potential mitigation measures to reduce or offset Project effects.

The JWG's have been endorsed by the leadership of each Indigenous Group and include representation from both NexGen and the Indigenous Group. Representatives of the Indigenous Group are appointed by elected leadership, with no influence by NexGen, and are deemed by the elected leadership to broadly encompass the diversity of the Indigenous Group, taking into consideration all genders, Elders, youth, land and resource users with familiarity with the area of the Project, and community leadership and/or administration. The core group of JWG participants generally meets on a regular basis, and the JWG is able to invite technical experts or consultants to participate. In addition to the funding provided for the Indigenous Group to engage technical experts, NexGen provides compensation for each community representative on the JWG for their time and travel expenses that are incurred to participate in the JWG. The JWG meetings have occurred in multiple locations, including the Project site, in the home community of the Indigenous Group, or at NexGen's Saskatoon office.

Topics discussed during each JWG meeting are set jointly, based on interest from the Indigenous Group and availability of information. Each meeting is an opportunity for both NexGen and the Indigenous Group to present material or include topics for future JWG meeting agendas. Topics that have been discussed during the JWG meetings to date are outlined for each JWG in Section 5.1, Clearwater River Dene Nation, through Section 5.4, Buffalo River Dene Nation.

The establishment and actions of the JWG's does not preclude NexGen from continuing community-wide engagement events and activities with the broader public, nor do they preclude the Indigenous Group from participating independently in any regulatory process, such as a public hearing or regulatory review.

The JWG meetings provide a dynamic forum for JWG participants to pose questions, impart local knowledge and information, provide comment, and debate issues deemed important by its members or the communities they represent. Copies of presentation materials are provided to each JWG member for them to share, as they deem appropriate, with members of the community. Detailed meeting minutes are prepared from each JWG meeting and copies are provided to each JWG member. The minutes are expected to be reviewed by all JWG members, with each member having an opportunity to clarify any item in the minutes that may have been mis-recorded and/or redact information that they deem to be sensitive and do not want to become part of the public record. At the outset,

JWG members were informed that the meetings would be recorded and included in the EIS, which would become part of the public record.

**Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Study:** Within the Study Agreement with each primary Indigenous Group, funding has been provided for the completion of a community-led IKTLU Study in relation to the Project for inclusion in the EA. The purpose of the IKTLU Study is to understand how the Project may interact with the Indigenous Group's traditional use of the area surrounding the Project for all phases as well as provide valuable Indigenous Knowledge that has helped shape the approach to and execution of the EA. Each Indigenous Group selected the IKTLU consultant of their choice and approached the study in a way they deemed appropriate for their community. The IKTLU Studies completed by each primary Indigenous Group have been submitted to NexGen for incorporation into the EA.

**Household harvest survey:** Specific to the CRDN, the Study Agreement provides funding for the completion of a community-led household harvest survey to identify and quantify the use of valued cultural resources in the vicinity of the Project. Information on harvesting was included in the CRDN IKTLU Study, and an interim report specific to the harvest study was provided by the CRDN in February 2022.

**Traditional Foods study:** Specific to the MN-S, the Study Agreement provides funding for the completion of a community-led Traditional Foods study to support the inclusion of community-specific information in the EA. This study was completed by the MN-S in conjunction with the MN-S IKTLU Study.

**Obtaining independent technical and legal advice:** Through the Study Agreement with each primary Indigenous Group, NexGen has provided funding for each Indigenous Group to obtain independent technical and legal advice, as required, to help the community understand the Project and prepare required reports during the EA process. This is coordinated through the Community Coordinator.

**Negotiation of Benefit Agreements:** The Study Agreements contain a commitment to ongoing discussions regarding the responsible development of the Project and commit both NexGen and the primary Indigenous Groups to negotiating formal Benefit Agreements in good faith. To facilitate this endeavour, NexGen committed to providing funding for costs incurred to undertake the negotiation of each Benefit Agreement, including legal fees. To date, Benefit Agreements have been signed between NexGen and the CRDN, BNDN, and BRDN, and negotiations between NexGen and the MN-S are ongoing. Although details of these agreements are confidential and have not been finalized for all Indigenous Groups, they are premised on commitments including proactively engaging with local communities; supporting the economic participation of affected communities; seeking to provide opportunities resulting in sustainable, lasting benefits to local communities beyond the Project lifespan; and providing clear and timely information to those who have a direct interest in the Project. NexGen will provide relevant information to the CNSC, with due consideration of relevant privacy constraints. No further updates on the negotiation of Benefit Agreements are provided in this document.

#### **4.2.2 Other Engagement with Primary Indigenous Groups**

In addition to the notification and disclosure of relevant information and the joint planning work activities identified in Section 4.2.1.1, additional means of engagement with the primary Indigenous Groups include:

**Update meetings with leadership:** Regular update meetings are planned with Indigenous leadership, when appropriate, depending on their involvement in the JWGs.

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**Joint Working Group breakout sessions:** These sessions occur outside of the main JWG and serve to provide an opportunity for Indigenous Groups and NexGen to explore specific topics in more detail from what may have been presented during a JWG meeting.

**Joint Working Group summaries:** Starting in March 2021, NexGen developed summary handouts to be used as tools to assist Indigenous Group Community Coordinators communicate the topics discussed at the meetings to Indigenous Group members and communities. The sharing of summary information was important considering the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which limited NexGen's ability to conduct community events and in-person meetings for much of 2020 and 2021.

**Benefit Agreements:** The Benefit Agreements include commitments to establish processes for regular communication and information exchange between NexGen and each Indigenous Group. The specific methods of communication are determined through collaboration between NexGen and the Indigenous Group.

### 4.3 Engagement with Other Indigenous Groups

The ERFN, ACFN, and YNLR were identified for engagement activities that include provision of adequate notice, disclosure of relevant information, discussion of issues raised in response to notice, and opportunity to make submissions to the CNSC. Section 5.5, English River First Nation, to Section 5.7, Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources, outline the details of the engagement activities or mechanisms undertaken, or planned, for these three Indigenous Groups.

In addition, the YNLR, on behalf of the Black Lake Denesūliné First Nation and Fond du Lac Denesūliné First Nation, identified an interest in sharing Indigenous Knowledge through an IKTLU Study. As a result, a Study Funding Agreement was signed in 2020 between NexGen and the YNLR for funding an IKTLU Study. The completed YNLR IKTLU Study was submitted to NexGen for incorporation into the EA.

### 4.4 Other Engagement

In addition to direct engagement with identified Indigenous Groups, in connection with Indigenous engagement, NexGen has undertaken broader engagement efforts within local communities. While these events are not exclusive to Indigenous Groups, information acquired during these events provided important context for consideration and incorporation into the EIS as approximately 96% of the local community population self-identifies as Indigenous. Examples of these engagement activities include:

- Community information sessions;
  - youth workshop;
  - women's interviews;
  - N-19 Trapper's workshops;
  - community newsletters;
  - site tours; and
  - NexGen La Loche office engagement.
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As reporting on these engagement activities is outside the scope of the Indigenous Engagement Report, additional details are not provided here. However, further information may be found in EIS Section 2 and EIS Section 3, Indigenous and Local Knowledge.

## 4.5 Engagement Challenges

Implementation of the Indigenous engagement program for the Project has faced challenges. These challenges were associated with the global COVID-19 pandemic, forest fires near the local communities and Project site, competing events and activities in communities, and other associated logistical challenges.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person engagement events were largely not possible throughout most of 2020 and 2021. NexGen's primary focus during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic was to support communities in their pandemic response.

Transitioning to online engagement events and meetings was required during much of this timeframe, which produced challenges in being able to successfully present technically complex information to communities while also understanding limitations with respect to internet connectivity, access to technology, and the ability of community members to participate effectively.

A flexible approach was key to delivering a successful engagement program. NexGen adapted its approach to accommodate scheduling conflicts or other events within communities. Adaptation included following social distancing and other public health requirements, respecting community calendars by working around events such as elections and hunting seasons, and being respectful of community bereavements. For further detail on how NexGen adapted to meet the challenges presented is described in EIS Section 2.

## 5 INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT CONDUCTED

NexGen has actively engaged with Indigenous Groups nearest to the Project since 2013. A summary of key engagement activities undertaken by NexGen between Project initiation in 2013 and 28 February 2022 is presented in Section 5.1 to Section 5.7 for each Indigenous Group engaged in relation to the Project. In addition, informal engagement and general relationship building activities, such as phone conversations and casual discussions over coffee and at community events, has been ongoing.

### 5.1 Clearwater River Dene Nation

Table 4 provides a summary of key engagement activities undertaken with the CRDN between Project initiation in 2013 and 28 February 2022.

**Table 4: Summary of Key Engagement Activities with the Clearwater River Dene Nation**

| Date       | Mechanism         | Audience             | Scope   |
|------------|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| 8 May 2014 | In-person meeting | Leadership and staff | NexGen met with the CRDN Chief and Council to introduce NexGen and to discuss the proposed exploration program. NexGen also provided an overview of mineral exploration techniques. Additional discussion was focused on arranging a site tour for CRDN members, training and employment, environmental protection, and community engagement. |

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| Date              | Mechanism         | Audience               | Scope   |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---|
| 15 March 2016     | In-person meeting | Leadership and staff   | NexGen provided an update on the winter 2016 drilling program to CRDN. NexGen and the CRDN discussed local employment, contracting, and training opportunities, as well as the possibility of a site tour. The CRDN stated dissatisfaction with the consultation process during the permitting process for the access road, and that the expectation is that NexGen will hire locally.  |
| 5 April 2016      | In-person meeting | Staff                  | NexGen met with the CRDN to discuss how best to begin traditional knowledge work in the community. The CRDN representative advised NexGen that some previous work related to traditional knowledge and land use planning had been completed already and that NexGen should discuss the matter with the Chief.   |
| 1 September 2016  | In-person meeting | Leadership             | NexGen met with the CRDN and discussed business opportunities for local companies.  |
| 21 September 2016 | Letter, incoming  | Leadership             | The CRDN sent NexGen a letter regarding consultation expectations. The CRDN proposed a meeting with NexGen in the near future to discuss these matters in more detail and to attempt to come to a common understanding regarding expectations.  |
| 14 October 2016   | In-person meeting | Leadership             | NexGen met with CRDN for an introductory in-person meeting and a tour of a local businesses' facilities. Topics of discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the creation of a regional economic development group;</li> <li>CRDN band office;</li> <li>background on La Loche, CRDN, and the LLML#39;</li> <li>engagement/consultation strategies; and</li> <li>history of a local business and future economic opportunities.</li> </ul>  |
| 6 September 2017  | Letter, incoming  | Leadership             | The MN-S NR2, NVLL, LLML#39, and the CRDN emailed NexGen an attached letter requesting an informal meeting to discuss upcoming issues in the uranium exploration industry and each organization's expectations and concerns. A meeting date of 12 October 2017 in Saskatoon was proposed.   |
| 12 October 2017   | In-person meeting | Leadership             | NexGen met with the MN-S NR2, LLML#39, CRDN, and NVLL to discuss the uranium exploration industry. Consultation and engagement were discussed, as well as economic opportunities and partnerships. The meeting identified the close ties between the NVLL, LLML#39, MN-S NR2, and CRDN and that they, collectively, want to ensure that La Loche and the CRDN are considered for economic opportunities that arise from NexGen's exploration and development activities.  |
| 10 May 2018       | In-person meeting | Leadership             | NexGen met with the CRDN and discussed potential business opportunities for local Indigenous companies in the area and reviewed the current local business capacity and local regional service network employment at the Project.   |
| 17 August 2018    | Site visit/tour   | Leadership and members | NexGen met with the CRDN and provided a tour of the Project site for Chief, Council and select community members invited by Chief and Council. The tour included an overview presentation of the 2018 activities followed by a tour of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rook I site;</li> <li>core processing and storage facilities;</li> <li>surface drill locations at the Arrow deposit;</li> <li>cuttings management facility; and</li> <li>weather station.</li> </ul> This tour provided an opportunity for dialogue and an opportunity for the Chief and Council to increase their knowledge of activities at the Rook I site. |
| 4 October 2018    | Letter, incoming  | Leadership             | The CRDN sent NexGen a letter to express interest in the proposed development of the Project and requested additional information and to set up a meeting.  |

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| Date             | Mechanism         | Audience             | Scope   |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| 13 November 2018 | Letter, outgoing  | Leadership           | NexGen sent the CRDN a letter in response to the letter received from the CRDN on 4 October 18 to provide the requested information, including information about NexGen's mineral dispositions, details regarding NexGen's exploration and drilling locations and activities, additional Project information, and supporting maps. The letter also proposed a meeting date to provide CRDN leadership a formal introduction to the NexGen team and Rook I Project. The CRDN emailed NexGen a letter with an invitation to meet with the CRDN to begin consultation.   |
| 13 December 2018 | In-person meeting | Leadership           | NexGen met with the CRDN to discuss the Project and discuss a process for ensuring meaningful engagement. NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ company introduction and overview;</li> <li>▪ description of Rook I and Arrow deposit;</li> <li>▪ preliminary economic assessment highlights and summary of Pre-feasibility Study results;</li> <li>▪ environmental baseline summary;</li> <li>▪ community commitment to training and procurement; and</li> <li>▪ commitment to engagement.</li> </ul> Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.  |
| 22 January 2019  | In-person meeting | Leadership           | NexGen and the CRDN held a meeting with discussions on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project Description workshop invitation and requested change of date from 12 February to 19 February and from La Loche to Saskatoon to accommodate the CRDN's Chief's schedule;</li> <li>▪ discussion surrounding consultation framework to be shared in the next 2 to 3 weeks; and</li> <li>▪ discussions surrounding previous meetings with Fission Uranium Corp. and the CNSC.</li> </ul>   |
| 18 February 2019 | In-person meeting | Leadership and staff | The CRDN presented to NexGen regarding engagement and collaboration funding for the CRDN as the Project advances. A conceptual document on how to proceed was shared with NexGen to review.   |
| 18 February 2019 | In-person meeting | Leadership and staff | Presentation of a detailed overview of the information included in the Project Description, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ regulatory framework;</li> <li>▪ Project information;</li> <li>▪ existing environment;</li> <li>▪ environmental interactions; and</li> <li>▪ engagement.</li> </ul>   |
| 3 May 2019       | Letter, outgoing  | Leadership           | NexGen sent a letter to the CRDN with a Notification of Commencement of the EA for the Rook I Project.  |
| 4 June 2019      | Letter, outgoing  | Leadership           | NexGen sent an invitation letter to the CRDN regarding a meeting on 18 June 2019, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ further define the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a JWG;</li> <li>▪ collaboratively define the Terms of Reference and requirements necessary to complete a IKTLU Study in the area of the Project;</li> <li>▪ collaboratively undertake a Traditional Food Study;</li> <li>▪ develop a protocol to address and protect the proprietary nature of the information collected and its use by NexGen in the EA and related regulatory processes; and</li> <li>▪ discuss framework and timeline for a Benefit Agreement.</li> </ul> NexGen informed the CRDN that a representative from both the NVLL and MN-S NR2 have also been invited to attend. NexGen acknowledged that NVLL is not a rights-bearing Indigenous community and that the CRDN and MN-S NR2 are two distinct and separate Indigenous Nations but that for transparency on information shared, all are being invited to meet collectively. |
| 12 June 2019     | Letter, incoming  | Leadership           | The CRDN replied to NexGen's letter dated 4 June 2019, regarding the meeting invitation for 18 June 2019.   |



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| Date              | Mechanism         | Audience             | Scope   |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| 18 June 2019      | In-person meeting | Leadership           | NexGen met with the CRDN to introduce the Study Agreement, which included capacity funding for a JWG, an IKTLU Study, a community coordinator, and a dietary study.<br>Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.   |
| 23 September 2019 | Letter exchange   | Leadership           | The CRDN sent NexGen a letter to request an engagement update meeting in Vancouver on 8 November 2019, and for NexGen to provide funding for the meeting costs. NexGen responded to propose alternative dates as NexGen team members would be unable to attend on 8 November 2019, and to confirm that NexGen would cover the meeting costs. CRDN suggested meeting on 13 November 2019 in Saskatoon, to which NexGen agreed.   |
| 16 October 2019   | Study Agreement   | Leadership           | Signing of an agreement between CRDN and NexGen to outline a framework for working collaboratively to advance the EA of the Project. Includes funding for a IKTLU Study, a dedicated community coordinator and establishing a JWG.  |
| 13 November 2019  | In-person meeting | Leadership and staff | NexGen and the CRDN held a meeting to discuss the Study Agreement in detail (including the IKTLU Study), plans for the upcoming community forum, and a tour of the Rook I site.   |
| 27 November 2019  | Video conference  | Staff                | NexGen met with the CRDN and discussed the IKTLU Study and Household Food Survey progress as per the Study Agreement.   |
| 2 December 2019   | Email, phone call | Staff                | NexGen emailed the CRDN shapefiles that were requested during the meeting on 27 November 2019. Additional discussion occurred through email and phone calls and focused on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>confirming that the socio-economic interviews can be arranged in La Loche;</li> <li>the CRDN drafting an email confirming the change in the timeline for the outstanding deliverables and confirming that the submission on 14 January 2019, will suffice for the EIS; and</li> <li>tentatively planning the first JWG meeting on 14 January 2020, to be confirmed by Chief and Council (note: meeting was eventually set for 31 January 2020).</li> </ul> |
| 17 January 2020   | In-person meeting | Leadership and staff | NexGen met with the CRDN and discussed plans to engage a CRDN representative to assist in the socio-economic interviews being conducted at the CRDN.  |
| 31 January 2020   | In-person meeting | JWG                  | Introductory meeting for the JWG including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>introduction and logistics;</li> <li>overview of the Project;</li> <li>EA overview;</li> <li>overview and discussion of baseline studies; and</li> <li>overview and discussion of Indigenous Knowledge in the EA.</li> </ul>   |
| 19 February 2020  | In-person meeting | JWG                  | The JWG met to discuss the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>introduction and logistics;</li> <li>overview of the Project;</li> <li>EA overview;</li> <li>overview of baseline studies;</li> <li>overview of Indigenous Knowledge in the EA;</li> <li>human health risk assessment; and</li> <li>consultation and CRDN Rights.</li> </ul> <p>Note: as there were many new JWG members, much of the material presented at the first JWG was repeated.</p> <p>Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.</p>  |



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| Date             | Mechanism         | Audience             | Scope   |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| 10 March 2020    | In-person Meeting | JWG                  | <p>The JWG met to discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ baseline studies/existing environment;</li> <li>▪ terrestrial: vegetation, wildlife, species at risk;</li> <li>▪ aquatic: hydrology, water quality, fish and fish habitat;</li> <li>▪ potential pathways and impact assessment methodology; and</li> <li>▪ socio-economic research.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.</p>  |
| 20 April 2020    | Video conference  | Staff                | NexGen and the CRDN met to discuss the status of the IKTLU Study, the next steps for Benefit Agreement negotiations, and the community perception of the socio-economic impacts anticipated from the Project.   |
| 3 November 2020  | Video conference  | Staff                | NexGen and the CRDN met to discuss the next JWG meeting and to provide a status update on the EA, the IKTLU Study, and an opportunity to use a virtual engagement platform. The CRDN also confirmed that InterGroup can contact the CRDN to advance the socio-economic studies for the EA and that the CRDN is interested in conducting a tri-party meeting with NexGen and the CNSC once the IKTLU Study is complete.  |
| 23 December 2020 | Letter, outgoing  | Staff                | NexGen emailed the CRDN a letter to provide details related to 2021 JWG activities, including scheduling monthly virtual JWG meetings in 2021, providing a list of proposed topics for future JWG meetings, and engaging technical expertise. NexGen proposed a meeting the first week in January 2021 to begin planning the next JWG meeting.  |
| 6 March 2021     | Letter, outgoing  | Leadership and staff | NexGen sent a letter to the CRDN to provide an update with respect to submission of the Draft EIS, revisit provisions under the Study Agreement, outline a proposed approach for continuing JWG discussions, and inquire as to the status of the socio-economic study for the CRDN. NexGen attached the January and February 2021 JWG presentations given to other JWG and welcomed the opportunity to present the topics at CRDN's convenience.  |
| 12 March 2021    | Letter, incoming  | Leadership and staff | The CRDN replied to NexGen's letter from 6 March 2021. The CRDN stated that they agreed to advance work under the Study Agreement and provided comments in advance of the proposed meeting on 24 March 2021. The CRDN acknowledged NexGen's target submission date for filing the Draft EIS and noted that the CRDN is in discussions with the CNSC. The CRDN also provided updates on the IKTLU Study, the socio-economic study, and the JWG meetings. The CRDN confirmed that they are prepared to meet virtually for a JWG meeting on 24 March 2021. |
| 18 March 2021    | Letter, outgoing  | Leadership and staff | NexGen emailed the CRDN a letter in response to the letter received from the CRDN on 12 March 2021. NexGen provided updates and responses regarding the EIS, Study Agreement provisions, the CRDN IKTLU Study, the socio-economic interviews, and the JWG meetings. NexGen reiterated that continued engagement with the CRDN remains a priority and outlined near-term next steps to support the EA process.   |
| 24 March 2021    | Video conference  | JWG                  | <p>The JWG met to discuss baseline the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ terrestrial baseline studies;</li> <li>▪ aquatic baseline studies;</li> <li>▪ environmental interactions (pathways);</li> <li>▪ cumulative effects;</li> <li>▪ next steps for the EA process; and</li> <li>▪ planned 2021 field program.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting minutes were provided after the meeting.</p>  |

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| Date         | Mechanism         | Audience             | Scope  |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|--|
| 3 May 2021   | Email, outgoing   | Leadership and staff | <p>NexGen emailed CRDN and followed up on the discussion at the 24 March 2021 JWG meeting regarding NexGen's approach to caribou (<i>Raniger tarandus caribou</i>) mitigation and offsetting planning. NexGen stated that NexGen would like to provide further details and invite the CRDN to participate in NexGen's planned Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program. NexGen provided a letter of invitation with appendices on the draft Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and noted that should the CRDN representative be interested in meeting, to reach out directly to NexGen to do so, with the identified NexGen and CRDN representatives copied as per communication protocols.</p> <p>NexGen also provided the provincial caribou reports for CRDN's review, as requested as an action item from the 24 March 2021 JWG meeting.</p> |
| 4 May 2021   | In-person meeting | JWG                  | <p>The CRDN and NexGen met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>status updates on outstanding items from the Study Agreement, which include the IKTLU Study, socio-economic studies, and technical capacity support; and</li> <li>status updates on actions related to the JWG.</li> </ul>   |
| 7 May 2021   | Email, outgoing   | Staff                | NexGen emailed the CRDN to provide an update on the Rook I schedule and the milestone timelines.   |
| 7 May 2021   | Email, outgoing   | Staff                | <p>NexGen emailed a CRDN representative and provided the key person interview guide to assist with conducting the socio-economic key person interviews on behalf of the CRDN. NexGen requested that in the interest of consistency, the CRDN answer the questions within the guide with CRDN community members.</p> <p>NexGen also requested an update on the Community Household Harvest Study. NexGen stated that a perception survey draft questionnaire would be compiled and that NexGen would seek inputs once developed.</p>  |
| 30 June 2021 | Letter, outgoing  | Staff                | <p>NexGen sent the CRDN an engagement update letter and attached appendices regarding engagement on the EA for the Project. The following appendices were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2021 JWG presentation;</li> <li>April 2021 JWG presentation;</li> <li>hazard identification for the accidents and malfunctions assessment;</li> <li>regional highway maps of Hwy 155 and Hwy 955;</li> <li>May 2021 JWG presentation; and</li> <li>May 2021 JWG summary.</li> </ul> <p>NexGen stated that the intent of the letter is to ensure that information presented to some JWG is made available to all JWGs and to ensure any pending requests and information that have come from the meetings and discussions are tracked and followed up upon.</p>  |
| 2 July 2021  | Email, outgoing   | Staff                | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and noted NexGen had applied for a permit from the ENV to complete the work associated with the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program. NexGen informed the CRDN that the ENV requested an engagement summary specific to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program and that NexGen will be providing a summary of when information about the program was presented to and discussed with the CRDN.</p> <p>It was also noted by NexGen that the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program is a proactive initiative to trial caribou reclamation and mitigation methods at the Rook I site and that work for the program was anticipated to commence in mid-July 2021.</p>   |

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| Date              | Mechanism        | Audience   | Scope   |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|---|
| 29 July 2021      | Letter, outgoing | Staff      | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and noted attachment of the July 2021 update letter for review to summarize the JWG engagement activities in June and July 2021, present an outline for upcoming JWG activities, and to provide additional information regarding engagement on the EA for the Project. The following appendices were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ list of questions to explore for the July 2021 JWG meeting;</li> <li>▪ June 2021 JWG presentation;</li> <li>▪ June 2021 JWG summary; and</li> <li>▪ April 2021 JWG summary.</li> </ul>   |
| 31 August 2021    | Letter, outgoing | Staff      | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and advised of an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during July to mid-August 2021 and to share what was planned for EA engagement in September 2021. An attached appendix included a list of themes being considered for the Community Information Sessions.</p>  |
| 9 September 2021  | Email, outgoing  | Staff      | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and noted discussion items from a call on 9 September 2021, to discuss the IKTLU Study, Harvest Food Study, and JWG. NexGen outlined several items related to the Study Agreement funding and the JWG process. NexGen re-extended an invitation to the CRDN to meet in Saskatoon for the CRDN to present to NexGen staff on various potential areas such as the CRDN IKTLU Study, culture, and customs.</p> <p>NexGen also extended an invitation to a site tour to Chief and Council and outlined details related to the Caribou Linear Reclamation Program and a request for the CRDN to assist with providing a CRDN member to participate in the program.</p> <p>The CRDN emailed NexGen and thanked them for the quick response regarding the Harvest Food Study Report and the socio-economics interviews.</p> |
| 27 September 2021 | Letter, outgoing | Staff      | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN to provide an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during late August and September 2021 and to share planned activities for October 2021.</p> <p>The CRDN responded on 29 September 2021 by email and outlined the CRDN's position with respect to participation in the CRDN / NexGen engagement process and stated the CRDN would be reaching out to discuss other Project matters soon.</p>  |
| 3 November 2021   | Email, outgoing  | Staff      | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the Project Draft EIS to the CNSC and ENV.</p> <p>NexGen advised that the Draft EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.</p>   |
| 5 November 2021   | Letter, outgoing | Staff      | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided an engagement update letter and corresponding appendices summarizing engagement activities from August to October 2021 and to share a summary of the proposed activities for November 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ July/August 2021 JWG presentation;</li> <li>▪ July/August 2021 JWG summary;</li> <li>▪ March 2021 JWG summary; and</li> <li>▪ May 2021 JWG summary (re-issued).</li> </ul>   |
| 5 November 2021   | Letter, incoming | Leadership | <p>The CRDN emailed NexGen a letter and provided the final IKTLU Study report.</p>  |

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| Date             | Mechanism         | Audience             | Scope   |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| 19 November 2021 | In-person meeting | Leadership           | NexGen hosted a meeting with leadership from local communities (i.e., CRDN, MN-S, NR2, and La Loche) to discuss the Project training plan being advanced with training service providers (i.e., Northlands College, the Gabriel Dumont Institute, the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies, and the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification). Discussion was held around the challenges faced by local community members in pursuing post-secondary education or training (i.e., lack of resources in community, lack of access to computers/internet, lack of knowledge of potential careers, childcare and financial barriers for adult workers, and lack of delivery of training in communities). |
| 6 December 2021  | Phone call        | Staff                | NexGen had a call with the CRDN to discuss the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>proposed meeting time for a JWG meeting;</li> <li>IKTLU Study, in which NexGen noted the open invitation for the CRDN to present the IKTLU as per CRDN's request; and</li> <li>Benefit Agreement negotiations and progress.</li> </ul>   |
| 17 December 2021 | Email, outgoing   | Staff                | NexGen emailed the CRDN and informed that they were in the process of finalizing the EA results for the draft EIS and that they would like to present and discuss the results via discussions in a workshop format and proposed two workshops in early 2022.<br><br>NexGen advised that the workshops would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results and would be grouped by the themes of air, land, water, and people to be presented in several workshops.  |
| 21 December 2021 | Letter, outgoing  | Staff                | NexGen emailed the CRDN and advised of the engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in November and December 2021 and summarizing proposed activities for January 2022 as well as a copy of the community newsletter distributed to the local communities in November 2021.   |
| 18 January 2022  | In-person meeting | Staff                | NexGen met with the CRDN to discuss topics and deliverables related to the Project EA, and to plan the next series of JWG meetings for Q1 2022.   |
| 26 January 2022  | Email, outgoing   | Staff                | NexGen emailed the CRDN and requested clarification on the use of quotes from the CRDN IKTLU Study in the draft EIS. NexGen provided examples and advised that NexGen could follow up with a call to CRDN on 31 January 2022 to confirm.  |
| 3 February 2022  | Email, outgoing   | Staff                | NexGen emailed the CRDN and inquired how the CRDN would like the IKTLU Study presented to the regulatory authorities as part of NexGen's draft EIS submission. NexGen noted that it had been mentioned at the meeting on January 18, 2022, and that the CRDN may have already discussed the matter with the CNSC. NexGen also provided the options outlined in the Study Agreement for how the CRDN may decide to present and submit the IKTLU Study with the draft EIS submission.   |
| 5 February 2022  | Email, incoming   | Leadership and staff | The CRDN emailed NexGen and requested that the wording of quotes from the CRDN IKTLU was kept as written in NexGen's draft EIS.<br><br>On 9 February 2022, NexGen emailed the CRDN and confirmed that NexGen would not modify the text of the quotes and would use the original wording from the CRDN IKTLU Study in the EIS.   |
| 10 February 2022 | Email, outgoing   | Leadership           | NexGen emailed the CRDN and requested a meeting to connect regarding the planned EA Results workshops. NexGen noted that some of the scheduled workshops had been cancelled due to potential COVID-19 exposure. NexGen suggested meeting to discuss content, format, and timing for the workshops with the CRDN and asked that the CRDN provide availability for a one-hour meeting during the week of 21 February 2022.  |

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of the Environment; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; JWG = Joint Working Group; LLML#39 = La Loche Métis Local #39; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2; NVLL = Northern Village of La Loche; VC = valued component.

While it is noted that there are fewer engagement events between NexGen and the CRDN than NexGen and other primary Indigenous Groups, attempts made by NexGen to engage have been equal for all primary Indigenous Groups. NexGen will continue to provide engagement opportunities, keep lines of communication open, and be ready to discuss the Project when requested.

In addition to these key engagement activities, a Benefit Agreement with the CRDN has been signed.

## 5.2 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan

The key engagement activities undertaken with the MN-S between Project initiation in 2013 and 28 February 2022 are summarized in Table 5, including engagement activities undertaken with both Métis locals and NR2 prior to the delegation of duty to consult responsibilities on 5 September 2019.

**Table 5: Summary of Key Engagement Activities with the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan**

| Date  | Mechanism         | Audience               | Scope  |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|--|
| <b>MN-S (including MN-S NR2 and the Métis Locals)</b> |                   |                        |  |
| 19 May 2013   | In-person meeting | Leadership and members | NexGen met with members of the LLML#39 and N-19 Trappers to introduce NexGen and to discuss any concerns. Some concerns were noted by the LLML#39 and N-19 Trappers such as the potential effects of drilling and restricted land use. Additional discussions were focused on employment and business opportunities, as well as ongoing community engagement.  |
| 16 March 2016   | In-person meeting | Leadership and members | NexGen met with BNML#62 to provide an update on NexGen's 2016 winter drill program and the other upcoming programs scheduled for 2016, including the environmental and engagement plans. NexGen and the BNML#62 discussed the Project, including the geology of the Arrow deposit, the status and future of the Project, and the employment, contracting, and training opportunities.  |
| 5 April 2016  | In-Person meeting | Leadership             | NexGen organized an information session to share information about the Project with the Chipewyan Prairie Industry Relations Corporation, English River First Nation, Métis Local 130 Métis Nation Region 1 #214, Northern Settlement of Deschambeau Lake community council, and Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations. NexGen introduced the Project and provided a summary of the work to date as well as an overview of the planned work to be completed in 2016. Community members raised concerns about the engagement and consultation processes to date. Additional discussions were focused on the safety of uranium mining, local employment and contracting, and traditional land use. |
| 27 February 2017                                      | In-person meeting | Leadership             | NexGen provided an updated presentation on exploration and Project development activities, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ overview and history of the Arrow Deposit;</li> <li>▪ highlights of metallurgical work;</li> <li>▪ conceptual Project design;</li> <li>▪ update on studies planned to support a future EA; and</li> <li>▪ proposed 2017 activities including baseline studies and engagement planning.</li> </ul>   |
| 6 September 2017                                      | Letter, incoming  | Leadership             | The MN-S NR2, NVLL, LLML#39, and CRDN emailed NexGen an attached letter requesting an informal meeting to discuss upcoming issues in the uranium exploration industry and each organization's expectations and concerns. A meeting date of 12 October 2017 in Saskatoon was proposed.  |
| 12 October 2017                                       | In-person meeting | Leadership             | NexGen met with the MN-S NR2, LLML#39, CRDN, and NVLL to discuss the uranium exploration industry. Consultation and engagement were discussed, as well as economic opportunities and partnerships. The meeting identified the close ties between the NVLL, LLML#39, MN-S NR2, and CRDN and that they, collectively, want to ensure that La Loche and the CRDN are considered for economic opportunities that arise from NexGen's exploration and development activities.   |

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| Date  | Mechanism         | Audience   | Scope   |
|---|-------------------|------------|---|
| <b>MN-S (including MN-S NR2 and the Métis Locals)</b> |                   |            |   |
| 10 July 2018  | In-person meeting | Leadership | <p>NexGen provided a tour of the Rook I site for the LLML#39 President and Council. The following areas were visited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rook I exploration camp;</li> <li>▪ core processing and storage facilities;</li> <li>▪ surface drill locations at the Arrow deposit;</li> <li>▪ cuttings management facility; and</li> <li>▪ weather station.</li> </ul> <p>This tour provided an opportunity for dialogue and an opportunity for the President and Council to increase their knowledge of activities at the Rook I site.</p>  |
| 5 October 2018  | In-person meeting | Leadership | <p>NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities to the MN-S NR2 to begin dialogue on the Project. The topics included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ company introduction and overview;</li> <li>▪ description of Rook I and Arrow deposit;</li> <li>▪ preliminary economic assessment highlights and the current Pre-feasibility Study;</li> <li>▪ environmental baseline summary;</li> <li>▪ community commitment to training and procurement; and</li> <li>▪ commitment to engagement.</li> </ul>  |
| 21 February 2019                                      | Letter, outgoing  | Leadership | <p>NexGen sent the MN-S NR2 a letter with a meeting request to attend a workshop on the Project Description on 27 February 2019, in Saskatoon. The workshop was eventually moved to March 2019.</p>   |
| 25 March 2019   | In-person meeting | Leadership | <p>NexGen met with the MN-S NR2 to present an overview of the information included in the Project Description, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ regulatory framework;</li> <li>▪ Project information;</li> <li>▪ existing environment;</li> <li>▪ environmental interactions; and</li> <li>▪ engagement.</li> </ul>  |
| 8 April 2019  | In-person meeting | Leadership | <p>NexGen met with the new President and Board Members of the BNML#62 and provided a general overview of the status of the Project.</p>   |
| 3 May 2019  | Letter, outgoing  | Leadership | <p>NexGen sent a letter to MN-S to provide Notification of Commencement of the EA for the Project.</p>  |
| 3 May 2019  | Letter, outgoing  | Leadership | <p>NexGen sent a letter MN-S NR2 to provide Notification of Commencement of the EA for the Project.</p>   |
| 4 June 2019   | Letter, outgoing  | Leadership | <p>NexGen sent an invitation letter to the MN-S NR2 to a meeting on 18 June 2019 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ further define the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a JWG;</li> <li>▪ collaboratively define the Terms of Reference and requirements necessary to complete a IKTLU Study in the area of the Project;</li> <li>▪ collaboratively undertake a Traditional Food Study;</li> <li>▪ develop a protocol to address and protect the proprietary nature of the information collected and its use by NexGen in the EA and related regulatory processes; and</li> <li>▪ discuss framework and timeline for a Benefit Agreement.</li> </ul> |
| 18 June 2019  | In-person meeting | Leadership | <p>NexGen met with the MN-S NR2 to introduce the Study Agreement, which includes capacity funding for a JWG, IKTLU Study, community coordinator, and dietary study.</p>   |

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| Date  | Mechanism                       | Audience                  | Scope   |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| <b>MN-S (including MN-S NR2 and the Métis Locals)</b> |                                 |                           |   |
| 20 June 2019  | Letter, incoming                | Leadership                | NexGen and the MN-S NR2 discussed the letter that NexGen sent to the MN-S NR2 and MN-S NR2's concerns regarding the proposed studies. NexGen stated that NexGen would provide the funding for the proposed studies but that the MN-S NR2 would conduct and retain ownership of the studies.   |
| 5 July 2019   | Email, outgoing                 | Leadership                | NexGen sent the Study Agreement to the MN-S.  |
| 26 July 2019  | In-person meeting               | Leadership and members    | An open-floor meeting was held where the leadership of the MN-S, MN-S NR2, National President, and community members from the respective communities to meet and discuss updates within the Métis Nation. Métis legal counsel updated the community on NexGen's Study Agreement and Benefit Agreement negotiations. NexGen attended the meeting and sponsored a traditional meal.   |
| 14 August 2019  | In-person meeting               | Leadership                | NexGen met with representatives for the MN-S to review administrative aspects the Study Agreement. The MN-S requested a map of the area in the vicinity of the Project that covers the wildlife study area for the baseline studies and the schedule for the Project as it refers to Construction, Operations, and Decommissioning and Reclamation (i.e., Closure).   |
| 16 August 2019  | Email, outgoing                 | Leadership                | NexGen sent the MN-S NR2 a map of the EA Project area and a link to the Project Description and Project timeline.   |
| 5 September 2019                                      | Letter, incoming                | Leadership                | A letter was received by NexGen: Motion for Métis Local Delegation of Duty to Consult Responsibilities and Motion for Authorized Delegate to Accept Delegation Responsibilities of Duty to Consult, transferring responsibility to the MN-S from the Métis Locals within NR2.   |
| 9 September 2019                                      | Study Agreement                 | Leadership                | NexGen and the MN-S met to sign and execute the Study Agreement. The Study Agreement outlined a framework for working collaboratively to advance the EA of the Project. Includes funding for a IKTLU Study, a dedicated community coordinator, and establishing a JWG.  |
| 8 October 2019  | Update meetings with Leadership | Leadership and regulators | NexGen, the CNSC, MN-S, and MN-S NR2 met for a presentation. The presentation was facilitated by NexGen but was led by the CNSC to provide an overview of the CNSC's EA review process.   |
| 29 October 2019                                       | In-person meeting               | JWG                       | NexGen met with MN-S for an introductory meeting for the JWG and discussed items including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ introductions and logistics;</li> <li>▪ overview of the Project;</li> <li>▪ EA Overview;</li> <li>▪ overview of baseline studies;</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA;</li> <li>▪ IKTLU Study; and</li> <li>▪ human health risk assessment.</li> </ul>   |
| 10 December 2019                                      | In-person meeting               | JWG                       | NexGen met with the MN-S for the second meeting of the JWG. Topics included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ introductions and logistics;</li> <li>▪ review of the Project;</li> <li>▪ EA overview;</li> <li>▪ overview of baseline studies;</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA;</li> <li>▪ IKTLU Study;</li> <li>▪ human health risk assessment;</li> <li>▪ water assessment and management; and</li> <li>▪ air and water pathways.</li> </ul> |



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| <b>MN-S (including MN-S NR2 and the Métis Locals)</b> |                            |                      |  |
| 21 January 2020                                       | Site tour                  | JWG                  | <p>The JWG met to provide a tour of the Project site, followed by a presentation and meeting to discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mineral Surface Lease Agreements;</li> <li>▪ underground tailings management;</li> <li>▪ caribou mitigation and management;</li> <li>▪ Traditional Land Use; and</li> <li>▪ traffic Studies.</li> </ul>  |
| 26 February 2020                                      | Traditional Land Use Study | Leadership           | <p>The MN-S confirmed that the IKTLU Study can be used by Golder and InterGroup to support the EIS as per the Study Agreement.</p>   |
| 27 February 2020                                      | In-person meeting          | JWG                  | <p>NexGen and the MN-S JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ socio-economic assessment: approach and methods;</li> <li>▪ community well-being;</li> <li>▪ employment and training opportunities;</li> <li>▪ business opportunities;</li> <li>▪ caribou mitigation and management; and</li> <li>▪ IKTLU Study results.</li> </ul> <p>Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were needed, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.</p>  |
| 17 December 2020                                      | Video conference           | JWG                  | <p>NexGen and the MN-S JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project updates;</li> <li>▪ regulatory process updates;</li> <li>▪ review of JWG meetings;</li> <li>▪ key actions and commitments; and</li> <li>▪ topics for future JWG meetings.</li> </ul> <p>Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting, revised per provided comments, and subsequently issued as final meeting minutes.</p>  |
| 22 January 2021                                       | Letter, outgoing           | Leadership and staff | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and proposed a JWG meeting in February 2021. NexGen noted the attachment of a letter which suggested a plan for the 2021 JWG / engagement meetings. The letter addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ a proposed JWG meeting schedule;</li> <li>▪ a proposed list of topics for future JWG meetings;</li> <li>▪ recording and co-chairing of JWG meetings;</li> <li>▪ MN-S engagement of technical expertise; and</li> <li>▪ a list of VCs for the Project.</li> </ul>   |
| 6 March 2021  | Letter, outgoing           | Leadership and staff | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S a formal letter to reiterate their commitment to continuing meaningful engagement with the MN-S on behalf of the Locals within MN-S NR2. NexGen invited the MN-S to a meet for the MN-S to provide feedback to NexGen and to collectively determine the path forward for the JWG. NexGen also confirmed capacity funding available as per the Study Agreement.</p>  |
| 9 April 2021  | Letter, outgoing           | Leadership and staff | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised of the attached letter regarding engagement on the EA for the Project to provide an update on NexGen's schedule for the EIS, provisions of the Study Agreement, and the proposed approach for continuing JWG discussions. NexGen also provided near-term steps to continue to support the EA process. The following appendices were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ completed JWG presentations, supplementary materials, and meeting minutes; and</li> <li>▪ planned Q1 2021 JWG presentations for the following topics: models and the EA, Project design and alternatives assessed, and land use: past, present, and future.</li> </ul> |



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| <b>MN-S (including MN-S NR2 and the Métis Locals)</b> |                  |                      |   |
| 5 May 2021  | Letter, outgoing | Leadership and staff | The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided the MN-S proposed JWG plan that was discussed during the 5 May 2021 JWG meeting. The proposed plan outlined a tentative JWG process and schedule, which specified meeting topics, participants, materials, and information to be provided in advance of meeting and the proposed timing for the JWG meetings to occur.   |
| 5 May 2021  | Video conference | JWG                  | <p>The MN-S and NexGen JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MN-S' expectations and desires for the JWG moving forward, reflecting the MN-S' recent decision to change the membership of the JWG, and including suggested topics for future discussion, meeting frequency, and participants;</li> <li>▪ timelines for the submission of the draft EIS and the Caribou Mitigation Trial Reclamation Program; and</li> <li>▪ interim communication protocol for communication between the MN-S and NexGen.</li> </ul>  |
| 7 May 2021  | Email, outgoing  | Leadership and JWG   | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and acknowledged that based on the input received from the meeting on 5 May 2021, NexGen understood that providing a Project EIS schedule overview to the MN-S was a critically important task and provided a schedule table that provides context for many of the items contained within the draft MN-S/NexGen JWG Planning Table.</p> <p>NexGen provided a list of bullet points regarding topics that may not have specific sections in the EIS, may be distributed throughout the EIS, or have uncertain delivery times, and welcomed questions from the MN-S regarding the schedule milestones or items presented in the bullet points. NexGen added that if a break-out session to discuss any items in more detail would be beneficial that NexGen would be happy to discuss.</p> |
| 3 June 2021   | Email, outgoing  | Leadership           | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and Two Worlds Consulting (consultant to the MN-S) and noted they had been reviewing the MN-S / NexGen JWG Plan document and would be finalizing a letter to the MN-S that would be sent before the end of that week.</p> <p>NexGen also inquired if the MN-S was still interested in setting up an introductory call with Omnia regarding the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program and if any MN-S or MN-S NR2 Local members were interested in participating in the field program during the summer.</p>  |
| 4 June 2021   | Letter, outgoing | Leadership and JWG   | NexGen emailed the MN-S and noted attachment of a response letter to provide context regarding engagement completed to date and future agenda items, following NexGen's review of the MN-S / NexGen JWG Plan document.  |
| 30 June 2021  | Letter, outgoing | Leadership and JWG   | <p>NexGen sent the MN-S an engagement update letter and attached appendices regarding engagement on the EA for the Project. The following appendices were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ April 2021 JWG presentation;</li> <li>▪ hazard identification for the accidents and malfunctions assessment;</li> <li>▪ regional highway maps of Hwy 155 and Hwy 955;</li> <li>▪ May 2021 JWG presentation; and</li> <li>▪ May 2021 JWG summary.</li> </ul> <p>NexGen stated that the intent of the letter is to ensure that information shared with some JWG is made available to all JWG and to ensure any pending requests and information that have come from the meetings and discussions are tracked and followed up on.</p>   |

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| <b>MN-S (including MN-S NR2 and the Métis Locals)</b> |                  |                    |  |
| 7 July 2021   | Email, outgoing  | Leadership and JWG | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and noted NexGen had applied for a permit from the ENV to complete the work associated with the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program. NexGen informed the MN-S that the ENV requested an engagement summary specific to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program and that NexGen will be providing a summary of when information about the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program was presented to and discussed with the MN-S.</p> <p>It was also noted by NexGen that the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program is a proactive initiative to trial caribou reclamation and mitigation methods at the Rook I site and that work for the program was anticipated to commence in mid-July 2021.</p>  |
| 6 August 2021   | Letter, outgoing | Leadership and JWG | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised of the attached engagement update letter summarizing engagement activities for the Project during June to mid-July and to provide an outline for upcoming activities. The following appendices were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ list of questions to explore for the July 2021 JWG meeting;</li> <li>▪ June 2021 JWG presentation;</li> <li>▪ June 2021 JWG summary; and</li> <li>▪ April 2021 JWG summary.</li> </ul>   |
| 16 August 2021  | Video conference | JWG                | <p>Representatives from the NexGen and MN-S JWG met for a JWG breakout meeting to discuss minor housekeeping items in advance of the 19 August 2021 JWG meeting.</p>   |
| 19 August 2021  | Video conference | JWG                | <p>The MN-S and NexGen JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ processes and protocols for the JWG;</li> <li>▪ housekeeping aspects of the JWG process;</li> <li>▪ capacity funding; and</li> <li>▪ round table comments.</li> </ul> <p>Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting, revised per comments provided, and subsequently issued as final meeting minutes.</p>   |
| 23 September 2021 and 24 September 2021               | Video conference | JWG                | <p>Representatives from the NexGen and MN-S JWG met for a JWG breakout meeting to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ review previous actions and discussion points from previous JWG meetings to create a centralized JWG meeting action tracker and discuss next steps;</li> <li>▪ discuss the next formal JWG meeting and confirm the topics to be caribou and a Project description;</li> <li>▪ identify VCs as a topic of importance to discuss further;</li> <li>▪ discuss identifying and prioritizing the information from the EA and draft EIS for sharing with the MN-S; and,</li> <li>▪ discuss the existing mechanisms available under the Study Agreement for requests for technical support.</li> </ul> <p>Copies of meeting materials were provided after the meeting. NexGen placed a copy of the break-out session spreadsheet on SharePoint for breakout group access.</p> |
| 5 October 2021  | Letter, outgoing | JWG                | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed attachment of an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities for the Project for August and September 2021, and to provide insight into planned activities. The following appendix was included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ July/August 2021 JWG presentation.</li> </ul>   |

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| <b>MN-S (including MN-S NR2 and the Métis Locals)</b> |                   |                    |   |
| 2 November 2021                                       | Video conference  | JWG                | <p>The MN-S and NexGen JWG met to share:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MN-S presentation on Métis history (Louis Riel);</li> <li>▪ NexGen presentation on the Project; and</li> <li>▪ NexGen presentation on caribou initiatives.</li> </ul> <p>Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting, revised per comments provided, and subsequently issued as final meeting minutes.</p>  |
| 3 November 2021                                       | Email, outgoing   | Leadership and JWG | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the draft EIS to the CNSC and ENV.</p> <p>NexGen advised that the draft EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.</p>   |
| 10 November 2021                                      | Video conference  | JWG                | <p>Representatives from the NexGen and MN-S JWG met for a JWG breakout meeting to discuss the next steps for the technical breakout group. The technical breakout group recommended to meet in December 2021 and to have a formal JWG meeting in early 2022. The MN-S confirmed that a communication regarding capacity funding and support was being drafted to be sent to NexGen and that the MN-S would be discussing preferred meeting schedules with JWG members. NexGen noted they will be drafting a Terms of Reference for the technical breakout group and that they would be reviewing the JWG meeting outline document provided by the MN-S in May 2021 in advance of the next meeting to share an update on available presentation materials. NexGen confirmed that the Study Agreements included capacity funding as well as mechanisms to request additional capacity funding if so required.</p> |
| 17 November 2021                                      | Email, incoming   | Leadership and JWG | <p>The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided the JWG technical working group, IKTLU, and caribou budget.</p> <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed receipt of the budget information that was provided.</p>   |
| 19 November 2021                                      | In-person meeting | Leadership         | <p>NexGen hosted a meeting with leadership from local communities (i.e., CRDN, MN-S, NR2, and La Loche) to discuss the Project training plan being advanced with training service providers (i.e., Northlands College, the Gabriel Dumont Institute, the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies, and the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification). Discussion was held around the challenges faced by local community members in pursuing post-secondary education or training (e.g., lack of resources in community, lack of access to computers/internet, lack of knowledge of potential careers, childcare and financial barriers for adult workers, and lack of delivery of training in communities).</p>  |
| 17 December 2021                                      | Email, outgoing   | JWG                | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and informed that they were in the process of finalizing the EA results for the draft EIS and that they would like to present and discuss the results via discussions in a workshop format and proposed two workshops in early 2022.</p> <p>NexGen advised that the workshops would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results and would be grouped by the themes of Air, Land, Water, and People to be presented in several workshops.</p> <p>The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and advised they were looking forward to the environmental workshop meetings in January 2022.</p>  |

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|---|------------------|--------------------|---|
| <b>MN-S (including MN-S NR2 and the Métis Locals)</b> |                  |                    |   |
| 21 December 2021                                      | Letter, outgoing | Leadership and JWG | NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised of the attached engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in November and December 2021 and summarizing proposed activities for January 2022. The following appendices were included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ November 2021 Project newsletter;</li> <li>▪ July/August 2021 JWG summary;</li> <li>▪ March 2021 JWG summary; and</li> <li>▪ May 2021 JWG summary (re-issued).</li> </ul> |
| 12 January 2022                                       | Email, incoming  | JWG                | The MN-S emailed NexGen and confirmed receipt of the upcoming workshop information. The MN-S advised they would not be participating in-person due to rising COVID-19 numbers but would be interested in discussing the topics in a virtual format once the proposed budget had been finalized.   |
| 14 February 2022                                      | Video conference | Leadership and JWG | NexGen and the MN-S met to discuss the proposed budget for engagement activities in 2022, including technical support funding and a community coordinator position, confirming that the requests outlined by the MN-S materially aligned with available funding from 2021 and 2022.   |

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment;  
 EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; JWG = Joint Working Group; LLML#39 = La Loche Métis Local #39; BNML#62 = Buffalo Narrows Métis Local #62; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2; N-19 Trappers = N-19 Trappers Association; NNVL = Northern Village of La Loche; VC = valued component.

While it is noted that there are fewer engagement events between NexGen and the MN-S than NexGen and other primary Indigenous Groups, attempts made by NexGen to engage have been equal for all primary Indigenous Groups. NexGen will continue to provide engagement opportunities, keep lines of communication open, and be ready to discuss the Project when requested.

In addition to these key engagement activities, negotiation of a Benefit Agreement with the MN-S has commenced.

### 5.3 Birch Narrows Dene Nation

Table 6 is a summary of key engagement activities undertaken with the BNDN between Project initiation in 2013 and 28 February 2022.

**Table 6: Summary of Key Engagement Activities with the Birch Narrows Dene Nation**

| Date            | Mechanism         | Audience   | Scope  |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--|
| 1 February 2017 | In-person meeting | Leadership | NexGen provided an update presentation on exploration and Project development activities, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ overview and history of the Arrow deposit;</li> <li>▪ highlights of metallurgical work;</li> <li>▪ conceptual Project design;</li> <li>▪ update on studies planned to support a future EA; and</li> <li>▪ proposed 2017 activities including baseline studies and engagement planning.</li> </ul> Copies of meeting materials were provided after the meeting. |

**Table 6: Summary of Key Engagement Activities with the Birch Narrows Dene Nation**

| Date              | Mechanism         | Audience                  | Scope  |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 30 October 2018   | In-person meeting | Leadership and staff      | NexGen provided an update on exploration and project development activities to begin dialogue on the Project. The topics included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ company introduction and overview;</li> <li>▪ description of Rook I and Arrow deposit;</li> <li>▪ preliminary EA highlights and the current pre-feasibility study;</li> <li>▪ environmental baseline summary;</li> <li>▪ community commitment to training and procurement; and</li> <li>▪ commitment to engagement.</li> </ul>   |
| 11 March 2019     | Letter, outgoing  | Leadership                | NexGen sent the BNDN a letter to invite the BNDN Chief and Council to a workshop on 27 March 2019 to review the information provided in the Project Description prepared for the Project.  |
| 9 April 2019      | In-person meeting | Leadership and members    | NexGen provided a presentation including a detailed overview of the information included in the Project Description, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ regulatory framework;</li> <li>▪ Project information;</li> <li>▪ existing environment;</li> <li>▪ environmental interactions; and</li> <li>▪ engagement.</li> </ul>   |
| 3 May 2019        | Letter, outgoing  | Leadership                | NexGen sent a Notification of the Commencement of the EA for the Project to the BNDN.  |
| 4 June 2019       | Email, outgoing   | Leadership                | NexGen sent an invitation to the BNDN for a meeting on 18 June 2019 to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ further define the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a JWG;</li> <li>▪ collaboratively define the Terms of Reference and requirements necessary to complete a IKTLU Study in the area of the Project;</li> <li>▪ collaboratively undertake a Traditional Food study;</li> <li>▪ develop a protocol to address and protect the proprietary nature of the information collected and its use by NexGen in the EA and related regulatory processes; and</li> <li>▪ discuss framework and timeline for a Benefit Agreement.</li> </ul> |
| 25 June 2019      | Letter, incoming  | Leadership                | The BNDN sent NexGen a letter requesting a meeting with NexGen to further discuss details regarding a Benefit Agreement.   |
| 25 June 2019      | In-person meeting | Leadership                | NexGen met with the BNDN to introduce the Study Agreement which includes capacity funding for a JWG, IKTLU Study, and community coordinator.   |
| 30 September 2019 | Study Agreement   | Leadership                | NexGen and the BNDN met to sign and execute the Study Agreement. The Study Agreement outlines a framework for working collaboratively to advance the EA of the Project and includes funding for a IKTLU Study, a dedicated community coordinator, and for establishing a JWG.  |
| 8 October 2019    | In-person meeting | Leadership and regulators | NexGen, the CNSC and BNDN met for a presentation. The presentation was facilitated by NexGen but was led by the CNSC to provide an overview of the CNSC's environmental review process.  |
| 25 October 2019   | In-person meeting | JWG                       | NexGen and the BNDN held an introductory meeting for the JWG which included the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ introductions and logistics;</li> <li>▪ overview of the Project;</li> <li>▪ EA overview;</li> <li>▪ overview of baseline studies;</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA;</li> <li>▪ IKTLU Study; and</li> <li>▪ human health risk assessment.</li> </ul>  |

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| Date             | Mechanism         | Audience           | Scope  |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| 4 December 2019  | In-person meeting | JWG                | <p>The JWG met to discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ introductions and logistics;</li> <li>▪ review of the Project;</li> <li>▪ EA overview;</li> <li>▪ overview of baseline studies;</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA;</li> <li>▪ IKTLU Study;</li> <li>▪ human health risk assessment;</li> <li>▪ water assessment and management; and</li> <li>▪ air and water pathways.</li> </ul> <p>This second JWG meeting included a review of the material presented in the first meeting as there were several new members in the group.</p> |
| 31 December 2019 | IKTLU Study       | Leadership         | The BNDN submitted the final draft of the IKTLU Study as per the Study Agreement.  |
| 22 January 2020  | Site tour         | JWG                | <p>The JWG met to provide a tour of the Project site, followed by a presentation and meeting to discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mineral Surface Lease Agreements;</li> <li>▪ underground tailings management;</li> <li>▪ caribou mitigation and management;</li> <li>▪ IKTLU; and</li> <li>▪ traffic studies.</li> </ul>   |
| 2 March 2020     | In-person meeting | JWG                | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ socio-economic assessment: approach and methods;</li> <li>▪ community well-being;</li> <li>▪ employment and training opportunities;</li> <li>▪ business opportunities; and</li> <li>▪ caribou mitigation and management.</li> </ul>  |
| 26 August 2020   | Video conference  | JWG                | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project update;</li> <li>▪ Regulatory process update;</li> <li>▪ review of JWG meetings; and</li> <li>▪ key actions and commitments.</li> </ul>  |
| 11 December 2020 | Video conference  | JWG and regulators | <p>The CNSC presented to the JWG on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ overview of CNSC functions as a regulator;</li> <li>▪ role in Indigenous engagement;</li> <li>▪ EA; and</li> <li>▪ radiation protection and compliance.</li> </ul>  |
| 27 January 2021  | Video conference  | JWG                | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ modelling and the EA process;</li> <li>▪ air quality model;</li> <li>▪ surface water quality model;</li> <li>▪ environmental risk assessment model; and</li> <li>▪ future meeting topics.</li> </ul>   |
| 24 February 2021 | Video conference  | JWG                | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NexGen's approach to alternatives assessment;</li> <li>▪ tailings alternatives assessment;</li> <li>▪ waste rock alternatives assessment;</li> <li>▪ site water management alternatives assessment; and</li> <li>▪ site layout optimization.</li> </ul>  |

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| Date          | Mechanism        | Audience             | Scope   |
|---------------|------------------|----------------------|---|
| 25 March 2021 | Video conference | JWG                  | <p>The JWG met to discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>land stewardship through all Project phases;</li> <li>informing the path forward; and</li> <li>EA updates.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, the BNDN JWG members presented to NexGen regarding the BNDN's Nuh Nene department and approach to consultation. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were requested, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.</p>  |
| 7 April 2021  | Email, outgoing  | Leadership           | <p>NexGen emailed the BNDN and outlined three topics to be discussed as an outcome of the 25 March 2021 JWG meeting. The topics were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a proposed revised approach to the Women's Workshop;</li> <li>how NexGen can best incorporate the Dene language into the EIS; and</li> <li>the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program that is part of a broader Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan.</li> </ul> <p>NexGen indicated to the BNDN that individual emails would be sent to the BNDN outlining how NexGen intended to approach each topic.</p>  |
| 8 April 2021  | Email, outgoing  | Leadership and staff | <p>NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided information about the proposed revised approach to the Women's Workshop as it was postponed due to COVID-19. NexGen proposed that a virtual interview program led by InterGroup be completed, if the BNDN agreed with the approach, to please help identify interviewees. NexGen also asked if there were other subsets of the community that the BNDN felt may be otherwise underrepresented that NexGen should also consider an interview program to better understand their unique perspectives.</p> <p>NexGen added that if this initiative is supported by the BNDN, NexGen would like to commence interviews in late April / early May 2021 and would like to provide an honorarium to the participants to thank them for their time.</p> |
| 16 April 2021 | Email, outgoing  | Leadership and staff | <p>NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided a draft presentation related to the planned April 2021 JWG meeting. NexGen requested that the BNDN share the presentation with the other JWG members prior to the meeting. NexGen also provided a letter regarding the EA and a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and provided details on the upcoming Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program with an invitation for the BNDN to participate.</p>  |
| 22 April 2021 | Video conference | JWG                  | <p>The JWG met to discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>information on the traffic study and accidents and malfunctions evaluation, and to review the bounding scenarios used in the evaluation;</li> <li>an overview of the EA methodology, focusing on pathway analysis and initiating discussions on how the Project could affect community well-being; and</li> <li>information on the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program.</li> </ul> <p>Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were required, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.</p>  |
| 29 April 2021 | Video conference | Leadership           | <p>Representatives from the JWG, and Golder met to discuss the inputs and considerations for the Mine Waste MAA. Discussions focused on the identification of mine waste, tailings, and gypsum as the waste streams and the MAA process for each. Positive feedback was received for the tailings selection and additional discussions focused on gypsum and the selection of options for mine waste.</p>   |



**Table 6: Summary of Key Engagement Activities with the Birch Narrows Dene Nation**

| Date         | Mechanism        | Audience             | Scope  |
|--------------|------------------|----------------------|--|
| 7 May 2021   | Video conference | Leadership           | <p>Members from the JWG met with NexGen and Omnia to discuss the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program. Discussions included reviewing the proposed program and reviewing background information. The participants also discussed the BNDN's participation in the upcoming field portion of the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program.</p> <p>Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were required, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.</p>   |
| 19 May 2021  | Letter, outgoing | Leadership and staff | <p>NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided a letter to summarize the JWG engagement activities, and to provide opportunities to help inform the EA and noted that NexGen's goal was to provide this letter to the BNDN JWG at or near the start of each month. The following appendix was included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of questions to explore prior to the May 2021 JWG meeting.</li> </ul>   |
| 28 May 2021  | Video conference | JWG                  | <p>The JWG met to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>share information on EA methods, including a focus on pathway analysis related to some of the VCs and intermediate components;</li> <li>discuss pathways for Indigenous land and resource use in the Project and how the Project could affect them; and</li> <li>continue discussions on community well-being.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting minutes were provided after the meeting.</p>  |
| 2 June 2021  | Email, outgoing  | Leadership and staff | <p>NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted they had been working with the Golder team to finalize the MAA report. NexGen thanked the BNDN member for the meeting and noted that the attached MAA report was still in working draft form.</p> <p>NexGen noted some updates that happened since the previous meeting, including changes to the gypsum alternatives assessment and the waste rock alternatives assessment.</p>  |
| 15 June 2021 | Letter, outgoing | Leadership and staff | <p>NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted attachment of the JWG update letter for review. The following appendices were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>list of questions to explore prior to the June 2021 JWG meeting; and</li> <li>May 2021 JWG summary.</li> </ul>   |
| 22 June 2021 | Email, outgoing  | Leadership and staff | <p>NexGen emailed the BNDN to follow up on an action item from the 28 May 2021 JWG meeting and confirmed that spawning habitat for multiple fish species exists at or near the Clearwater River bridge crossing immediately east of Patterson Lake. NexGen provided a brief summary of the surveys. NexGen noted that figures were attached to show the spring and fall spawning survey locations and that the figures will form part of the aquatic baseline report.</p>  |
| 2 July 2021  | Email, outgoing  | Leadership and staff | <p>NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted NexGen had applied for a permit from the ENV to complete the work associated with the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program. NexGen informed the BNDN that the ENV requested an engagement summary specific to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program and that a summary of when information about the program was presented to and discussed with the BNDN would also be provided.</p> <p>It was also noted by NexGen that the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program is a proactive initiative to trial caribou reclamation and mitigation methods at the Rook I site and that work for the program was anticipated to commence in mid-July 2021.</p> |

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| Date             | Mechanism        | Audience             | Scope   |
|------------------|------------------|----------------------|---|
| 8 July 2021      | Video conference | JWG                  | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>information on determining significance of residual adverse effects;</li> <li>information on confidence and uncertainty in predicting future conditions as a result of the Project;</li> <li>information on monitoring and follow-up programs using the examples of socio-economics and land use; and</li> <li>discuss how to present material in plain language.</li> </ul> <p>Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were requested, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.</p> |
| 27 July 2021     | Video conference | Leadership and JWG   | <p>The JWG met to review a draft presentation created by NexGen to describe the EA process anticipated for the Project. Contained within the description was an identification of specific opportunities where the BNDN would be included as part of both the federal and provincial regulatory processes as well as during key milestones during the development of the EA and during the EA review process.</p>   |
| 27 July 2021     | Letter, outgoing | Leadership and staff | <p>NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted attachment of the July 2021 engagement update letter for review to summarize the JWG engagement activities in June 2021 and to provide an outline for the upcoming activities. The following appendices were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>list of questions to explore prior to the July 2021 JWG meeting;</li> <li>June 2021 JWG summary; and</li> <li>April 2021 JWG summary.</li> </ul>   |
| 4 August 2021    | Video conference | JWG                  | <p>The JWG met to share information about traditional and wage economies and discuss community engagement opportunities, including a community information session planned for September 2021.</p>  |
| 4 August 2021    | Letter, outgoing | Leadership and staff | <p>NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided a monthly update letter to summarize engagement activities during July to mid-August 2021 and to share what was planned for EA engagement in September 2021. The following appendix was included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>list of themes being considered for the Community Information Sessions.</li> </ul>   |
| 1 September 2021 | Site visit       | Leadership           | <p>NexGen team members met with the BNDN to search for a historical cultural site.</p>  |
| 1 September 2021 | Video conference | Leadership           | <p>NexGen met with the BNDN to discuss how the BNDN would like to file the IKTLU Study as part of the EIS.</p>  |
| 1 September 2021 | Letter, outgoing | Leadership and staff | <p>NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted attachment of a monthly engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during late August and September 2021 and to share planned activities for October 2021.</p>  |
| 14 October 2021  | Site visit       | Leadership           | <p>NexGen and representatives from the BNDN and Birch Narrows Dene Development Inc. completed a tour of the Rook I site. The site visit included a tour of the main camp facilities, the core logging facilities, and the Arrow drilling sites, and a focus was placed on the proposed infrastructure locations for the Project. Positive comments were received regarding the small footprint size of the Rook I exploration camp and Arrow site. Additional discussion was focused on business and employment opportunities.</p>  |
| 3 November 2021  | Email, outgoing  | Leadership and staff | <p>NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the draft EIS to the CNSC and ENV.</p> <p>NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.</p>   |

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| Date             | Mechanism            | Audience                  | Scope   |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 5 November 2021  | Letter, outgoing     | Leadership and staff      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided an engagement update letter and corresponding appendices summarizing engagement activities from August to October 2021 and to share a summary of the proposed activities for November 2021. The following appendices were included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July/August 2021 JWG summary;</li> <li>March 2021 JWG summary; and</li> <li>May 2021 JWG summary (re-issued).</li> </ul>  |
| 17 December 2021 | Email, outgoing      | Leadership and staff      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and informed that they were in the process of finalizing the EA results for the draft EIS and that they would like to present and discuss the results via discussions in a workshop format and proposed two workshops in early 2022.<br><br>NexGen advised that the workshops would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results and would be grouped by the themes of air, land, water, and people to be presented in multiple workshops. |
| 21 December 2021 | Letter, outgoing     | Leadership and staff      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and advised of the attached engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in November and December 2021 and summarizing proposed activities for January 2022. A copy of the community newsletter distributed to the local communities in November 2021 was also provided.  |
| 13 January 2022  | Email, outgoing      | Leadership                | NexGen emailed the BNDN and extended an invitation to the upcoming EA results workshop planned for 31 January 2022. NexGen advised that this first workshop would be on air and land and would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results.<br><br>NexGen also confirmed the proposal to schedule an Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee meeting on 1 February 2022 and that NexGen would follow up with more details.                           |
| 18 January 2022  | Video conference     | Leadership and regulators | NexGen, the BNDN, CNSC, and ENV met to discuss the inclusion of the BNDN's IKTLU Study as a confidential document as part of NexGen's EIS submission.   |
| 26 January 2022  | Phone call, outgoing | Staff                     | NexGen called the BNDN and informed the BNDN that NexGen must postpone the EA results workshop that was scheduled for 31 January 2022, due to COVID-19. NexGen informed the BNDN that they would call back next week to discuss rescheduling, and the BNDN provided an update on election dates that will need to be considered when rescheduling.  |
| 26 January 2022  | Email, outgoing      | Staff                     | NexGen emailed the BNDN and requested clarification on the use of quotes from the BNDN IKTLU Study in the draft EIS. NexGen provided examples and advised that NexGen could follow up with a call to the BNDN on 31 January 2022, to confirm.   |
| 4 February 2022  | Email, incoming      | Staff                     | The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed BNDN's approval for NexGen to proceed with editing quotes in the Draft EIS.   |

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; MAA = multiple accounts analysis; JWG = Joint Working Group; VC = valued component.

In addition to these key engagement activities, a Benefit Agreement between the BNDN and NexGen has been signed.

## 5.4 Buffalo River Dene Nation

Table 7 is a summary of key engagement activities undertaken with the BRDN between Project initiation in 2013 and 28 February 2022.

**Table 7: Summary of Key Engagement Activities with the Buffalo River Dene Nation**

| Date            | Mechanism                       | Audience                       | Scope  |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1 February 2017 | In-person meeting               | Leadership and staff           | <p>NexGen provided an update presentation on exploration and Project development activities, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>overview and history of the Arrow deposit;</li> <li>highlights of metallurgical work;</li> <li>conceptual Project design;</li> <li>update on studies planned to support a future EA; and</li> <li>proposed 2017 activities including baseline studies and engagement planning.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.</p>   |
| 16 October 2018 | In-person meeting               | Leadership and staff           | <p>NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities. The topics included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>company introduction and overview;</li> <li>description of Rook I and Arrow deposit;</li> <li>preliminary economic assessment highlights and the current Pre-feasibility Study;</li> <li>environmental baseline summary;</li> <li>community commitment to training and procurement; and</li> <li>commitment to engagement.</li> </ul>  |
| 11 March 2019   | Letter, outgoing                | Leadership                     | <p>NexGen sent the BRDN a letter with a meeting request to the BRDN Chief and Council to attend a workshop on the Project Description on 27 March 2019, in BRDN.</p>   |
| 8 April 2019    | Update meetings with Leadership | Leadership, staff, and members | <p>NexGen met with the BRDN to present an overview of the information included in the Project Description, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>regulatory framework;</li> <li>Project information;</li> <li>existing environment;</li> <li>environmental interactions; and</li> <li>engagement.</li> </ul>   |
| 3 May 2019      | Letter, outgoing                | Leadership                     | <p>NexGen sent a letter to the BRDN to provide the Notification of Commencement of the EA for the Project.</p>   |
| 4 June 2019     | Letter, outgoing                | Leadership                     | <p>NexGen sent an invitation letter to the BRDN regarding a proposed meeting on 18 June 2019, to discuss the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>further define the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a JWG;</li> <li>collaboratively define the Terms of Reference and requirements necessary to complete a IKTLU Study in the area of the Project;</li> <li>collaboratively undertake a Traditional Food study;</li> <li>develop a protocol to address and protect the proprietary nature of the information collected and its use by NexGen in the EA and related regulatory processes; and</li> <li>discuss framework and timeline for a Benefit Agreement.</li> </ul> |
| 26 June 2019    | In-person meeting               | Leadership                     | <p>NexGen held a Community Information Session at BRDN to discuss/present on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>inform local communities of the nature of the proposed activities at the Rook I site;</li> <li>answer questions and received initial feedback specific to the Project for consideration during the EA;</li> <li>initially identify VCs and local land use by community members in attendance;</li> <li>provide information about the EA process; and</li> <li>introduce NexGen and the Project to the broader community.</li> </ul>   |

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| Date              | Mechanism         | Audience                          | Scope  |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 14 August 2019    | In-person meeting | Leadership                        | NexGen and the BRDN met to discuss the Study Agreement which includes capacity funding for a JWG, IKTLU Study, and community coordinator.  |
| 19 September 2019 | Study Agreement   | Leadership and staff              | NexGen and BRDN met to sign and execute the Study Agreement. The Study Agreement outlines a framework for working collaboratively to advance the EA of the Project, and includes funding for a IKTLU Study, a dedicated community coordinator, and for establishing a JWG.   |
| 9 October 2019    | In-person meeting | Leadership, staff, and regulators | NexGen, the CNSC and BRDN met for a presentation. The presentation was facilitated by NexGen but led by the CNSC to provide an overview of the CNSC's environmental review process.  |
| 1 November 2019   | In-person meeting | JWG                               | NexGen and the BRDN met to hold an introductory meeting for the JWG including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ introductions and logistics;</li> <li>▪ overview of the Project;</li> <li>▪ EA overview;</li> <li>▪ overview of baseline studies;</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA;</li> <li>▪ IKTLU Study; and</li> <li>▪ human health risk assessment.</li> </ul>   |
| 5 December 2019   | In-person meeting | JWG                               | NexGen and the BRDN met to hold the second meeting of the JWG. Topics included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ introductions and logistics;</li> <li>▪ review of the Project;</li> <li>▪ EA overview;</li> <li>▪ overview of baseline studies;</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA;</li> <li>▪ IKTLU Study;</li> <li>▪ human health risk assessment;</li> <li>▪ water assessment and management; and</li> <li>▪ air and water pathways.</li> </ul> <p>The meeting was held at Vermette Lake. After the meeting, Elders joined in the evening for supper and a discussion of the Project that included maps and images.</p> |
| 19 December 2019  | IKTLU Study       | Leadership                        | The BRDN submitted the final draft of the BRDN IKTLU Study for the Project, as per the Study Agreement.  |
| 23 January 2020   | Site tour         | JWG                               | The JWG met to provide a tour of the Project site, followed by a presentation and meeting to discuss the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mineral Surface Lease Agreements;</li> <li>▪ underground tailings management;</li> <li>▪ caribou mitigation and management;</li> <li>▪ IKTLU; and</li> <li>▪ traffic studies.</li> </ul>  |
| 21 February 2020  | In-person meeting | JWG                               | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ socio-economic assessment: approach and methods;</li> <li>▪ community well-being;</li> <li>▪ employment and training opportunities;</li> <li>▪ business opportunities;</li> <li>▪ caribou mitigation and management; and</li> <li>▪ IKTLU Study results.</li> </ul>   |
| 28 August 2020    | Video conference  | JWG                               | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project updates;</li> <li>▪ regulatory process updates;</li> <li>▪ review of JWG meetings; and</li> <li>▪ key actions and commitments.</li> </ul>   |

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| Date             | Mechanism        | Audience | Scope  |
|------------------|------------------|----------|--|
| 11 December 2020 | Video conference | JWG      | <p>The CNSC presented to the JWG on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ overview of CNSC functions as a regulator;</li> <li>▪ role in Indigenous engagement;</li> <li>▪ EA; and</li> <li>▪ radiation protection and compliance.</li> </ul>  |
| 10 February 2021 | Video conference | JWG      | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ modelling and the EA process;</li> <li>▪ air quality model;</li> <li>▪ surface water quality model;</li> <li>▪ environmental risk assessment model; and</li> <li>▪ future meeting topics.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.</p>   |
| 24 February 2021 | Video conference | JWG      | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ approach to alternative assessments;</li> <li>▪ tailings alternatives;</li> <li>▪ waste rock alternatives;</li> <li>▪ site water management alternatives; and</li> <li>▪ site layout optimization.</li> </ul>  |
| 31 March 2021    | Video conference | JWG      | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ land stewardship through all Project phases;</li> <li>▪ Informing the path forward; and</li> <li>▪ EA updates.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, the BRDN JWG members presented to NexGen about the BRDN's history and current conditions and services, needs, and issues. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were requested, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.</p> |
| 16 April 2021    | Email, outgoing  | JWG      | <p>NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided a letter regarding the EA and a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and provided details on the upcoming Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program with an invitation for BRDN to participate.</p>   |
| 29 April 2021    | Video conference | JWG      | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ information on the traffic study and accidents and malfunctions evaluation, including to review the bounding scenarios used in the evaluation;</li> <li>▪ an overview of the EA methodology, focusing on pathway analysis and initiating discussions on how the Project could affect community well-being; and</li> <li>▪ information and feedback on the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program.</li> </ul>   |
| 19 May 2021      | Letter, outgoing | JWG      | <p>NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided a letter to summarize the JWG engagement activities, and to provide opportunities to help inform the EA and noted that NexGen's goal was to provide similar letters moving forward. The following appendix was included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ list of questions to explore prior to the May 2021 JWG meeting.</li> </ul>   |
| 27 May 2021      | Video conference | JWG      | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ information on EA methods, including a focus on pathway analysis related to some of the VCs and intermediate components;</li> <li>▪ pathways for Indigenous land and resource use in the Project and how the Project could affect Indigenous land and resource use; and</li> <li>▪ continue discussions on community well-being.</li> </ul> <p>Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting.</p>                |

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| Date           | Mechanism        | Audience | Scope  |
|----------------|------------------|----------|--|
| 15 June 2021   | Email, outgoing  | JWG      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted that an action from the March 2021 JWG meeting was to contact the NSEQC to find out their proposed meeting schedule. NexGen confirmed they had been in contact with a member and that the NSEQC had not yet received the required Order in Council in Regina. It was confirmed that the NSEQC did have an approved budget for 2021/2022 and would arrange a meeting later in the year.   |
| 15 June 2021   | Letter, outgoing | JWG      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted the attachment of an engagement update letter for review. The following appendices were included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ list of questions to explore prior to the June 2021 JWG meeting; and</li> <li>▪ May 2021 JWG summary.</li> </ul>  |
| 23 June 2021   | Video conference | JWG      | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ information on determining significance of residual adverse effects;</li> <li>▪ information on confidence and uncertainty in predicting future conditions as a result of the Project;</li> <li>▪ information on monitoring and follow-up programs using the examples of socio-economics and land use; and</li> <li>▪ discussion of how to present material in plain language.</li> </ul> Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting.   |
| 2 July 2021    | Email, outgoing  | JWG      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted NexGen had applied for a permit from the ENV to complete the work associated with the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program. NexGen informed the BRDN that the ENV requested an engagement summary specific to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program and that NexGen will be providing a summary of when information about the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program was presented to and discussed with BRDN.<br><br>It was also noted by NexGen that the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program is a proactive initiative to trial caribou reclamation and mitigation methods at the Rook I site and that work for the program was anticipated to commence in mid-July 2021. |
| 27 July 2021   | Letter, outgoing | JWG      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted attachment of the July engagement update letter for review to summarize the JWG engagement activities in June 2021 and to provide an outline for the upcoming activities. The following appendices were included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ list of questions to explore prior to the July 2021 JWG meeting;</li> <li>▪ June BRDN JWG meeting minutes;</li> <li>▪ June 2021 JWG summary; and</li> <li>▪ April 2021 JWG summary.</li> </ul>  |
| 5 August 2021  | Video conference | JWG      | The JWG met to share information about additional wage economies and discuss community engagement opportunities, including a Community Information Session in September 2021. Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were required, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.  |
| 30 August 2021 | Site visit       | JWG      | The JWG met for a tour of the Rook I site. The main camp facilities and core processing facilities were toured, as well as two drill rigs at the Arrow site. Additionally, the mine plan and Arrow Deposit resource model were viewed in 3D software. Discussions during the tour focused on employment and contracting opportunities.   |
| 31 August 2021 | Letter, outgoing | JWG      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during July to mid-August 2021 and to share what was planned for EA engagement in September 2021. The following appendix was included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ list of themes being considered for the Community Information Sessions.</li> </ul>   |



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| 17 September 2021 | Video conference | Leadership and JWG         | Representatives from the BRDN, NexGen, and Omnia Ecological met to discuss the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program. Omnia Ecological provided background information as to why and how the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program will be conducted at the Rook I site. Overall, a collaborative discussion about caribou, and as an outcome of the meeting, BRDN will be contacting a member about participating in the on-site portion of the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program. |
| 27 September 2021 | Letter, outgoing | JWG                        | NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted the attachment of an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during late August and September 2021 and to share planned activities for October 2021.   |
| 21 October 2021   | Video conference | JWG                        | The BRDN JWG members presented to NexGen on BRDN history, culture, tradition, and spirituality and shared Traditional Foods, furs, crafts, knowledge, and stories. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were required, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.  |
| 3 November 2021   | Email, outgoing  | Leadership and JWG         | NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the Project draft EIS to the CNSC and ENV.<br><br>NexGen advised that the draft EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.   |
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| 17 December 2021  | Email, outgoing  | Leadership, staff, and JWG | NexGen emailed the BRDN and informed that they were in the process of finalizing the EA results for the draft EIS and that they would like to present and discuss the results via discussions in a workshop format and proposed two workshops in early 2022.<br><br>NexGen advised that the workshops would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results and would be grouped by the themes of air, land, water, and people to be presented in several workshops.                             |
| 21 December 2021  | Letter, outgoing | JWG                        | NexGen emailed the BRDN and advised of the attached engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in November and December 2021 and summarizing proposed activities for January 2022. A copy of the community newsletter distributed to the local communities in November 2021 was also provided.   |
| 13 January 2021   | Email, outgoing  | JWG                        | NexGen emailed the BRDN and extended an invitation to the upcoming workshop planned for February 3, 2022 to present and discuss some of the EA results. NexGen advised this first workshop would be focused on air and land and would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results.<br><br>NexGen also confirmed the proposal to schedule an Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee meeting on Friday, February 4, 2022, and that NexGen would follow up with more details.     |
| 26 January 2022   | Email, outgoing  | JWG                        | NexGen emailed the BRDN and advised that the workshop scheduled for 3 February 2022, would need to be postponed due to recent positive COVID-19 cases and noted that an update would be provided in the coming week regarding rescheduling. NexGen proposed that the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 4 February 2022, would be moved to a virtual platform.  |

**Table 7: Summary of Key Engagement Activities with the Buffalo River Dene Nation**

| Date            | Mechanism       | Audience                   | Scope  |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--|
| 26 January 2022 | Email, outgoing | Leadership, staff, and JWG | NexGen emailed the BRDN and requested clarification on the use of quotes from the BRDN IKTLU in the draft EIS. NexGen provided examples and advised that NexGen could follow up with a call to BRDN on 31 January 2022, to confirm.  |
| 4 February 2022 | Email, outgoing | Leadership, staff, and JWG | NexGen emailed the BRDN and requested confirmation regarding how the BRDN would like to present the IKTLU Study to the regulators as part of NexGen's draft EIS submission. NexGen outlined various options for the the BRDN to consider and advised that NexGen would be available to answer any questions and co-ordinate a meeting with the CNSC and/or the ENV if the BRDN had any questions about their policies and confidentiality processes. |
| 9 February 2022 | Email, outgoing | Leadership, staff, and JWG | NexGen emailed the BRDN and confirmed that as per the discussion with the BRDN on 9 February 2022, NexGen would proceed with using edited quotes in the draft EIS.   |

BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of the Environment; JWG = Joint Working Group; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; NSEQC = Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee; VC = valued component.

In addition to these key engagement activities, a Benefit Agreement between the BRDN and NexGen has also been signed.

## 5.5 English River First Nation

Table 8 outlines key engagement activities with the ERFN between Project initiation in 2013 and 28 February 2022.

**Table 8: Summary of Key Engagement Activities with the English River First Nation**

| Date             | Mechanism                       | Audience                  | Scope   |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 3 May 2019       | Letter, outgoing                | Leadership                | NexGen sent a letter to the ERFN to provide the Notification of Commencement of the EA for the Project.   |
| 30 May 2019      | Phone call, outgoing            | Leadership                | NexGen called and left a message with reception to confirm if the notification letter had been received as registered mail confirmed delivery and signature.                              |
| 5 September 2019 | Update meetings with leadership | Leadership and regulators | The CNSC hosted a meeting for Indigenous leaders from northern Saskatchewan to provide an overview of the role of the CNSC and updates on CNSC regulated projects, including the Project. |

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; ERFN = English River First Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment.

To date, ERFN has not contacted NexGen in relation to the Project.

## 5.6 Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation

Table 9 is a summary of key engagement activities with the ACFN between Project initiation in 2013 and 28 February 2022.

**Table 9: Summary of Key Engagement Activities with the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation**

| Date           | Mechanism                      | Audience   | Scope  |
|----------------|--------------------------------|------------|--|
| 3 May 2019     | Letter, outgoing               | Leadership | NexGen sent a letter to the ACFN to provide the Notification of Commencement of the EA for the Project.  |
| 31 May 2019    | Phone call, outgoing           | Leadership | NexGen called and left a message with administration to confirm if the letter sent 3 May 2019, had been received as registered mail did not confirm delivery.  |
| 6 June 2019    | Phone call, outgoing           | Leadership | NexGen called and left a message with administration to confirm if the letter sent 3 May 2019 had been received as registered mail did not confirm delivery.   |
| 12 July 2019   | Email, outgoing                | Leadership | NexGen sent an email to confirm receipt of the 3 May 2019 notification letter and executive summary of the Project Description in Dene and English.  |
| 18 July 2019   | Email, incoming                | Leadership | The ACFN emailed NexGen to provide contact information for further correspondence.   |
| 26 July 2019   | Letter, incoming               | Leadership | The ACFN sent NexGen a letter to provide comments on the Project Description through the CNSC's public comment period.   |
| 14 August 2019 | Letter, outgoing (sent by ENV) | Leadership | <p>Letter was sent by the ENV. Summary provided for information only as it forms relevant context for subsequent communication between NexGen and the ACFN.</p> <p>The ENV sent the ACFN a letter in response to the letter received by them on 26 June 2019 (from the ACFN). The letter noted that commercial uses of resources, such as commercial trapping, are not subject to the province's Consultation Policy Framework.</p> <p>The province wished to determine if there is a duty to consult with the ACFN and expressed interest in knowing how ACFN members are using the unoccupied land in the area of the proposed Project for non-commercial activities. To that end, the following information was requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>locations within the Project area used by the community, both traditionally and currently, to hunt, fish, trap for food or carry out traditional uses;</li> <li>the presence of ACFN traditional ceremonial or burial sites in the area that might be impacted by the project; and</li> <li>any other sites of significance to the ACFN that the province should be made aware of.</li> </ul> |
| 20 August 2019 | Letter, outgoing               | Leadership | <p>NexGen sent a letter to the ACFN in response to the letter dated 26 July 2019. NexGen extended an invitation to meet and indicated that at this time NexGen is not prepared to offer capacity funding for the ACFN's review of the Project Description.</p> <p>It was also noted that while the ACFN has a member with a trapline located in the N-22 Fur Block, the Project is located in the N-19 Fur Block and NexGen has been, and continues, to engage with trappers of the N-19 Fur Block regarding traplines in proximity to the Project. NexGen extended an invitation to schedule a meeting between NexGen and representatives of the ACFN and provided a direct contact if there were any questions or if they would like to discuss further.</p>   |

**Table 9: Summary of Key Engagement Activities with the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation**

| Date             | Mechanism        | Audience   | Scope  |
|------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| 3 December 2019  | Letter, incoming | Leadership | <p>Letter from ACFN – DLRM for information to respond to the letter dated 14 August 2019 from the ENV. The ACFN requested shape files of the proposed Project for insertion into software called CKK to generate a map of the Project in relation to ACFN traditional use data and cultural protection areas. The ACFN noted that it is highly likely that there are gaps in the existing data record, and that future IKTLU Studies may be required to fully assess the impacts of the Project to ACFN's Treaty rights.</p> <p>The ACFN noted that CKK is used by proponents to send the DLRM proposed project notifications, project updates, shape files and proposed applications for review. It was noted that if NexGen wishes to engage with DLRM using CKK, it could be set up for a one-time fee. The ACFN – DLRM also noted that there are costs associated with consultation and engagement meetings and that funding is required from proponents to review project information and applications they submit to regulators. Scope of work with the costs are available to review prior to meetings.</p> |
| 24 December 2019 | Letter, outgoing | Leadership | <p>NexGen responded to the letter dated 3 December 2019, from the ACFN to provide shapefiles for the Project area for the ACFN to respond to a letter sent by the ENV dated 14 August 2019.</p> <p>The letter noted that publicly available information shows the ACFN's traditional territory does not include the Project location; however, it was requested that NexGen is notified if there is additional information that indicates otherwise. In addition, NexGen offered to meet with the ACFN.</p>  |
| 9 November 2021  | Email, outgoing  | Leadership | <p>NexGen emailed the ACFN and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the Project draft EIS to the CNSC and ENV.</p> <p>NexGen advised that the draft EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.</p>  |
| 16 November 2021 | Email, incoming  | Leadership | <p>The ACFN emailed NexGen and introduced the new regulatory and industry coordinator and requested any necessary background information such as an earlier Project description and supporting maps.</p> <p>The ACFN noted that they would be using CKK to review consultation submissions and conduct preliminary screenings of anticipated impacts to ACFN land use sites and areas and requested that NexGen use this platform in their consultations with the ACFN.</p>  |
| 24 January 2022  | Email, outgoing  | Leadership | <p>NexGen emailed the ACFN and advised that the requested information that was previously provided to ACFN in 2019 was attached for review and to please contact NexGen if there were any questions.</p>   |

ACFN = Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation; CKK = Community Knowledge Keeper; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; DLRM = Dene Lands and Resource Management; EA = Environmental Assessment; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of the Environment; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement.

## 5.7 Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources

Table 10 is a summary of key engagement activities undertaken between Project initiation in 2013 and 28 February 2022 with the YNLR as well as key engagement activities with Black Lake and Fond du Lac Denesųliné First Nations, two First Nations identified for engagement in relation to the Project who are both formally represented by the YNLR.

**Table 10: Summary of Key Engagement Activities with Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources**

| Date             | Mechanism               | Audience                  | Scope  |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| <b>YNLR</b>      |                         |                           |  |
| 18 March 2019    | Letter, incoming        | Leadership                | <p>The YNLR office sent NexGen a letter advising NexGen that the YNLR was to be the sole point of contact for Black Lake Denesųliné First Nation, Fond du Lac Denesųliné First Nation, Hatchet Lake Denesųliné First Nation, Stony Rapids, Wollaston Lake, Camsell Portage, and Uranium City in relation to all new and ongoing mining, milling, exploration, forestry, road building, and other industrial and non-industrial developments and activities for which a federal or provincial licensing permit, regulatory process, EA, or other approval is required.</p> <p>The YNLR directed NexGen to communicate solely with YNLR in all related matters and provided contact information.</p> |
| 3 May 2019       | Letter, outgoing        | Leadership                | NexGen sent a letter to the YNLR to provide the Notification of Commencement of the EA for the Project.  |
| 4 July 2019      | In-person meeting       | Leadership                | NexGen held an introductory meeting with the YNLR to discuss the scope of the Project and the work completed to date. Additionally, background of the YNLR was discussed.  |
| 5 September 2019 | In-person meeting       | Leadership and regulators | The CNSC hosted a meeting for Indigenous leaders from northern Saskatchewan to provide an overview of the role of the CNSC and updates on CNSC regulated projects, including the Project.  |
| 3 October 2019   | In-person meeting       | Leadership                | <p>NexGen met with the YNLR, FLDFN, and BLDFN to present an update on the Project and an overview of the Project Description, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project information;</li> <li>▪ existing environment;</li> <li>▪ environmental interactions;</li> <li>▪ assessment approach; and</li> <li>▪ engagement.</li> </ul>   |
| 15 April 2020    | Video conference        | Leadership                | NexGen met with the YNLR to discuss the EA process and submission of the draft EIS. NexGen and the YNLR discussed engagement opportunities and traditional land use and agreed to have a follow-up conversation at a later date to discuss more details.   |
| 28 April 2020    | Video conference        | Leadership                | NexGen and the YNLR met to discuss the traditional territory of the Athabasca Dene communities and the traditional land use in relation to the Project. The YNLR proposed supplementing the YNLR traditional land use database in the context of the Project to further evaluate potential impacts from the Project. The YNLR stated they will prepare and share a proposal summary with NexGen.   |
| 21 May 2020      | Letter, incoming        | Leadership                | The YNLR proposed a Study Agreement with NexGen regarding the Project to complete a IKTLU Study.   |
| 5 June 2020      | Letter, outgoing        | Leadership                | NexGen responded to the letter from the YNLR dated 21 May 2020. NexGen stated that they had reviewed the proposal for the YNLR to complete an IKTLU Study. NexGen expressed their support for the IKTLU Study subject to confirming the final scope, schedule, and budget. NexGen requested a phone call with the YNLR to discuss further.   |
| 10 August 2020   | Study Funding Agreement | Leadership                | NexGen and the YNLR signed and executed a Study Funding Agreement in which the YNLR will undertake a IKTLU Study on behalf of the Athabasca Denesųliné First Nations in relation to the Project.   |

**Table 10: Summary of Key Engagement Activities with Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources**

| Date             | Mechanism                                      | Audience   | Scope  |
|------------------|--|------------|--|
| 4 December 2020  | Traditional Knowledge, Land Use, and Occupancy | Leadership | <p>The YNLR emailed NexGen and provided the YNLR's interim report submission regarding the Study Funding Agreement and the provision of Athabasca Denesųliné IKTLU information for the Project.</p> <p>The YNLR noted that significant delays had been encountered due to COVID-19 cases and restrictions within communities. The YNLR stated they anticipate additional insights to be captured as the COVID-19 situation evolved and the YNLR was able to complete the work.</p>   |
| 8 October 2021   | Video conference                               | Leadership | NexGen met with the YNLR and FLDFN to discuss the YNLR's IKTLU Study and how the information from the IKTLU Study would be used in NexGen's EIS, as well as the options as to how the IKTLU Study can be submitted to the regulators.  |
| 9 November 2021  | Email, outgoing                                | Leadership | <p>NexGen emailed the YNLR and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the Project draft EIS to the CNSC and ENV.</p> <p>NexGen advised that the draft EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.</p>  |
| 19 January 2022  | Video conference                               | Leadership | NexGen met with the YNLR to discuss planning for an upcoming leadership meeting on 27 January 2022, at which NexGen will present.  |
| 27 January 2022  | Video conference                               | Leadership | <p>NexGen met with the YNLR, BLDFN, and FLDFN to provide an update presentation to YNLR Leadership. The presentation topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ overview of NexGen;</li> <li>▪ overview of the Project;</li> <li>▪ Project status update; and</li> <li>▪ EA update.</li> </ul> <p>Following the presentation, discussion focused on the UGTMF and mine plans, engagement opportunities, business and contracting opportunities related to the Project, and a potential site tour/visit to the Rook I site. NexGen and the YNLR agreed to meet soon to follow up on action items and discuss a potential agreement between the YNLR and NexGen.</p>  |
| 11 February 2022 | In-person meeting                              | Leadership | <p>NexGen and the YNLR met to review and discuss the action items from the leadership meeting and presentation on 27 January 2022, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How the YNLR would like the IKTLU Study submitted to the regulators as part of NexGen's draft EIS submission. The YNLR indicated that a letter would be provided to NexGen to confirm their preference.</li> <li>▪ Discussing the local priority area and regional priority area for the Project and the engagement opportunities that the YNLR communities would like to have.</li> <li>▪ An Exploration or Engagement Agreement between the YNLR and NexGen. NexGen stated that an Engagement Agreement would be more suitable. The YNLR will provide a draft Engagement Agreement to NexGen in the coming weeks.</li> <li>▪ Engagement opportunities in the communities that include community information sessions/open houses in FLDFN and BLDFN, site visits/tours to the Project site, and community newsletters.</li> </ul> |
| <b>BLDFN</b>     |  |            |  |
| 3 May 2019       | Letter, outgoing                               | Leadership | NexGen sent the BLDFN a letter to provide the Notification of Commencement of the EA for the Project.  |
| 5 September 2019 | Update meetings with Leadership                | Leadership | The CNSC hosted a meeting for Indigenous leaders from northern Saskatchewan to provide an overview of the role of the CNSC and updates on CNSC regulated projects, including the Project.  |

**Table 10: Summary of Key Engagement Activities with Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources**

| Date             | Mechanism                       | Audience   | Scope  |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--|
| 3 October 2019   | Update meetings with Leadership | Leadership | NexGen provided an update to the YNLR, FLDFN, and BLDFN on the Project including an overview of the Project Description including following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ regulatory framework;</li> <li>▪ Project information;</li> <li>▪ existing environment;</li> <li>▪ environmental interactions;</li> <li>▪ assessment approach; and</li> <li>▪ engagement.</li> </ul>  |
| 11 August 2020   | Letter, incoming                | Leadership | The BLDFN sent NexGen a letter and advised NexGen that approval had been granted for the YNLR to communicate directly with NexGen regarding the IKTLU Study.   |
| 27 January 2022  | Video conference                | Leadership | NexGen met with the YNLR, BLDFN, and FLDFN to provide an update presentation to YNLR Leadership. The presentation topics included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ overview of NexGen;</li> <li>▪ overview of the Project;</li> <li>▪ Project status update; and</li> <li>▪ EA update.</li> </ul> Following the presentation, discussion focused on the UGTMF and mine plans, engagement opportunities, business and contracting opportunities related to the Project, and a potential site tour/visit to the Rook I site. NexGen and YNLR agreed to meet soon to follow up on the action items and to discuss a potential agreement between YNLR and NexGen. |
| <b>FLDFN</b>     |                                 |            |  |
| 3 May 2019       | Letter, outgoing                | Leadership | NexGen sent a letter to the FLDFN to provide the Notification of commencement of the EA for the Rook I Project.  |
| 21 May 2019      | Phone call, outgoing            | Leadership | NexGen returned a call from the FLDFN from the same day. The FLDFN expressed interest in the Project and stated that their community should be consulted. The FLDFN confirmed receipt of the notification letter dated 3 May 2019.   |
| 5 September 2019 | Update meetings with Leadership | Leadership | The CNSC hosted a meeting for Indigenous leaders from northern Saskatchewan to provide an overview of the role of the CNSC and updates on CNSC regulated projects, including the Project.  |
| 3 October 2019   | Update meetings with Leadership | Leadership | NexGen met with the YNLR, FLDFN, and BLDFN to present an update on the Project and provide an overview of the Project Description including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ regulatory framework;</li> <li>▪ Project information;</li> <li>▪ existing environment;</li> <li>▪ environmental interactions;</li> <li>▪ assessment approach; and</li> <li>▪ engagement.</li> </ul>  |
| 8 October 2021   | Video conference                | Leadership | NexGen met with YNLR and FLDFN to discuss YNLR's IKTLU and how the information from the IKTLU will be used in NexGen's EIS, as well as the options as to how the IKTLU can be submitted to the regulators.   |



**Table 10: Summary of Key Engagement Activities with Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources**

| Date            | Mechanism        | Audience   | Scope  |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|--|
| 27 January 2022 | Video conference | Leadership | <p>NexGen met with the YNLR, BLDFN, and FLDFN to provide an update presentation to YNLR Leadership. The presentation topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ overview of NexGen;</li> <li>▪ overview of the Project;</li> <li>▪ Project status update; and</li> <li>▪ EA update.</li> </ul> <p>Following the presentation, discussion focused on the UGTMF and mine plans, engagement opportunities, business and contracting opportunities related to the Project, and a potential site tour/visit to the Rook I site. NexGen and YNLR agreed to meet soon to follow up on the action items and to discuss a potential agreement between YNLR and NexGen.</p> |

BLDFN = Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; FLDFN = Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; YNLR = Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resource; UGTMF = underground tailings management facility.

In addition to the key engagement activities outlined above, NexGen has met with the Chief of Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation to discuss Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation's interests in business opportunities related to the Project.

## 6 FEEDBACK RECEIVED

A summary of feedback received during Indigenous engagement activities is presented within this subsection. The JVGs have provided a large volume of feedback in relation to the Project. Engagement is active and ongoing, and all questions, concerns, or comments will be addressed in subsequent JVG meetings or during the EA process.

NexGen acknowledges the comments submitted to the CNSC during the public comment period on the Project Description and the responses provided by the CNSC as summarized in E-DOC 6001783 *Disposition Table of Public and Indigenous Group's Comments on the Project Description – Rook I Project* (CNSC 2019b). While these comments are not included here, they have been considered in the EA.

Summaries of the topics of interest, and issues and concerns raised by Indigenous Groups, are provided in Section 6.1 and Section 6.2, respectively. Summaries of the engagement activities conducted with Indigenous Groups and issues raised by Indigenous Groups between Project initiation in 2013 and 28 February 2022 are provided in Appendix B and Appendix C, respectively.

### 6.1 Topics of Interest

Topics of interest are provided for both primary and other Indigenous Groups.

#### 6.1.1 Primary Indigenous Groups

Below is a summary of topics of interest raised during discussions with the primary Indigenous Groups. As there were significant similarities regarding many of the topics of interest raised by each individual Indigenous Group, they have been consolidated in the interest of brevity, and fall under the following themes (listed alphabetically): communication, community well-being, cumulative effects, environment, health and safety, socio-economics, traditional economy, and traditional land and resource use.

## **Communication**

Communities stated that working together with NexGen towards a harmonious and prosperous future is the desired outcome, and communities appreciate the opportunity to discuss the Project and work alongside NexGen. Communities also requested that Project information be shared with the broader community, and noted the importance of having images, video, and some text translated into Dene to help explain the EIS. Indigenous Groups identified that engaging with communities and having community members trained in engagement techniques would help communities better understand the Project and provide feedback.

## **Community Well-Being**

Communities stated that increased income, and both the positive and negative social effects arising from increased income, should be considered, and that community support should be explored, such as financial management assistance. It was suggested having an Elder on the Project site would help workers retain a connection to their communities as well as provide mentorship and support. Indigenous Groups noted that providing family and community support networks would help with the effects of worker rotation cycles on community members, and that cultural sensitivity training would be important for all Project employees. Communities also stated worker rotation schedules should consider resource use activities (e.g., seasonal hunting and fishing) as it would help community members retain their connection to the land.

## **Cumulative Effects**

Communities noted that the consideration of effects and effects studies completed at other project sites in the area is important in the assessment of the Project. Information about other project activities in the surrounding area was noted as important for better understanding potential cumulative effects that might occur. It was noted that cumulative effects from other industrial activities such as mining, forestry, and hydro-electric power generation and transmission projects should also be taken into consideration. Indigenous Groups also noted concerns regarding increased access restrictions on traditional lands due to increasing project developments in the area.

## **Environment**

The communities expressed interest in various potential environmental effects of the Project such as air and water quality, wildlife, and other environmental effects experienced at similar projects (e.g., Cluff Lake). Communities had an interest in understanding the direction of water flow once it leaves Patterson Lake. There was concern expressed that some wildlife species such as wolves and bears have increased in number, possibly due to a poor market for furs and reduced hunting during the COVID-19 pandemic. Communities also expressed an interest in environmental monitoring in their communities and better understanding potential environmental conditions under various climate change scenarios.

## **Health and Safety**

Communities expressed interest in learning more about health and safety issues related to the uranium industry. Communities voiced concern about highway conditions from Green Lake to the Project site and increased traffic volume. It was suggested that an emergency response plan, including training of personnel, would be important in the event of a spill or accident. Communities also expressed concern about consuming potentially contaminated traditional foods.

## **Socio-economics**

The potential positive and negative socio-economic effects of the Project were communicated as being of high

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interest. Communities noted that the positive educational and economic effects on communities should be sustainable beyond the lifespan of the Project. It was noted that educational and training opportunities are very important, but the need to travel outside the community for such opportunities is a challenge, and training should be provided locally where possible as there are social barriers (e.g., childcare, family responsibilities, social issues such as financial management and access to mental health resources). It was stated that further improvements are needed to increase high school completion rates. It was noted that there has been some past success in designing and delivering training in the communities, but this training has not been as successful in linking individuals to jobs, and more support is needed to promote long-term employment opportunities to community members including women, youth, and members of other diverse subgroups. Cultural sensitivity training and awareness was also highlighted as an important factor for communities to ensure safety, diversity, and inclusion in the workplace.

Communities stated that assistance may be required to help local contractors understand bidding processes, insurance, and other criteria necessary to be competitive in Project procurement opportunities. It was suggested a database for employment and training services would be beneficial to assist with capacity building.

Joint Working Group members also noted that they need support to address tasks and actions stemming from JWG meetings.

### **Traditional Economy**

Communities stated that the traditional economy includes most of the community's population and generally includes looking at activities such as hunting, trapping, fishing, wild rice harvesting, firewood harvesting, and arts and crafts, and how these activities are utilized for sale and subsistence. However, it was noted that it is currently difficult to make a living with trapping due to low fur prices. It was also noted that the regular schedules usually required for wage employment may limit the time that community members have available to go out on the land.

Communities stated that more young people are beginning to participate in the traditional economy and there has been an increase in the number of people going out on the land. It was noted that land-based programs in schools, increased availability of all-terrain vehicles and trucks, and crafts programs have contributed to the increased participation in the traditional economy and the transfer of traditional skills to younger generations. Communities noted these programs should be continued and promoted to encourage youth to participate in the traditional economy.

### **Traditional Land and Resource Use**

Communities expressed the vital importance of the land to communities and how it has helped establish traditions, practices, and people's way of life. It was noted that hunting, fishing, trapping, and harvesting of medicines and food plants continue to be a critical part of the spirituality, well-being, survival, identity, and culture of communities. Communities also indicated that land-based learning programs and using Dene language in schools have been highly successful in engaging youth with traditional land and resource use and their culture. Potential Project effects on hunting, trapping, and fishing, as well as access to and utilization of lands and resources, were identified as a concern for some community members.

## **6.1.2 Other Indigenous Groups**

### **6.1.2.1 *English River First Nation***

No topics of interest have been received from the ERFN.

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### 6.1.2.2 Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation

No topics of interest have been received from the ACFN.

### 6.1.2.3 Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources

Feedback received from YNLR has indicated there is interest in economic opportunities arising from the Project and a desire to keep their communities informed as the Project progresses.

## 6.2 Issues and Concerns

Summaries of key issues identified by the Indigenous Groups engaged on the Project are provided in Section 6.2.1, Clearwater River First Nation, through Section 6.2.7, Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources.

### 6.2.1 Clearwater River Dene Nation

Discussions during engagement activities with the CRDN have been wide-ranging and encompass a broad spectrum of interest in relation to the Project.

Table 11 captures a summary of issues identified by the CRDN. Issues noted within the table have largely been obtained through JWG feedback, the IKTLUs, and engagement activities conducted with the community since early Project initiation in 2013.

**Table 11: Summary of Issues Identified by the Clearwater River Dene Nation**

| Theme                  | Issue   |
|------------------------|---|
| Water                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surface water quality, especially in Patterson Lake, and the Clearwater River watershed</li> <li>Negative effects on ability to harvest fish, including commercial harvests</li> <li>Effects on navigability within waterways within traditional territory</li> <li>Site contact water capture, management, and treatment</li> <li>Tailings management safety and storage</li> </ul>   |
| Land                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased land use pressure impacting hunting opportunities</li> <li>Effects to moose (<i>Alces alces</i>) population and moose habitat</li> </ul>   |
| People                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased competition with non-Indigenous hunters and land users</li> <li>Negative effects on community well-being from influx of workers and capital, including increased income</li> <li>Human health concerns regarding radiation</li> <li>Human health concerns from consuming potentially contaminated harvested resources</li> <li>Ability to harvest country foods and implications for food security and community well-being</li> <li>Noise disturbance and loss of aesthetic appreciation</li> <li>Access limitations and the subsequent effect to traditional knowledge transmission</li> <li>Traffic safety</li> </ul> |
| EA process and methods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balancing engagement activities among communities and Indigenous Groups</li> <li>Cumulative effects methodology and confidence in cumulative effects results</li> <li>Additional information about Project Construction, Operations, and Closure phases</li> </ul>   |

EA = Environmental Assessment.

### 6.2.2 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan

Discussions during engagement activities with the MN-S have been wide-ranging and encompass a broad spectrum of interest in relation to the Project.

Table 12 captures a summary of issues identified by the MN-S. Issues noted within the table have largely been obtained through JWG feedback, the IKTLUs, and engagement activities conducted with the community since early Project initiation in 2013.

**Table 12: Summary of Issues Identified by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan**

| Theme                  | Issue  |
|------------------------|--|
| Air                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Persistence of Project effects through time and across the region</li> <li>▪ Potential for pollution from the Project</li> <li>▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments</li> </ul>   |
| Water                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Persistence of Project effects through time and across region</li> <li>▪ Project effects on fish, especially in Patterson Lake and Clearwater River</li> <li>▪ Potential for pollution from the Project</li> <li>▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments</li> </ul>   |
| Land                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dust effects on vegetation and wildlife</li> <li>▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments</li> <li>▪ Accidents and spillages from increased traffic</li> <li>▪ Persistence of Project effects through time and across the region</li> <li>▪ Potential for pollution from the Project</li> <li>▪ Project effects to wildlife health</li> </ul>  |
| People                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access restrictions to land</li> <li>▪ Use of land and ability to transmit traditional knowledge to younger generations</li> <li>▪ Negative effects on community well-being from increased incomes and employment</li> <li>▪ Employment, training, and business opportunities for community members, with emphasis on local hiring</li> <li>▪ Maintaining workers' right to speak their language at workplace site</li> <li>▪ Negative effects on community well-being from influx of workers and capital</li> <li>▪ Project effects on community well-being due to market conditions resulting in Project shutdown</li> <li>▪ Safety of tailings stored underground in the UGTMF</li> <li>▪ Human health concerns from consuming fish from Patterson Lake</li> <li>▪ Human health concerns regarding radiation</li> <li>▪ Human health concerns regarding tailings</li> <li>▪ Ability to harvest country foods and implications for food security and community well-being</li> <li>▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments</li> </ul> |
| EA process and methods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Engagement with cabin owners and trappers around Patterson Lake</li> <li>▪ Engagement capacity and the ability to communicate more broadly within the community</li> <li>▪ Proper use of Métis Knowledge while protecting intellectual property rights and confidentiality</li> </ul>   |

EA = Environmental Assessment; UGTMF = underground tailings management facility.

### 6.2.3 Birch Narrows Dene Nation

Engagement activities with the BNDN have led to robust discussions covering a wide range of topics and encompassing a broad spectrum of interest in relation to the Project.

Table 13 captures a summary of issues identified by the BNDN. Issues noted within the table have largely been obtained through JWG feedback, the IKTLUs, and engagement activities conducted with the community since early Project initiation in 2013.

**Table 13: Summary of Issues Identified by the Birch Narrows Dene Nation**

| Theme                  | Issue   |
|------------------------|---|
| Air                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments within BNDN territory</li> <li>▪ Control and monitoring of radon gas</li> <li>▪ Procedures in the event of a spill in environment</li> <li>▪ Uranium's harm to environment</li> </ul>  |
| Water                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Control and monitoring of radon gas and its effects on food sources and water</li> <li>▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments within BNDN territory</li> <li>▪ Procedures in the event of a spill to the environment</li> <li>▪ Uranium's harm to the environment</li> <li>▪ Effects on water quality of Patterson Lake (including radiation) and connected waterways</li> <li>▪ Stability and safety of tailings management storage</li> </ul>   |
| Land                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Control and monitoring of radon gas and its effects on food sources and wildlife</li> <li>▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments within BNDN territory</li> <li>▪ Procedures in the event of a spill to the environment</li> <li>▪ Uranium's harm to environment</li> <li>▪ Traffic disrupting wildlife behaviour</li> <li>▪ Project impacts on trapping species</li> <li>▪ Waste management and reclamation</li> </ul>   |
| People                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Loss of land on lease area, especially Patterson Lake and surrounding areas, affecting ability to hunt, travel, and transmit traditional knowledge to younger generations</li> <li>▪ Metrics for measuring and assessing positive Project outcomes for workers</li> <li>▪ Human health concerns from cumulative effects</li> <li>▪ NexGen's balance of business, employment, and training opportunities among communities and Indigenous Groups</li> <li>▪ Negative effects on community well-being from influx of capital, including increase incomes</li> <li>▪ Increased competition with non-Indigenous recreational land users</li> <li>▪ Project impacts on ability to harvest country foods</li> <li>▪ Project impacts on trapping species</li> </ul> |
| EA process and methods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exclusion of land users and interested individuals farther from Project</li> <li>▪ Capacity restrictions impacting community member participation in community knowledge collection</li> </ul>   |

BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment.

## 6.2.4 Buffalo River Dene Nation

Engagement activities with the BRDN have led to robust discussions covering a wide range of topics and encompassing a broad spectrum of interest in relation to the Project.

Table 14 captures a summary of issues identified by the BRDN. Issues noted within the table have largely been obtained through JWG feedback, the IKTLUs, and engagement activities conducted with the community since early Project initiation in 2013.

**Table 14: Summary of Issues Identified by the Buffalo River Dene Nation**

| Theme | Issue  |
|-------|--|
| Air   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cumulative effects from industry degrading air quality</li> </ul>   |
| Water | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments</li> <li>▪ Effects on water quality</li> <li>▪ Project effects to water quality affecting fish quality (especially in Patterson Lake) and commercial fishing</li> </ul> |

**Table 14: Summary of Issues Identified by the Buffalo River Dene Nation**

| Theme                  | Issue  |
|------------------------|--|
| Land                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments</li> <li>▪ Dust from road traffic</li> <li>▪ Degradation of roads, including potential effects from spills</li> <li>▪ Safety of truck transportation</li> <li>▪ Effects on wildlife health</li> <li>▪ Noise from Project activities, including vehicle traffic</li> <li>▪ Decline in bird population available for harvest</li> </ul>   |
| People                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access limitations to land and resources and ability to transmit traditional knowledge to younger generations</li> <li>▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments on human health</li> <li>▪ Cumulative access restrictions within BRDN traditional territory</li> <li>▪ Responsibility for local road infrastructure</li> <li>▪ Safety of truck transportation, including potential effects from spills</li> <li>▪ Negative effects on community well-being from influx of workers and capital, including increased income</li> <li>▪ Human health concerns from harvesting and consuming wildlife</li> <li>▪ Increased competition with non-Indigenous recreational land users</li> <li>▪ Noise from Project activities, including vehicle traffic</li> <li>▪ Human health concerns regarding radiation and information conveyance to community members</li> <li>▪ Project effects to water quality affecting fishing industry</li> <li>▪ Ability to harvest country foods with implications surrounding food security and community well-being</li> <li>▪ Decline in fowl population available for harvest</li> </ul> |
| EA process and methods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Capacity funding impacting community knowledge collection</li> <li>▪ Adequacy of environmental monitoring for the Project</li> </ul>  |

BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment.

### 6.2.5 English River First Nation

No issues and concerns have been identified by the ERFN.

### 6.2.6 Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation

No issues and concerns have been identified by the ACFN. To date, ACFN has not responded to NexGen's invitation to meet.

### 6.2.7 Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources

The YNLR indicated they are generally supportive of uranium mining projects if they are engaged in advance. The YNLR would like to continue to be engaged in relation to the Project. Through engagement conducted for the Project, the YNLR identified three issues and concerns:

- potential for water contamination within the Athabasca Basin;
- noise disturbances associated with increased traffic; and
- potential impacts to the ability to access and use traditional land and resources.



## 6.3 Validation of Identified Issues

NexGen has worked with Indigenous Groups to understand their interests and issues and is committed to meaningfully addressing issues as documented in the EIS. As described in Section 5, Indigenous Engagement Conducted, and agreed to in the Study Agreements, JWG meetings have been a primary means by which Indigenous Group interests and issues were identified and discussed. Validation that all identified issues were accurately understood and recorded was accomplished by:

- having an open discussion during a JWG meeting to explore and understand the issue raised;
- recording JWG meeting discussions and preparing meeting minutes that were distributed in draft form to all meeting participants for review and verification for accuracy prior to finalization;
- providing an open opportunity in JWG meetings to revisit or review issues discussed in previous meetings; and
- publishing JWG presentation summaries (beginning in 2021) for community distribution by JWG members summarizing meeting topics of discussion and “what we heard” from the JWGs.

Through this validation process, the accurate recording of the issues and NexGen’s understanding of the issues was confirmed.

In addition to the JWGs, the IKTLU Studies completed by each Indigenous Group (TSD II: BNDN; TSD III: BRDN; TSD IV: MN-S; TSD V.2: CRDN; TSD VI: YNLR) identified issues as described in each IKTLU Study. Most of the issues presented in the IKTLU Studies were also brought up and discussed during the JWG meetings.

Through the engagement program with Indigenous Groups as described in Section 4, Scope of Engagement, NexGen has reported on the issues it has heard from Indigenous Groups and provided opportunities for additional feedback and discussion. Submission and presentation of the EIS by NexGen and review by Indigenous Groups provides a further opportunity for communities to review how NexGen has recorded and understood interests of Indigenous Groups and issues raised. Appendix C, Summary of Issues Identified by Indigenous Groups, summarizes the issues raised up to 28 February 2022, how the issues were addressed in the EIS, and the location in the EIS where each issue is addressed.

An important part of validation is to also confirm whether issues have been addressed. This work is ongoing. NexGen will continue to undertake this validation process as part of the EA process through additional engagement activities (Section 7, Moving Forward).

## 7 MOVING FORWARD

Engagement with Indigenous Groups will continue through the EA process. Planned engagement will be developed with consideration given to the applicable stage to the EA process or approvals stage. Planned engagement activities are as follows:

- **JWG:** The JWG program is planned to continue through the EA process and beyond, though the specific format and terms of reference may be altered based on agreements that are reached with each primary Indigenous Group. Items for discussion will be based on activities in progress, as well as any specific items of discussion requested by Indigenous Groups. The meetings will continue to evolve as required to meet the engagement needs of participating Indigenous Groups and NexGen.

- **JWG breakout sessions:** Joint Working Group breakout sessions with individual primary Indigenous Groups, as identified through the JWG program, will continue to take place on an as-needed basis to focus on specific items or to meet requests from individual groups.
- **JWG summaries:** The summaries are distributed after each JWG meeting and will continue through the submission of the Final EIS and beyond.
- **Engagement with Indigenous Group Leadership (i.e., Chief and Council) and staff:** This will continue to be a priority for future engagement activities. NexGen is committed to engaging with Leadership and staff as required and upon request throughout the Project lifespan.
- **Benefit Agreements:** The formal commitments made in the Benefit Agreements regarding regular communication and information exchange between NexGen and each Indigenous Group will remain a priority throughout the Project lifespan.
- **EIS submission to regulators:** In addition to all other means of engagement, there is an opportunity through the regulatory process for each Indigenous Group and members of the public to comment on the Project EIS. There will also be the opportunity to review the CNSC's staff EA report and submit comments to the Commission for an eventual hearing as a Commission Member Document (written intervention and/or oral presentation).

NexGen is committed to effective engagement. NexGen will continue to explore existing and future opportunities and initiatives to reach Indigenous community members, enable them to receive information on the Project, and provide an opportunity for their voices to be heard. Engagement will continue to be fluid and responsive to the needs of Indigenous Groups.

In addition to Indigenous-specific engagement, several other engagement mechanisms would be implemented throughout the Project lifespan. While these activities would apply to the general public, significant engagement with Indigenous Group members is anticipated to occur. Further information on NexGen's planned engagement may be found in EIS Section 2.7, Moving Forward.

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**APPENDIX A**

**Notification Letters for the  
Commencement of the  
Environmental Assessment**

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May 3, 2019

Chief Allan Adam  
Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation  
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**Re: Rook I Project - Environmental Assessment Commencement Notification**

Dear Chief Adam,

This letter is written to provide you with a formal notification of the commencement of the environmental assessment process for NexGen Energy Ltd.'s proposed Rook I uranium mine and mill project. The Rook I Project (the "Project") is a proposed new uranium mining and milling operation that is 100% owned by NexGen Energy Ltd. ("NexGen" or the "Company"). The Project is located within Treaty 8 territory, approximately 155 km north of the town of La Loche, 80 km south of the former Cluff Lake Mine site (currently in decommissioning) and 770 km North of Saskatoon by road.

NexGen is commencing the process to obtain federal environmental assessment (EA) approval under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) and an authorization in the form of a Licence from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (the "CNSC") issued pursuant to the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* (NSCA).

In addition, as the proposed Project will occur within the Province of Saskatchewan and is considered a "development" as defined in section 2(d) of *The Environmental Assessment Act*, NexGen is also undertaking an Environmental Assessment (EA) to obtain approval for the Project from the Saskatchewan Minister of Environment.

In order to begin these regulatory processes, NexGen submitted the *Rook I Project – Project Description* (the "Project Description") to the Environmental Assessment and Stewardship Branch of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (the "SOME") and to the CNSC. The Project Description has since been accepted by both the SMOE and the CNSC and the Environmental Assessment of the Project is now underway. Enclosed are copies of the Executive Summary from the *Rook I Project - Project Description*, in both English and Dene, for your information. Please visit our Project website ([www.saskatchewanuranium.ca](http://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca)) for further information on the Project and from where you can also access a copy of the full Project Description.

The Mineral Resource basis for the proposed Project is the Arrow Deposit, a land-based, basement hosted, high grade uranium deposit. The proposed Project includes underground and surface facilities to support the extraction and processing of uranium ore from the Arrow Deposit. The conceptual mine development will utilize a shaft and conventional underground longhole stope mining, a proven technique that has been successfully applied at other mining operations worldwide and within the Athabasca Basin, as the primary mining method. The conventional milling process will utilize acid leaching, solvent extraction, uranium precipitation, and calcining to extract a marketable U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> product.

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Additional infrastructure required to support the development and operation of the Project will include, but are not limited to:

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- A surface special waste rock storage pad;
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- A paste backfill circuit for processing of mill waste (tailings) into engineered paste and paste transfer system;
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- Staff accommodations;
- An airstrip, site roads; and,
- Fuel storage and transfer facilities.

Vehicular access to the site will be via an existing road that leads to the current camp which is accessed from Provincial Highway #955 that extends from La Loche to Cluff Lake. The access road will be used to transport equipment and supplies to and from the Project, as well as the trucking of the final product. The entire area of the Project is proposed to encompass approximately 178 hectares.

NexGen invites you to review the enclosed *Rook I Project – Project Description – Executive Summary* or the full Project Description (available at [www.saskatchewanuranium.ca](http://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca)) and contact us with any comments or questions you may have. Or, if you prefer a printed copy of the material, please identify a primary contact person within your organization to whom we can send the material and communicate with in the future.

We look forward to hearing about any interest the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation may have in relation to the Rook I Project.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like further information please feel free to contact us via e-mail at [info@saskatchewanuranium.ca](mailto:info@saskatchewanuranium.ca), by phone at 1-833-333-8895 or contact Adam Engdahl – Senior Project Manager, at (306) 716-4770.

Thank you and we look forward to continued communications with you, and your community.

Sincerely,



Leigh Curyer  
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cc: NexGen – Troy Boisjoli, Karina Tyne, Adam Engdahl, Shawn Harriman





May 3, 2019

Chief Coreen Sayazie  
Black Lake Denesuline First Nation  
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Dear Chief Sayazie,

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May 3, 2019

Chief Elmer Campbell  
Buffalo River Dene Nation  
P.O. Box 40  
Dillon, SK, S0M 0S0

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Clearwater River Dene Nation  
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Clearwater River, SK, S0M 3H0

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May 3, 2019

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Patuanak, SK, S0M 2H0

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May 3, 2019

Chief Louis Mecredi  
Fond-du-Lac Denesuline First Nation  
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May 3, 2019

Tribal Chief Richard Ben  
Meadow Lake Tribal Council  
8003 Flying Dust Reserve,  
Meadow lake, SK, S9X 1T8

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Leonard Montgrand  
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Vehicular access to the site will be via an existing road that leads to the current camp which is accessed from Provincial Highway #955 that extends from La Loche to Cluff Lake. The access road will be used to transport equipment and supplies to and from the Project, as well as the trucking of the final product. The entire area of the Project is proposed to encompass approximately 178 hectares.

NexGen invites you to review the enclosed *Rook I Project – Project Description – Executive Summary* or the full Project Description (available at [www.saskatchewanuranium.ca](http://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca)) and contact us with any comments or questions you may have. Or, if you prefer a printed copy of the material, please identify a primary contact person within your organization to whom we can send the material and communicate with in the future.

We look forward to our continuing engagement and consultation with the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Northern Region II and will be contacting you shortly to discuss next steps in effectively engaging you and your community in meaningful consultation on the Project.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like further information please feel free to contact us via e-mail at [info@saskatchewanuranium.ca](mailto:info@saskatchewanuranium.ca), by phone at 1-833-333-8895 or contact Adam Engdahl – Senior Project Manager, at (306) 716-4770.

Thank you and we look forward to continued communications with you, and your community.

Sincerely,



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May 3, 2019

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**Re: Rook I Project - Environmental Assessment Commencement Notification**

Dear Mr. Schmidt,

This letter is written to provide you with a formal notification of the commencement of the environmental assessment process for NexGen Energy Ltd.'s proposed Rook I uranium mine and mill project. The Rook I Project (the "Project") is a proposed new uranium mining and milling operation that is 100% owned by NexGen Energy Ltd. ("NexGen" or the "Company"). The Project is located within Treaty 8 territory, approximately 155 km north of the town of La Loche, 80 km south of the former Cluff Lake Mine site (currently in decommissioning) and 770 km North of Saskatoon by road.

NexGen is commencing the process to obtain federal environmental assessment (EA) approval under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) and an authorization in the form of a Licence from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (the "CNSC") issued pursuant to the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* (NSCA).

In addition, as the proposed Project will occur within the Province of Saskatchewan and is considered a "development" as defined in section 2(d) of *The Environmental Assessment Act*, NexGen is also undertaking an Environmental Assessment (EA) to obtain approval for the Project from the Saskatchewan Minister of Environment.

In order to begin these regulatory processes, NexGen submitted the *Rook I Project – Project Description* (the "Project Description") to the Environmental Assessment and Stewardship Branch of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (the "SOME") and to the CNSC. The Project Description has since been accepted by both the SMOE and the CNSC and the Environmental Assessment of the Project is now underway. Enclosed are copies of the Executive Summary from the *Rook I Project - Project Description*, in both English and Dene, for your information. Please visit our Project website ([www.saskatchewanuranium.ca](http://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca)) for further information on the Project and from where you can also access a copy of the full Project Description.

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We look forward to hearing about any interest the Ya'thi Néné Land and Resource Office may have in relation to the Rook I Project.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like further information please feel free to contact us via e-mail at [info@saskatchewanuranium.ca](mailto:info@saskatchewanuranium.ca), by phone at 1-833-333-8895 or contact **Adam Engdahl – Senior Project Manager, at (306) 716-4770.**

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**APPENDIX B**

# Indigenous Group Engagement Activities

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## Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Definition         |
|--------------|--------------------|
| NexGen       | NexGen Energy Ltd. |
| Project      | Rook I Project     |

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| 28 August 2013     | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called the CRDN to discuss NexGen's progress to date and the plans for the Rook I exploration camp during the winter. An update on potential contracting opportunities for the Project was also provided.   |
| 30 April 2014      | Phone call, incoming | The CRDN called NexGen to request a consultation meeting with NexGen, the CRDN, and the ENV.   |
| 1 May 2014         | Phone call, incoming | The CRDN called NexGen to request a meeting on 8 May 2014 to discuss NexGen's summer plans at the Rook I site.   |
| 8 May 2014         | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the CRDN Chief and Council to introduce NexGen and to discuss the proposed exploration program. NexGen also provided an overview of mineral exploration techniques. Additional discussion was focused on arranging a site tour for CRDN members, training and employment, environmental protection, and community engagement.  |
| 19 August 2015     | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the CRDN to set up a meeting and a site tour. A follow-up email was sent on 20 August 2015.   |
| 11 January 2016    | Email exchange       | NexGen and the CRDN exchanged emails attempting to organize a meeting in Saskatoon for NexGen to update the CRDN on the Rook I site activities planned for the winter of 2016.   |
| 2 February 2016    | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called the CRDN to discuss the contract and tendering process, and to provide clarity on the selection process. Positive discussion also focused on local workforce placement and permitting.   |
| 15 March 2016      | In-person meeting    | NexGen provided an update on the winter 2016 drilling program to the CRDN. NexGen and the CRDN discussed local employment, contracting, and training opportunities, as well as the possibility of a site tour. The CRDN discussed their expectation regarding NexGen hiring locally.   |
| 5 April 2016       | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the CRDN to discuss how best to begin traditional knowledge work in the community. The CRDN representative advised NexGen that previous work related to traditional knowledge and land use planning had been completed already and that NexGen should discuss the matter with the Chief.   |
| 1 September 2016   | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the CRDN and discussed business opportunities for local companies.   |
| 21 September 2016  | Letter, incoming     | The CRDN sent NexGen a letter regarding consultation expectations. The CRDN proposed a meeting with NexGen to discuss these matters in more detail and to attempt to reach a common understanding regarding expectations.  |
| 14 October 2016    | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the CRDN for an introductory in-person meeting and a tour of a local business facilities. Topics of discussion included the creation of a regional economic development group, and engagement and consultation strategies.   |
| 27 January 2017    | Email exchange       | The CRDN and NexGen exchanged emails regarding engagement and consultation.  |
| 27 January 2017    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen sent the CRDN an email regarding consultation and engagement and stated that early consultation with all Meadow Lake Tribal Council Bands and Métis Locals is required based on discussions with the provincial and federal governments. NexGen stated their commitment to supporting local communities.  |
| 3 February 2017    | Email exchange       | The CRDN stated that they would like to arrange a meeting to include the NVLL and the MN-S, including LLML#39, to discuss traditional land use and stakeholders present in the area of NexGen's exploration activities. NexGen and the CRDN exchanged emails regarding scheduling a meeting.   |
| 21 February 2017   | Email exchange       | A series of emails were exchanged between NexGen, the CRDN, and the MN-S NR2 regarding traditional territory and engagement.   |
| 6 September 2017   | Letter, incoming     | The MN-S NR2, NVLL, LLML#39, and CRDN emailed NexGen an attached letter requesting an informal meeting to discuss upcoming issues in the uranium exploration industry and each organization's expectations and concerns.   |
| 12 October 2017    | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the MN-S NR2, LLML#39, CRDN, and NVLL to discuss the uranium exploration industry. Consultation and engagement was discussed, as well as economic opportunities and partnerships. The meeting identified the close ties between the NVLL, LLML#39, MN-S NR2, and CRDN, and that they collectively want to ensure that La Loche and the CRDN are considered for economic opportunities that arise from NexGen's exploration and development activities. |

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| 10 May 2018        | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the CRDN and discussed potential business opportunities for local Indigenous companies in the area and reviewed the current local business capacity and local regional service network employment for the Project.  |
| 17 August 2018     | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the CRDN and provided a tour of the Rook I site for Chief, Council, and select community members. The tour included an overview presentation of the 2018 activities followed by a tour of the Project site.   |
| 4 October 2018     | Letter, incoming     | The CRDN sent NexGen a letter to express interest in the proposed development of the Project, requested additional information regarding the exploration and drilling program, consultation relating to the exploration and drilling program, and status of the EA. The CRDN requested a meeting with NexGen.   |
| 16 October 2018    | Multiple methods     | Following a series of correspondence, NexGen sent the CRDN an introductory email and stated that the information request was being compiled and would be submitted with a response letter. The CRDN responded to NexGen's email suggesting meeting in Saskatoon once the information request was received. Further discussion on the positive and respectful relationship was conducted.  |
| 13 November 2018   | Email exchange       | NexGen and the CRDN exchanged emails regarding the information package that NexGen had sent to the CRDN, a tentative meeting date, and the direction to provide hardcopy maps to the CRDN. The CRDN emailed NexGen a letter with an invitation to meet with the CRDN to begin consultation.   |
| 13 December 2018   | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the CRDN to discuss the Project and discuss a process for promoting meaningful engagement. NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ company introduction and overview;</li> <li>▪ description of the Project and Arrow deposit;</li> <li>▪ Preliminary Economic Assessments highlights and summary of Pre-Feasibility Study results;</li> <li>▪ environmental baseline summary;</li> <li>▪ community commitment to training and procurement; and</li> <li>▪ commitment to engagement.</li> </ul> Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting. |
| 7 January 2019     | Multiple methods     | NexGen and the CRDN exchanged texts to discuss training CRDN members with a local drilling company. NexGen and the CRDN discussed the positive meeting on 13 December 2018. The CRDN requested a meeting on 22 January 2019 to discuss the next steps.  |
| 22 January 2019    | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen sent the CRDN a letter with a meeting request to the CRDN Chief and Council to attend a workshop on the Rook I Project Description on 12 February 2019 in La Loche.  |
| 22 January 2019    | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the CRDN and discussed a change of date for the Project Description workshop, consultation framework, and other meetings that the CRDN had recently with the CNSC and other mining companies.   |
| 18 February 2019   | In-person meeting    | The CRDN presented to NexGen regarding engagement and collaboration funding for the CRDN as the Project advances. A conceptual document on how to proceed was shared with NexGen to review.   |
| 18 February 2019   | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the CRDN to present an overview of the information included in the Rook I Project Description, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ regulatory framework;</li> <li>▪ Project information;</li> <li>▪ existing environment;</li> <li>▪ environmental interactions; and</li> <li>▪ engagement.</li> </ul>  |
| 21 March 2019      | Phone call           | A phone meeting between NexGen and the CRDN occurred to discuss a collaboration agreement and when the CRDN and NexGen could meet to discuss further.   |
| 29 March 2019      | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called the CRDN to notify them that a letter from the ENV would be sent to them regarding the Rook I Technical Proposal application and the duty to consult.   |
| 4 April 2019       | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called the CRDN to notify them that a letter from the CNSC would be sent to the CRDN to state that NexGen has submitted a Rook I Project Description.  |
| 3 May 2019         | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen sent a letter to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.   |

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| 10 May 2019        | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the CRDN to discuss next steps and to confirm that the CRDN received the notification letter dated 3 May 2019.  |
| 4 June 2019        | Letter, outgoing     | <p>NexGen sent an invitation letter to a meeting on 18 June 2019 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ further define the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a JWG;</li> <li>▪ collaboratively define the Terms of Reference and requirements necessary to complete an IKTLU Study in the area around the Project;</li> <li>▪ collaboratively undertake a Traditional Food Study;</li> <li>▪ develop a protocol to address and protect the proprietary nature of the information collected and its use by NexGen in the EA and related regulatory processes; and</li> <li>▪ discuss the framework and timeline for a Benefit Agreement.</li> </ul> <p>NexGen informed the CRDN that a representative from both the NVLL and MN-S NR2 have also been invited to attend. NexGen acknowledged that NVLL is not a rights-bearing Indigenous community and that the CRDN and MN-S NR2 are two distinct and separate Indigenous Nations but that for transparency on information shared, all are being invited to meet collectively.</p> |
| 12 June 2019       | Letter, incoming     | The CRDN replied to NexGen's letter dated 4 June 2019 regarding the meeting invitation for 18 June 2019.   |
| 13 June 2019       | Phone call, incoming | The CRDN expressed that the CRDN would like to meet with NexGen separately from the NVLL and MN-S NR2. NexGen and the CRDN agreed to meet on 18 June 2019.   |
| 18 June 2019       | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the CRDN to introduce the Study Agreement, which included capacity funding for a JWG, an IKTLU Study, a community coordinator, and a dietary study. Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.   |
| 19 September 2019  | Phone call           | NexGen and the CRDN had a phone call regarding arranging a meeting with the CRDN Chief and Council, CNSC, and ENV. The CRDN informed NexGen that the CRDN will not be able to attend this meeting and that the CRDN would set up a meeting between the CRDN and regulators. The CRDN expressed gratitude for NexGen's respectful approach to engagement and stated that the CRDN would be sending an invitation to arrange a meeting in Vancouver.   |
| 23 September 2019  | Letter exchange      | The CRDN sent NexGen a letter to request an engagement update meeting in Vancouver on 8 November 2019. NexGen responded to propose alternative dates. The CRDN suggested meeting on 13 November 2019 in Saskatoon, to which NexGen agreed.   |
| 16 October 2019    | Email exchange       | Signing of a Study Agreement was completed between the CRDN and NexGen to outline a framework for working collaboratively to advance the EA of the Project. The Study Agreement includes funding for an IKTLU Study, a dedicated community coordinator, and establishing a JWG.  |
| 13 November 2019   | In-person meeting    | A meeting was held to discuss the Study Agreement in detail (including the IKTLU Study), plans for the upcoming community forum, and a tour of the Rook I site.  |
| 14 November 2019   | Email exchange       | Between 14 and 20 November 2019, NexGen and the CRDN exchanged emails regarding scheduling meetings to support the activities outlined in the Study Agreement and to determine the appropriate meeting attendees. NexGen also sent a timeline with deliverable dates as agreed upon in the Study Agreement. The CRDN stated that there would be an update on the IKTLU Study and dietary study soon.   |
| 21 November 2019   | Email, outgoing      | NexGen sent the CRDN an email requesting support in conducting interviews with CRDN members who have broad knowledge of the community or expertise in specific areas that are relevant to the socio-economic environment.  |
| 25 November 2019   | Email, incoming      | The CRDN emailed NexGen and proposed a plan for the JWG to fulfill the EIS submission requirements and to work within the community. The CRDN confirmed that the IKTLU Study and dietary study are aligned with the Study Agreement.   |
| 27 November 2019   | Video conference     | NexGen met with the CRDN and discussed the IKTLU Study and Household Food Survey progress as per the Study Agreement.  |
| 27 November 2019   | Email, incoming      | The CRDN emailed NexGen to request possible dates to review the Consultation Policy being developed for the CRDN. This Policy was originally proposed in February 2019.  |

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| 2 December 2019    | Multiple methods     | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN shapefiles that were requested during the meeting on 27 November 2019. Additional discussion occurred through email and phone calls and focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>confirming that the socio-economic interviews can be arranged in La Loche;</li> <li>the CRDN drafting an email confirming the change in the timeline for the outstanding deliverables; and</li> <li>tentatively planning the first JWG meeting on 14 January 2020, if confirmed by Chief and Council. Meeting was eventually set for 31 January 2021.</li> </ul> |
| 9 December 2019    | Email exchange       | <p>NexGen sent the CRDN a follow-up email regarding the socio-economic interviews and the JWG member selection and meetings. The CRDN stated that the CRDN would be having internal meetings during the week and would provide updates once available. The CRDN also stated that they had not received confirmation of the JWG membership yet.</p> <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN to connect the CRDN with InterGroup, who will be organizing interviews within the community.</p>   |
| 16 December 2019   | Email exchange       | <p>The CRDN instructed NexGen to have InterGroup reach out to a CRDN representative to arrange the interviews for the socio-economic sections of the EIS. InterGroup emailed the CRDN to begin organizing the social and economic interviews in the communities and advised that a phone message had been left that afternoon.</p> <p>InterGroup subsequently emailed the CRDN and provided a memorandum regarding the economic research InterGroup would like to conduct in January 2020.</p>   |
| 6 January 2020     | Text exchange        | NexGen texted the CRDN to confirm the JWG meeting on 14 January 2020. The CRDN replied that they would confirm meeting times and call NexGen.  |
| 16 January 2020    | Email, incoming      | The CRDN emailed NexGen to arrange the first JWG meeting in Saskatoon on 31 January 2020. The CRDN also confirmed the attendees.   |
| 17 January 2020    | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the CRDN and discussed plans to engage a CRDN representative to assist in the socio-economic interviews being conducted at the CRDN.   |
| 31 January 2020    | Email exchange       | The CRDN emailed NexGen the IKTLU research plan sent to address the approach and timing of deliverables. The CRDN suggested that the interim IKTLU Study would be delivered to NexGen by 15 February 2020 and that the final report would be submitted by 31 March 2020.   |
| 31 January 2020    | In-person meeting    | <p>Introductory meeting for the JWG. Topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>introduction and logistics;</li> <li>overview of the Project;</li> <li>EA overview;</li> <li>overview of baseline studies; and</li> <li>overview of Indigenous Knowledge in the EA.</li> </ul>  |
| 2 February 2020    | Email exchange       | The CRDN emailed NexGen to request that the second and third JWG meetings occur in Edmonton on 19 February 2020 and in Vancouver on 10 March 2020, respectively. NexGen agreed to the dates and locations to accommodate the CRDN's schedule.  |
| 19 February 2020   | In-person meeting    | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>introduction and logistics;</li> <li>overview of the Project;</li> <li>EA overview;</li> <li>overview of baseline studies;</li> <li>overview of Indigenous Knowledge in the EA;</li> <li>human health risk assessment; and</li> <li>consultation and CRDN rights.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.</p>   |
| 3 March 2020       | Text, outgoing       | NexGen sent a text to the CRDN inquiring about a potential member to assist with field work from 16 to 26 March 2020.  |

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| 4 March 2020       | Email exchange       | NexGen and the CRDN exchanged emails regarding the CRDN community forum that NexGen was invited to attend on 25 March 2020. The official invite was delivered in person by the CRDN on 10 March 2020.   |
| 10 March 2020      | In-person meeting    | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ baseline studies / existing environment;</li> <li>▪ terrestrial: vegetation, wildlife, species at risk;</li> <li>▪ aquatic: hydrology, water quality, fish and fish habitat;</li> <li>▪ potential pathways and assessment methodology; and</li> <li>▪ socio-economic research.</li> </ul> Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.   |
| 14 March 2020      | Email, incoming      | The CRDN notified NexGen that the CRDN community forum was cancelled due to COVID-19.   |
| 1 April 2020       | Multiple methods     | NexGen and the CRDN corresponded through conference calls, phone calls, and text messages to discuss the delay of the IKTLU Study. The CRDN suggested that the interim report would be delayed until 29 April 2020 and the final report delivery date was still to be determined.   |
| 20 April 2020      | Video conference     | NexGen and the CRDN met to discuss the status of the IKTLU Study and the community perception of the socio-economic effects anticipated from the Project.   |
| 28 April 2020      | Multiple methods     | The CRDN emailed and called NexGen to inform them that that the IKTLU Study would not be delivered until May 2020.  |
| 8 May 2020         | Email, incoming      | The CRDN informed NexGen that the IKTLU Study will be delivered on 11 May 2020.   |
| 19 May 2020        | Phone call, incoming | The CRDN informed NexGen that their consultants requested another two weeks to complete the IKTLU Study, but that the CRDN instructed them to complete it by the end of the week.   |
| 5 June 2020        | Email, incoming      | The CRDN provided NexGen with an interim IKTLU Study as a preliminary report based on interviews conducted between 2010 and 2016. The interim IKTLU Study is an initial document and supplemental information will be obtained, though activities have been delayed due to COVID-19.  |
| 8 September 2020   | Multiple methods     | NexGen called the CRDN to request a JWG meeting via Zoom to continue engagement on the Project. A follow-up email was sent on 14 September 2020. NexGen and the CRDN agreed in a phone call on 25 September 2022 to define the next JWG meeting, and the CRDN directed NexGen to include specific CRDN representatives on a follow-up email. NexGen sent the CRDN an email as per the phone call on 25 September 2020 to set up the next JWG meeting.   |
| 22 October 2020    | Email, outgoing      | The CRDN emailed NexGen to provide an update on the IKTLU Study progress, the JWG meeting request, and Benefit Agreement progression.   |
| 29 October 2020    | Email exchange       | The CRDN emailed NexGen and requested to meet on 3 November 2020 in Saskatoon to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ discuss JWG meetings and follow-up requirements;</li> <li>▪ share an update on the IKTLU Study;</li> <li>▪ discuss the submission of CRDN invoices for previous JWG meetings;</li> <li>▪ review milestones and achievements of the Study Agreement; and</li> <li>▪ discuss the newly introduced CRDN communication application.</li> </ul> NexGen replied and agreed to the meeting time and objectives. |
| 3 November 2020    | Video conference     | NexGen and the CRDN met to discuss the next JWG meeting and to provide a status update on the EA, the IKTLU Study, and an opportunity to use a virtual engagement platform. The CRDN also confirmed that InterGroup can contact the CRDN to advance the socio-economic studies for the EA and that the CRDN is interested in conducting a tri-party meeting with NexGen and the CNSC once the IKTLU Study is complete.  |
| 10 November 2020   | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the CRDN with the proposed schedule for virtual JWG meetings for the remainder of the year and throughout 2021 to provide CRDN with time to prepare.   |
| 23 November 2020   | Email, outgoing      | NexGen followed up with the CRDN regarding the proposed JWG meeting for 8 December 2020.  |
| 30 November 2020   | Email, outgoing      | NexGen sent the CRDN an email requesting an update on the status of the IKTLU Study.  |



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| 8 December 2020    | Multiple methods     | NexGen texted, phoned, and emailed the CRDN between 8 December 2020 and 17 December 2020 to request a meeting to plan the next JWG engagement meetings and to discuss the status of the delayed IKTLU Study.  |
| 22 December 2020   | Email, incoming      | The CRDN emailed NexGen and provided an update that the IKTLU Study was in final review prior to releasing it to Chief and Council. The CRDN advised that revisions would be completed over the Christmas holidays and would be presented to the CRDN in the New Year.  |
| 23 December 2020   | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the CRDN a letter to provide details related to 2021 JWG activities, including scheduling monthly virtual JWG meetings in 2021, providing a list of proposed topics for future JWG meetings, and engaging technical expertise. NexGen proposed a meeting the first week in January 2021 to begin planning the next JWG meeting.  |
| 4 January 2021     | Email, outgoing      | NexGen followed up with a series of emails between 4 January 2021 and 25 January 2021 to the CRDN regarding the JWG planning meeting proposed in January 2021 and updates on the IKTLU Study.   |
| 2 February 2021    | Email exchange       | NexGen emailed the CRDN and reminded the CRDN of the letter sent on 23 December 2020 and inquired if the JWG would be able to meet via Zoom on 10 February 2021 or 17 February 2021 to facilitate a JWG meeting. The CRDN replied to NexGen's request for a JWG meeting and noted they were waiting for direction from Chief and Council.   |
| 8 February 2021    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the CRDN and requested an update on the IKTLU Study.   |
| 22 February 2021   | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the CRDN to follow up on outstanding items from the 3 November 2020 meeting. NexGen advised that InterGroup have modified the in-community social and economic research program due to COVID-19 restrictions. NexGen requested that the CRDN identify a community member with the appropriate experience/skill set to conduct the interviews. NexGen noted that there would be training to help prepare the CRDN community member chosen to conduct the interviews.  |
| 6 March 2021       | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen sent a letter to the CRDN to provide an update with respect to submission of the EIS, revisit provisions under the Study Agreement, outline a proposed approach for continuing JWG discussions, and inquire as to the status of the socio-economic study for the CRDN. NexGen attached the January and February 2021 JWG presentations given to other JWGs and welcomed the opportunity to present the topics at the CRDN's convenience.   |
| 12 March 2021      | Letter, incoming     | The CRDN replied to NexGen's letter from 6 March 2021. The CRDN stated that they agree to advance work under the Study Agreement and provided comments in advance of the proposed meeting on 24 March 2021. The CRDN acknowledged NexGen's target submission date for filing the EIS and noted that the CRDN is in discussions with the CNSC. The CRDN also provided updates on the IKTLU Study, the socio-economic interviews, and the JWG meetings. The CRDN confirmed that they are prepared to meet virtually for a JWG meeting on 24 March 2021. |
| 18 March 2021      | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the CRDN to thank them for their letter dated 12 March 2021. NexGen confirmed that they are in the process of responding to the letter but that it was prudent to confirm the meeting details for the JWG meeting scheduled on 24 March 2021. NexGen stated they would prepare materials for "Part 1: The Baseline of the Host Environment and Project Area" and "Part 2: Potential Environmental Interactions and Effects" as per the agenda stated in the letter dated 12 March 2021.  |
| 18 March 2021      | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked them for the letter dated 12 March 2021 and suggested a phone call on 22 March 2021 to discuss the CRDN's preference for a researcher to complete the socio-economic research/interview program.  |
| 18 March 2021      | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the CRDN a letter in response to the letter received from CRDN on 12 March 2021. NexGen provided updates and responses regarding the EIS, Study Agreement provisions, the CRDN IKTLU Study, the socio-economic interviews, and the JWG meetings. NexGen reiterated that continued engagement with the CRDN remains a priority and outlined near-term next steps to support the EA process.   |



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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary   |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| 24 March 2021      | Video conference     | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>terrestrial baseline studies;</li> <li>aquatic baseline studies;</li> <li>environmental interactions (pathways);</li> <li>cumulative effects; and</li> <li>next steps for the EA.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting minutes were provided after the meeting.</p>  |
| 14 April 2021      | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the CRDN as follow up to the 24 March 2021 JWG meeting, including updates on actions from the JWG meeting.   |
| 29 April 2021      | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN to follow up on an action item from the 24 March 2021 JWG meeting that was to schedule a discussion between the CRDN and NexGen around environmental baseline and monitoring programs for the Project. NexGen inquired if the week of 10 May 2021 would work for the CRDN and proposed 11 or 13 May 2021. NexGen noted areas of interest for this discussion to be collaboration on environmental field work programs, specifically program design for incorporation of Indigenous Knowledge, as well as collaborating with community knowledge holders.</p> <p>NexGen requested the CRDN confirm a meeting date that would work, identify any key areas of interest for discussion, and identify any materials NexGen could provide to assist in preparation of the meeting.</p>  |
| 3 May 2021         | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and followed up on the discussion at the 24 March 2021 JWG meeting regarding NexGen's approach to caribou (<i>Rangifer tarandus</i> species) mitigation and offsetting planning. NexGen stated that they would like to provide further details and invite the CRDN to participate in NexGen's planned Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen provided a letter invitation with appendices on the draft Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and noted that should the CRDN representative be interested in meeting, to reach out directly to NexGen to do so, with the identified NexGen and CRDN representatives copied as per communication protocols.</p> <p>NexGen also provided the provincial caribou reports for the CRDN's review, as requested as an action item from the 24 March 2021 JWG meeting.</p> |
| 4 May 2021         | In-person meeting    | <p>The CRDN met with NexGen to discuss status updates on outstanding items from the Study Agreement, which included the IKTLU Study, socio-economic studies, and technical capacity support, as well as status updates on actions related to the JWG. The CRDN confirmed their desire to conduct the socio-economic KP interviews with CRDN members themselves, using the KP interview guide NexGen used for other communities.</p> <p>Meeting minutes were provided after the meeting.</p>   |
| 4 May 2021         | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided an update on NexGen's availability to meet to discuss the environmental baseline and monitoring. NexGen also requested that the CRDN reach out with any questions or to provide specific areas of interest for discussion.   |
| 6 May 2021         | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed a CRDN representative and thanked them for the meeting on 4 May 2021. NexGen advised that they would be reaching out to connect with the CRDN on the CRDN inputs into the socio-economic studies for the EIS and stated that NexGen was committed to working collaboratively with the CRDN to responsibly develop the Project.   |
| 7 May 2021         | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed a CRDN representative and provided the KP interview guide to assist with conducting the socio-economic KP interviews on behalf of the CRDN. NexGen requested that in the interest of consistency, the CRDN answer the questions within the guide with CRDN community members.</p> <p>NexGen also requested an update on the Community Household Harvest Study. NexGen stated that a perception survey draft questionnaire would be compiled and that NexGen would seek inputs once developed.</p>   |
| 7 May 2021         | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the CRDN to provide an update on the Project schedule and the milestone timelines.   |

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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 12 May 2021        | Email, incoming      | The CRDN emailed NexGen and thanked them for the informative email regarding the socio-economic studies and advised that CRDN would provide an update following a discussion with the team.  |
| 19 May 2021        | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and requested an update on the KP interviews for the socio-economic baseline studies, with a request that these be completed in May 2021, as well as a status update on the Community Household Harvest Study.</p> <p>NexGen outlined additional initiatives and welcomed a reply for all initiatives addressed in the email. NexGen referred to the email sent to the CRDN on 4 May 2021 regarding NexGen's planned Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program and asked for a CRDN update regarding that initiative. NexGen provided the related invitation as an attachment and noted that NexGen was looking to advance the initial aspects of the field program as early as June 2021.</p>  |
| 20 May 2021        | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the CRDN and requested an update on the KP interviews for the socio-economic baseline and the Community Household Harvest Survey.   |
| 7 June 2021        | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and requested an update on topics including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KP interviews for the CRDN for the socio-economic baselines;</li> <li>▪ Community Household Harvest Survey status update;</li> <li>▪ Rook I baseline program workshop; and</li> <li>▪ Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program.</li> </ul> <p>NexGen suggested potential days and times for a Zoom meeting to discuss.</p>   |
| 16 June 2021       | Email exchange       | The CRDN emailed NexGen and advised that the KP interviews for the CRDN for the socio-economic baselines and the Community Household Harvest Survey would not begin until after the CRDN election at the end of June 2021. NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked them for the update and expressed interest to work together after the election.   |
| 17 June 2021       | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and noted a list of information NexGen was hoping to receive from the CRDN and indicated the desire to align on the next steps of engagement once the election is complete. NexGen noted that the outstanding deliverables and programs are important to confirm that the CRDN's input is incorporated in the EA.</p> <p>Outstanding deliverables noted in the email included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KP interviews;</li> <li>▪ Community Household Harvest Survey;</li> <li>▪ Rook I Project baseline program workshop;</li> <li>▪ Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program; and</li> <li>▪ CRDN IKTLU Study.</li> </ul> <p>Newly proposed programs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ targeted Women's Interviews;</li> <li>▪ regional services; and</li> <li>▪ regional services providers workshop.</li> </ul> |
| 30 June 2021       | Letter, outgoing     | <p>NexGen sent the CRDN an engagement update letter and attached appendices regarding engagement on the EA for the Project, including JWG meeting presentations provided to other JWGs. NexGen stated that the intent of the letter was to confirm that information shared with the JWG is made available to all JWGs and to confirm any pending requests and information from the meetings and discussions are tracked and followed up on. The following appendices were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ March 2021 JWG presentation;</li> <li>▪ April 2021 JWG presentation;</li> <li>▪ hazard identification for the accidents and malfunctions assessment;</li> <li>▪ regional highway maps of Highway 155 and Highway 955;</li> <li>▪ May 2021 JWG presentation; and</li> <li>▪ May 2021 JWG presentation summary.</li> </ul>  |

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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary   |
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| 2 July 2021        | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and noted NexGen had applied for a permit from the ENV to complete the work associated with the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen informed the CRDN that the ENV requested an engagement summary specific to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program and that NexGen will be providing a summary of when information about the program was presented to and discussed with the CRDN.</p> <p>It was also noted by NexGen that the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program is a proactive initiative to trial caribou reclamation and mitigation methods at the Rook I site and that work for the program was anticipated to commence in mid-July 2021.</p>   |
| 29 July 2021       | Letter, outgoing     | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and noted attachment of the July engagement update letter for review to summarize the JWG engagement activities in June and July, present an outline for upcoming JWG activities, and to provide additional information regarding engagement on the EA for the Project. The following appendices were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ list of questions to explore for the July 2021 JWG meeting;</li> <li>▪ June 2021 JWG presentation;</li> <li>▪ June 2021 JWG summary; and</li> <li>▪ April 2021 JWG summary.</li> </ul>  |
| 30 July 2021       | Email exchange       | <p>The CRDN emailed NexGen and noted that due to COVID-19 restrictions and other community processes of resuming Band operations, the CRDN's focus was to proceed with a limited and sensitive approach. The CRDN added that proper participation methods and practices with the community of the CRDN was vital moving forward and advised they would review the letter and attachments provided on 29 July 2021. NexGen replied to the CRDN and agreed that much work has been completed while working together and expressed anticipation for connecting again soon.</p>   |
| 31 August 2021     | Letter, outgoing     | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and advised of an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during July to mid-August 2021 and to share what was planned for EA engagement in September 2021. An attached appendix included a list of themes being considered for the Community Information Sessions.</p>  |
| 31 August 2021     | Email, incoming      | <p>The CRDN emailed NexGen in response to an engagement update letter provided by NexGen on 31 August 2021. The CRDN advised that they were reviewing all data and scheduling pertaining to the activities on items that reflect the CRDN's community and technical participation and added that several areas of the Project required attention.</p>   |
| 9 September 2021   | Multiple methods     | <p>The CRDN emailed NexGen and requested a call to discuss administrative aspects of the Study Agreement and clarify the outstanding technical items requiring the CRDN's attention. NexGen called the CRDN to discuss CRDN's advancement of the IKTLU Study, the Harvest Food Study, and the JWG.</p> <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and noted discussion items from a call on 9 September 2021 to discuss the IKTLU Study, Harvest Food Study, and the JWG. NexGen outlined several items related to the Study Agreement and the JWG process. NexGen re-extended an invitation to the CRDN to meet in Saskatoon for the CRDN to present to NexGen staff on various potential areas such as the CRDN IKTLU Study, culture, and customs.</p> <p>NexGen also extended an invitation for a site tour for Chief and Council and outlined details related to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program, including a request for the CRDN to assist with providing a CRDN member to participate in the program.</p> <p>The CRDN emailed NexGen and thanked them for the quick response regarding the Harvest Food Study Report and the socio-economics interviews.</p> |
| 16 September 2021  | Email exchange       | <p>The CRDN emailed NexGen and stated they have been reviewing the Rook I Project Description and requested engineering specifics for the Project to assist with strategy and planning. NexGen emailed the CRDN to confirm that NexGen would ask the Project engineers to provide the requested information.</p>  |

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|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| 17 September 2021  | Multiple methods     | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and asked if there was an Elder or CRDN knowledge holder that would like to take part in the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program.</p> <p>The CRDN emailed NexGen and noted a concern with sending a knowledge holder out with the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program work as the CRDN would need to verify if the Elders agree to share on-the-ground, unsolicited information.</p> <p>NexGen called the CRDN regarding the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. The CRDN advised that they would try to find a community member that would be interested in participating and that a follow-up email would be sent, once confirmed. NexGen and the CRDN discussed the dates for the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program as well as the camp accommodations and policies. The CRDN were subsequently unable to identify a suitable participant.</p> |
| 17 September 2021  | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the CRDN and asked if a CRDN consultant had completed socio-economic interviews to support the EIS.  |
| 27 September 2021  | Multiple methods     | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN to provide an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during late August and September 2021 and to share planned activities for October 2021.</p> <p>The CRDN responded on 29 September 2021 by email and outlined the CRDN's position with respect to participation in the CRDN / NexGen engagement process and stated CRDN would be reaching out to discuss other Project matters soon.</p>  |
| 5 October 2021     | Email exchange       | The CRDN and NexGen exchanged emails regarding a meeting to discuss 2022/2023 business opportunities.   |
| 5 October 2021     | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the CRDN and inquired if the socio-economic interviews had been delivered to the CRDN by their consultant.   |
| 3 November 2021    | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the EIS to the CNSC and ENV.</p> <p>NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.</p>   |
| 5 November 2021    | Letter, outgoing     | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided an engagement update letter and corresponding appendices summarizing engagement activities from August to October 2021 and to share a summary of the proposed activities for November 2021. The following appendices were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ July/August 2021 JWG presentation;</li> <li>▪ July/August 2021 JWG summary;</li> <li>▪ March 2021 JWG summary; and</li> <li>▪ May 2021 JWG summary (re-issued).</li> </ul>   |
| 5 November 2021    | Letter, incoming     | The CRDN emailed NexGen a letter and provided the final CRDN IKTLU Study.   |
| 19 November 2021   | In-person meeting    | <p>NexGen hosted a meeting with leadership from local communities (i.e., CRDN, MN-S, NR2, and La Loche) to discuss the Project training plan being advanced with training service providers (i.e., Northlands College, the Gabriel Dumont Institute, the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies, and the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification). Discussion was held around the challenges faced by local community members in pursuing post-secondary education or training (i.e., lack of resources in community, lack of access to computers/internet, lack of knowledge of potential careers, childcare and financial barriers for adult workers, and lack of delivery of training in communities).</p>  |
| 6 December 2021    | Phone call, outgoing | <p>NexGen called the CRDN to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ proposed meeting time for a JWG meeting;</li> <li>▪ the IKTLU Study, in which NexGen noted the open invitation for the CRDN to present the IKTLU Study as per the CRDN's request; and</li> <li>▪ Benefit Agreements.</li> </ul>  |

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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
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| 17 December 2021   | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and informed them that they were in the process of finalizing the EA results for the EIS and that they would like to present and discuss the results via discussions in a workshop format and proposed two workshops in early 2022.</p> <p>NexGen advised that the EA results workshops would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results and would be grouped by the themes of air, land, water, and people to be presented in multiple workshops.</p>   |
| 21 December 2021   | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the CRDN and advised of the attached engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in November and December 2021, summarized proposed activities for January 2022, and provided a copy of the community newsletter distributed to the local communities in November 2021.  |
| 7 January 2022     | Email exchange       | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and confirmed availability for a meeting on 18 January 2022. NexGen offered to host the meeting in the Saskatoon office or an alternative location of the CRDN's preference.</p> <p>The CRDN emailed NexGen and advised that the upcoming meeting on 18 January 2022 would occur at an alternate location in Saskatoon. The CRDN noted the first part of the meeting would focus on action items related to the JWG, such as the Harvest Food Study and the socio-economic survey, and that the second part of the meeting would focus on technical business areas for the Project.</p> |
| 18 January 2022    | In-person meeting    | <p>NexGen met with the CRDN to discuss topics and deliverables related to the EA and to plan the next series of JWG meetings for Q1 2022.</p> <p>Following the meeting, on 26 January 2022, NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked the CRDN for attending the planning meeting on 18 January 2021 in Saskatoon. NexGen provided a tentative schedule and highlights of the deliverables discussed.</p>  |
| 26 January 2022    | Email exchange       | <p>NexGen emailed the CRDN and requested clarification on the use of quotes from the CRDN IKTLU Study in the EIS. NexGen provided examples and advised that NexGen could follow up with a call to the CRDN on 31 January 2022 to confirm.</p> <p>On 27 January 2022, the CRDN emailed NexGen and advised of edits required in the IKTLU Study examples provided by NexGen via email on 26 January 2022. The CRDN noted that CRDN would like to keep the details as original as possible and that they would reply back once confirmed.</p>   |
| 3 February 2022    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed CRDN and inquired how the CRDN would like the IKTLU Study presented to the regulatory authorities as part of NexGen's EIS submission. NexGen noted that it had been mentioned at the meeting on 18 January 2022 and that the CRDN may have already discussed the matter with the CNSC. NexGen also provided the options outlined in the Study Agreement for how the CRDN may decide to present and submit the IKTLU Study with the EIS submission.  |
| 5 February 2022    | Email exchange       | <p>The CRDN emailed NexGen and requested that the wording of quotes from the CRDN IKTLU Study be kept as written in NexGen's EIS.</p> <p>On 9 February 2022, NexGen emailed the CRDN and confirmed that NexGen would not modify the text of the quotes and would use the original wording from the CRDN Indigenous Rights and Knowledge Study in the EIS.</p>  |
| 10 February 2022   | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the CRDN and requested a meeting to connect regarding the planned EA Results workshops. NexGen noted that some of the scheduled workshops had been cancelled due to potential COVID-19 exposure. NexGen suggested meeting to discuss content, format, and timing for the workshops with the CRDN and asked that the CRDN provide availability for a one-hour meeting during the week of 21 February 2022.   |

KP = key person; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; JWG = Joint Working Group; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2; NVLL = Northern Village of La Loche; VC = valued component; LLML#39 = La Loche Métis Local #39.

**Table B-2: Métis Nation – Saskatchewan**

| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 19 May 2013        | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with members of the LLML#39 and the N-19 Trappers Association to introduce NexGen and to discuss any concerns. Some concerns were noted by the LLML#39 and the N-19 Trappers such as the potential effects of drilling and restricted land use. Additional discussions were focused on employment and business opportunities as well as ongoing community engagement.   |
| 24 August 2015     | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the newly elected President of the BNML#62 in Buffalo Narrows for introductions and coffee.  |
| 12 October 2015    | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the President of the BNML#62 for an informal coffee to discuss ongoing work.   |
| 16 March 2016      | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the BNML#62 to provide an update on NexGen's 2016 winter drill program and the other upcoming programs scheduled for 2016, including the environmental and engagement plans. NexGen and the BNML#62 discussed the Project, including the geology of the Arrow deposit, the status and future of the Project, and the employment, contracting, and training opportunities.  |
| 5 April 2016       | In-person meeting    | NexGen organized an information session to share information about the Project with the Chipewyan Prairie Industry Relations Corporation, English River First Nation, Métis Local 130 Métis Nation Region 1 #214, Northern Settlement of Deschambeau Lake community council, and Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations. NexGen introduced the Project and provided a summary of the work to date as well as an overview of the planned work to be completed in 2016. Community members raised concerns about the engagement and consultation processes to date. Additional discussions were focused on the safety of uranium mining, local employment and contracting, and traditional land use. |
| 21 February 2017   | Email exchange       | A series of emails were exchanged between NexGen, the CRDN, and the MN-S NR2 regarding traditional territory and engagement.   |
| 27 February 2017   | In-person meeting    | NexGen provided an update presentation on exploration and Project development activities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ overview and history of the Arrow deposit;</li> <li>▪ highlights of metallurgical work;</li> <li>▪ conceptual Project design;</li> <li>▪ update on studies planned to support a future EA; and</li> <li>▪ proposed 2017 activities including baseline studies and engagement planning.</li> </ul>  |
| 6 September 2017   | Letter, incoming     | The MN-S NR2, NVLL, LLML#39, and CRDN emailed NexGen an attached letter requesting an informal meeting to discuss upcoming issues in the uranium exploration industry and each organization's expectations and concerns.   |
| 12 October 2017    | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the MN-S NR2, LLML#39, CRDN, and NVLL to discuss the uranium exploration industry. Consultation and engagement were discussed as well as economic opportunities and partnerships. The meeting identified the close ties between the NVLL, LLML#39, MN-S NR2, and CRDN and that they collectively want to ensure that La Loche and the CRDN are considered for economic opportunities that arise from NexGen's exploration and development activities.  |
| 10 July 2018       | In-person meeting    | NexGen provided a tour of the Rook I site for the LLML#39 President and Council. The following areas were visited: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rook I exploration camp;</li> <li>▪ core processing and storage facilities;</li> <li>▪ surface drill locations at the Arrow deposit;</li> <li>▪ cuttings management facility; and</li> <li>▪ weather station.</li> </ul> This tour provided an opportunity for dialogue and an opportunity for the President and Council to increase their knowledge of activities at the Rook I site.   |



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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary   |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| 5 October 2018     | In-person meeting    | NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities to the MN-S NR2. The topics included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ company introduction and overview;</li> <li>▪ description of the Project and Arrow deposit;</li> <li>▪ Preliminary Economic Assessment highlights and the current Pre-Feasibility Study;</li> <li>▪ environmental baseline summary;</li> <li>▪ community commitment to training and procurement; and</li> <li>▪ commitment to engagement.</li> </ul>   |
| 21 February 2019   | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen sent the MN-S NR2 a letter with a meeting request to attend a workshop on the Rook I Project Description on 27 February 2019 in Saskatoon.   |
| 26 February 2019   | Text exchange        | The MN-S NR2 requested the workshop meeting dates be changed to later in March.   |
| 25 March 2019      | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the MN-S NR2 to present an overview of the information included in the Rook I Project Description, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ regulatory framework;</li> <li>▪ Project information;</li> <li>▪ existing environment;</li> <li>▪ environmental interactions; and</li> <li>▪ engagement.</li> </ul>  |
| 29 March 2019      | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called the MN-S NR2 to notify them that a letter from the ENV regarding the Rook I Technical Proposal application and the duty to consult would be sent to LLML#39, TLML#40, and Descherm Lake Métis Local #130. An MN-S NR2 representative explained that a letter should not be sent to Descherm Lake Métis Local #130 as they do not have Métis Local status and should be considered part of LLML#39. The MN-S NR2 noted that they would contact the ENV on this matter.   |
| 29 March 2019      | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called LLML#39 to notify them that a letter from the ENV would be sent to them regarding the Rook I Technical Proposal application and the duty to consult.  |
| 29 March 2019      | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called TLML#40 to notify them that a letter from the ENV would be sent to them regarding the Rook I Technical Proposal application and the duty to consult.  |
| 4 April 2019       | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called the MN-S NR2 to notify them that a letter from the CNSC would be sent to the MN-S President to state that NexGen has submitted the Rook I Project Description and that this letter was sent to the MN-S NR2 as the representatives of the Métis Locals.   |
| 5 April 2019       | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called the MN-S to notify them that a letter from the CNSC would be sent to the MN-S to state that NexGen has submitted the Rook I Project Description and that a letter was sent to the MN-S NR2 as the representatives of the Métis Locals.  |
| 8 April 2019       | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the new President and Board Members of BNML#62 and provided a general overview of the status of the Project.  |
| 3 May 2019         | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen sent a letter to the MN-S to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.   |
| 3 May 2019         | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen sent a letter to the MN-S NR2 to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.   |
| 4 June 2019        | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called and left a message with the MN-S NR2 reception to confirm if the notification letter was received as registered mail confirmed delivery.  |
| 4 June 2019        | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen sent an invitation letter to the MN-S NR2 for a meeting on 18 June 2019 to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ further define the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a JWG;</li> <li>▪ collaboratively define the Terms of Reference and requirements necessary to complete an IKTLU Study in the area around the Project;</li> <li>▪ collaboratively undertake a Traditional Food Study;</li> <li>▪ develop a protocol to address and protect the proprietary nature of the information collected and its use by NexGen in the EA and related regulatory processes; and,</li> <li>▪ discuss framework and timeline for a Benefit Agreement.</li> </ul> |
| 18 June 2019       | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the MN-S NR2 to introduce the Study Agreement, which included capacity funding for a JWG, IKTLU Study, community coordinator, and dietary study.  |

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| Communication Date | Communication Method            | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 20 June 2019       | Letter, incoming                | The MN-S NR2 sent NexGen a letter regarding the meeting on 18 June 2019 in Saskatoon that stated their engagement considerations and proposed next steps.  |
| 20 June 2019       | Phone Call                      | NexGen and the MN-S NR2 discussed the letter that NexGen sent to the MN-S NR2 and the MN-S NR2's concerns regarding the proposed studies. NexGen stated that NexGen would provide the funding for the proposed studies but that the MN-S NR2 would conduct and retain ownership of the studies.  |
| 5 July 2019        | Email, outgoing                 | NexGen emailed the Study Agreement to the MN-S NR2.  |
| 26 July 2019       | In-person meeting               | An open-floor meeting where the leadership of the MN-S, MN-S NR2, Métis National President, and the community members from the respective communities met and discussed updates within the Métis Nation. NexGen was invited to attend the meeting and sponsored a traditional meal.  |
| 30 July 2019       | Email exchange                  | The MN-S NR2 requested a Project area map. NexGen supplied a Project-specific map and a regional area map.   |
| 12 August 2019     | Email exchange                  | NexGen and the MN-S NR2 exchanged emails with respect to setting up a meeting with the consultants who will be completing the IKTLU Study for the MN-S NR2 on 14 August 2019.  |
| 14 August 2019     | In-person meeting               | NexGen met with representatives for the MN-S to review administrative aspects the Study Agreement. The MN-S requested a map of the area in the vicinity of the Project that covers the wildlife study area for the baseline studies and the schedule for the Project as it refers to Construction, Operations, and Decommissioning and Reclamation (i.e., Closure).  |
| 16 August 2019     | Email, outgoing                 | NexGen sent MN-S NR2 a map of the area in the vicinity of the Project and a link to the Project Description and Project timeline.  |
| 20 August 2019     | Email exchange                  | The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen to request maps with different map scales and inquired if there was supposed to be another attachment in the previous email regarding the Project timeline. NexGen responded that the map that was provided shows the regional extent of the EA study areas and explained that with wildlife having the largest study area, the boundaries of the other disciplines (air, aquatics, terrestrial) are within the extent of the map. The scale (1:250K) of the map is such that it shows the extent of the information that was requested. There was discussion about setting up a follow-up conversation. |
| 5 September 2019   | Update meetings with leadership | The CNSC hosted a meeting for Indigenous leaders from northern Saskatchewan to provide an overview of the role of the CNSC and updates on CNSC regulated projects, including the Project.  |
| 5 September 2019   | Letter, incoming                | A letter was received by NexGen: Motion for Métis Local Delegation of duty to consult Responsibilities and Motion for Authorized Delegate to Accept Delegation Responsibilities of duty to consult, transferring responsibility to the MN-S from the MN-S NR2.   |
| 9 September 2019   | In-person meeting               | NexGen and the MN-S met to sign and execute the Study Agreement. The Study Agreement outlines a framework for working collaboratively to advance the EA for the Project and includes funding for an IKTLU Study, a dedicated community coordinator, and for establishing a JWG.  |
| 19 September 2019  | Multiple methods                | NexGen called the MN-S NR2 to arrange a meeting with the MN-S NR2, the CNSC, and the ENV on 8 October 2019. A follow-up email invitation was sent on 27 September 2019 to confirm the meeting details. The MN-S NR2 confirmed via text message on 27 September 2019 that MN-S NR2 Council and legal counsel would be attending the meeting on 8 October 2019 in Saskatoon.   |
| 8 October 2019     | In-person meeting               | NexGen, the CNSC, the MN-S, and the MN-S NR2 met for a presentation. The presentation was facilitated by NexGen but was led by the CNSC to provide an overview of the CNSC's EA review process.  |
| 29 October 2019    | In-person meeting               | Introductory meeting for the JWG including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ introductions and logistics;</li> <li>▪ overview of the Project;</li> <li>▪ EA overview;</li> <li>▪ overview of baseline studies;</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA;</li> <li>▪ IKTLU Study; and</li> <li>▪ human health risk assessment.</li> </ul>  |



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| 10 December 2019   | In-person meeting    | <p>A JWG meeting was held and included the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ introductions and logistics;</li> <li>▪ review of the Project;</li> <li>▪ EA overview;</li> <li>▪ overview of baseline studies;</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA;</li> <li>▪ IKTLU Study;</li> <li>▪ human health risk assessment;</li> <li>▪ water assessment and management; and</li> <li>▪ air and water pathways.</li> </ul>  |
| 21 January 2020    | In-person meeting    | <p>A tour of the Rook I site was conducted, followed by a presentation and meeting to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mineral Surface Lease Agreements;</li> <li>▪ underground tailings management;</li> <li>▪ caribou – mitigation and management;</li> <li>▪ traditional land use; and</li> <li>▪ traffic studies.</li> </ul>  |
| 26 February 2020   | Email, incoming      | The MN-S confirmed that the IKTLU Study can be used by Golder and InterGroup to support the EA as per the Study Agreement.   |
| 27 February 2020   | In-person meeting    | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ socio-economic assessment: approach and methods;</li> <li>▪ community well-being;</li> <li>▪ employment and training opportunities;</li> <li>▪ business opportunities;</li> <li>▪ caribou mitigation and management; and</li> <li>▪ IKTLU Studies.</li> </ul> <p>Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were needed, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.</p>  |
| 13 March 2020      | Email exchange       | A legal representative for the MN-S emailed NexGen to inform that travel restrictions had been put in place as a result of COVID-19 and that the upcoming meeting would need to be rescheduled or potentially moved to a teleconference.   |
| 18 March 2020      | Email, incoming      | The MN-S notified NexGen that the tour of La Loche and the Rook I site that was planned for 22 and 23 March 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19.  |
| 2 April 2020       | Email exchange       | NexGen created a JWG poster for community members. The MN-S reviewed the poster with minor edits requested.  |
| 1 May 2020         | Email exchange       | The MN-S emailed NexGen to ask how NexGen is supporting La Loche and the northern communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. NexGen replied that they are providing support through a community pandemic coordinator, food boxes for the students at home, and partnering with the Saskatchewan Mining Association to supply masks and cleaning supplies.   |
| 7 May 2020         | In-person meeting    | NexGen toured the MN-S around NexGen's office in Saskatoon.  |
| 14 May 2020        | Email exchange       | The MN-S emailed NexGen requesting dates for the next JWG meetings and to discuss a Benefit Agreement. NexGen replied on 15 May 2020 to share a meeting agenda to review the JWG plans, confirm that the IKTLU Study is finalized, and to continue Benefit Agreement discussions.  |
| 21 May 2020        | Email exchange       | On 15 May 2020, NexGen sent a proposed meeting and agenda to discuss the path forward for the JWG and the Benefit Agreement. The MN-S responded on 21 May 2020 to request that all Benefit Agreement discussions proceed through legal counsel and that the JWG is placed on hold until Benefit Agreement discussions have advanced.   |
| 2 June 2020        | Multiple methods     | Following leaving a phone message, NexGen thanked the MN-S for their email on 21 May 2020. NexGen stated that they had hoped to discuss the email over the phone but unfortunately had not been able to connect. NexGen stated that they understand the requested path forward for the JWG and Benefit Agreements and stated that NexGen's objective is to continue and advance the respectful relationship with the MN-S and the local Métis leadership and communities. NexGen suggested a JWG meeting in the coming weeks and asked the MN-S to inform NexGen what dates would work best. |

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| 4 June 2020        | Email, incoming      | The TLML#40 copied NexGen on an email to the MN-S NR2 regarding JWG membership.   |
| 23 July 2020       | Email, outgoing      | NexGen sent the MN-S an email to confirm the new JWG membership and to confirm if there has been a change in the community coordinator position. NexGen suggested a meeting in August 2020 to continue the engagement process for the EA.   |
| 20 August 2020     | Email, incoming      | The MN-S provided the most up to date IKTLU Study that incorporated edits from the former JWG members. The MN-S advised NexGen that all future JWG and engagement requests should be provided to MN-S legal counsel.  |
| 12 November 2020   | Email exchange       | Email correspondence was exchanged between the MN-S and NexGen. NexGen emailed the MN-S on 6 November 2020 to request to meet to continue Benefit Agreement discussions and JWG and engagement meetings. The MN-S responded on 10 November 2020 with terms for participating in Benefit Agreement meetings. NexGen replied on 12 November 2020 to address the terms and to notify the MN-S that a NexGen representative would be reaching out to the designated MN-S representative to request a JWG meeting. |
| 16 November 2020   | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the MN-S to provide a meeting agenda and list of NexGen attendees for the proposed JWG meeting on 8 December 2020. NexGen also attached a schedule of proposed JWG meeting dates for the remainder of 2020 and in 2021.  |
| 3 December 2020    | Email exchange       | The MN-S replied to NexGen's JWG meeting request to confirm the attendance for 8 December 2020. NexGen replied to the MN-S to request that the proposed JWG meeting be rescheduled to 16 December 2020 as NexGen's availability had changed between 16 November 2020 and 3 December 2020. The MN-S replied to NexGen and proposed 17 or 18 December 2020 for the JWG meeting. NexGen replied and confirmed that meeting on 17 December 2020 would work.   |
| 17 December 2020   | Video conference     | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project update;</li> <li>▪ regulatory process update;</li> <li>▪ review of JWG meetings;</li> <li>▪ key actions and commitments; and</li> <li>▪ topics for future JWG meetings.</li> </ul> Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting, revised per provided comments, and subsequently issued as final meeting minutes.   |
| 22 January 2021    | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the MN-S and proposed a JWG meeting in February 2021. NexGen noted the attachment of a letter, which suggested a plan for the 2021 JWG / Engagement meetings. The letter addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ a proposed JWG meeting schedule;</li> <li>▪ a proposed list of topics for future JWG meetings;</li> <li>▪ recording and co-chairing of JWG meetings;</li> <li>▪ MN-S engagement of technical expertise; and</li> <li>▪ a list of VCs for the Project.</li> </ul>  |
| 6 March 2021       | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the MN-S a formal letter to reiterate their commitment to continuing meaningful engagement with the MN-S on behalf of the Locals within the MN-S NR2. NexGen invited the MN-S to a meet for the MN-S to provide feedback to NexGen and to collectively determine the path forward for the JWG. NexGen also confirmed capacity funding available as per the Study Agreement.  |
| 8 March 2021       | Email, incoming      | The MN-S advised that they discussed the proposed meeting on 17 March 2021.   |
| 23 March 2021      | Email, incoming      | The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided the names of the JWG members that would be attending the next JWG meeting.   |
| 29 March 2021      | Email exchange       | NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for the list of the JWG participants for the next JWG meeting. NexGen provided a draft agenda for the next JWG meeting to collectively discuss the path forward for the JWG.<br><br>On 1 April 2021, the MN-S emailed NexGen and requested additional time to prepare for the next JWG meeting to discuss the path forward and indicated that they have just hired technical consultants to assist.  |

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| 9 April 2021       | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised of the attached letter regarding engagement on the EA for the Project to provide an update on NexGen's schedule for the EIS, provisions of the Study Agreement, and the proposed approach for continuing JWG discussions. NexGen also provided near-term steps to continue to support the EA process. The following appendices were included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>completed JWG presentations, supplementary materials, and meeting minutes; and</li> <li>planned Q1 2021 JWG presentations for the following topics: models and the EA, Project design and alternatives assessed, and land use: past, present, and future.</li> </ul> |
| 5 May 2021         | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised of the attached letter regarding the EA and a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and provided details on the upcoming Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program with an invitation for the MN-S to participate.   |
| 5 May 2021         | Video conference     | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the MN-S's expectations and desires for the JWG moving forward, reflecting the MN-S's recent decision to change the membership of the JWG and including suggested topics for future discussion, meeting frequency, and participants;</li> <li>timelines for the submission of the EIS and the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program; and</li> <li>interim communication protocol for communication between the MN-S and NexGen.</li> </ul> Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting, revised per provided comments, and subsequently issued as final meeting minutes.                   |
| 5 May 2021         | Email, incoming      | The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided the MN-S proposed JWG plan that was discussed during the 5 May 2021 JWG meeting. The proposed plan outlined a tentative JWG process and schedule, which specified meeting topics, participants, materials, and information to be provided in advance of meeting and the proposed timing for the JWG meetings to occur.   |
| 7 May 2021         | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the MN-S and acknowledged that based on the input received from the meeting on 5 May 2021, NexGen understood that providing an EIS schedule overview to the MN-S was a critically important task and provided a schedule table that provided context for many of the items contained within the draft MN-S/NexGen JWG Planning Table.<br><br>NexGen also provided a list of topics that were not included within the draft MN-S/NexGen JWG planning table but to which NexGen was prepared to discuss at any time. NexGen added that if a break-out session to discuss any items in more detail would be beneficial, then NexGen would be happy to discuss.                    |
| 12 May 2021        | Email, incoming      | The MN-S emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for providing the EIS planning schedule. The MN-S advised that they need to connect internally about what could be completed given the election period and what may need to wait.  |
| 14 May 2021        | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised that should a meeting to discuss the timing of tasks and how they related to milestones in planning schedule be required, that NexGen would gladly set up a meeting.<br><br>NexGen also followed up on an action item and provided the timelines associated with the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program.  |
| 14 May 2021        | Email, incoming      | The MN-S emailed NexGen and thanked them for the clarification and information on the caribou-related items. The MN-S inquired if NexGen had any ideas about timing and activities related to opportunities for MN-S' involvement in the caribou studies in the spring/summer. The MN-S noted that the MN-S could also give this some thought.  |
| 14 May 2021        | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the MN-S and suggested an introductory call with NexGen's subject matter expert (Omnia) and a subset of the NexGen team to discuss the proposed caribou mitigation program details. NexGen provided a copy of the caribou mitigation and offsetting planning invitation letter sent to the MN-S on 5 May 2021 for reference and requested that the MN-S advise if there were times the MN-S may be available for a call.<br><br>NexGen added that NexGen would like to include the MN-S and/or MN-S Locals in the field part of the program tentatively scheduled for June 2021.   |

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| 18 May 2021        | Email exchange       | <p>The MN-S emailed NexGen and stated that connecting with Omnia sounded positive. The MN-S noted uncertainty around the timing that this meeting could occur as key members were out of the office. The MN-S stated that a meeting could still occur though the information would need to be taken back to the full MN-S team for discussion.</p> <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and agreed that NexGen would be interested in hearing the thoughts of the other MN-S representatives about the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen stated that the planning and the field portion of Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program was scheduled for June 2021 and that setting a meeting within the following two weeks between Omnia and MN-S representatives would be a great first step and requested that MN-S provide availability for the following week for a collaborative session.</p> <p>NexGen also added that in the letter sent to the MN-S representative on 5 May 2021 regarding caribou mitigation and offsetting planning, NexGen suggested that the MN-S identify local knowledge holders to collaborate on the initiative and suggested that perhaps an MN-S member could identify local community members with knowledge on both caribou and the Patterson Lake area. NexGen stated that should knowledge holders be unavailable to attend the first meeting, NexGen would be happy to meet again at a future date to identify opportunities to continue the conversation.</p> |
| 3 June 2021        | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and Two Worlds Consulting (consultant to the MN-S) and noted they had been reviewing the MN-S / NexGen JWG Plan document and would be finalizing a letter to the MN-S that would be sent before the end of that week.</p> <p>NexGen also inquired if the MN-S was still interested in setting up an introductory call with Omnia regarding the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program and if any MN-S or MN-S NR2 Local members were interested in participating in the field program during the summer.</p>  |
| 4 June 2021        | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the MN-S and noted attachment of a response letter to provide context regarding engagement completed to date and future agenda items, following NexGen's review of the MN-S / NexGen JWG plan document.  |
| 7 June 2021        | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the MN-S and noted they were looking forward to hearing from MN-S now that the election period had concluded.  |
| 23 June 2021       | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S to propose a meeting during the week of 12 July 2021. NexGen noted the following topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project description (i.e., key Project design elements);</li> <li>▪ Project interactions with the environment;</li> <li>▪ proposed mitigations; and</li> <li>▪ Project alternatives considered.</li> </ul> <p>NexGen confirmed they would draft a presentation and noted they would welcome input from MN-S.</p>  |
| 29 June 2021       | Email exchange       | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and congratulated the successful election candidates. NexGen requested dates the MN-S would be available to meet post-election. NexGen also noted that they look forward to feedback from the MN-S team regarding the JWG process. NexGen noted they wanted to proactively propose topics of importance to be able to move forward collaboratively.</p> <p>The MN-S emailed NexGen thanking them for their email and saying that they will connect with the broader MN-S group and will follow up.</p>   |

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| 30 June 2021       | Letter, outgoing     | <p>NexGen sent the MN-S an engagement update letter and attached appendices regarding engagement on the EA for the Project. NexGen stated that the intent of the letter was to confirm that information shared with some JWG's is made available to all JWG's and that any pending requests and information from the meetings and discussions are tracked and followed up on. The following appendices were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ April 2021 JWG presentation;</li> <li>▪ hazard identification for the accidents and malfunctions assessment;</li> <li>▪ regional highway maps of Highway 155 and Highway 955;</li> <li>▪ May 2021 JWG presentation; and</li> <li>▪ May 2021 JWG summary.</li> </ul>  |
| 7 July 2021        | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and noted NexGen had applied for a permit from the ENV to complete the work associated with the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen informed the MN-S that the ENV requested an engagement summary specific to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program and that NexGen will be providing a summary of when information about the program was presented to and discussed with the MN-S.</p> <p>It was also noted by NexGen that the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program is a proactive initiative to trial caribou reclamation and mitigation methods at the Rook I site and that work for the program was anticipated to commence in mid-July 2021.</p> |
| 9 July 2021        | Email exchange       | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S to follow up on the meeting request on 29 June 2021 to discuss the JWG relationship and outstanding action items or any Project-specific topics of interest.</p> <p>The MN-S emailed NexGen and noted they were working internally to respond to information regarding caribou. The MN-S noted that they were receiving requests from other proponents and requested additional support from NexGen and appreciation of the current capacity limitations. The MN-S stated that to move forward the caribou work would be prioritized and that further JWG work would therefore be delayed.</p>   |
| 14 July 2021       | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and agreed upon meeting dates. NexGen stated they were preparing a presentation that would discuss outstanding issues and actions, a current description of the Project (reintroduction plus any added information), critical alternatives considered, Project/environment interactions, and proposed key mitigations.</p> <p>NexGen added that NexGen was prepared to proceed with JWG's on a regular schedule and noted the possibility of transitioning the JWG to a steering committee format with breakout groups to help ease some of the capacity constraints conveyed to NexGen by the MN-S team.</p>  |
| 27 July 2021       | Email, incoming      | <p>The MN-S emailed NexGen and suggested 19 August 2021 for the next JWG meeting. The MN-S requested that the CNSC participate in the conversation to gain context about the relationship and the issues.</p>   |
| 28 July 2021       | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed the proposed meeting date of 19 August 2021. NexGen requested a phone call prior to the meeting to discuss the structure and agenda for the meeting.</p>   |
| 29 July 2021       | Email, incoming      | <p>The CNSC emailed NexGen and the MN-S and confirmed they would be happy to meet to hear concerns and better understand the context around the issues raised and confirm that all parties were communicating well and engaging effectively. The CNSC suggested that the CNSC, the MN-S, and NexGen work to set up a separate tripartite meeting with a set agenda at an alternative date, as opposed to having the CNSC join the NexGen and MN-S JWG meeting.</p>  |
| 29 July 2021       | Email, incoming      | <p>The MN-S emailed NexGen and agreed to the proposed meeting time on 19 August 2021. The MN-S also noted the following agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ clearing past action items;</li> <li>▪ clarification of consultation protocols and parameters; and</li> <li>▪ Project re-introduction and overview.</li> </ul>   |

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| 30 July 2021       | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the MN-S and noted the following agenda items for the 19 August 2021 JWG meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ review of outstanding issues and action items from previous JWG meetings;</li> <li>▪ a discussion regarding the path forward for the JWG; and</li> <li>▪ a current description of the Project (reintroduction plus any added information), critical alternatives considered, Project/environment interactions, and proposed key mitigations.</li> </ul> NexGen noted that per the CNSC comments, NexGen would be happy to set up a tripartite meeting at a future date and suggested that ENV should be included as well.  |
| 3 August 2021      | Email exchange       | The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the MN-S would connect with their team for next steps regarding the 19 August 2021 JWG meeting proposed by NexGen via email on 30 July 2021.<br><br>NexGen emailed the MN-S to thank the MN-S for their response regarding scheduling the proposed 19 August 2021 JWG meeting and that they looked forward to hearing back soon.  |
| 6 August 2021      | Email, incoming      | The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the MN-S team was still working on a few logistical pieces related to the email sent by NexGen on 30 July 2021 regarding the proposed JWG meeting on 19 August 2021.  |
| 6 August 2021      | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised of the attached engagement update letter summarizing engagement activities for the Project during June to mid-July 2021 and to provide an outline for upcoming activities. The following appendices were included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ list of questions to explore for the July 2021 JWG meeting;</li> <li>▪ June 2021 JWG presentation;</li> <li>▪ June 2021 JWG summary; and</li> <li>▪ April 2021 JWG summary.</li> </ul>   |
| 6 August 2021      | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for the update received from MN-S on 6 August 2021 regarding the proposed JWG meeting on 19 August 2021.  |
| 9 August 2021      | Email, incoming      | The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the MN-S would be happy to meet with the CNSC separately from the JWG process.  |
| 10 August 2021     | Email exchange       | NexGen emailed the MN-S and noted that they looked forward to meeting at the JWG meeting on 19 August 2021.<br><br>The MN-S emailed and thanked NexGen for an email sent by NexGen on 10 August 2021 related to the 19 August 2021 JWG meeting.  |
| 12 August 2021     | Email exchange       | The MN-S emailed NexGen and requested a call on the same day or the next day to discuss some minor housekeeping issues related to the JWG meeting on 19 August 2021.<br><br>NexGen emailed the MN-S and apologized for the short notice on the reply and inquired if 12 August 2021 would work for a call to discuss the housekeeping items prior to the JWG on 19 August 2021, as requested by MN-S via email on 12 August 2021. NexGen also provided alternative times for 13 August 2021.   |
| 16 August 2021     | Video conference     | Representatives from the NexGen and MN-S JWG met for a JWG breakout meeting to discuss minor housekeeping items in advance of the 19 August 2021 JWG meeting.  |
| 16 August 2021     | Email exchange       | NexGen emailed the MN-S and reiterated their appreciation for the discussion that morning on 16 August 2021. NexGen proposed that two key Golder team members attend the JWG to discuss the Project and EA. NexGen added that NexGen wanted to confirm that the MN-S agreed with this approach before formally proceeding. NexGen added that NexGen's minute taker for the JWG does record voice pieces for transcription purposes and that NexGen does not receive a copy of the recording. NexGen clarified that the JWG meetings are not video recorded and requested confirmation, comments, or questions regarding this approach.<br><br>The MN-S emailed NexGen regarding the call on 16 August 2021 to review the agenda ahead of the JWG meeting on 19 August 2021. The MN-S advised that the MN-S would prefer that Golder was not in attendance at this point as the desire was to focus on the relationship as a whole and setting a good foundation regarding process and trust. The MN-S also advised that the MN-S team provide feedback regarding the recording of the meeting. |



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| 17 August 2021                          | Email exchange       | <p>The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided the updated meeting invitation including an agenda in advance of the JWG meeting on 19 August 2021.</p> <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and expressed thanks for meeting on 16 August 2021 to discuss the agenda for the JWG meeting on 19 August 2021. NexGen advised that they did not plan to invite legal counsel to attend the JWG.</p>   |
| 19 August 2021                          | Video conference     | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>processes and protocols for the JWG;</li> <li>housekeeping aspects of the JWG process;</li> <li>capacity funding; and</li> <li>roundtable comments.</li> </ul> <p>Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting, revised per comments provided, and subsequently issued as final meeting minutes.</p>   |
| 26 August 2021                          | Email, incoming      | The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided potential dates and locations for the JWG subgroup to meet in late September 2021.   |
| 27 August 2021                          | Multiple methods     | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and inquired if they would be available 27 August 2021 for a call to discuss meeting logistics for the late-September 2021 small-group meeting. The MN-S emailed NexGen and confirmed availability for a call on 27 August 2021.</p> <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised they would call on 27 August 2021 as requested by the MN-S to discuss meeting logistics for the late-September small-group meeting. The call occurred later that day during which meeting dates later in the week of 20 September 2021 were proposed.</p>  |
| 30 August 2021                          | Email exchange       | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed availability on 23 and 24 September 2021 for the proposed JWG breakout group meeting(s).</p> <p>The MN-S emailed NexGen and thanked them for their message and agreed to wait to determine if the breakout meeting planned in late September would be in-person or virtual.</p>  |
| 9 September 2021                        | Email exchange       | NexGen emailed the MN-S and followed up on the meeting format for 23 and 24 September 2021.   |
| 13 September 2021                       | Email exchange       | The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised they would have an answer soon regarding the format for the meetings on 23 and 24 September 2021. NexGen emailed the MN-S to thank them for the email exchange about the format of the meetings on 23 and 24 September 2021.  |
| 20 September 2021                       | Email, incoming      | The MN-S emailed NexGen and noted that they were looking forward to the upcoming meetings.  |
| 23 September 2021 and 24 September 2021 | Video conference     | <p>Representatives from the NexGen and the MN-S JWG met for a JWG breakout meeting to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>review previous actions and discussion points from previous JWG meetings to create a centralized JWG meeting action tracker and discuss next steps;</li> <li>discuss the next formal JWG meeting and confirm the topics to be caribou and Project Description;</li> <li>identify VCs as a topic of importance to discuss further;</li> <li>discuss identifying and prioritizing the information from the EA for sharing with the MN-S; and</li> <li>discuss the existing mechanisms available under the Study Agreement for requests for technical support.</li> </ul> <p>Copies of meeting materials were provided after the meeting. NexGen placed a copy of the break-out session spreadsheet on SharePoint for breakout group access.</p> |
| 29 September 2021                       | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided meeting notes from the JWG subgroup meeting. NexGen requested that the MN-S confirm whether the list reflected the meeting discussion points and next steps.</p>  |
| 1 October 2021                          | Email exchange       | <p>The MN-S emailed NexGen and confirmed that the summary of the September 2021 break-out meeting looked accurate. The MN-S inquired if it would be possible for NexGen to provide the spreadsheet that had been worked on as part of the break-out session.</p> <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided a copy of the break-out session spreadsheet.</p>   |

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| 5 October 2021     | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed attachment of an engagement update letter and July/August 2021 JWG presentation to summarize engagement activities for the Project for August and September 2021 and to provide insight into planned activities.   |
| 18 October 2021    | Email exchange       | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S to follow up regarding the presentation for the upcoming JWG meeting. NexGen noted that comments on the 19 August 2021 JWG meeting minutes had been provided by the MN-S, though wanted to double check if a meeting was still required to resolve any additional items.</p> <p>The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised they believed the changes to the minutes were likely minor. The MN-S stated that they were looking forward to the small-group meeting on 22 October 2021. The MN-S noted that there was no proposed date for a larger-group meeting yet and that the MN-S would be in touch with feedback on that soon.</p>   |
| 19 October 2021    | Email exchange       | <p>The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided some suitable dates and times for the JWG meeting in November 2021 as well as a participant list.</p> <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed a JWG meeting on 2 November 2021 would work for the NexGen team.</p>  |
| 26 October 2021    | Email exchange       | <p>The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided a spreadsheet that included Two Worlds Consulting's review of past minutes that identified some items that were not included in the group/collective spreadsheet. The MN-S emailed NexGen and requested that, if possible, NexGen should review the augmented details provided in the issues tracking table provided by the MN-S via email on 26 October 2021.</p> <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and acknowledged receipt of the spreadsheet that included Two Worlds Consulting's review of past minutes.</p>  |
| 2 November 2021    | Video conference     | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the MN-S presentation on Métis history (Louis Riel); and</li> <li>NexGen's presentation on the Project and caribou.</li> </ul> <p>Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting, revised per comments provided, and subsequently issued as final meeting minutes.</p>  |
| 3 November 2021    | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the EIS to the CNSC and ENV.</p> <p>NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.</p>  |
| 3 November 2021    | Email, incoming      | The MN-S emailed NexGen in response to an engagement update letter and expressed concern with the number of requests received from NexGen. The MN-S noted that they were working to provide a budget for additional resources and that they required time to review, consider, engage, and respond to NexGen. The MN-S noted they see value in the engagement opportunities suggested by NexGen but that COVID-19 presented a concern for their community and team members. The MN-S informed NexGen that a key MN-S member would be on personal leave until mid-January 2022, suggested that the JWG continues as scheduled for the remainder of the year, and that additional engagement opportunities are postponed and revisited in 2022. The MN-S stated they would share a budget to account for the additional work and participation and that NexGen can work with MN-S's counsel to restart Benefit Agreement negotiations. |
| 3 November 2021    | Email, incoming      | The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and the MN-S and advised that MN-S NR2 regional council wanted a meeting soon as opposed to waiting. The MN-S NR2 noted that COVID-19 is a factor to consider when arranging meetings but that meeting attendees can be cautious.  |
| 8 November 2021    | Email exchange       | <p>The MN-S emailed NexGen and requested a meeting to debrief on the 2 November 2021 JWG meeting. The MN-S provided a list of available dates and times for the proposed meeting.</p> <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed availability for a JWG Debrief Meeting on 9 November 2021. NexGen advised that NexGen would send the meeting invite and inquired if there were any specific items to focus on for the meeting so that NexGen could prepare in advance.</p>  |



**Table B-2: Métis Nation – Saskatchewan**

| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary   |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| 10 November 2021   | Multiple methods     | <p>Representatives from the NexGen and MN-S JWG met for a JWG breakout meeting to discuss the next steps for the technical breakout group. The technical breakout group recommended meeting in December 2021 and to have a formal JWG meeting in early 2022. The MN-S confirmed that a communication regarding capacity funding and support was being drafted for NexGen and that the MN-S would be discussing preferred meeting schedules with JWG members. NexGen noted they will be drafting a Terms of Reference for the technical breakout group and that they would be reviewing the JWG meeting outline document provided by the MN-S in May 2021 in advance of the next meeting to share an update on available presentation materials. NexGen confirmed that the Study Agreements included capacity funding as well as mechanisms to request additional capacity funding if so required.</p> <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for meeting on 10 November 2021 to debrief following the JWG meeting on 2 November 2021 and to discuss the next steps for the JWG subgroup. NexGen provided a summary of notes taken during the meeting.</p> <p>Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting, revised per comments provided, and subsequently issued as final meeting minutes.</p> |
| 17 November 2021   | Email exchange       | <p>The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided the technical working group, traditional land use, and caribou budget.</p> <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed receipt of the budget information that was provided.</p>  |
| 19 November 2021   | In-person meeting    | <p>NexGen hosted a meeting with leadership from local communities (i.e., CRDN, MN-S, NR2, and La Loche) to discuss the Project training plan being advanced with training service providers (i.e., Northlands College, the Gabriel Dumont Institute, the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies, and the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification). Discussion was held around the challenges faced by local community members in pursuing post-secondary education or training (i.e., lack of resources in community, lack of access to computers/internet, lack of knowledge of potential careers, childcare and financial barriers for adult workers, and lack of delivery of training in communities).</p>  |
| 30 November 2021   | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and followed up on the meeting on 10 November 2021. NexGen inquired if the MN-S had considered when may be a suitable time to meet during the weeks of 6 December 2021 or 13 December 2021.</p>  |
| 1 December 2021    | Email, incoming      | <p>The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that Two Worlds Consulting would welcome another meeting; however, there was no further budget to support the MN-S on technical items for NexGen.</p>  |
| 13 December 2021   | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for the update provided on 1 December 2021 regarding the lack of remaining budget for technical funding. NexGen advised they had a chance to follow up on the technical expert funding and noted that there was a large amount of funding remaining under the Study Agreement for 2021 in addition to the 2022 amounts and offered to meet and further discuss if required.</p>   |
| 16 December 2021   | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked the MN-S for providing the budget summary on 17 November 2021 and inquired about a suitable time to meet and discuss further during the next week or early in 2022. NexGen advised their team had discussed internally and that they believed both parties are well-aligned in terms of capacity funding outlined by the MN-S and existing funding available.</p>  |
| 17 December 2021   | Email exchange       | <p>NexGen emailed the MN-S and informed that they were in the process of finalizing the EA results for the EIS and that they would like to present and discuss the results via discussions in a workshop format and proposed two workshops in early 2022.</p> <p>NexGen advised that the EA results workshops would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results and would be grouped by the themes of Air, Land, Water, and People to be presented in multiple workshops.</p> <p>The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and advised they were looking forward to the environmental workshop meetings in January 2022.</p>  |

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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary   |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| 21 December 2021   | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised of the attached engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in November and December 2021 and providing proposed activities for January 2022, a copy of the community newsletter distributed to the local communities in November 2021, and JWG summaries for March, May, and July 2021. |
| 12 January 2022    | Email, incoming      | The MN-S emailed NexGen and confirmed receipt of the upcoming workshop information. The MN-S advised they would not be participating in-person due to rising COVID-19 numbers but would be interested in discussing the topics in a virtual format once the proposed budget had been finalized.   |
| 13 January 2022    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the MN-S expressing thanks for the update regarding the budget progress and anticipation of further discussions in 2022 when NexGen and the MN-S could next meet.  |
| 11 February 2022   | Email exchange       | NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided a meeting invitation for 14 February 2022 to discuss the budget for engagement activities in 2022.<br><br>The MN-S emailed NexGen and thanked them for providing the meeting invitation for 14 February 2022 to discuss the budget for engagement activities in 2022.  |
| 14 February 2022   | Video conference     | NexGen and the MN-S met to discuss the proposed budget for engagement activities in 2022, including technical support funding and a community coordinator position, confirming that the requests outlined by the MN-S materially aligned with available funding from 2021 and 2022.   |
| 14 February 2022   | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for the meeting on 14 February 2022 to discuss the budget for engagement activities in 2022. NexGen summarized items discussed and actions. NexGen advised that NexGen would reach out to the MN-S to schedule the first two JWG meetings outlined in the budget plan.   |
| 15 February 2022   | Email, incoming      | The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the MN-S would review the technical support requirements and connect with the MN-S team on future JWG meetings.  |

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment;  
 EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; JWG = Joint Working Group; MN-S = Métis  
 Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2; NVLL = Northern Village of La Loche; VC = valued component; LLML#39 = La Loche  
 Métis Local #39; TLML#40 = Turnor Lake Métis Local #40; BNML#62 = Buffalo Narrows Métis Local #62.

**Table B-3: Birch Narrows Dene Nation**

| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 1 February 2017    | In-person meeting    | NexGen provided an update presentation on exploration and Project development activities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ overview and history of the Arrow deposit;</li> <li>▪ highlights of metallurgical work;</li> <li>▪ conceptual Project design;</li> <li>▪ update on studies planned to support a future EA; and</li> <li>▪ proposed 2017 activities, including baseline studies and engagement planning.</li> </ul> Copies of meeting materials were provided after the meeting.  |
| 30 October 2018    | In-person meeting    | NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ company introduction and overview;</li> <li>▪ description of the Project and Arrow deposit;</li> <li>▪ Preliminary Economic Assessment highlights and the current Pre-Feasibility Study;</li> <li>▪ environmental baseline summary;</li> <li>▪ community commitment to training and procurement; and</li> <li>▪ commitment to engagement.</li> </ul>   |
| 20 December 2018   | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called the BNDN to discuss community initiatives (such as the Driller Helper Training Program), community meetings and workshops for 2019, and to wish Season's Greetings.  |
| 11 March 2019      | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen sent the BNDN a letter to invite BNDN Chief and Council to a workshop on 27 March 2019 to review the information provided in the Project Description prepared for the Project.  |
| 12 March 2019      | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the BNDN and provided a tour of the new NexGen office in Saskatoon and had an informal discussion around employment opportunities and the BNDN school.   |
| 29 March 2019      | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called the BNDN to advise that there will be a letter sent to the BNDN from the ENV regarding the Rook I Technical Proposal application and the duty to consult.  |
| 4 April 2019       | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called the BNDN to advise that BNDN will be receiving a letter from the CNSC that states that NexGen has submitted the Rook I Project Description.  |
| 9 April 2019       | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the BNDN to present an overview of the information included in the Rook I Project Description, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ regulatory framework;</li> <li>▪ Project information;</li> <li>▪ existing environment;</li> <li>▪ environmental interactions; and</li> <li>▪ engagement.</li> </ul>   |
| 3 May 2019         | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen sent a letter to the BNDN to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.  |
| 4 June 2019        | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen sent an invitation letter to the BNDN regarding a meeting to be held on 18 June 2019 to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ further define the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a JWG;</li> <li>▪ collaboratively define the Terms of Reference and requirements necessary to complete an IKTLU Study for the area around the Project;</li> <li>▪ collaboratively undertake a Traditional Food Study; and</li> <li>▪ develop a protocol to address and protect the proprietary nature of the information collected and its use by NexGen in the EA and related regulatory processes; and</li> <li>▪ discuss a framework and timeline for a Benefit Agreement.</li> </ul> |
| 25 June 2019       | Letter, incoming     | The BNDN sent NexGen a letter requesting a meeting to further discuss details regarding a Benefit Agreement.   |
| 25 June 2019       | In-person meeting    | NexGen held a Community Information Session in BNDN to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ inform local communities of the nature of proposed activities at Rook I;</li> <li>▪ answer questions and receive initial feedback specific to the Project for consideration during the EA;</li> <li>▪ initially identify VCs and local land use by community members in attendance;</li> <li>▪ provide information about the EA process; and</li> <li>▪ introduce NexGen and the Project to the broader community.</li> </ul>   |

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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 25 June 2019       | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the BNDN to introduce the Study Agreement. The Study Agreement outlines a framework for working collaboratively to advance the EA of the Project and includes funding for an IKTLU Study, a dedicated community coordinator, and for establishing a JWG.   |
| 19 September 2019  | Multiple methods     | NexGen called the BNDN to arrange a meeting with the BNDN Chief and council, CNSC, and ENV. A follow-up email was sent on 27 September 2019 to confirm the meeting details. The BNDN confirmed that meeting on 8 October 2019 in Saskatoon would work and confirmed the participants from BNDN.  |
| 30 September 2019  | In-person meeting    | NexGen and the BNDN met to sign and execute the Study Agreement.   |
| 8 October 2019     | In-person meeting    | NexGen, the CNSC, the ENV, the Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence, and the BNDN met for a presentation. The presentation was facilitated by NexGen but was led by the CNSC to provide an overview of the CNSC's EA review process.   |
| 25 October 2019    | In-person meeting    | Introductory meeting for the JWG including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ introductions and logistics;</li> <li>▪ overview of the Project;</li> <li>▪ EA overview;</li> <li>▪ overview of baseline studies;</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA;</li> <li>▪ IKTLU Study; and</li> <li>▪ human health risk assessment.</li> </ul>  |
| 4 December 2019    | In-person meeting    | A JWG meeting was held, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ introductions and logistics;</li> <li>▪ review of the Project;</li> <li>▪ EA overview;</li> <li>▪ overview of baseline studies;</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA;</li> <li>▪ IKTLU Study;</li> <li>▪ human health risk assessment;</li> <li>▪ water assessment and management; and</li> <li>▪ air and water pathways.</li> </ul> This second JWG meeting included a review of the material presented in the first meeting as there were new members in the JWG. |
| 31 December 2019   | Email, incoming      | The BNDN submitted the final draft of the IKTLU Study, as per the Study Agreement.   |
| 22 January 2020    | In-person meeting    | The JWG had a tour of the Rook I site, followed by a presentation and meeting to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mineral Surface Lease Agreements;</li> <li>▪ underground tailings management;</li> <li>▪ caribou – mitigation and management;</li> <li>▪ traditional land use; and</li> <li>▪ traffic studies.</li> </ul>   |
| 2 March 2020       | In-person meeting    | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ socio-economic assessment: approach and methods;</li> <li>▪ community well-being;</li> <li>▪ employment and training opportunities;</li> <li>▪ business opportunities; and</li> <li>▪ caribou mitigation and management.</li> </ul>   |
| 22 April 2020      | Text, incoming       | The BNDN shared information in a Zoom meeting held on 16 April 2020, where a Saskatchewan-based doctor presented to the BNDN leadership and the JWG on the health of employees that work in uranium mining.  |
| 1 May 2020         | Phone call           | NexGen conducted a phone call with the BNDN to provide updates on the EA, the community, and the Project.  |

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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 26 August 2020     | Video conference     | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update;</li> <li>regulatory process update;</li> <li>review of JWG meetings; and</li> <li>key actions and commitments.</li> </ul>   |
| 9 September 2020   | Email, incoming      | The BNDN emailed NexGen to state that the BNDN will work with NexGen as the Project moves forward.   |
| 11 December 2020   | Video conference     | The CNSC presented to the JWG on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>overview of CNSC functions as a regulator;</li> <li>role in Indigenous engagement;</li> <li>EA; and</li> <li>radiation protection and compliance</li> </ul>  |
| 27 January 2021    | Video conference     | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>modelling and the EA process;</li> <li>air quality model;</li> <li>surface water quality model;</li> <li>environmental risk assessment model; and</li> <li>future meeting topics.</li> </ul>  |
| 24 February 2021   | Video conference     | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NexGen's approach to alternatives assessment;</li> <li>tailings alternatives assessment;</li> <li>waste rock alternatives assessment;</li> <li>site water management alternatives assessment; and</li> <li>site layout optimization.</li> </ul>   |
| 25 March 2021      | Video conference     | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>land stewardship through all Project phases;</li> <li>informing the path forward; and</li> <li>EA updates.</li> </ul> Additionally, the BNDN JWG members presented to NexGen regarding the BNDN's Nuh Nene department and approach to consultation. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were requested, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.   |
| 7 April 2021       | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and outlined three topics to be discussed as an outcome of the 25 March 2021 JWG meeting. The topics were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a proposed revised approach to the Women's Workshop;</li> <li>how NexGen can best incorporate the Dene language into the EIS; and</li> <li>the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program that is part of a broader Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan.</li> </ul> NexGen indicated to the BNDN that individual emails would be sent to the BNDN outlining how NexGen intended to approach each topic.   |
| 8 April 2021       | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided information about the proposed revised approach to the Women's Workshop as it was postponed due to COVID-19. NexGen proposed that a virtual interview program led by InterGroup be completed, if the BNDN agreed with the approach, to please help identify interviewees. NexGen also asked if there were other subsets of the community that the BNDN felt may be otherwise underrepresented that NexGen should also consider an interview program to better understand their unique perspectives.<br><br>NexGen added that if this initiative is supported by the BNDN, NexGen would like to commence interviews in late April / early May 2021 and would like to provide an honorarium to the participants to thank them for their time. |
| 8 April 2021       | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and asked for feedback about how best to incorporate the Dene language into the EIS. NexGen also asked for recommendations regarding local translators.  |

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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 13 April 2021      | Email, incoming      | The BNDN emailed NexGen to plan a technical breakout meeting to discuss the MAA for mine waste as previously discussed in the 24 February 2021 JWG Meeting. The BNDN stated the preference would be to review the alternatives assessment and supporting documents in advance of the proposed meeting and proposed dates to meet.  |
| 14 April 2021      | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN to propose a technical breakout meeting on 29 April 2021. NexGen stated that the MAA report was still being finalized and proposed a workshop-style meeting and that the presentation slides and any supporting information could be shared prior to the meeting. NexGen informed the BNDN that internal subject matter experts from NexGen and Golder would be invited to the meeting.  |
| 15 April 2021      | Email, incoming      | The BNDN emailed NexGen to confirm the timing of the technical breakout meeting scheduled for 29 April 2021. The BNDN confirmed that NexGen's approach to the meeting was a good place to start and asked that once documents were available if they could be shared as the BNDN would like to have a more detailed review.  |
| 16 April 2021      | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided a draft presentation related to the planned 22 April 2021 JWG meeting. NexGen requested that the BNDN share the presentation with the other JWG members prior to the meeting. NexGen also provided a letter regarding the EA and a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and provided details on the upcoming Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program with an invitation for the BNDN to participate.  |
| 22 April 2021      | Video conference     | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>information on the traffic study and accidents and malfunctions evaluation, and to review the bounding scenarios used in the evaluation;</li> <li>an overview of the EA methodology, focusing on pathway analysis and initiating discussions on how the Project could affect community well-being; and</li> <li>information on the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program.</li> </ul> Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were required, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes. |
| 26 April 2021      | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and followed up on an action item from the 22 April 2021 JWG meeting. NexGen requested a time to connect the BNDN with NexGen's subject matter expert (Omnia) to discuss the background information to the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen suggested 7 April 2021 as the meeting date.  |
| 28 April 2021      | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN to provide a slide deck that details the process conducted in support of the alternative assessments for tailings, gypsum, and waste rock in advance of the technical breakout meeting planned on 29 April 2021. NexGen noted that the content is in working draft form and invited the BNDN to ask questions or provide comments.   |
| 28 April 2021      | Email, incoming      | The BNDN emailed NexGen to thank them for sharing the presentation in advance of the meeting scheduled on 29 April 2021. The BNDN noted that only one representative would be attending on behalf of the BNDN but that an additional member from TLML#40 might join as well.   |
| 28 April 2021      | Email, incoming      | The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed availability to meet on 7 May 2021 to discuss the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program.  |
| 29 April 2021      | Video conference     | Representatives from the JWG, NexGen, and Golder met to discuss the inputs and considerations for the mine waste MAA. Discussions focused on the identification of mine waste, tailings, and gypsum as the waste streams and MAA the selection of options for mine waste.  |
| 29 April 2021      | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and followed up on the participants for the Women's Interviews. NexGen noted that InterGroup team members had been copied in the email as they would be coordinating the interviews.   |
| 29 April 2021      | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and thanked the BNDN for confirming their availability to meet on 7 May 2021 to discuss the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program and advised that a meeting link had been provided.  |

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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary   |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| 7 May 2021         | Video conference     | Members from the JWG met with NexGen and Omnia to discuss the Caribou Reclamation Trial Program. Discussions included reviewing the proposed program and reviewing background information. The participants also discussed the BNDN's participation in the upcoming field portion of the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program.<br><br>Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were required, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes. |
| 19 May 2021        | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided a letter to summarize the JWG engagement activities and noted that NexGen would provide a similar letter to the JWG at or near the start of each month. The following appendix was included:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of questions to explore prior to the May 2021 JWG meeting.</li> </ul>  |
| 20 May 2021        | Email, outgoing      | NexGen representatives (InterGroup) emailed the BNDN and advised that InterGroup would be coordinating the Women's Interviews. InterGroup asked if the BNDN had any individuals in mind to participate and noted that NexGen hoped to start on interviewing the women within the following week or two.   |
| 25 May 2021        | Email, outgoing      | InterGroup emailed the BNDN and requested an update on the participants for the Women's Interviews.   |
| 28 May 2021        | Video conference     | The JWG met to:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>share information on EA methods, including a focus on pathway analysis related to the VCs and intermediate components;</li> <li>discuss pathways for how the Project could affect Indigenous land and resource; and</li> <li>continue discussions on community well-being.</li> </ul> Meeting minutes were provided after the meeting.  |
| 2 June 2021        | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted they had been working with the Golder team to finalize the Mine Waste Alternatives Assessment Report. NexGen thanked the BNDN member for the meeting and noted that the attached Mine Waste Alternatives Assessment Report was still in working draft form.<br><br>NexGen noted updates that happened since the previous meeting, including changes to the gypsum alternatives assessment and the waste rock alternatives assessment.   |
| 2 June 2021        | Email, incoming      | InterGroup emailed the BNDN and inquired about the progress of the participant selection for the Women's Interviews.  |
| 4 June 2021        | Email, incoming      | The BNDN emailed NexGen to thank them for sharing the Mine Waste Alternatives Assessment Report and stated that the technical breakout meeting was valuable and that the BNDN appreciated the opportunity for input on the MAA.   |
| 15 June 2021       | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted attachment of an engagement update letter for review. NexGen also noted attachment of the May JWG summary document and noted this could be a useful communication tool to share with the local community.   |
| 21 June 2021       | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted the tentative planning of the June 2021 JWG meeting. NexGen advised that presentation materials were attached for review prior to the meeting.  |
| 22 June 2021       | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN to follow up on an action item from the 28 May 2021 JWG meeting and confirmed that spawning habitat for multiple fish species exists at or near the Clearwater River bridge crossing immediately east of Patterson Lake. NexGen provided a brief summary of the surveys. NexGen noted that figures were attached to show the spring and fall spawning survey locations and that the figures will form part of the aquatic baseline report.  |
| 28 June 2021       | Email, outgoing      | InterGroup emailed the BNDN and confirmed that the workshop was planned for 27 July 2021 at 14:00 and that NexGen was seeking two participants from the community who work in health or social services to attend the workshop.   |
| 30 June 2021       | Email, outgoing      | InterGroup emailed the BNDN to ask for an update on potential interview candidates for the Women's Interviews and noted that the desire is to have the interviews complete by 16 July 2021.   |



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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary   |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| 2 July 2021        | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted NexGen had applied for a permit from the ENV to complete the work associated with the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen informed the BNDN that the ENV requested an engagement summary specific to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program and that a summary of when information about the program was presented to and discussed with the BNDN would also be provided.<br><br>It was also noted by NexGen that the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program is a proactive initiative to trial caribou reclamation and mitigation methods at Rook I and that work for the program was anticipated to commence in mid-July 2021. |
| 7 July 2021        | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the BNDN and discussed the 2021 summer student program.   |
| 8 July 2021        | Video conference     | The JWG met to discuss:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>information on determining significance of residual adverse effects;</li> <li>information on confidence and uncertainty in predicting future conditions due to Project effects;</li> <li>information on monitoring and follow-up programs using the examples of socio-economics and land use; and</li> <li>how to present material in plain language.</li> </ul> Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were requested, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.  |
| 20 July 2021       | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and requested feedback on the Accidents and Malfunctions topic that was reviewed in the April 2021 JWG meeting and the corresponding maps for potential environmentally sensitive areas along Highway 155 and Highway 955.  |
| 20 July 2021       | Email, outgoing      | InterGroup emailed the BNDN and noted the workshop for service providers to support the EIS for the Project was cancelled due to the wildfire situation in northern Saskatchewan. InterGroup noted they would consider planning another workshop in the fall.   |
| 21 July 2021       | Email, incoming      | The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that the 28 May 2021 JWG minutes were accurate and could be finalized.  |
| 22 July 2021       | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided a draft working copy of a presentation in response to the BNDN's request to provide clarity on the EA process, including opportunities for the BNDN to collaborate with either or both government agencies and NexGen. NexGen requested that the BNDN review the presentation and provide feedback.  |
| 26 July 2021       | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted they would send a meeting invite to discuss the EA process.   |
| 27 July 2021       | Video conference     | NexGen and BNDN met to review a draft presentation created by NexGen to describe the EA process anticipated for the Project. Contained within the description was an identification of specific opportunities where the BNDN would be included as part of both the federal and provincial regulatory processes as well as during key milestones during the development of the EA and during the EA review process.  |
| 27 July 2021       | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted attachment of the July engagement update letter for review, which summarized the JWG engagement activities in June and provided an outline for the upcoming activities. June and April JWG summary documents were also noted to be attached.  |
| 4 August 2021      | Video conference     | The JWG met to share information about traditional and wage economies and discuss community engagement opportunities, including a Community Information Session planned for September 2021. Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were requested, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.  |
| 4 August 2021      | Video conference     | NexGen emailed BNDN and provided a monthly update letter to summarize engagement activities during July to mid-August 2021 and to share what was planned for EA engagement in September 2021. The following appendix was included:<br>List of themes being considered for the Community Information Sessions.   |
| 5 August 2021      | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN to outline the ways in which the BNDN IKTLU Study could be shared with the regulators as part of the EIS and asked if the BNDN could clarify how they would like to proceed. NexGen requested that the BNDN confirm if any changes were required.   |



**Table B-3: Birch Narrows Dene Nation**

| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 9 August 2021      | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed BNDN to confirm that NexGen would like to plan a trip to search for the Dene Gathering (i.e., historical cultural) site for 1 September 2021.   |
| 11 August 2021     | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and inquired if the BNDN JWG would prefer a site tour on 31 August 2021, rather than the previously proposed JWG meeting.  |
| 18 August 2021     | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and advised that they were working to reschedule the Community Information Sessions to a different week to accommodate scheduling conflicts (i.e., moose hunting season). NexGen advised that the sessions would no longer take place the week of 20 September 2021.   |
| 30 August 2021     | Email, incoming      | The BNDN emailed NexGen and requested an update on the timing for the Community Information Sessions.  |
| 31 August 2021     | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and advised that NexGen was planning to hold the Community Information Sessions during the week of 4 October 2021. NexGen asked if the BNDN had a preferred date.  |
| 31 August 2021     | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during July to mid-August 2021 and to share what was planned for EA engagement in September 2021.  |
| 1 September 2021   | In-person meeting    | NexGen team members met with the BNDN to search for the historical cultural site.  |
| 1 September 2021   | Video conference     | NexGen met with BNDN to discuss how BNDN would like to file the IKTLU Study as part of the EIS.  |
| 1 September 2021   | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed BNDN and noted attachment of a monthly engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during late August and September 2021 and to share planned activities for October 2021.  |
| 2 September 2021   | Email, outgoing      | As follow up to discussions in previous JWG meetings, NexGen asked if the BNDN had questions about the options for sharing the IKTLU Study.  |
| 9 September 2021   | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted that Omnia would be at the Rock I site for the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen asked if there was an Elder from the BNDN that could collaborate on the program.  |
| 13 September 2021  | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted a planned date for the Community Information Sessions. NexGen informed the BNDN that additional meetings would be occurring to discuss the status of COVID-19 and whether the event would still be possible and that another update would be sent later in the week.   |
| 16 September 2021  | Email exchange       | BNDN emailed NexGen and inquired if they would be available for a meeting on 17 September 2021 to discuss the inclusion of the IKTLU Study into the EIS. The BNDN subsequently confirmed that date would work.   |
| 17 September 2021  | Video conference     | NexGen met with the BNDN to discuss how the BNDN would like to file the IKTLU Study as part of the EIS.  |
| 20 September 2021  | Email exchange       | The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that they would like to share the IKTLU Study with the CNSC as a confidential document. The BNDN asked if a meeting could be arranged with the CNSC to discuss how the data would be protected. NexGen emailed the BNDN and confirmed they would advise on the CNSC's availability for a meeting to discuss the BNDN's questions on how CNSC would use and protect data from the IKTLU Study.  |
| 27 September 2021  | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted attachment of an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during late August and September 2021 and to share planned activities for October 2021.   |
| 14 October 2021    | In-person meeting    | NexGen and representatives from the BNDN and Birch Narrows Dene Development Inc. completed a tour of the Rook I site. The site visit included a tour of the main camp facilities, the core logging facilities, and the Arrow drilling sites and a focus was placed on the proposed infrastructure locations for the Project. Positive comments were received regarding the small footprint size of the Rook I exploration camp and Arrow site. Additional discussion was focused on business and employment opportunities. |

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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 3 November 2021    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the EIS to the CNSC and ENV.<br><br>NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.   |
| 5 November 2021    | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided an engagement update letter and corresponding appendices summarizing engagement activities from August to October 2021 and to share a summary of the proposed activities for November 2021.   |
| 14 December 2021   | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and advised that NexGen had discussed scheduling a meeting with the CNSC and ENV to discuss the BNDN IKTLU Study being filed as a confidential document as part of the EIS submission. NexGen inquired if there would be a time in early January 2022 that would work for BNDN to meet.  |
| 17 December 2021   | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and informed that they were in the process of finalizing the EA results for the EIS and that they would like to present and discuss the results via discussions in a workshop format and proposed two workshops in early 2022.<br><br>NexGen advised that the EA results workshops would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results and would be grouped by the themes of Air, Land, Water, and People to be presented over multiple workshops. |
| 17 December 2021   | Email, incoming      | The BNDN emailed NexGen and advised that the week of 24 January 2022 would not work for the BNDN to attend the EA results workshop as they had already had meetings scheduled during those days.   |
| 21 December 2021   | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the BNDN and advised of the attached engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in November and December 2021 and providing proposed activities for January 2022. A copy of the community newsletter distributed to the local communities in November 2021 was also provided.   |
| 13 January 2022    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and extended an invitation to the upcoming EA results workshop planned for 31 January 2022. NexGen advised that this first workshop would be on air and land and would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results.<br><br>NexGen also confirmed the proposal to schedule an Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee meeting on 1 February 2022 and that NexGen would follow up with more details.                                  |
| 18 January 2022    | In-person meeting    | NexGen, the BNDN, the CNSC, and the ENV met to discuss the inclusion of BNDN's IKTLU Study as a confidential document as part of the EIS submission.   |
| 26 January 2022    | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called the BNDN and informed the BNDN that NexGen must postpone the EA results workshop that was scheduled for 31 January 2022 due to COVID-19. NexGen informed the BNDN that they would call back next week to discuss rescheduling and the BNDN provided an update on election dates that will need to be considered when rescheduling.   |
| 26 January 2022    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BNDN and requested clarification on the use of quotes from the BNDN IKTLU Study in the EIS. NexGen provided examples and advised that NexGen could follow up with a call to the BNDN on 31 January 2022 to confirm.   |
| 3 February 2022    | Email exchange       | NexGen emailed the BNDN and inquired if there was any feedback regarding how the BNDN would prefer the quotes from the IKTLU Study to be included in the EIS, specifically regarding potential edits to quotes. Through a subsequent exchange of emails, the BNDN advised that the sample edited quote from the IKTLU Study would suffice for inclusion in the EIS and provided approval for NexGen to proceed with editing quotes in the EIS, where required.                                       |

BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; JWG = Joint Working Group; VC = valued component; MAA = multiple accounts analysis; TLML#40 = Turnor Lake Métis Local #40.

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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 12 December 2016   | Email exchange       | NexGen and the BRDN exchanged emails to find a suitable time to meet in Saskatoon.   |
| 1 February 2017    | In-person meeting    | <p>Following an exchange of e-mails, a meeting was held in Saskatoon. NexGen provided an update presentation on exploration and Project development activities, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ overview and history of the Arrow deposit;</li> <li>▪ highlights of metallurgical work;</li> <li>▪ conceptual Project design;</li> <li>▪ update on studies planned to support a future EA; and</li> <li>▪ proposed 2017 activities, including baseline studies and engagement planning.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.</p> |
| 3 February 2017    | Email exchange       | <p>NexGen and the BRDN exchanged emails expressing thanks for the meeting held on 1 February 2017. NexGen and the BRDN expressed hope that the meeting was the first of positive experiences to come. NexGen shared a copy of the presentation from the 1 February 2018 meeting and asked if there were any questions.</p> <p>The BRDN sent NexGen an email indicating interest in pursuing upcoming economic opportunities and outlined the BRDN's capabilities. NexGen thanked the BRDN for the email and suggested a visit in the BRDN in February or March 2017.</p>   |
| 16 October 2018    | In-person meeting    | <p>NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities. The topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ company introduction and overview;</li> <li>▪ description of the Project and the Arrow deposit;</li> <li>▪ Preliminary Economic Assessment highlights and the current Pre-Feasibility Study;</li> <li>▪ environmental baseline summary;</li> <li>▪ community commitment to training and procurement; and</li> <li>▪ commitment to engagement.</li> </ul>   |
| 11 March 2019      | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen sent the BRDN a letter with a meeting request to the BRDN Chief and Council to attend a workshop on the Project Description on 27 March 2019 at the BRDN.   |
| 22 March 2019      | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called the BRDN to confirm that the Project workshop invitation was received. No response was received. A follow-up call was made on 25 March 2022 by NexGen with no response.  |
| 26 March 2019      | Phone call, incoming | The BRDN called NexGen and explained that they had not received the Project workshop invitation but that the BRDN was excited to meet and continue to work with NexGen. The BRDN requested that the workshop be rescheduled to 8 April 2019, which NexGen confirmed would work.  |
| 4 April 2019       | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called the BRDN to notify them that a letter from the CNSC would be sent to the BRDN to state that NexGen has submitted the Rook I Project Description.   |
| 8 April 2019       | In-person meeting    | <p>NexGen met with the BRDN to present an overview of the information included in the Rook I Project Description, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ regulatory framework;</li> <li>▪ Project information;</li> <li>▪ existing environment;</li> <li>▪ environmental interactions; and</li> <li>▪ engagement.</li> </ul>  |
| 3 May 2019         | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen sent a letter to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.  |
| 30 May 2019        | Multiple methods     | NexGen called the BRDN and left a message with reception to confirm if the notification letter had been received as registered mail confirmed delivery. The BRDN later confirmed receipt via text message.   |

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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary   |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| 4 June 2019        | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen sent an invitation letter to a meeting on 18 June 2019 to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ further define the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a JWG;</li> <li>▪ collaboratively define the Terms of Reference and requirements necessary to complete an IKTLU Study in the area around the Project;</li> <li>▪ collaboratively undertake a Traditional Food Study;</li> <li>▪ develop a protocol to address and protect the proprietary nature of the information collected and its use by NexGen in the EA and related regulatory processes; and</li> <li>▪ discuss framework and timeline for a Benefit Agreement.</li> </ul> |
| 26 June 2019       | In-person meeting    | NexGen held a Community Information Session at the BRDN to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ inform local communities of the nature of proposed activities for the Project;</li> <li>▪ answer questions and receive initial feedback specific to the Project for consideration during the EA;</li> <li>▪ initially identify VCs and local land use by community members in attendance;</li> <li>▪ provide information about the EA process; and</li> <li>▪ introduce NexGen and the Project to the broader community.</li> </ul>  |
| 14 August 2019     | In-person meeting    | NexGen and the BRDN met to discuss the Study Agreement, which includes capacity funding for a JWG, an IKTLU Study, and a community coordinator.   |
| 28 August 2019     | Email, outgoing      | NexGen sent the Study Agreement to the BRDN.  |
| 12 September 2019  | Text exchange        | NexGen and BRDN exchanged text messages regarding the review of the Study Agreement. The BRDN directed NexGen to contact a representative from the BRDN who will be executing the IKTLU Study and acting as the community coordinator.  |
| 19 September 2019  | In-person meeting    | NexGen and the BRDN met to sign and execute the Study Agreement. The Study Agreement outlines a framework for working collaboratively to advance the EA of the Project and includes funding for an IKTLU Study, a dedicated community coordinator, and establishing a JWG.  |
| 19 September 2019  | Multiple methods     | NexGen and the BRDN exchanged text messages regarding arranging a meeting with the BRDN Chief and Council, CNSC, and ENV. The BRDN confirmed that meeting on 9 October 2019 in Meadow Lake would work. A follow-up email invitation was sent on 27 September 2019 to confirm the meeting details.   |
| 9 October 2019     | In-person meeting    | NexGen, the CNSC, and the BRDN met for a presentation. The presentation was facilitated by NexGen but was led by the CNSC to provide an overview of the CNSC's EA review process.   |
| 1 November 2019    | In-person meeting    | An introductory meeting for the JWG was held, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ introductions and logistics;</li> <li>▪ overview of the Project;</li> <li>▪ EA overview;</li> <li>▪ overview of baseline studies;</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA;</li> <li>▪ IKTLU Study; and</li> <li>▪ human health risk assessment.</li> </ul>  |
| 5 December 2019    | In-person meeting    | A JWG meeting was held, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ introductions and logistics;</li> <li>▪ review of the Project;</li> <li>▪ EA overview;</li> <li>▪ overview of baseline studies;</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA;</li> <li>▪ IKTLU Study;</li> <li>▪ human health risk assessment;</li> <li>▪ water assessment and management; and</li> <li>▪ air and water pathways.</li> </ul> The meeting was held at Vermette Lake. After the meeting, Elders joined in the evening for supper and a discussion of the Project that included maps and images.  |
| 19 December 2019   | Email, incoming      | The BRDN submitted the final draft of the BRDN IKTLU Study for the Project, as per the Study Agreement.   |

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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 23 January 2020    | In-person meeting    | A tour of the Rook I site was held, followed by a presentation and meeting to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mineral Surface Lease Agreements;</li> <li>underground tailings management;</li> <li>caribou (mitigation and management);</li> <li>Traditional Land Use; and</li> <li>traffic studies.</li> </ul>  |
| 21 February 2020   | In-person meeting    | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>socio-economic assessment: approach and methods;</li> <li>community well-being;</li> <li>employment and training opportunities;</li> <li>business opportunities;</li> <li>caribou mitigation and management; and</li> <li>IKTLU Studies.</li> </ul>   |
| 28 August 2020     | Video conference     | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update;</li> <li>regulatory process update;</li> <li>review of JWG meetings; and</li> <li>key actions and commitments.</li> </ul>   |
| 16 November 2020   | Multiple methods     | The BRDN emailed NexGen to notify that the planned community presentation for the Benefit Agreement on 19 and 20 November 2020 was postponed due to COVID-19 cases in the community. The BRDN also called NexGen to discuss other options of presenting to the community.  |
| 11 December 2020   | Video conference     | The CNSC presented to the JWG on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>overview of CNSC functions as a regulator;</li> <li>role in Indigenous engagement;</li> <li>EA; and</li> <li>radiation protection and compliance</li> </ul>  |
| 12 January 2021    | Email, incoming      | The BRDN emailed NexGen and noted a lockdown due to COVID-19 cases. The BRDN noted they would follow up to reschedule the next JWG meeting.  |
| 26 January 2021    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted a revised date of 10 February 2021 for a JWG meeting.  |
| 10 February 2021   | Video conference     | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>modelling and the EA process;</li> <li>air quality model;</li> <li>surface water quality model;</li> <li>environmental risk assessment model; and</li> <li>future meeting topics.</li> </ul> Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.   |
| 24 February 2021   | Video conference     | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>approach to alternative assessments;</li> <li>tailings alternatives;</li> <li>waste rock alternatives;</li> <li>site water management alternatives; and</li> <li>site layout optimization.</li> </ul>   |
| 31 March 2021      | Video conference     | The JWG met to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>land stewardship through all Project phases;</li> <li>Informing the path forward; and</li> <li>EA updates.</li> </ul> Additionally, the BRDN JWG members presented to NexGen about the BRDN's history and current conditions and services, needs, and issues. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were requested, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes. |

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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 16 April 2021      | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided a letter regarding the EA and a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and provided details on the upcoming Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program with an invitation for the BRDN to participate.   |
| 26 April 2021      | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided the meeting minutes from the 31 March 2021 JWG meeting and requested that the BRDN share the minutes with the JWG members who participated in the meeting and circulate back to NexGen by 11 May 2021. NexGen requested that the BRDN confirm if any changes were required.</p> <p>NexGen also noted that as per an action item from the 31 March 2021 JWG meeting, NexGen had made updates to the presentation and provided the updated presentation as an attachment.</p>  |
| 29 April 2021      | Video conference     | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>information on the traffic study and accidents and malfunctions evaluation, including to review the bounding scenarios used in the evaluation;</li> <li>an overview of the EA methodology, focusing on pathway analysis and initiating discussions on how the Project could affect community well-being; and</li> <li>information and request for feedback on the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.</p> |
| 29 April 2021      | Email, outgoing      | NexGen exchanged emails with the BRDN regarding the BRDN identifying individuals to participate in the women's interviews. NexGen noted that representatives from InterGroup would be coordinating interviews. The BRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that the BRDN would reach out to the potential interviewees and notify NexGen to confirm once complete.   |
| 19 May 2021        | Letter, outgoing     | <p>NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided a letter to summarize the JWG engagement activities and noted that NexGen would provide similar letters moving forward. The following appendix was included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of questions to explore prior to the May 2021 JWG meeting.</li> </ul>   |
| 20 May 2021        | Email exchange       | Representatives of NexGen and the BRDN exchanged emails regarding planning for the Women's interviews. InterGroup emailed the BRDN and advised that InterGroup would be leading the coordination for the Women's Interviews. InterGroup asked if the BRDN had any individuals in mind to participate and noted that NexGen hoped to start interviewing the following week. The BRDN emailed InterGroup and advised that the BRDN would get the names for the Women's Interviews as soon as possible and added that previous participants were no longer available.   |
| 27 May 2021        | Video conference     | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>information on EA methods, including a focus on pathway analysis related to the VCs and intermediate components;</li> <li>pathways for Indigenous land and resource use in the area of the Project and how the Project could affect Indigenous land and resource use; and</li> <li>continued discussions on community well-being.</li> </ul> <p>Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting.</p>   |
| 1 June 2021        | Email, incoming      | Representatives of NexGen and the BRDN exchanged emails regarding the Women's interviews. InterGroup emailed the BRDN and inquired about the progress of the Women's Interviews. The BRDN responded on 8 June 2021 and noted there were too many names listed for the Women's Interviews. The BRDN highlighted certain people who would want to understand more about the proposed Project.  |
| 15 June 2021       | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed BRDN and noted that an action item from the 31 March 2021 JWG meeting was to contact the Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee to find out their proposed meeting schedule. NexGen confirmed they had been in contact with a member and that the Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee had not yet received the required Order in Council in Regina. NexGen confirmed that the Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee did have an approved budget for 2021/2022 and would arrange a meeting later in the year.   |
| 15 June 2021       | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted the attachment of an engagement update letter for review. NexGen also confirmed attachment of the May 2021 JWG summary document and noted this could be a useful tool to share with the local community.   |



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| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary   |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| 23 June 2021       | Video conference     | <p>The JWG met to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>information on determining significance of residual adverse effects;</li> <li>information on confidence and uncertainty in predicting future conditions due to effects from the Project;</li> <li>information on monitoring and follow-up programs using the examples of socio-economics and land use; and</li> <li>how to present material in plain language.</li> </ul> <p>Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting.</p>   |
| 28 June 2021       | Email, outgoing      | Representatives of NexGen emailed the BRDN and confirmed that the health and social services workshop was planned for 27 July 2021 and that NexGen was seeking two participants from the community who work in health or social services to attend the workshop.  |
| 30 June 2021       | Email, outgoing      | InterGroup emailed the BRDN to ask for an update on potential interview candidates for the Women's Interviews and noted that the desire is to have the interviews complete by 16 July 2021.   |
| 2 July 2021        | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted that NexGen had applied for a permit from the ENV to complete the work associated with the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen informed the BRDN that the ENV requested an engagement summary specific to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program and that NexGen would be providing a summary of when information about the program was presented to and discussed with the BRDN.</p> <p>It was also noted by NexGen that the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program is a proactive initiative to trial caribou reclamation and mitigation methods at the Rook I site and that work for the program was anticipated to commence in mid-July 2021.</p> |
| 5 July 2021        | Email, incoming      | InterGroup emailed BRDN and requested a meeting to schedule Women's interviews for Project.   |
| 5 July 2021        | In-person meeting    | NexGen met with the BRDN and discussed the summer student program, had a tour of Dillon and Michel Village, and received an update on the fire proximal to Dillon.  |
| 9 July 2021        | Email, outgoing      | <p>NexGen emailed the BRDN and suggested 21 July 2021 for the next JWG meeting over Zoom. NexGen advised that the results from the EA were still being reviewed and suggested that the agenda for the next meeting would be the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>update on EA activities;</li> <li>traditional and wage economies; and</li> <li>opportunities for community engagement.</li> </ul>  |
| 12 July 2021       | Email, outgoing      | <p>Representatives of NexGen (InterGroup) emailed the BRDN and noted a date for the planned virtual workshop to discuss health and social services in the communities closest to the Project and outlined the objectives.</p> <p>InterGroup requested two participants from the community to attend the workshop, if possible.</p>  |
| 20 July 2021       | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and requested feedback on the accidents and malfunctions topic that was reviewed in the April 2021 JWG meeting, including BRDN-edited maps showing potential environmentally sensitive areas along Highway 155 and Highway 955.   |
| 20 July 2021       | Email, outgoing      | InterGroup emailed the BRDN and noted the workshop for service providers to support the EIS for the Project was cancelled due to the wildfire situation in northern Saskatchewan. InterGroup noted they would consider planning another workshop in the fall.   |
| 20 July 2021       | Email - Incoming     | The BRDN emailed NexGen to clarify how to proceed to identify any environmentally sensitive areas along highways 155 and 955 and asked if data collection and monitoring was required.  |
| 20 July 2021       | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted that the BRDN did not need to complete any data collection or monitoring for the accidents and malfunctions information request; the purpose of the maps was to provide the BRDN an opportunity to show any additional sensitive areas known to the BRDN that should be considered as part of the traffic assessment.   |
| 21 July 2021       | Email, incoming      | The BRDN emailed NexGen and noted that the highway north of Green Lake is damaged, including over the bridges where the road is rough, and vehicles must slow down so as to not get damaged. The BRDN followed up on 23 July 2021 with the suggestion that more pullouts and safety stops be considered for Highway 155.  |



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| 27 July 2021       | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted attachment of the July 2021 engagement update letter for review to summarize the JWG engagement activities in June and to provide an outline for the upcoming activities. June 2021 and April 2021 JWG summary documents were also noted to be attached.   |
| 5 August 2021      | Video conference     | The JWG met to share information about traditional and wage economies and discuss community engagement opportunities, including a Community Information Session in September 2021. Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were required, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.   |
| 11 August 2021     | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and inquired if the BRDN would prefer a site tour on 31 August 2021, rather than the previously proposed JWG meeting on 30 August 2021.  |
| 23 August 2021     | Email, incoming      | The BRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that the JWG would like to visit the site on 30 August 2021.   |
| 30 August 2021     | In-person meeting    | The JWG met for a tour of the Rook I site. The main camp facilities and core processing facilities were toured as well as two drill rigs at the Arrow site. Additionally, the mine plan and Arrow deposit resource model were viewed in 3D software. Discussions during the tour focused on employment and contracting opportunities.  |
| 31 August 2021     | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during July to mid-August 2021 and to share what was planned for engagement in September 2021. The following appendix was included:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of themes being considered for the Community Information Sessions.</li> </ul>   |
| 1 September 2021   | Email exchange       | NexGen emailed the BRDN and requested contact details for the statistical researcher mentioned by the BRDN during the August 2021 JWG meeting. The information was subsequently provided by the BRDN.  |
| 9 September 2021   | Email exchange       | NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted Omnia would be at the Rook I site for the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen asked if there was an Elder from the BRDN that could collaborate on the program. The BRDN subsequently expressed interest in learning more about the proposed program.   |
| 13 September 2021  | Email, incoming      | The BRDN emailed NexGen and provided the BRDN culture and customs presentation as requested by NexGen.   |
| 13 September 2021  | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and acknowledged receipt of the culture and customs presentation and advised that confirmation would be provided about whether 24 September 2021 would work for the team to schedule a JWG meeting.  |
| 14 September 2021  | Text exchange        | NexGen texted the BRDN that 24 September 2021 would not work for the next JWG meeting and asked if there was an alternative date. The BRDN suggested the meeting could be rescheduled to the following week.   |
| 17 September 2021  | Video conference     | Representatives from the BRDN, NexGen, and NexGen's subject matter expert (Omnia) met to discuss the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. Omnia provided background information as to why and how the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program would be conducted at the Rook I site. Overall, a collaborative discussion about caribou occurred and, as an outcome of the meeting, the BRDN indicated they would be contacting a member about participating in the on-site portion of the program. |
| 21 September 2021  | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided the vaccination policy and COVID-19 checklist for the Rook I site in advance of a BRDN member participating in the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program.   |
| 21 September 2021  | Email, incoming      | The BRDN emailed NexGen and requested clarification on what the BRDN would be presenting at the meeting on 27 September 2021.  |
| 22 September 2021  | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and responded to the request for clarification from the BRDN on what the BRDN would be presenting at the meeting on 27 September 2021. NexGen stated that the BRDN was welcome to present on any topic and suggested BRDN culture, history, language, and Traditional Foods as possible topics.  |
| 23 September 2021  | Multiple methods     | The BRDN called NexGen and advised that the 27 September 2021 meeting would need to be rescheduled. A series of emails were subsequently exchanged, and a meeting date of 21 October 2021 was selected.  |

**Table B-4: Buffalo River Dene Nation**

| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary   |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| 23 September 2021  | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BRDN to cancel the meeting invitation for the JWG meeting that was scheduled to take place at the NexGen Office on 27 September 2021 and stated that the meeting would be rescheduled and that an updated meeting invite would be sent.  |
| 27 September 2021  | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted attachment of an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during late August and September 2021 and to share planned activities for October 2021.  |
| 21 October 2021    | In-person meeting    | The BRDN JWG members presented to NexGen on BRDN history, culture, tradition, and spirituality and shared Traditional Foods, furs, crafts, knowledge, and stories. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were required, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.   |
| 26 October 2021    | Email exchange       | The BRDN emailed NexGen and requested a copy of the 5 August 2021 JWG meeting minutes. A copy of the minutes was subsequently provided by NexGen.   |
| 3 November 2021    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the EIS to the CNSC and ENV.<br><br>NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.  |
| 5 November 2021    | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided an engagement update letter and corresponding appendices summarizing engagement activities from August to October 2021 and to share a summary of the proposed activities for November 2021. The following appendices were included:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ July/August 2021 JWG summary;</li> <li>▪ March 2021 JWG summary; and</li> <li>▪ May 2021 JWG summary (re-issued).</li> </ul>   |
| 17 December 2021   | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and informed them that they were in the process of finalizing the EA results for the EIS and that they would like to present and discuss the results via discussions in a workshop format and proposed two workshops in early 2022.<br><br>NexGen advised that the EA results workshops would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results and would be grouped by the themes of Air, Land, Water, and People to be presented over multiple workshops. |
| 21 December 2021   | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided an engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in November and December 2021 and stating proposed activities for January 2022. A copy of the community newsletter distributed to the local communities in November 2021 was also provided.  |
| 13 January 2022    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and extended an invitation to the upcoming workshop planned for 3 February 2022 to present and discuss the EA results. NexGen advised this first workshop would be on air and land and would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results.<br><br>NexGen also confirmed the proposal to schedule an Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee meeting on 4 February 2022 and that NexGen would follow up with more details.                 |
| 26 January 2022    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and advised that the workshop scheduled for 3 February 2022 would need to be postponed due to recent positive COVID-19 cases and noted that an update would be provided regarding rescheduling. NexGen proposed that the Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 4 February 2022 would be moved to a virtual platform.   |
| 26 January 2022    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the BRDN and requested clarification on the use of quotes from the BRDN IKTLU Study in the EIS. NexGen provided examples and advised that NexGen could follow up with a call to the BRDN on 31 January 2022 to confirm.  |

**Table B-4: Buffalo River Dene Nation**

| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 4 February 2022    | Multiple methods     | Following an exchange of emails, NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided additional examples as to how quotes from the BRDN's IKTLU Study would be edited for use in the EIS. Following a further exchange of phone calls and emails, the BRDN confirmed on 9 February 2022 that NexGen could use edited quotes from the BRDN IKTLU in the EIS, where required.   |
| 4 February 2022    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed BRDN and requested confirmation regarding how BRDN would like to present the IKTLU Study to the regulators as part of NexGen's EIS submission. NexGen outlined options for the BRDN to consider and advised that NexGen would be available to answer any questions and co-ordinate a meeting with the CNSC and/or the ENV if the BRDN had any questions about their policies and confidentiality processes. |

BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; JWG = Joint Working Group; VC = valued component.

**Table B-5: English River First Nation**

| Communication Date | Communication Method            | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 5 April 2016       | In-person meeting               | NexGen organized an information session to share information about the Project with the Chipewyan Prairie Industry Relations Corporation, English River First Nation, Métis Local 130 Métis Nation Region 1 #214, Northern Settlement of Deschambe Lake community council, and Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations. NexGen introduced the Project and provided a summary of the work to date as well as an overview of the planned work to be completed in 2016. Community members raised concerns about the engagement and consultation processes to date. Additional discussions were focused on the safety of uranium mining, local employment and contracting, and traditional land use. |
| 3 May 2019         | Letter, outgoing                | NexGen sent a letter to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.  |
| 30 May 2019        | Phone call, outgoing            | NexGen called and left a message with reception to confirm if the notification letter had been received as registered mail confirmed delivery and signature.   |
| 5 September 2019   | Update meetings with leadership | The CNSC hosted a meeting for Indigenous leaders from northern Saskatchewan to provide an overview of the role of the CNSC and updates on CNSC regulated projects, including the Project.  |

EA = Environmental Assessment.

**Table B-6: Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation**

| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 3 May 2019         | Letter, outgoing     | NexGen sent a letter to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.  |
| 31 May 2019        | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called and left a message with administration to confirm if the notification letter had been received as registered mail did not confirm delivery.  |
| 6 June 2019        | Phone call, outgoing | NexGen called and left a message with administration to confirm if the notification letter was received as registered mail did not confirm delivery.   |
| 12 July 2019       | Email, outgoing      | NexGen sent an email to confirm receipt of both the 3 May 2019 notification letter and executive summary of the Project Description in Dene and English.   |
| 18 July 2019       | Email, incoming      | The ACFN emailed NexGen to provide contact information for further correspondence.   |
| 26 July 2019       | Letter, incoming     | The ACFN sent NexGen a letter to provide comments on the Project through the CNSC public comment period.   |
| 14 August 2019     | Letter, incoming     | <p>The ENV sent the ACFN a letter (copying NexGen) in response to a letter received on 26 July 2019 from the ACFN. The letter noted that commercial uses of resources, such as commercial trapping, are not subject to the province's Consultation Policy Framework.</p> <p>The province wished to determine if there is a duty to consult with the ACFN and expressed interest in knowing how ACFN members are using the unoccupied land around the proposed Project for non-commercial activities. To that end, the following information was requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>locations within the Project area used by the community, both traditionally and currently, to hunt, fish, trap for food or carry out traditional uses;</li> <li>the presence of ACFN traditional ceremonial or burial sites in the area that might be affected by the Project; and</li> <li>any other sites of cultural significance to the ACFN that the province should be made aware of.</li> </ul>   |
| 20 August 2019     | Letter, outgoing     | <p>NexGen sent a letter to the ACFN in response to the letter received by the ACFN on 26 July 2019. NexGen extended an invitation to meet and indicated that at this time NexGen is not prepared to offer capacity funding for the ACFN's review of the Project Description.</p> <p>It was also noted that while the ACFN has a member with a trapline located in the N-22 Fur Block, the Project is in the N-19 Fur Block and NexGen has been and continues to engage with trappers of the N-19 Fur Block regarding traplines in proximity to the Project. NexGen extended an invitation to schedule a meeting between NexGen and representatives of the ACFN and provided a direct contact if there were any questions or if they would like to discuss further.</p>   |
| 3 December 2019    | Letter, incoming     | <p>A letter was received from the ACFN Dene Lands and Resource Management for information to respond to the letter dated 14 August 2019 from the ENV. The ACFN requested shape files of the proposed Project for insertion into software called Community Knowledge Keeper to generate a map of the Project in relation to ACFN traditional use data and cultural protection areas. The ACFN noted that it is highly likely that there are gaps in the existing data record and that future traditional use studies may be required to fully assess the effects of the Project to the ACFN's Treaty rights.</p> <p>The ACFN noted that Community Knowledge Keeper is used by proponents to send the Dene Lands and Resource Management proposed project notifications, project updates, shape files, and proposed applications for review. It was noted that if NexGen wishes to engage with Dene Lands and Resource Management using Community Knowledge Keeper, it could be set up for a one-time fee. The ACFN Dene Lands and Resource Management also noted that there are costs associated with consultation and engagement meetings and that funding is required from proponents to review project information and applications they submit to regulators. Scope of work with the costs are available to review prior to meetings.</p> |
| 24 December 2019   | Letter, outgoing     | <p>NexGen responded to the letter dated 3 December 2019 from the ACFN to provide shapefiles for the area in the vicinity of the Project for the ACFN to respond to a letter sent by the ENV dated 14 August 2019.</p> <p>In addition, it was noted that publicly available information shows that the ACFN's traditional territory does not include the Project location; however, it was requested that NexGen is notified if there is additional information that indicates otherwise. In addition, NexGen again offered to meet with the ACFN.</p>  |

**Table B-6: Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation**

| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary   |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| 9 November 2021    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the ACFN and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the EIS to the CNSC and ENV.<br><br>NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.  |
| 16 November 2021   | Email, incoming      | The ACFN emailed NexGen and introduced the new regulatory and industry coordinator and requested any necessary background information such as an earlier Project description and supporting maps.<br><br>The ACFN noted that they would be using Community Knowledge Keeper to review consultation submissions and conduct preliminary screenings of anticipated effects to the ACFN land use sites and areas and requested that NexGen use this platform in their consultations with the ACFN. |
| 1 December 2021    | Email, incoming      | The ACFN emailed NexGen and followed up on the Project information request sent on 16 November 2021.  |
| 24 January 2022    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the ACFN and advised that the requested information that was previously provided to ACFN in 2019 was attached for review and to please contact NexGen if there were any questions.   |
| 24 January 2022    | Email, incoming      | The ACFN emailed NexGen and thanked them for providing the Project information requested.   |

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ACFN = Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation.

**Table B-7: Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resource**

| Communication Date | Communication Method            | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 18 March 2019      | Letter, incoming                | The YNLR Office advised NexGen that the YNLR will be the sole point of contact for the BLDFN, FLDFN, Hatchet Lake Denesų́líné First Nation, Stony Rapids, Wollaston Lake, Camself Portage, and Uranium City in relation to all new and ongoing mining, milling, exploration, forestry, road building, and other industrial and non-industrial developments and activities for which a federal or provincial licensing permit, regulatory process, EA, or other approval is required. The YNLR directed NexGen to communicate solely with YNLR in all related matters and provided contact information. |
| 3 May 2019         | Letter, outgoing                | NexGen sent a letter to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.  |
| 30 May 2019        | Phone call, outgoing            | NexGen called the YNLR to confirm that the YNLR had received the notification letter dated 3 May 2019. The YNLR also confirmed that the BLDFN received a letter (registered mail also confirmed delivery).   |
| 4 July 2019        | In-person meeting               | An introductory meeting was held with the YNLR to discuss the scope of the Project and the work completed to date. Additionally, the background of the YNLR was discussed.   |
| 5 September 2019   | Update meetings with leadership | The CNSC hosted a meeting for Indigenous leaders from northern Saskatchewan to provide an overview of the role of the CNSC and updates on CNSC regulated projects, including the Project.  |
| 13 September 2019  | Voicemail, incoming             | NexGen received a voicemail message from the YNLR requesting if NexGen is available to present to the Athabasca Groups represented by the YNLR. A meeting was subsequently scheduled for 3 October 2019.   |
| 3 October 2019     | In-person meeting               | NexGen met with the YNLR, FLDFN, and BLDFN to present an update on the Project and an overview of the Rook I Project Description, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ regulatory framework;</li> <li>▪ Project information;</li> <li>▪ existing environment;</li> <li>▪ environmental interactions; and</li> <li>▪ engagement.</li> </ul>  |
| 15 April 2020      | Video conference                | NexGen met with the YNLR to discuss the EA process and submission of the EIS. NexGen also informed the YNLR that no drilling activities were planned during 2020. NexGen and YNLR discussed engagement opportunities and traditional land use and agreed to have a follow-up conversation later to discuss more details.   |
| 28 April 2020      | Video conference                | NexGen and the YNLR met to discuss the traditional territory of the Athabasca Dene communities and the traditional land use in relation to the Project. The YNLR proposed supplementing the YNLR traditional land use database in the context of the Project to further evaluate potential effects from the Project. The YNLR stated they will prepare and share a proposal summary with NexGen.   |
| 21 May 2020        | Letter, incoming                | The YNLR proposed a Study Agreement with NexGen regarding the Project to complete an IKTLU Study.  |
| 5 June 2020        | Letter, outgoing                | NexGen responded to the letter from the YNLR dated 21 May 2020. NexGen stated that they had reviewed the proposal for the YNLR to complete an IKTLU Study. NexGen expressed their support for the Study subject to confirming the final scope, schedule, and budget.   |
| 10 August 2020     | Email exchange                  | NexGen and the YNLR signed and executed a Study Funding Agreement in which the YNLR will undertake an IKTLU Study in relation to the Project on behalf of the Athabasca Denesų́líné First Nations.   |
| 4 December 2020    | Email, incoming                 | The YNLR emailed NexGen and provided the YNLR's interim report submission regarding the Study Funding Agreement and the Provision of Athabasca Denesų́líné IKTLU Study for the Project.<br><br>The YNLR noted that significant delays had been encountered due to COVID-19 cases and restrictions within communities. The YNLR stated they anticipate additional insights to be captured as the COVID-19 situation evolved and the YNLR was able to complete the work.   |
| 4 December 2020    | Email, outgoing                 | NexGen emailed the YNLR to confirm receipt of the interim IKTLU Study and stated NexGen would begin reviewing the Study.   |



**Table B-7: Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resource**

| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 14 January 2021    | Email, incoming      | Following an e-mail exchange, the YNLR emailed NexGen and provided responses to NexGen's questions about the IKTLU Study and provided a higher resolution figure for the IKTLU Study. The YNLR informed NexGen that all YNLR communities were under lockdown again due to COVID-19 and that this has prevented YNLR from conducting additional interviews.   |
| 6 April 2021       | Email, incoming      | The YNLR emailed NexGen and advised that they anticipated interviews would be completed by end of April 2021 for the TKLUO Study.  |
| 4 May 2021         | Email, incoming      | Following an exchange of emails, the YNLR emailed NexGen and advised that the IKTLU Study was still being worked on and that an update would be provided in mid-May 2021.  |
| 8 October 2021     | Video conference     | NexGen met with the YNLR and FLDFN to discuss the YNLR's IKTLU Study and how the information from the IKTLU Study will be used in NexGen's EIS as well as the options for submitting the IKTLU Study to the regulators.  |
| 4 November 2021    | Email, incoming      | The YNLR emailed NexGen and proposed a leadership meeting on 10 December 2021.   |
| 8 November 2021    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the YNLR to confirm that the proposed leadership meeting on 10 December 2021 would work well and requested a time for the meeting.  |
| 9 November 2021    | Email, outgoing      | NexGen emailed the YNLR and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the Project EIS to the CNSC and ENV.<br><br>NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.   |
| 17 December 2021   | Email exchange       | As follow up to a series of exchanged emails, NexGen emailed the YNLR to ask if the previously planned leadership meeting for 10 December 2021 had been rescheduled for a time in 2022. The YNLR emailed NexGen and inquired if 27 or 28 January 2022 would work for NexGen as a replacement date for the previously cancelled 10 December 2021 engagement and leadership meeting.   |
| 19 January 2022    | Video conference     | NexGen met with the YNLR to discuss planning for an upcoming Leadership meeting on 27 January 2022.  |
| 27 January 2022    | Video conference     | NexGen met with the YNLR, FLDFN, and BLDFN to provide an update presentation to Leadership. Presentation topics included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ overview of the company;</li> <li>▪ overview of the Project;</li> <li>▪ Project status update; and</li> <li>▪ EA update.</li> </ul> Following the presentation, discussion focused on the underground tailings management facility and mine plans, engagement opportunities, business and contracting opportunities related to the Project, and a potential site tour/visit to the Rook I site. NexGen and the YNLR agreed to meet soon to follow up on the action items and to discuss a potential engagement agreement between the YNLR and NexGen. |
| 2 February 2022    | Email, incoming      | The YNLR emailed NexGen and requested a meeting to discuss community engagement opportunities including potential dates and logistics, and potential agreements. The YNLR provided potential dates and times that would work for a meeting. The YNLR also noted that an update would be provided regarding how the YNLR would like the IKTLU Study communicated in the EIS.  |

**Table B-7: Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resource**

| Communication Date | Communication Method | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 11 February 2022   | In-person meeting    | <p>NexGen and the YNLR met to review and discuss the action items from the leadership meeting and presentation on 27 January 2022, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ how the YNLR would like the IKTLU Study submitted to the regulators as part of the EIS submission. The YNLR indicated that a letter would be provided to NexGen to indicate the full report could be submitted;</li> <li>▪ the local priority area and regional priority area for the Project and the engagement opportunities that YNLR communities would like to have;</li> <li>▪ an Exploration or Engagement Agreement between YNLR and NexGen. NexGen stated that an Engagement Agreement would be more suitable. The YNLR will provide a draft Engagement Agreement to NexGen in the coming weeks; and</li> <li>▪ engagement opportunities in the communities that include community information sessions/open houses in the FLDFN and BLDFN, site visits/tours to the Rook I site, and community newsletters.</li> </ul> |

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**Table B-8: Black Lake Denesųliné First Nation**

| Communication Date | Communication Method            | Communication Summary  |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 3 May 2019         | Letter, outgoing                | NexGen sent a letter to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.  |
| 5 September 2019   | Update meetings with leadership | The CNSC hosted a meeting for Indigenous leaders from northern Saskatchewan to provide an overview of the role of the CNSC and updates on CNSC regulated projects, including the Project.  |
| 3 October 2019     | In-person meeting               | NexGen met with the YNLR, FLDFN, and BLDFN to present an update on the Project and an overview of the Rook I Project Description, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ regulatory framework;</li> <li>▪ Project information;</li> <li>▪ existing environment;</li> <li>▪ environmental interactions; and</li> <li>▪ engagement.</li> </ul>  |
| 11 August 2020     | Letter, incoming                | The BLDFN sent NexGen a letter and advised NexGen that approval had been granted for the YNLR to communicate directly with NexGen regarding the IKTLU Study.   |
| 27 January 2022    | Video conference                | NexGen met with the YNLR, FLDFN, and BLDFN to provide an update presentation to Leadership. Presentation topics included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ overview of the company;</li> <li>▪ overview of the Project;</li> <li>▪ Project status update; and</li> <li>▪ EA update.</li> </ul> Following the presentation, discussion focused on the underground tailings management facility and mine plans, engagement opportunities, business and contracting opportunities related to the Project, and a potential site tour/visit to the Rook I site. NexGen and the YNLR agreed to meet soon to follow up on the action items and to discuss a potential engagement agreement between the YNLR and NexGen. |

BLDFN = Black Lake Denesųliné First Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; FLDFN = Fond du Lac Denesųliné First Nation; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; YNLR = Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources.

**Table B-9: Fond du Lac Denesųłin  First Nation**

| Communication Date | Communication Method            | Communication Summary   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 3 May 2019         | Letter, outgoing                | NexGen sent a letter to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.   |
| 21 May 2019        | Phone call, outgoing            | NexGen returned a call from the FLDFN from the same day. The FLDFN expressed interest in the Project and stated that their community should be consulted. The FLDFN confirmed receipt of the notification letter dated 3 May 2019.  |
| 20 June 2019       | Phone call, outgoing            | NexGen called the FLDFN to determine when the FLDFN would like to meet as they indicated they were planning to be in Saskatoon on 20 June 2019 and would be interested in meeting if schedules allowed.   |
| 21 June 2019       | Text exchange                   | NexGen and the FLDFN exchanged texts in which the FLDFN indicated that they were not able to meet as previously proposed; however, they may be available to meet in the evening of 21 June 2019 (meeting was subsequently not held).  |
| 5 September 2019   | Update meetings with leadership | The CNSC hosted a meeting for Indigenous leaders from northern Saskatchewan to provide an overview of the role of the CNSC and updates on CNSC regulated projects, including the Project.   |
| 3 October 2019     | In-person meeting               | NexGen met with the YNLR, FLDFN, and BLDFN to present an update on the Project and an overview of the Rook I Project Description, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ regulatory framework;</li> <li>▪ Project information;</li> <li>▪ existing environment;</li> <li>▪ environmental interactions; and</li> <li>▪ engagement.</li> </ul>   |
| 27 November 2019   | Video conference                | NexGen met with the FLDFN to discuss a potential business opportunity and the power generation options for the Project.   |
| 8 October 2021     | Video conference                | NexGen met with the YNLR and FLDFN to discuss the YNLR's IKTLU Study and how the information from the IKTLU Study will be used in NexGen's EIS as well as the options for submitting the IKTLU Study to the regulators.   |
| 27 January 2022    | Video conference                | NexGen met with the YNLR, FLDFN, and BLDFN to provide an update presentation to Leadership. Presentation topics included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ overview of the company;</li> <li>▪ overview of the Project;</li> <li>▪ Project status update; and</li> <li>▪ EA update.</li> </ul> Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting. Following the presentation, discussion focused on the underground tailings management facility and mine plans, engagement opportunities, business and contracting opportunities related to the Project, and a potential site tour/visit to the Rook I site. NexGen and the YNLR agreed to meet soon to follow up on the action items and to discuss a potential engagement agreement between the YNLR and NexGen. |

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**APPENDIX C**

# Summary of Issues Identified by Indigenous Groups

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## Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Definition                     |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| EA           | Environmental Assessment       |
| EIS          | Environmental Impact Statement |
| MN-S         | Métis Nation – Saskatchewan    |
| NexGen       | NexGen Energy Ltd.             |
| Project      | Rook I Project                 |

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Table C-1 through Table C-5 present summaries of key issues and concerns raised by Indigenous Groups during engagement activities conducted during the Project Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Example sources of information include Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies, Joint Working Group meetings with primary Indigenous Groups, and feedback received during community information sessions. The summary tables include issues and concerns raised by the Clearwater River Dene Nation; Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S), including members of the MN-S Northern Region 2; Birch Narrows Dene Nation; Buffalo River Dene Nation; and Ya’thi Néné Lands and Resources. Each issue or concern is represented by an issue statement, a discussion of where and how the issue or concern was addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and a summary response.

Identification, presentation, and due consideration of local Indigenous Groups’ input through the early and ongoing engagement processes has validated, informed, and influenced aspects of Project design and the EIS. The majority of issues and concerns have links to most or all of the sections within the EIS. For brevity, the most pertinent sections of the EIS that apply to the issue or concern are presented within the tables. For example, a potential concern related to effects of the Project to water quality may have links to Project design, the consideration of alternative means, hydrogeology, hydrology, water quality, and numerous environmental and human receptors. In consideration of this interconnected nature of the EIS, only the most relevant factors related to addressing the issue or concern are presented. This approach allows the reader to efficiently understand how the issue or concern was primarily addressed.

**Table C-1: Summary of Issues Identified by Clearwater River Dene Nation**

| Issue ID | Issue Statement  | Relevant Sections of the EIS   | How Addressed in EIS  | Summary of Response  |
|----------|--|--|---|--|
| CRDN-001 | Concern about how NexGen would balance engagement activities among communities and Indigenous Groups.  | Section 2: Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.4.1 Identification of Indigenous Groups for Engagement</li> <li>2.5.2 Indigenous Engagement Methods</li> <li>2.6.1.1 Summary of Indigenous Engagement Activities</li> <li>Appendix 2A, Indigenous Group Engagement Activities</li> </ul>   | In Section 2, the process for identifying Indigenous Groups for engagement is described, and a summary of Indigenous Engagement to date is provided.<br><br>Appendix 2A provides a detailed summary of Indigenous Engagement to date.   | The engagement process for the Project included communities that may be affected by or have an interest in the Project.  |
| CRDN-002 | Concern that NexGen would not conduct thorough engagement with Indigenous Groups.  | Section 1: Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1.6 Working with People</li> </ul> Section 2: Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.3.2 Regulatory Context</li> <li>2.5.2 Indigenous Engagement Methods</li> <li>Appendix 2A, Indigenous Group Engagement Activities</li> </ul>  | Section 1.1.6 describes NexGen’s overall approach to engagement with Indigenous Groups.<br><br>Section 2 discusses NexGen’s engagement framework as well as regulatory guidance from provincial and federal governments.<br><br>Appendix 2A provides a detailed summary of Indigenous Engagement to date.   | Engagement with local Indigenous Groups is foundational to the responsible development of the Project. NexGen has always valued and respected the culture, interests, and aspirations of the communities where it operates and will continue to do so.<br><br>Engagement with Indigenous Groups began prior to commencement of the preparation of the EIS and has continued to the present; engagement will continue through all phases of the Project.<br><br>A variety of engagement methods and activities have been implemented to monitor and validate NexGen’s approach, with the goals of achieving the objectives of the engagement program and optimizing Project outcomes for Indigenous Groups. |
| CRDN-003 | Concern about cumulative effects, especially with two proposed uranium mines in close proximity to Patterson Lake. Desire to understand the methods used for cumulative effects assessments and if the predicted results can be trusted. | Section 6: Environmental Assessment Approach and Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.5.3 Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case</li> <li>6.8.2 Cumulative Effects from Reasonably Foreseeable Developments Case</li> </ul> Sections 7, 9 to 11 and 13 to 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residual Effects Analysis – Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case</li> <li>Prediction Confidence and Uncertainty</li> </ul>               | Section 6 describes how the EIS considered and assessed potential cumulative effects of the Project; previous, existing, and approved projects; and RFDs.<br><br>Individual disciplines (Sections 7, 9 to 11, and 13 to 19) further describe the assessment of potential cumulative effects specific to each discipline. These sections also describe the uncertainties associated with the assessment of cumulative effects, where appropriate.  | The potential cumulative effects of the Project and RFDs were considered throughout the EIS.   |
| CRDN-004 | The CRDN expressed a lack of understanding about Project Construction, Operations, and Closure phases. A desire to learn more about the Project as information became available was conveyed.  | Section 2: Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.5 Engagement Approach</li> <li>2.6 Engagement Summary</li> <li>2.7 Moving Forward</li> <li>Appendix 2A, Indigenous Group Engagement Activities</li> </ul> Section 5: Project Description <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.4 Project Components</li> <li>5.5 Project Activities</li> <li>5.5.3 Decommissioning and Reclamation (Closure)</li> </ul> | Section 2 describes the approach taken for engagement with Indigenous communities, regulators, and the public. The section also describes the engagement activities conducted to date and the approach for future engagement activities.<br><br>Section 5 describes the Project phases and design components and activities, including the extraction process and the decommissioning and reclamation plans at Project Closure.   | Project information was offered and provided during the engagement process and is detailed within the EIS.   |
| CRDN-005 | Potential for increased social and family issues due to an influx of workers and capital (i.e., gambling, drinking, substance abuse, and family violence).   | Section 19: Community Well-Being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>19.3 Existing Conditions</li> <li>19.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>19.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul>  | In Section 19, societal and cultural well-being and health well-being were included as measurement indicators and were included in the pathway analysis. Current and historical information was described. Pathways considered the potential effects of increased income for community member and for population changes to affect these measurement indicators. Mitigations addressing adverse Project effects on these measurement indicators are outlined and monitoring and follow-up proposed. | The potential for social and family issues due to the Project was considered in the EIS.   |

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| CRDN-006 | Concern about human health (e.g., cancer) and radiation risks for workers, and how these would be monitored.                       | Section 5: Project Description <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.3.1 Design Standards</li> <li>5.7 Integrated Management System</li> </ul> Section 15: Human Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15.2.2 Valued Components, Receptors, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>15.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>15.5 Risk Assessment</li> <li>15.6 Risk Characterization and Significance Determination</li> <li>15.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul> | Uranium mines and mills are required to satisfy licence and permitting requirements from the CNSC and provincial authorities. Radiation risks for nuclear energy workers were not assessed within the EIS as their health is managed through the Radiation Protection Program and Health and Safety Program. Section 5 describes the design standards and NexGen's management system approach to providing for the health and safety of workers and the public.<br><br>In Section 15, cancer risks and radiation risks to humans were included as measurement indicators for human health. The results of the risk assessment for the Application Case and RFD cases for cancer risk and radiation risk for non-nuclear energy workers are discussed. Plans for monitoring the environment and workers are presented. | Protecting the health and safety of workers and the environment is of paramount importance to NexGen. The management system approach for the Project would include a Radiation Protection Program, including dosimetry and contamination monitoring.<br><br>In the EIS, the potential effects of the Project on non-nuclear energy workers, including cancer and radiation risks, were assessed, including a description of planned monitoring procedures. |
| CRDN-007 | Increased development and access will result in increased competition from non-Indigenous recreational hunters and land users.     | Section 14: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> </ul> Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>16.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> </ul>  | In Section 14, the potential effects of increased levels of public access in the area on wildlife abundance were included in the pathways analysis and screening.<br><br>In Section 16, changes to the availability of wildlife for harvesting were included as measurement indicators and the potential Project effects on the availability of wildlife for harvesting and from increased access and competition for resources on Indigenous land users were considered in the pathway analysis.   | The potential effects of the Project on increased competition from non-Indigenous hunters and land users were considered in the EIS.   |
| CRDN-008 | Concern about ability to harvest country foods and associated implications surrounding food security and community well-being.     | Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>16.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>16.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> Section 19: Community Well-Being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19.3.2.4 Diet</li> <li>19.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>19.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul>                        | In Section 16, continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities and the potential Project effects on the availability and quality of country foods (i.e., fish, plants, and wildlife) were assessment endpoints and influenced the definition of the spatial boundaries of the LSA and RSA. Monitoring, follow-up, and adaptive management to address these concerns are described.<br><br>In Section 19, the importance of traditional diets and food security for Indigenous Groups is discussed. Country foods was considered within the pathways analysis related to the involvement in Project-related employment potentially reducing opportunities for resource harvesting, affecting the amount of country foods in a traditional diet and to access restrictions.             | The potential effects of the Project on the ability to harvest country foods were considered and assessed in the EIS.  |
| CRDN-009 | Potential for human health risk from consuming harvested resources (i.e., vegetation, animals, and fish) that may be contaminated. | Section 15: Human Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15.2.2 Valued Components, Receptors, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>15.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>15.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>15.5 Risk Assessment</li> <li>15.6 Risk Characterization and Significance Determination</li> </ul>   | In Section 15, subsistence harvester was a human health receptor. A risk assessment was completed that considered the potential for the Project to cause adverse effects on human health from various sources, including from the ingestion of plants, fish, and game.  | The potential effects of the Project on human health due to consuming harvested resources (e.g., vegetation, animals, and fish) were assessed in the EIS.  |
| CRDN-010 | Potential for loss of aesthetic appreciation due to noise disturbance.   | Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>16.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul>   | In Section 16, the potential Project effects on the quality of the Indigenous land user experience, including noise, were included as measurement indicators that were included in the pathways analysis and residual effects analysis.   | The potential loss of aesthetic appreciation due to Project-related noise was assessed in the EIS.   |

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| CRDN-011 | Concern about Project effects on waterbodies affecting the ability to harvest fish, including commercial harvests. | <p>Section 9: Hydrology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>9.6 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> <p>Section 10: Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>10.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>10.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> <p>Section 11: Fish and Fish Habitat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>11.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>11.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul> <p>Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> </ul> <p>Section 17: Other Land and Resource Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> </ul> | <p>In Section 9, the potential Project and cumulative effects on the water surface elevations within the LSA and RSA were assessed.</p> <p>In Section 10, the potential Project and cumulative effects on surface water quality within the LSA and RSA were assessed.</p> <p>In Section 11, the potential effects of the Project on fish and fish habitat VCs were considered in the pathway analysis. Monitoring, follow-up, and adaptive management plans were described.</p> <p>In Section 16, changes to the availability and quality of fish, plants, and wildlife for harvesting were included in the pathway analysis.</p> <p>In Section 17, changes to the availability and quality of fish and wildlife for harvesting were included as measurement indicators and included in the pathway analysis.</p> | The potential effects of the Project on waterbodies and the ability to harvest fish were included in the EIS.                  |
| CRDN-012 | Project effects limiting the ability to travel along the waterways within CRDN traditional territory.              | <p>Section 9: Hydrology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>9.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>9.5 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>9.6 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> <p>Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul>  | <p>In Section 9, the use of waterways for navigation influenced the selection of measurement indicators, pathways analysis, and residual effects analysis. Potential changes to hydrology that could affect navigation were assessed.</p> <p>In Section 16, the ability to navigate on waterways is discussed.</p>  | The potential effects of the Project on travel along waterways were considered and assessed in the EIS.                        |
| CRDN-013 | Potential for Project effects on water quality in the region, especially Patterson Lake and the Clearwater River.  | <p>Section 10: Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>10.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>10.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>10.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> <li>10.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul>  | In Section 10, the potential effects of the Project on water quality in Patterson Lake and downstream were assessed. Plans for water quality monitoring are described.  | The potential Project effects on water quality in Patterson Lake and Clearwater River were considered and assessed in the EIS. |
| CRDN-014 | Concern regarding the capture, management, and treatment of water, including high-water events.                    | <p>Section 5: Project Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.4.5 Site Water Management</li> <li>5.4.5.4 Effluent Treatment</li> <li>5.4.5.5 Sanitary Sewage Collection and Treatment</li> </ul> <p>Section 22: Assessment of the Effects of the Environment on the Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22.6.3 Major Precipitation Events</li> </ul>  | <p>Section 5 describes the infrastructure, management, and treatment of water and effluent.</p> <p>Section 22 assesses the potential risks to the Project associated with major precipitation events.</p>   | The capture, management, and treatment of water, including high-water events, were described and assessed in the EIS.          |

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| CRDN-015 | Concern regarding the safety of storing tailings in the UGTMF.  | <p>Section 5: Project Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.3 Project Design Considerations</li> </ul> <p>Section 8: Hydrogeology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8.2.4 Temporal Boundaries</li> <li>8.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>8.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> <p>Section 10: Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10.2.4 Temporal Boundaries</li> <li>10.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>10.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> <li>10.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul> <p>Section 15: Human Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15.5 Risk Assessment</li> </ul> <p>Section 21: Accidents and Malfunctions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21.6 Assessment of Accidents and Malfunctions</li> </ul> <p>Section 22: Assessment of the Effects of the Environment on the Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22.6.7 Seismic Events</li> </ul> | <p>In Section 5, information is provided about design considerations and standards with respect to Project components including the UGTMF.</p> <p>In Section 8, the potential effect of water moving through the UGTMF over long periods of time was identified as a pathway and assessed.</p> <p>In Section 10, the potential effects of the Project on water quality in Patterson Lake and downstream were assessed. Plans for water quality monitoring are described.</p> <p>In Section 15, a risk assessment was completed that considered the potential for the Project to cause adverse effects on human health from various Project sources, including underground tailings.</p> <p>In Section 21, potential accident and malfunction scenarios that could affect the UGTMF are described and assessed with hazard identification analysis.</p> <p>In Section 22, the potential effects of a seismic event on the Project, including the UGTMF, are assessed and discussed.</p> | <p>NexGen is dedicated to minimizing potential effects on the environment throughout all phases of the Project through incorporating proven best practices and designs around mine planning and tailings management.</p> <p>The safety of mine tailings storage on people and the environment was considered and assessed in several sections in the EIS.</p>   |
| CRDN-016 | Potential for Project effects on moose ( <i>Alces alces</i> ) populations and moose habitat.  | <p>Section 14: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>14.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>14.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>14.5.2 Moose</li> </ul>  | <p>In Section 14, moose was assessed as a VC. The assessment of potential Project effects included the measurement indicators of habitat availability, habitat distribution, and survival and reproduction.</p>  | <p>The potential effects of the Project on wildlife species, including moose and the habitats they require, were considered and assessed in the EIS.</p>  |
| CRDN-017 | Concern regarding limitation of access to land, including the effect that this may have on transferring traditional knowledge to younger generations. | <p>Section 5: Project Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.3.2 Design Objectives and Guiding Principles</li> <li>5.5.3 Decommissioning and Reclamation (Closure)</li> </ul> <p>Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>16.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>16.2.4 Temporal Boundaries</li> <li>16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>16.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> <li>16.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul>  | <p>In Section 5, the context regarding design principles and the end land use objectives are discussed.</p> <p>In Section 16, changes to access and the quality of the Indigenous land use experience were included as measurement indicators, in the pathway analysis, and in the residual effects analysis. Continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities was included as an assessment endpoint, which considered the intergenerational transmission of knowledge.</p>  | <p>One of NexGen's preliminary decommissioning and reclamation objectives for the Project is to establish a closure landscape that would be accessible for unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Groups and local communities.</p> <p>The potential effects of the Project on access to the land and the ability to transfer traditional knowledge to younger generations were considered and assessed in the EIS.</p> |

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; UGTMF = underground tailings management facility; VC = valued component; RFD = reasonably foreseeable development; LSA = local study area; RSA = regional study area.



**Table C-2: Summary of Issues Identified by Métis Nation – Saskatchewan**

| Issue ID | Issue Statement   | Relevant Sections of the EIS   | How Addressed in EIS  | Summary of Response   |
|----------|---|--|---|---|
| MN-S-001 | Concern that industrial activities may threaten freedoms, access to land, use of land, and ability to transmit traditional knowledge to younger generations                     | Section 5: Project Description <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.3.2 Design Objectives and Guiding Principles</li> <li>5.5.3 Decommissioning and Reclamation (Closure)</li> </ul> Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>16.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>16.2.4 Temporal Boundaries</li> <li>16.2.7 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>16.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> | <p>In Section 5, the context regarding design principles and the end land use objectives are discussed.</p> <p>In Section 16, access to and area available for Indigenous land and resource use and the quality of the Indigenous land use experience were included as measurement indicators, in the pathway analysis, and in the residual effects analysis. Continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities was included as an assessment endpoint, which considered the intergenerational transmission of knowledge.</p> | <p>One of NexGen's preliminary decommissioning and reclamation objectives for the Project is to establish a closure landscape that would be accessible for unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Groups and local communities.</p> <p>The potential effects of the Project on access to the land and the ability to transfer traditional knowledge to younger generations were considered and assessed in the EIS.</p>   |
| MN-S-002 | Potential effects of dust on vegetation and wildlife.   | Section 7: Air Quality, Noise, Climate Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.2.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>7.2.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>7.2.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> Section 13: Vegetation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> </ul> Section 14: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>14.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul>   | <p>In Section 7, the approach to assessing particulate matter that contributes to dust, including modelling and assessment, is discussed.</p> <p>In Section 13, the potential effects of dust on vegetation and wildlife were included in the pathways analysis.</p> <p>In Section 14, the potential effects of dust (as a component of sensory disturbance) on wildlife were assessed.</p>   | <p>The potential effects of dust generated by the Project on vegetation and wildlife were considered and assessed in the EIS.</p>   |
| MN-S-003 | Potential for cumulative effects from industrial projects (e.g., Fort McMurray area effects combined with Project effects).   | Section 6: Environmental Assessment Approach and Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.5.3 Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case</li> <li>6.8.2 Cumulative Effects from Reasonably Foreseeable Developments Case</li> </ul> Sections 7, 9 to 11 and 13 to 19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residual Effects Analysis, Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case</li> </ul>  | <p>Section 6 describes how the EIS considered and assessed potential cumulative effects of the Project; previous, existing, and approved projects; and RFDs.</p> <p>Individual disciplines (Sections 7, 9 to 11, and 13 to 19) further describe the assessment of potential cumulative effects specific to each discipline.</p>   | <p>Potential cumulative effects of the Project and RFDs were considered throughout the EIS.</p>   |
| MN-S-004 | Lack of engagement to date with cabin owners and trappers in the areas around Patterson Lake.   | Section 2: Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.4.1 Identification of Indigenous Groups for Engagement</li> <li>2.5 Engagement Approach</li> <li>2.6.1.1 Summary of Indigenous Engagement</li> <li>Appendix 2A, Indigenous Group Engagement Activities</li> </ul>  | <p>In Section 2, the processes for identifying Indigenous Groups and the approach to engagement are described, and a summary of Indigenous Engagement to date is provided.</p> <p>Appendix 2A provides a more detailed summary of Indigenous Engagement to date.</p>  | <p>Engagement activities began prior to commencement of the EA process in 2019 and have continued to the present; engagement will continue through all phases of the Project.</p>   |
| MN-S-005 | Concern about not understanding the provided information and ability to provide meaningful feedback. Flexible scheduling would allow subject matter experts to attend meetings. | Section 2: Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.4.1 Identification of Indigenous Groups for Engagement</li> <li>2.5 Engagement Approach</li> <li>2.5.2. Indigenous Engagement Methods</li> <li>2.5.6 Engagement Challenges</li> <li>2.6.1.1 Summary of Indigenous Engagement Activities</li> <li>2.7 Moving Forward</li> <li>Appendix 2A, Indigenous Group Engagement Activities</li> <li>Appendix 2F, Public Engagement Materials</li> </ul>  | <p>In Section 2, study agreements and individualized Indigenous Group engagement for the MN-S are discussed. The section discusses how COVID-19 influenced the engagement program and planned engagement activities with communities throughout the life of the Project. A summary of engagement is provided.</p> <p>Appendix 2A provides a more detailed summary of Indigenous Engagement to date.</p> <p>Appendix 2F provides samples of public materials created to assist Indigenous Groups with broader community engagement.</p>                      | <p>Capacity funding and the engagement process were discussed in the EIS.</p> <p>NexGen's engagement activities have continually evolved to promote the opportunity for effective information exchange and dialogue. This approach to engagement has been consistent since NexGen was formed and will remain a priority for the company throughout all phases of the Project.</p> <p>The engagement methods and activities developed for the Project include a built-in degree of flexibility in recognition of the differences between each of the Indigenous Groups</p> |
| MN-S-006 | Ability to communicate Project information with broader community members.  | Section 2: Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.5.2 Indigenous Engagement Methods</li> <li>2.5.6 Engagement Challenges</li> <li>2.7 Moving Forward</li> <li>Appendix 2F, Public Engagement Materials</li> </ul>  | <p>In Section 2, individualized Indigenous Group engagement for the MN-S is discussed. The section discusses how COVID-19 influenced the engagement program and discusses planned engagement activities with communities throughout the life of the Project.</p> <p>Appendix 2F provides samples of public materials created to assist Indigenous Groups with broader community engagement.</p>   | <p>The engagement between NexGen and MN-S, including multiple approaches used to conveying information with MN-S community members, was summarized in the EIS.</p>  |

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| MN-S-007 | Potential negative effects of increased incomes and employment schedules (i.e., shift work) on community well-being (e.g., family dynamics and mental health). | Section 19: Community Well-Being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>19.3 Existing Conditions</li> <li>19.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>19.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> <li>19.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul>   | In Section 19, societal and cultural well-being and health and well-being were included as measurement indicators and included in the pathway analysis, which included increased incomes and employment. Current and historical conditions were described. Mitigations designed to minimize adverse effects and proposed monitoring and follow-up to verify effects are mitigated are discussed.   | Potential adverse Project effects on community well-being due to increased incomes and employment schedules were considered and assessed.  |
| MN-S-008 | Developing education, training, and business opportunities for community members to facilitate employment at the Project.                                      | Section 1: Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.2.1 Purpose of the Rook I Project and Justification for Development</li> </ul> Section 18: Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>18.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>18.4 Project Interactions, Mitigations, and Beneficial Enhancements</li> <li>18.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul>   | Section 1.2.1 describes NexGen's commitment to prioritizing training, employment, and business opportunities for the communities local to the Project.<br><br>In Section 18, Project-related employment, education and training, and contracting opportunities were used as measurement indicators and in the assessment endpoints. Education, training, and business and contracting opportunities were discussed as part of the pathways analysis. Monitoring is proposed to verify that employment, business, education, and training opportunities are maximized.  | Maximizing value to all stakeholders in a way that makes a lasting, positive impact environmentally, socially, and economically is fundamental to NexGen's approach.<br><br>Educational and economic opportunities for community members were considered and assessed.   |
| MN-S-009 | Potential for accidents and spillage of materials due to increased traffic from the Project.   | Section 21: Accidents and Malfunctions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21.6 Assessment of Accidents and Malfunctions</li> <li>21.7 Assessment of Transportation-Related Risks</li> <li>TSD VIII Accidents and Malfunctions Report</li> </ul>   | In Section 21, potential accident and malfunction scenarios, including transportation risks, are described and assessed. The environmental design features and planned mitigations are described. An Environmental Protection Program and an Emergency Preparedness and Response Program would be implemented to provide mitigation and emergency response measures.   | The potential for accidental spills into the environment (i.e., to air, land, or water), along with mitigations and responses, are described within the EIS.   |
| MN-S-010 | Potential for Project effects that may persist through time and across the region.   | Section 6: Environmental Assessment Approach and Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.4 Assessment Boundaries</li> </ul> Sections 7 to 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residual Effects Analysis – Application Case</li> <li>Prediction Confidence and Uncertainty</li> </ul> Section 23: Summary of Mitigation and Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appendix 23A, Summary of Project Environmental Design Features and Mitigation Measures</li> <li>Appendix 23B, Environmental Assessment Monitoring and Follow-Up Programs Proposed for the Project</li> </ul>  | In Section 6, the approach and methods that were used in the EIS are provided. The approach for spatial and temporal boundaries is described.<br><br>In sections 7 to 19, residual effects analyses predict the Project-related effects for VCs and intermediate components. Each section also speaks to the prediction confidence associated with Project effects.<br><br>In Section 23, the approach to mitigation and monitoring of potential Project effects is discussed. Appendix 23A provides a summary of mitigation measures and Appendix 23B provides a summary of proposed Project monitoring and follow-up programs. | Potential long-term Project effects were considered throughout the EIS.  |
| MN-S-011 | Lack of confidence in environmental monitoring data accuracy. The importance of communication of results was conveyed.   | Section 1: Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1.6 Working With People</li> </ul> Section 2: Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.7 Moving Forward</li> </ul> Sections 7 to 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul> Section 23: Summary of Mitigation and Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23.4.1 Environmental Management</li> <li>Appendix 23A, Summary of Project Environmental Design Features and Mitigation Measures</li> <li>Appendix 23B, Environmental Assessment Monitoring and Follow-Up Programs Proposed for the Project</li> </ul> | In Section 1, NexGen's commitment to communication is described.<br><br>In Section 2, a summary of future and planned engagement is provided.<br><br>Individual disciplines (Sections 7 to 14) describe environmental monitoring programs for the Project.<br><br>In Section 23, a summary of environmental monitoring and management plans are discussed. Appendix 23A provides a summary of mitigation measures and Appendix 23B provides a summary of proposed Project monitoring and follow-up programs.   | NexGen's values and internal policies such as the Code of Ethics support a transparent, honest, and respectful approach to dialogue and communication with local Indigenous Groups.<br><br>Environmental monitoring programs were proposed for each discipline throughout the EIS, and the approach for adaptive management and for communicating results were outlined. |
| MN-S-012 | Potential for increased social, family issues due to an influx of workers/capital (i.e., gambling, drinking, substance abuse, and family violence).            | Section 19: Community Well-Being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>19.3 Existing Conditions</li> <li>19.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>19.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul>   | In Section 19, societal and cultural well-being and health well-being were included as measurement indicators and were included in the pathway analysis. Current and historical information was described. Mitigations addressing potential adverse Project effects on these measurement indicators are outlined and monitoring and follow-up proposed.  | Potential adverse effects on community well-being due to an influx of workers and increased income were considered and discussed.  |

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| Issue ID | Issue Statement  | Relevant Sections of the EIS  | How Addressed in EIS   | Summary of Response  |
|----------|--|---|--|--|
| MN-S-013 | Concern about potential effects on community well-being due to market conditions resulting in Project shutdown.                        | Section 1: Introduction<br>▪ 1.2.5 Exploration, Project Development, and Engineering Activities<br><br>Section 19: Community Well-Being<br>▪ 19.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints<br>▪ 19.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br>▪ 19.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management   | In Section 1, the engineering and economic studies that were completed to determine Project viability under longer-term market conditions are described.<br><br>In Section 19, societal well-being was included as a measurement indicator. Potential declines in contracting, employment, and income opportunities and the potential effects on community well-being are discussed in the pathway analysis.   | Potential adverse effects of the Project on local communities were assessed.   |
| MN-S-014 | Safety of consuming fish from Patterson Lake.  | Section 15: Human Health<br>▪ 15.2.2 Valued Components, Receptors, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints<br>▪ 15.2.3 Spatial Boundaries<br>▪ 15.5 Risk Assessment  | In Section 15, potential Project effects on human health, including the consumption of Traditional Foods like fish, were assessed. Human health was included as a VC, considered in the pathways analysis, and carried through the risk assessment.  | Consuming fish harvested from Patterson Lake by Indigenous harvesters was included in the human health risk assessment of the EIS.   |
| MN-S-015 | Monitoring of radiation exposure and cancer rates for workers and community members.   | Section 5: Project Description<br>▪ 5.7 Integrated Management System<br><br>Section 15: Human Health<br>▪ 15.2.2 Valued Components, Receptors, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints<br>▪ 15.5 Risk Assessment<br>▪ 15.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management  | Radiation risks for nuclear energy workers were not assessed within the EIS as their health is managed through the Radiation Protection Program and Health and Safety Program. Section 5 describes the design standards and NexGen's management system approach to providing for the health and safety of workers and the public.<br><br>In Section 15, radiation dose and incremental lifetime cancer risk are measurement indicators for the human health assessment. Relevant monitoring programs, including for both nuclear energy workers and non-nuclear energy workers, are described. | Protecting the health and safety of workers and the public is of paramount importance to NexGen. The management system approach for the Project would include a Radiation Protection Program, including dosimetry and contamination monitoring.<br><br>In the EIS, the potential risks of the Project on workers, including cancer and radiation risks, were assessed. A description of planned monitoring procedures is provided. |
| MN-S-016 | Concern regarding effects on the ability to harvest country foods and implications surrounding food security and community well-being. | Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use<br>▪ 16.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints<br>▪ 16.2.3 Spatial Boundaries<br>▪ 16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br>▪ 16.5 Residual Effects Analysis<br><br>Section 19: Community Well-Being<br>▪ 19.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations | In Section 16, continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities was an assessment endpoint and influenced the definition of the spatial boundaries of the LSA and RSA. The availability and quality of country foods (i.e., fish, plants, and wildlife) were considered in the pathway analysis. Monitoring, follow-up, and adaptive management to address these concerns are described.<br><br>In Section 19, opportunities for resource harvesting were considered within the pathway analysis.   | The possible effects of the Project on the continued ability to harvest country foods, as well as implications for food security and community well-being, were assessed.  |
| MN-S-017 | The importance of prioritization of local community members for business and employment opportunities was conveyed.                    | Section 1: Introduction<br>▪ 1.2.1 Purpose of the Rook I Project and Justification for Development<br><br>Section 18: Economy<br>▪ 18.2.3. Spatial Boundaries<br>▪ 18.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators<br>▪ 18.2.2.3 Assessment Endpoints<br>▪ 18.4 Project Interactions, Mitigations, and Benefit Enhancements<br>▪ 18.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management      | Section 1.2.1 describes NexGen's commitment to prioritizing and business and employment opportunities for the local communities local to the Project.<br><br>In Section 18, Project-related employment and business opportunities were measurement indicators. Enhancing Indigenous employment and business opportunities form part of the assessment end points. Employment, income, and training opportunities and business and contracting opportunities are discussed as part of the pathways analysis. Monitoring and reporting commitments are presented.                                | Maximizing value to all stakeholders in a way that makes a lasting, positive impact environmentally, socially, and economically is fundamental to NexGen's approach.<br><br>NexGen's approach regarding business and employment opportunities for local community members was discussed in the EIS.  |
| MN-S-018 | Concern about decreased water quality resulting from the Project, especially in Patterson Lake and Clearwater River.                   | Section 10: Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality<br>▪ 10.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators<br>▪ 10.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br>▪ 10.5 Residual Effects Analysis<br>▪ 10.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management   | In Section 10, the potential effects of the Project on surface water quality for Patterson Lake and downstream waterbodies and watercourses were assessed. The concentrations of water quality constituents were included as measurement indicators and included as pathways in the residual effects assessment. Plans for water quality monitoring are described.   | The EIS considered and assessed the potential effects of the Project on the water quality in Patterson Lake and the Clearwater River.  |
| MN-S-019 | Use of Métis Knowledge in the EA, and concerns about how confidentiality and Métis ownership of the information will be maintained.    | Section 3: Indigenous and Local Knowledge<br>▪ 3.3 Indigenous and Local Knowledge Framework<br>▪ 3.5 Indigenous and Local Knowledge Sources<br>▪ 3.6 Incorporation of Indigenous and Local Knowledge  | In Section 3, the Indigenous and Local Knowledge framework components were described for the collection and incorporation of Indigenous Knowledge (including Métis Knowledge) into the EA. The section also describes the Study Agreements that discuss the sharing of Indigenous Knowledge. Indigenous Knowledge is subsequently used in all technical EIS Sections (i.e., Section 7 through Section 19)  | Indigenous and Local Knowledge were used throughout the EIS and respected the agreements made with each community regarding appropriate sharing and acknowledgement of ownership.  |



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| Issue ID | Issue Statement  | Relevant Sections of the EIS   | How Addressed in EIS   | Summary of Response  |
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| MN-S-020 | Potential for pollution to be generated by the Project.  | <p>Section 7: Air Quality, Noise, Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>7.2.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>7.2.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> <li>7.2.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul> <p>Section 10: Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>10.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>10.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> <li>10.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul>   | <p>In Section 7, the potential effects of the Project on air quality were assessed. Ambient air concentrations of selected air contaminants to be emitted from the Project were included as measurement indicators. Plans for air quality monitoring are described.</p> <p>In Section 10, the potential effects of the Project on surface water quality in Patterson Lake and downstream waterbodies and watercourses were assessed. The concentrations of water quality constituents were included as measurement indicators and included in the residual effects assessment. Plans for water quality monitoring are described.</p> <p>The results of Section 7 and Section 10 were passed on to other discipline assessments (e.g., vegetation, fish and fish habitat, and Indigenous land and resource use).</p>  | The EIS considered and assessed the potential effects of pollution from the Project.   |
| MN-S-021 | Concern about the safety of tailings stored underground in the UGTMF and the possible effects of the tailings on the health of people living in the regional area. | <p>Section 5: Project Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.3 Project Design Considerations</li> </ul> <p>Section 8: Hydrogeology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8.2.4 Temporal Boundaries</li> <li>8.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>8.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> <p>Section 10: Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10.2.4 Temporal Boundaries</li> <li>10.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>10.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> <li>10.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul> <p>Section 15: Human Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15.5 Risk Assessment</li> </ul> <p>Section 21: Accidents and Malfunctions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21.6 Assessment of Accidents and Malfunctions</li> </ul> <p>Section 22: Assessment of the Effects of the Environment on the Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22.6.7 Seismic Events</li> </ul> | <p>In Section 5, information is provided about design considerations and standards with respect to Project components including the UGTMF.</p> <p>In Section 8, the potential effect of water moving through the UGTMF over long periods of time was identified as a pathway and assessed.</p> <p>In Section 10, the potential effects of the Project on water quality in Patterson Lake and downstream were assessed. Plans for water quality monitoring are described.</p> <p>In Section 15, a risk assessment was completed that considered the potential for the Project to cause adverse effects on human health from various Project sources, including underground tailings.</p> <p>In Section 21, potential accident and malfunction scenarios that could affect the UGTMF are described and assessed with hazard identification analysis.</p> <p>In Section 22, the potential effects of a seismic event on the Project, including the UGTMF, are assessed and discussed.</p> | <p>NexGen is dedicated to minimizing potential effects on the environment throughout all phases of the Project through incorporating proven best practices and designs around mine planning and tailings management.</p> <p>The safety and stability of the underground storage of tailings was considered in several sections of the EIS, and the potential health effects on people were assessed.</p> |

EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; TSD = Technical Support Document; UGTMF = underground tailings management facility; VC = valued component; RFD = reasonably foreseeable development; LSA = local study area; RSA = regional study area.

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| Issue ID | Issue Statement  | Relevant Sections of the EIS   | How Addressed in EIS  | Summary of Response   |
|----------|--|--|---|---|
| BNDN-001 | Concern about potential for loss of access to the land on lease areas, especially to Patterson Lake and surrounding areas, including the BNDN members' ability to hunt and travel on land and transfer traditional knowledge to younger generations. | Section 5: Project Description <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.3.2 Design Objectives and Guiding Principles</li> <li>5.5.3 Decommissioning and Reclamation (Closure)</li> </ul> Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>16.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>16.2.4 Temporal Boundaries</li> <li>16.2.7 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>16.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul>   | <p>In Section 5, the context regarding design principles and the end land use objectives are discussed.</p> <p>In Section 16, access to and area available for Indigenous land and resource use and the quality of the Indigenous land use experience were included as measurement indicators, in the pathway analysis, and in the residual effects analysis. Continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities was included as an assessment endpoint, which considered the intergenerational transmission of knowledge.</p>   | <p>One of NexGen's preliminary decommissioning and reclamation objectives for the Project is to establish a closure landscape that would be accessible for unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Groups and local communities.</p> <p>The potential effects of the Project on access to the land and the ability to transfer traditional knowledge to younger generations were considered in the EIS, including Project design considerations and Indigenous land use.</p>   |
| BNDN-002 | Potential effects of radon emissions from the Project on food sources, wildlife, and water. Concern was also expressed about how radon emissions will be controlled and monitored.   | Section 5: Project Description <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.3.1 Design Standards</li> <li>5.7 Integrated Management System</li> </ul> Section 7: Air Quality, Noise, Climate Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.2.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>Appendix 7A Air Dispersion Modelling Report</li> </ul> Section 10: Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10.2.8.2 Constituents of Potential Concern</li> </ul> Section 12: Terrain and Soils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12.4 Project Interactions and Mitigation</li> </ul> Section 13: Vegetation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> </ul> Section 14: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> </ul> Section 15: Human Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15.2.8.2 Constituents of Potential Concern</li> <li>15.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>15.5 Risk Assessment</li> <li>15.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> <li>TSD XXI Environmental Risk Assessment</li> </ul> | <p>Uranium mines and mills are required to satisfy licence and permitting requirements from the CNSC and provincial authorities. Section 5 describes the design standards and NexGen's management system approach to providing for the health and safety of workers and the public.</p> <p>In Section 7, radon released due to uranium mining, ore storage, and ore processing was included in the air quality model for inclusion in the environmental risk assessment.</p> <p>In Section 10, radon was discussed with respect to screening water quality constituents of potential concern for further assessment.</p> <p>In Sections 12, 13, and 14, radon was included in the pathways analysis.</p> <p>In Section 15, radon was included as constituent of potential concern in the environmental risk assessment, included in the pathway analysis, and assessed in the risk analysis for the human health assessment. The monitoring of nuclear energy workers to radon exposure is discussed.</p> | <p>Protecting the health and safety of workers and the environment is of paramount importance to NexGen. Assessments are used to confirm the Project design basis and inform the controls required to protect workers from radiological hazards and keep radiological exposures as low as reasonably achievable. Dose assessments will be submitted to the CNSC and other regulatory agencies in support of the licence application and other regulatory approvals. The management system approach for the Project would include a Radiation Protection Program, including dosimetry and contamination monitoring.</p> <p>The potential effects of radon gas were considered in the EIS including in the air quality, water quality, soils, vegetation, wildlife, and human health discipline sections.</p> |
| BNDN-003 | Developing appropriate metrics for measuring and assessing positive Project outcomes for workers when communities have a younger population composition that may be unable to participate in workforce.  | Section 18: Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>18.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>18.4 Project Interactions, Mitigations, and Beneficial Enhancements</li> <li>18.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul> Section 19: Community Well-Being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>19.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>19.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul>  | <p>In Section 18, Project-related employment was used as a measurement indicator that influenced the assessment endpoint. Employment was discussed as part of the pathways analysis as well as monitoring and reporting commitments.</p> <p>In Section 19, educational and economic well-being were used as indicators and assessment endpoints and was discussed as part of the pathways analysis as well as monitoring and reporting commitments.</p>   | <p>The potential effects of the Project on employment, community economies, and the well-being of communities were included in the EIS.</p>   |

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| BNDN-004 | Concern about the potential for exclusion of land users and interested individuals located in communities farther from the Project.                                   | Section 1: Introduction<br>▪ 1.1.6 Working with People<br><br>Section 2: Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement<br>▪ 2.4.1 Identification of Indigenous Groups for Engagement<br>▪ 2.5.2 Indigenous Engagement Methods<br>▪ 2.6.1.1 Summary of Indigenous Engagement Activities<br>▪ Appendix 2A, Indigenous Group Engagement Activities                                | Section 1.1.6 describes NexGen's overall approach to engagement with those who may be affected by or have a direct interest in the Project.<br><br>In Section 2, the process for identifying Indigenous Groups for engagement is described, as well as a summary of Indigenous Engagement to date.<br><br>Appendix 2A provides a detailed summary of Indigenous Engagement to date.  | Engagement with local Indigenous Groups; local communities, residents, businesses, organizations, and land users; and regulatory authorities is foundational to the responsible development of the Project. NexGen has always valued and respected the culture, interests, and aspirations of the communities where it operates, and will continue to do so.<br><br>Engagement with communities and Indigenous Groups was described within the EIS.            |
| BNDN-005 | Time and budget (i.e., capacity) restrictions affecting BNDN community member participation in community knowledge collection.  | Section 2: Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement<br>▪ 2.5.2 indigenous Engagement Methods<br>▪ 2.5.2.1 Study Agreements<br>▪ 2.5.6 Engagement Challenges<br>▪ 2.6.1.1 Summary of Indigenous Engagement Activities<br>▪ 2.7 Moving Forward  | In Section 2, capacity funding for Indigenous Groups to participate in the assessment process is discussed. The section discusses how COVID-19 and other challenges influenced the engagement program and discusses planned engagement activities with communities throughout the life of the Project.   | Engagement with communities and Indigenous Groups, including capacity funding, was described within the EIS.   |
| BNDN-006 | Concern regarding cumulative effects from multiple industrial projects within BNDN territory.   | Section 6: Environmental Assessment Approach and Methods<br>▪ 6.5.3 Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case<br>▪ 6.8.2 Cumulative Effects from Reasonably Foreseeable Developments Case<br><br>Sections 7, 9 to 11 and 13 to 19<br>▪ Residual Effects Analysis – Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case<br>▪ Prediction Confidence and Uncertainty                            | Section 6 describes how the EIS considered and assessed potential cumulative effects of the Project; previous, existing, and approved projects; and RFDs.<br><br>Individual disciplines (Sections 7, 9 to 11, and 13 to 19) further describe the assessment of potential cumulative effects specific to each discipline. These sections also describe the uncertainties associated with the assessment of cumulative effects, where appropriate.   | The potential cumulative effects of the Project and RFDs were considered throughout the EIS.   |
| BNDN-007 | Concern about increased potential for human health risks due to effects from the proposed Project and from existing mines/exploration projects within BNDN territory. | Section 15: Human Health<br>▪ 15.2.2 Valued Components, Receptors, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints<br>▪ 15.5 Risk Assessment<br>▪ 15.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management   | In Section 15, a risk assessment was completed that considered the potential for the Project to cause adverse effects on human health from various Project sources. The risk assessment also evaluated cumulative effects of the Project; previous, existing, and approved projects; and RFDs in the RFD Case.   | The potential effects of the Project on people, including cancer and radiation risks, were assessed. A description of planned monitoring procedures is provided. Cumulative effects of the Project and RFDs on human health were considered in the EIS.  |
| BNDN-008 | Concern about how NexGen will balance business, employment, and training opportunities among communities and Indigenous Groups.                                       | Section 1: Introduction<br>▪ 1.2.1 Purpose of the Rook I Project and Justification for Development<br><br>Section 18: Economy<br>▪ 18.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints<br>▪ 18.2.3 Spatial Boundaries<br>▪ 18.4 Project Interactions, Mitigations, and Beneficial Enhancements<br>▪ 18.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management | Section 1.2.1 describes NexGen's commitment to prioritizing training, employment, and business opportunities for the communities local to the Project.<br><br>In Section 18, Project-related employment, education and training, and contracting opportunities were used as measurement indicators and in the assessment endpoints. Education, training, and business and contracting opportunities were discussed as part of the pathways analysis. Monitoring is proposed to verify that employment, business, education, and training opportunities are maximized for local communities.  | Maximizing value to all stakeholders in a way that makes a lasting, positive impact environmentally, socially, and economically is fundamental to NexGen's approach.<br><br>Business, employment, and training opportunities of Indigenous Groups are discussed in several sections of the EIS.  |
| BNDN-009 | Concern about the procedures that would be used in the event of a spill into the environment (air, land, or water).   | Section 5: Project Description<br>▪ 5.7 Integrated Management System<br><br>Section 21: Accidents and Malfunctions<br>▪ 21.6 Assessment of Accidents and Malfunctions<br>▪ 21.7 Assessment of Transportation-Related Risks<br>▪ TSD VIII Accidents and Malfunctions Report   | Uranium mines and mills are required to satisfy licence and permitting requirements from the CNSC and provincial authorities, which include the protection of the environment. Section 5 describes NexGen's management system approach to providing for the protection of the environment.<br><br>In Section 21, potential accident and malfunction scenarios, including transportation risks, are described and assessed. The environmental design features and planned mitigations are described. An Environmental Protection Program and an Emergency Preparedness and Response Program would be implemented to provide mitigation and emergency response measures. | NexGen's management system approach follows a Plan-Do-Check-Act continual improvement cycle. The "Do" component of the management system includes controls to mitigate risk, carry out work safely, and efficiently verify that processes (e.g., procedures) and outcomes conform to requirements.<br><br>The potential for accidental spills into the environment (air, land, and water), along with mitigations and responses, are described within the EIS. |

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| BNDN-010 | Uranium's potential to harm the environment.  | Section 7: Air Quality, Noise, and Climate Change<br>■ 7.2.5 Residual Effects Analysis<br><br>Section 8: Hydrogeology<br>■ 8.5 Residual Effects Analysis<br><br>Section 10: Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality<br>■ Project Interactions and Mitigations<br><br>Section 11: Fish and Fish Habitat<br>■ 11.5 Residual Effects Analysis<br><br>Section 12: Terrain and Soils<br>■ 12.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br><br>Section 13: Vegetation<br>■ 13.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br><br>Section 14: Wildlife<br>■ 14.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations | The potential effects of uranium mining at the Project on the environment were considered in pathway analyses or in assessments for multiple environmental disciplines.   | The potential interactions between uranium and the environment are assessed throughout the EIS.  |
| BNDN-011 | Potential that higher incomes resulting from the Project may result in substance abuse issues (e.g., drinking) within the community.  | Section 19: Community Well-Being<br>■ 19.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators<br>■ 19.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br>■ 19.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management  | In Section 19, the potential amplification of community issues from increased disposable income was included in the pathway analysis. Mitigations addressing adverse Project effects were outlined and monitoring and follow-up proposed.   | The potential for the Project to affect the well-being of community members was considered and assessed in the EIS.                          |
| BNDN-012 | Concern that wildlife behaviour may be disturbed by traffic.  | Section 7: Air Quality, Noise, Climate Change<br>■ 7.3.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br>■ 7.3.5 Residual Effects Analysis<br><br>Section 14: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat<br>■ 14.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br>■ 14.5 Residual Effects Analysis  | In Section 7.3, noise levels were included as measurement indicators and noise from vehicle traffic was included as part of pathway analysis and included in the assessment.<br><br>In Section 14, sensory disturbance to wildlife by noise was included in the pathway analysis and residual effects analysis.   | The potential for Project-related traffic to cause sensory disturbance (including noise) for wildlife was assessed in the EIS.               |
| BNDN-013 | Concern about increased development and industrial activity leading to increased competition with non-Indigenous recreational land users.   | Section 14: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat<br>■ 14.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br><br>Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use<br>■ 16.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators<br>■ 16.2.3 Spatial Boundaries<br>■ 16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations   | In Section 14, the potential effects of increased levels of public access in the area on wildlife abundance were included in the pathways analysis and screening.<br><br>In Section 16, changes to the availability of wildlife for harvesting were included as measurement indicators and the potential Project effects on the availability of wildlife for harvesting and from increased access and competition for resources on Indigenous land users were considered in the pathway analysis. | The potential effects of the Project on increased competition from non-Indigenous hunters and land users were considered in the EIS.         |
| BNDN-014 | Concern about Project effects on the ability to harvest country foods such as caribou ( <i>Rangifer tarandus caribou</i> ), moose, deer, fish, birds, and other game within BNDN territory.   | Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use<br>■ 16.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints<br>■ 16.2.3 Spatial Boundaries<br>■ 16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br>■ 16.5 Residual Effects Analysis<br>■ 16.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management   | In Section 16, continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities and the potential Project effects on the availability and quality of country foods (i.e., fish, plants, wildlife) were included as measurement indicators and included in the pathways analysis and residual effects analysis. Monitoring, follow-up, and adaptive management to address these concerns were described.  | The potential effects of the Project on the continued ability to harvest country foods were assessed in the EIS.                             |
| BNDN-015 | Potential effects on species that are trapped by BNDN members, including marten ( <i>Martes americana</i> ), lynx ( <i>Lynx canadensis</i> ), wolf ( <i>Canis lupus</i> ), mink ( <i>Neovison vison</i> ), squirrel ( <i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i> / <i>Glaucomys sabrinus</i> ), fisher ( <i>Pekania pennanti</i> ), beaver ( <i>Castor canadensis</i> ), and muskrat ( <i>Ondatra zibethicus</i> ). | Section 14: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat<br>■ 14.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators<br>■ 14.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br>■ 14.5 Residual Effects Analysis<br>■ 14.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management<br>■ TSD XXI Environmental Risk Assessment   | In Section 14, the survival and reproduction of wildlife VCs were assessed. The assessment of potential Project effects included the measurement indicators of habitat availability, habitat distribution, and survival and reproduction.<br><br>The environmental risk assessment outlined the receptors selected for the ecological risk assessment, which contributed to the assessment of wildlife and wildlife habitat.  | Potential Project-related effects on the wildlife species trapped by BNDN members were included in the EIS, as were the effects on trapping. |
| BNDN-016 | Concern regarding waste management and reclamation.   | Section 5: Project Description<br>■ 5.4.6 Conventional Waste Management<br>■ 5.5.3 Decommissioning and Reclamation (Closure)  | Section 5 discusses how conventional waste management will be undertaken and describes the decommissioning and reclamation plans at Project closure.  | The management of waste and plans for reclamation are described in the EIS.  |

Table C-3: Summary of Issues Identified by Birch Narrows Dene Nation

| Issue ID | Issue Statement   | Relevant Sections of the EIS  | How Addressed in EIS  | Summary of Response   |
|----------|---|---|---|---|
| BNDN-017 | Concern about the possible effects the Project may have on the water quality of Patterson Lake (including radiation) and connected waterways. | Section 10: Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>10.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li><li>10.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li><li>10.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li><li>10.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li></ul>   | In Section 10, the potential effects of the Project on surface water quality for Patterson Lake and downstream waterbodies and watercourses were assessed. The concentrations of water quality constituents were included as measurement indicators and included as pathways in the residual effects assessment. Plans for water quality monitoring are described.  | The EIS included an analysis of the potential effects of the Project on water quality and described how the Project will manage water.  |
| BNDN-018 | Concern was expressed about the stability and safety of tailings stored in the UGTMF.   | Section 5: Project Description <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5.3 Project Design Considerations</li></ul> Section 8: Hydrogeology <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8.2.4 Temporal Boundaries</li><li>8.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li><li>8.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li></ul> Section 10: Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>10.2.4 Temporal Boundaries</li><li>10.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li><li>10.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li><li>10.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li></ul> Section 15: Human Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>15.5 Risk Assessment</li></ul> Section 21: Accidents and Malfunctions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>21.6 Assessment of Accidents and Malfunctions</li></ul> Section 22: Assessment of the Effects of the Environment on the Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>22.6.7 Seismic Events</li></ul> | In Section 5, information is provided about design considerations and standards with respect to Project components including the UGTMF.<br><br>In Section 8, the potential effect of water moving through the UGTMF over long periods of time was identified as a pathway and assessed.<br><br>In Section 10, the potential effects of the Project on water quality in Patterson Lake and downstream were assessed. Plans for water quality monitoring are described.<br><br>In Section 15, a risk assessment was completed that considered the potential for the Project to cause adverse effects on human health from various Project sources, including underground tailings.<br><br>In Section 21, potential accident and malfunction scenarios that could affect the UGTMF are described and assessed with hazard identification analysis.<br><br>In Section 22, the potential effects of a seismic event on the Project, including the UGTMF, are assessed and discussed. | NexGen is dedicated to minimizing potential effects on the environment throughout all Project phases through incorporating proven best practices and designs around mine planning and tailings management.<br><br>The safety of mine tailings storage on people and the environment was considered and assessed in several sections in the EIS. |

BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; RFD = reasonably foreseeable development; TSD = Technical Support Document.



**Table C-4: Summary of Issues Identified by Buffalo River Dene Nation**

| Issue ID | Issue Statement  | Relevant Sections of the EIS   | How Addressed in EIS   | Summary of Response   |
|----------|--|--|--|---|
| BRDN-001 | Project access limitations to lands and resources, and implications this would cause to transmitting traditional knowledge to younger generations. | <p>Section 5: Project Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.3.2 Design Objectives and Guiding Principles</li> <li>5.5.3 Decommissioning and Reclamation (Closure)</li> </ul> <p>Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>16.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>16.2.4 Temporal Boundaries</li> <li>16.2.7 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>16.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> | <p>In Section 5, the context regarding design principles and the end land use objectives are discussed.</p> <p>In Section 16, access to and area available for Indigenous land and resource use and the quality of the Indigenous land use experience were included as measurement indicators, included in the pathway analysis, and in the residual effects analysis. Continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities was included as an assessment endpoint, which considered the intergenerational transmission of knowledge.</p> | <p>One of NexGen's preliminary decommissioning and reclamation objectives for the Project is to establish a closure landscape that would be accessible for unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Groups and local communities.</p> <p>The potential effects of the Project on access to the land and the ability to transfer traditional knowledge to younger generations were considered and assessed in the EIS.</p> |
| BRDN-002 | Concern about cumulative effects from industry degrading air quality.  | <p>Section 7: Air Quality, Noise, and Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.2.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>7.2.3 Existing Conditions</li> <li>7.2.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>7.2.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul>  | <p>In Section 7, the existing air quality conditions in the LSA and RSAs were described. The locations of baseline data collection sites and the extent of the air quality models are provided. The potential cumulative effects from the Project and other RFDs located within the RSA were evaluated.</p> <p>The results from the air quality assessment were passed to other disciplines such as vegetation, water quality, and human health.</p>   | <p>The potential cumulative effects of the Project and RFDs on air quality were considered in the EIS.</p>  |
| BRDN-003 | Concern about cumulative effects from industry (e.g., the Project, Fort McMurray oil sands developments) on human health and the environment.      | <p>Section 6: Environmental Assessment Approach and Methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.5.3 Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case</li> <li>6.8.2 Cumulative Effects from Reasonably Foreseeable Developments Case</li> </ul> <p>Sections 7, 9 to 11 and 13 to 19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residual Effects Analysis, Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case</li> </ul>  | <p>Section 6 describes how the EIS considered and assessed potential cumulative effects of the Project, previous, existing, and approved projects, and RFDs.</p> <p>Individual disciplines (Sections 7, 9 to 11, and 13 to 19) further describe the assessment of potential cumulative effects specific to each discipline.</p>  | <p>Potential cumulative effects of the Project and RFDs were considered throughout the EIS.</p>   |
| BRDN-004 | Time and budget (i.e., capacity) restrictions affecting BRDN community member participation in community knowledge collection.                     | <p>Section 2: Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.5.2 Indigenous Engagement Methods</li> <li>2.5.2.1 Study Agreements</li> <li>2.5.6 Engagement Challenges</li> <li>2.6.1.1 Summary of Indigenous Engagement Activities</li> <li>2.7 Moving Forward</li> </ul>  | <p>In Section 2, capacity funding for Indigenous Groups to participate in the assessment process is discussed. The section discusses how COVID-19 and other challenges influenced the engagement program and discusses planned engagement activities with communities throughout the life of the Project.</p>  | <p>Engagement with communities and Indigenous Groups, including capacity funding, was described within the EIS.</p>   |
| BRDN-005 | Concern about cumulative access restrictions within BRDN traditional territory.  | <p>Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>16.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>16.5.2 Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case</li> </ul>   | <p>In Section 16, access to and area available for Indigenous land and resource use was included as a measurement indicator and included in the pathway analysis and residual effects analysis.</p>  | <p>The potential cumulative effects on access to Indigenous land use areas were considered and assessed in the EIS.</p>   |
| BRDN-006 | Concern about who will be liable for local road infrastructure.  | <p>Section 1: Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.2.7 Project Schedule</li> <li>1.3 Regulatory Framework</li> </ul> <p>Section 5: Project Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 5.4.7 Supporting Infrastructure</li> <li>Section 5.4.8 Off-site Infrastructure</li> <li>Section 5.5.3 Decommissioning and Reclamation (Closure)</li> </ul>  | <p>Section 1 describes the Project phases including the Decommissioning and Reclamation (i.e., Closure) Phase after which the land would be transferred to Provincial management, as well as the provincial and federal legislation that applies to decommissioning.</p> <p>In Section 5, information regarding road use and development for the Project is provided, including information on decommissioning and reclamation.</p>  | <p>Decommissioning and reclamation were considered throughout the EIS.</p>  |
| BRDN-007 | Concern about safety of truck transportation, including the number of trucks on the road, and spill response.                                      | <p>Section 21: Accidents and Malfunctions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21.6 Assessment of Accidents and Malfunctions</li> <li>21.7 Assessment of Transportation-Related Risks</li> <li>TSD VIII Accidents and Malfunctions Report</li> </ul>   | <p>In Section 21, potential accident and malfunction scenarios, including transportation risks, are described and assessed. The environmental design features and planned mitigations are described. An Environmental Protection Program and an Emergency Preparedness and Response Program would be implemented to provide mitigation and emergency response measures.</p>  | <p>Transportation safety and response measures were assessed in the EIS.</p>  |
| BRDN-008 | Desire for adequate environmental monitoring to be conducted for the Project.  | <p>Sections 7 to 14:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul> <p>Section 23: Summary of Mitigation and Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23.4.1 Environmental Management</li> </ul>  | <p>Individual disciplines (Sections 7 to 14) describe environmental monitoring programs proposed for the Project.</p> <p>In Section 23, a summary of environmental monitoring and management plans are discussed.</p>  | <p>Environmental monitoring was considered and proposed throughout the EIS.</p>   |

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| Issue ID | Issue Statement   | Relevant Sections of the EIS  | How Addressed in EIS  | Summary of Response   |
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| BRDN-009 | Concern about potential for increased social or family issues due to an influx of workers/capital (gambling, drinking, substance abuse, family violence). | Section 19: Community Well-Being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators</li> <li>19.3 Existing Conditions</li> <li>19.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>19.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul>   | In Section 19, societal and cultural well-being and health well-being were included as measurement indicators and were included in the pathway analysis. Current and historical information was described. Mitigations addressing potential adverse Project effects on these measurement indicators are outlined and monitoring and follow-up proposed.   | Potential adverse effects on community well-being due to an influx of workers and increased income were considered and discussed.       |
| BRDN-010 | Concern about Project traffic on road conditions (specifically from Buffalo turnoff to Dillon), including dust.   | Section 7: Air Quality, Noise, Climate Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>7.2.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>7.2.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> Section 19: Community Well-Being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19.3.3.4 Road Transportation Infrastructure</li> <li>19.4 Project Interactions and Mitigation</li> </ul>  | In Section 7, the approach to assessing particulate matter that contributes to dust, including modelling and assessment, is discussed.<br><br>Section 19 discusses existing road transportation infrastructure and assesses how the transportation of materials and workers on the road could affect local road infrastructure and safety of road travel by community members.  | Potential Project-related effects of traffic on road infrastructure and the potential for dust were considered and assessed in the EIS. |
| BRDN-011 | Concern about Project effects on wildlife health and subsequent human health concerns from harvesting and consuming wildlife.                             | Section 14: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>14.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>TSD XXI Environmental Risk Assessment</li> </ul> Section 15: Human Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15.2.2 Valued Components, Receptors, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>15.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>15.5 Risk Assessment</li> <li>15.6 Risk Characterization and Significance Determination</li> </ul>  | In Section 14, the survival and reproduction of wildlife VCs was considered.<br><br>The exposure of wildlife VCs to chemical substances or metals was evaluated during the pathways analysis taking into account the results of the ecological risk assessment.<br><br>In Section 15, subsistence harvester was included as a human health receptor. A risk assessment was completed that considered the potential for the Project to cause adverse effects on human health from various sources, including from the ingestion of plants, fish, and game. | The potential effects of the Project on wildlife health and human health were assessed in the EIS.                                      |
| BRDN-012 | Project effects on water quality.   | Section 10: Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>10.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>10.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> <li>10.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul>  | In Section 10, the potential effects of the Project on surface water quality for Patterson Lake and downstream waterbodies and watercourses were assessed. The concentrations of water quality constituents were included as measurement indicators and included as pathways in the residual effects assessment. Plans for water quality monitoring are described.  | The potential effects of the Project on water quality were considered and assessed in the EIS.  |
| BRDN-013 | Concerns regarding increased development and industrial activity leading to increased competition with non-Indigenous recreational land-users.            | Section 14: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> </ul> Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>16.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> </ul>  | In Section 14, the potential effects of increased levels of public access in the area on wildlife abundance were included in the pathways analysis and screening.<br><br>In Section 16, changes to the availability of wildlife for harvesting were included as measurement indicators and the potential Project effects on the availability of wildlife for harvesting and from increased access and competition for resources on Indigenous land users were considered in the pathway analysis.   | The potential effects of the Project on increased competition from non-Indigenous hunters and land users were considered in the EIS.    |
| BRDN-014 | Concern about noise from Project activities, including vehicle traffic.   | Section 7: Air Quality, Noise, Climate Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.3.2 Component Methods</li> <li>7.3.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>7.3.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> Section 14: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>14.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>16.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> Section 17: Other Land and Resource Use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>17.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>17.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> | In Section 7.3, noise levels were included as measurement indicators and noise from vehicle traffic was included as part of pathways analysis and included in the assessment.<br><br>In Section 14, the potential effects of Project and traffic noise on wildlife were included in pathways analysis and the residual effects analysis.<br><br>In Sections 16 and Section 17, the quality of the land use experience was included as measurement indicators. Noise was included in the pathways analysis and the effects were assessed.                  | Noise from Project activities was considered and assessed in the EIS.   |



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| Issue ID | Issue Statement   | Relevant Sections of the EIS  | How Addressed in EIS   | Summary of Response   |
|----------|---|---|--|---|
| BRDN-015 | The importance of conveying information to community members about the potential for exposure to mine radiation exhaust and factors related to radiation safety was conveyed. | Section 1: Introduction<br>▪ 1.1.6 Working with People<br><br>Section 2: Engagement<br>▪ 2.7 Moving Forward<br><br>Section 23: Summary of Mitigation and Monitoring<br>▪ 23.2 Engagement and Communication<br>▪ 23.5.2 Indigenous Monitoring  | In Section 1, NexGen's commitment to communication is described.<br><br>In Section 2, a summary of future and planned engagement is provided.<br><br>In Section 23, the independent Indigenous monitors and the Indigenous and Public Engagement Program are described.  | NexGen values and internal policies such as the Code of Ethics support a transparent, honest, and respectful approach to dialogue and communication with local Indigenous Groups.<br><br>The EIS describes engagement with Indigenous Groups and local communities.<br><br>NexGen is working with local Indigenous Groups to implement independent environmental monitoring. Indigenous monitors would report openly and without restriction to Indigenous Group community members on the performance of the Project. |
| BRDN-016 | Potential Project effects on water quality (especially Patterson Lake), affecting fish and fish habitat.  | Section 10: Surface Water and Sediment Quality<br>▪ 10.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators<br>▪ 10.2.3 Spatial Boundaries<br>▪ 10.5 Residual Effects Analysis<br><br>Section 11: Fish and Fish Habitat<br>▪ 11.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints<br>▪ 11.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br>▪ 11.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management   | In Section 10, the potential Project and cumulative effects on surface water quality within the LSA and RSA were assessed.<br><br>In Section 11, the potential effects of the Project on fish and fish habitat VCs were considered in the pathway analysis. Monitoring, follow-up, and adaptive management plans were described.   | The potential effects of the Project to water quality and fish and fish habitat were assessed in the EIS.   |
|          | Potential Project effects on water quality affecting subsistence and commercial fishing by BRDN.  | Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use<br>▪ 16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br><br>Section 17: Other Land and Resource Use<br>▪ 17.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations   | In Section 16, changes to availability and quality of fish, plants, and wildlife for harvesting were included as measurement indicators and in the pathway analysis.<br><br>In Section 17, changes to availability and quality fish and wildlife for harvesting were included as measurement indicators and in the pathway analysis.   | Potential effects on water quality, fish and fish habitat, and the ability to harvest fish were assessed in the EIS.  |
| BRDN-017 | Concerns about the ability to harvest country foods and implications surrounding food security and community well-being.  | Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use<br>▪ 16.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators<br>▪ 16.2.3 Spatial Boundaries<br>▪ 16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br>▪ 16.5 Residual Effects Analysis<br><br>Section 19: Community Well-Being<br>▪ 19.3.2.4 Diet<br>▪ 19.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br>▪ 19.5 Residual Effects Analysis   | In Section 16, continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities and the potential Project effects on the availability and quality of country foods (i.e., fish, plants, and wildlife) were assessment endpoints and influenced the definition of the spatial boundaries of the LSA and RSA. Monitoring, follow-up, and adaptive management to address these concerns are described.<br><br>In Section 19, the importance of traditional diets and food security for Indigenous Groups is discussed. Country foods was considered within the pathways analysis related to the involvement in Project-related employment potentially reducing opportunities for resource harvesting, affecting the amount of country foods in a traditional diet, and to access restrictions. | The possible effects of the Project on the continued ability to harvest country foods, as well as implications for food security and community well-being, were assessed in the EIS.  |
| BRDN-018 | Concern about decline in fowl population available for harvest.   | Section 14: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat<br>▪ 14.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints<br>▪ 14.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br>▪ 14.5 Residual Effects Analysis<br><br>Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use<br>▪ 16.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints<br>▪ 16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations<br>▪ 16.5 Residual Effects Analysis | In Section 14, two species of waterfowl (common goldeneye [ <i>Bucephala clangula</i> ] and mallard [ <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> ]) were selected as VCs. The assessment of potential Project effects included the measurement indicators of habitat availability, habitat distribution, and survival and reproduction.<br><br>In Section 16, changes to the availability of wildlife for harvesting were identified as a pathway and carried through the residual affects assessment.  | Potential Project effects on waterfowl were considered and assessed in the EIS.   |

BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; UGTMF = underground tailings management facility; VC = valued component; TSD = Technical Support Document; RFD = reasonably foreseeable development; LSA = local study area; RSA = regional study area.

**Table C-5: Summary of Issues Identified by Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources**

| Issue ID | Issue Statement  | Relevant Sections of EIS  | How Addressed in EIS   | Summary of Response   |
|----------|--|---|--|---|
| YNLR-001 | Promoting economic opportunities for Athabasca Basin communities during all phases of the Project lifespan.                            | <p>Section 1: Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1.2 NexGen Vision, Values, and Approach</li> <li>1.2.1 Purpose of the Rook I Project and Justification for Development</li> </ul> <p>Section 18: Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>18.2.2.3 Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>18.4 Project Interactions, Mitigations, and Benefit Enhancements</li> <li>18.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul> <p>Section 19: Community Well-Being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19.5.2 Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case</li> </ul>   | <p>Section 1.2.1 summarizes Project benefits locally, provincially, and federally and NexGen's commitment to prioritizing training, employment, and business opportunities for the local communities local to the Project.</p> <p>In Section 18, Project-related employment and contracting opportunities were used as measurement indicators and in the assessment endpoints. Employment, income, and training opportunities and business and contracting opportunities are discussed as part of the pathways analysis as well as monitoring and reporting commitments.</p> <p>In Section 19, discussion regarding increased regional employment is included in the RFD Case.</p> | <p>Maximizing value to all stakeholders in a way that makes a lasting, positive impact environmentally, socially, and economically is fundamental to NexGen's approach.</p> <p>Economic opportunities for community members were considered and assessed in the EIS.</p>  |
| YNLR-002 | Concern regarding the potential for Project activities to lead to water contamination within the Athabasca Basin.                      | <p>Section 5: Project Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.4.5 Site Water Management</li> <li>5.7 Integrated Management System</li> </ul> <p>Section 10: Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10.2.2.2 Measurement Indicators</li> <li>10.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>10.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> <li>10.7 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul>   | <p>In Section 5, the infrastructure and process for collecting, using, and treating water are described. Uranium mines and mills are required to satisfy licence and permitting requirements from the CNSC and provincial authorities, which include the protection of the environment. Section 5 describes NexGen's management system approach to providing for the protection of the environment.</p> <p>In Section 10, the potential Project and cumulative effects on surface water quality within the LSA and RSA were assessed. Plans for water quality monitoring are described.</p>  | <p>The potential Project effects on water quality within the region were considered and assessed in the EIS.</p>  |
| YNLR-003 | Concern about potential noise disturbances due to increased traffic.   | <p>Section 7: Air Quality, Noise, Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.3.2 Component Methods</li> <li>7.3.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>7.3.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> <p>Section 14: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>14.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> <p>Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>16.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> <p>Section 17: Other Land and Resource Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>17.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>17.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> </ul> | <p>In Section 7.3, noise levels were included as measurement indicators and noise from vehicle traffic was included as part of pathways analysis and included in the assessment.</p> <p>In Section 14, the potential effects of Project and traffic noise on wildlife were included in pathways analysis and the residual effects analysis.</p> <p>In Sections 16 and Section 17, the quality of the land use experience was included as measurement indicators. Noise was included in the pathways analysis and the effects were assessed.</p>  | <p>The potential for traffic-related noise disturbances from the Project was assessed.</p>  |
| YNLR-004 | Potential effects on community members' ability to access traditional lands and resources, and the ability to utilize those resources. | <p>Section 5: Project Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.3.2 Design Objectives and Guiding Principles</li> <li>5.5.3 Decommissioning and Reclamation (Closure)</li> </ul> <p>Section 16: Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.2.2 Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints</li> <li>16.2.3 Spatial Boundaries</li> <li>16.2.4 Temporal Boundaries</li> <li>16.4 Project Interactions and Mitigations</li> <li>16.5 Residual Effects Analysis</li> <li>16.8 Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management</li> </ul>   | <p>In Section 5, the context regarding design principles and the end land use objectives are discussed.</p> <p>In Section 16, changes to access and the quality of the Indigenous land use experience were included as measurement indicators, in the pathway analysis, and in the residual effects analysis. Continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities was included as an assessment endpoint, which considered the intergenerational transmission of knowledge.</p>  | <p>One of NexGen's preliminary decommissioning and reclamation objectives for the Project is to establish a closure landscape that would be accessible for unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Groups and local communities.</p> <p>The potential Project effects on access to traditional land and resources and ability to utilize these resources were considered and assessed.</p> |

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