



Notice of Participant Funding and an Opportunity to Submit a Written Intervention on the Scope of an Environmental Assessment

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In May 2020, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will render a decision on the proposed scope of factors to be considered in the conduct of an environmental assessment (EA) for a project proposed by Global First Power (GFP). The decision will be based on written submissions to the Commission.

GFP has submitted a project description proposing the site preparation, construction, operation and decommissioning of a single modular reactor, using Micro Modular Reactor (MMR) technology. GFP is proposing to carry out this project, known as the MMR Project, at the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Ltd. Chalk River Laboratories (CRL) site in Chalk River, Ontario.

CNSC staff determined that the proposed project meets the definition of a “designated project” under the *Regulations Designating Physical Activities* and is therefore subject to an EA under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012), with the CNSC as the sole responsible authority. Although the *Impact Assessment Act* came into force in August 2019, it includes provisions to allow ongoing projects with EAs initiated under CEAA 2012 to continue under their existing EA processes. On July 15, 2019, GFP’s proposed MMR Project description was posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for a 30-day public comment period, which was then extended an additional 30 days. A notification to comment on the project description was sent to potentially interested Indigenous groups and to members of the public via the CNSC’s email subscribers list. CNSC staff’s submission will include a disposition table providing detailed responses to the comments submitted during the public comment period.

The decision in this matter will not represent a licensing decision. Rather, the Commission is required to determine the scope of factors to be considered in the EA under CEAA 2012 for the proposed MMR Project, taking into consideration the comments received during the public comment period conducted in 2019 and written interventions submitted for this decision-making process. After the EA is completed and the Commission has received an application from GFP, the Commission will hold public hearings, with public participation, for the purposes of deciding whether to approve the EA and to license GFP’s MMR Project.

The CNSC is making available up to **\$20,000** through its [Participant Funding Program](#). The purpose of the funding is to assist Indigenous peoples, members of the public and stakeholders in reviewing CNSC staff's submission and associated documents on the scope of factors to be considered in the EA for the proposed MMR Project, and in participating in the Commission decision-making process by providing topic-specific and value-added written interventions to the Commission. PFP applications must clearly demonstrate how the proposed intervention will provide the Commission with new information that had not already been submitted through the 60-day public comment period on the project description. Please note that the \$20,000 will be disbursed among all successful applicants. The deadline to submit a completed participant funding application form to the CNSC is **February 10, 2020**.

Persons who have an interest or expertise in this matter or information that may be useful to the Commission in coming to a decision on the scope of the EA for GFP's proposed MMR Project are invited to comment, in writing, on CNSC staff's submission using the [online request form](#). Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Secretariat through the online request form or via the contact information below by **April 30, 2020**. **The request to intervene must include the following information:**

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

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

The submission from CNSC staff will be available on the CNSC website at nuclearsafety.gc.ca or on request to the Secretariat after March 31, 2020.

Following the deliberations and decision of the Commission on this matter, a Record of Decision will be published on the CNSC website and on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry website, and will be made available on request.

For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:

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For further information on the Commission decision-making process, contact:

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