



Appendix A to the CNL-CNSC Administrative Protocol for the Near Surface Disposal Facility Project at Chalk River Laboratories

Appendix A, Revision 6 – January 2022

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Summary of changes

Section	Changes	Date
Table 1	Revision of dates for Group 1 draft EIS submissions	December 2016
Table 2	Addition of the “Safety Analysis Report – Revision D2” under the heading ‘Safety Analysis’	December 2016
Table 1	Revision of dates for Environmental Assessment milestones	June 2017
Table 2	Revision to document references	June 2017
All	Revision to tables	October 2018
All	Revision to tables and to reflect two part hearing and associated timelines	December 2019
Table 1 and 2	Updates to completion dates to Environmental Assessment and Licensing milestones	August 2021
All	Updates to completion dates for federal and provincial reviews, Commission Member Document and Environmental Assessment report, and hearing dates	January 2022

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Table 1: Deliverable schedule for activities related to the environmental assessment (EA)

Step	Deliverable / activity	Lead	Duration (calendar days)	Completion Date
Initiation of EA				
1	Submission of project description and establishment of project timelines	CNL	N/A	April 1, 2016
2	Public comment period on project description	CNSC	30 days (May 24 – June 24, 2016)	June 24, 2016
3	Establishment of CNL-CNSC administrative protocol	CNSC	N/A	July 2016
4	Submission of revised project description	CNL	N/A	September 30, 2016
5	Public comment period on revised project description	CNSC	30 days (Oct 18 – Nov 18, 2016)	November 18, 2016
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)				
6	Submission of draft (EIS) (group 1 sections)	CNL	Milestone	October 3, 2016
7	Federal and provincial review of draft EIS (group 1 sections) and transmission of information requests/comments	CNSC	25 days	November 8, 2016
8	CNL submission to respond to federal and provincial information requests/comments on draft EIS (group 1 sections)	CNL	10 days	November 22, 2016
9	Federal and provincial review of CNL responses to federal, provincial information requests/comments (group 1 sections)	CNSC	Milestone	July 2, 2021
10	Submission of draft EIS (group 2 sections)	CNL	Milestone	October 31, 2016
11	Federal and provincial review of draft EIS (group 2 sections) and transmission of information requests/comments	CNSC	40 days	December 28, 2016
12	CNL submission to respond to federal and provincial information requests/comments on draft EIS (group 2 sections)	CNL	10 days	January 12, 2017
13	Federal and provincial review of CNL responses to federal, provincial information requests/comments (group 2 sections)	CNSC	Milestone	July 2, 2021

Step	Deliverable / activity	Lead	Duration (calendar days)	Completion Date
14	Submission of draft EIS (group 3 sections)	CNL	Milestone	December 15, 2016
15	Federal and provincial review of draft EIS (group 3 sections) and transmission of information requests/comments	CNSC	40 days	March 3, 2017
16	CNL submission to respond to federal and provincial information requests/comments on draft EIS (group 3 sections)	CNL	10 days	March 17, 2017
17	Federal and provincial review of CNL responses to federal, provincial information requests/comments (group 3 sections)	CNSC	Milestone	July 2, 2021
18	Submission of draft EIS (full document) (English)	CNL	Milestone	March 17, 2017
19	Federal and provincial review of draft EIS and transmission of federal and provincial information requests/comments	CNSC	60 days (March 17 - May 17, 2017)	May 17, 2017
20	Public comment period on draft EIS (English)	CNSC	60 days (March 17 - May 17, 2017)	May 17, 2017
21	Submission of draft EIS (full document) (French)	CNL	Milestone	June 16, 2017
22	Federal and provincial review of draft EIS and transmission of federal and provincial information requests/comments	CNSC	60 days (June 16 - August 16, 2017)	August 16, 2017
23	Public comment period on draft EIS (English and French)	CNSC	60 days (June 16 - August 16, 2017)	August 16, 2017
24	CNSC review of public comments and transmission of public information requests/comments to CNL	CNSC	20 days	September 14, 2017
25	Complete ¹ submission to respond to all federal, provincial information requests/comments	CNL	Milestone	December 12, 2019
25A	Completeness check	CNSC	14 days	December 23, 2019
26	Federal and provincial review of CNL responses to federal, provincial information requests/comments	CNSC	90 days*	April 9, 2020

* This step commences upon receipt of a complete package of information, including technical supporting documentation.

¹ A complete submission is defined as meeting the requirements to the satisfaction of the CNSC, outlined in CNSC *REGDOC-2.9.1 Environmental Principles, Assessments and Protection Measures* and CNSC's *Generic Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* and includes revision of existing documentation as well as any technical supporting documentation and supplemental information resulting from CNSC staff's review.

Step	Deliverable / activity	Lead	Duration (calendar days)	Completion Date
27**	CNL responses to any additional federal and provincial comments	CNL	Milestone	October 2, 2020
28**	CNSC review of CNL responses to additional federal and provincial comments	CNSC	30 days	October 26, 2020
29	Submission of CNL responses to public comments	CNL	Milestone	October 30, 2020
30	CNSC review of CNL responses to public comments	CNSC	30 days	December 1, 2020
Final EIS				
31	Submission of final EIS, federal and provincial comment tables (English and French), and public comment table ***	CNL	Milestone	Initial submission December 4, 2020 Re-submission May 28, 2021
32	Federal and provincial review of final EIS to confirm that information requests/comments on draft EIS have been addressed	CNSC	35 days ²	July 2, 2021
33	CNSC acceptance and posting of final EIS and comment tables on CIAR and CNSC web page	CNSC	Up to 7 days	July 9, 2021
34	Preparation of EA report	CNSC	Minimum of 90 days****	January 24, 2022

** Steps 27 and 28 are iterative and dependent on step 25A, until all comments are addressed to the satisfaction of the CNSC.

*** In regards to the public comment table, CNL will respond to each comment in the language in which it was submitted.

**** 90 days includes CNSC senior management review and translation of documents.

² The final EIS will only be accepted when it has been deemed to adequately address comments to the satisfaction of the CNSC. To the extent possible, any information gaps or clarifications needed, will be identified and communicated to CNL as early as possible in the review.

Table 2: Deliverable schedule for activities related to the licensing application

Step	Deliverable / Activity	Lead	Duration (calendar days)	Completion Date
CNSC Technical Assessment of CNL's Licence Application for the NSDF Project				
1A	Submission of licence application and supporting documents for licensing basis	CNL	Milestone	March 31, 2017
1B	Submission of revised supporting documents and additional licensing basis documentation (to address review of documentation submitted in step 1A and then after)*	CNL	Milestone	January 2021
2	Technical assessment of CNL's submissions	CNSC	Up to 90 days (may align with step 25 of Table 1)	February 2021
3	CNL response to any additional CNSC comments	CNL	Milestone	May 31, 2021
4	CNSC final assessment ³	CNSC	30 days	July 8, 2021
5	Preparation of CMD	CNSC	Minimum of 90 days** (may align with step 34 of Table 1)	January 24, 2022

* See the NSDF-NSCA Tracking Document, e-Doc 5364588.

** 90 days includes CNSC senior management review and translation of documents.

Table 3: Deliverable schedule for activities related to the CNSC Public Hearing Process⁴

Step	Deliverable / Activity	Duration (calendar days)	Completion Date
1	Notice of two-part hearing ⁵	1 day	October 28, 2021
2	Submission of written CMD (including EA Report) to the CNSC Secretariat	Minimum of 30 days prior to part 1 public hearing (to be determined by Secretariat)	January 24, 2022
3	Submission of presentation CMD (PowerPoint) to the CNSC Secretariat	Minimum of 7 days prior to part 1 public hearing (to be determined by Secretariat)	February 15, 2022
4	Commission public hearing – Part 1	To be determined by Secretariat	February 22, 2022
5	Public intervention period on the written CMD	Minimum of 45 days prior to part 2 public hearing (to be determined by Secretariat)	April 11, 2022

³ Upon completion of this step, CNSC staff will inform CNL and notify the Secretariat that the project is ready to proceed to a public hearing; this will result in the establishment of a public hearing date and the posting of a Notice of Hearing.

⁴ The Commission Hearing for the EA decision and for the licensing decision will be held concurrently and assumes a two-part hearing.

⁵ The hearing date will be determined by the Secretariat. Please refer to the CNSC website for further information on participating in public hearings at <http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/the-commission/hearings/participate/index.cfm>

Step	Deliverable / Activity	Duration (calendar days)	Completion Date
6	Submission of supplemental written or presentation CMD (PowerPoint) to the CNSC Secretariat (as directed by the Commission)	Minimum of 7 days prior to part 2 public hearing (to be determined by Secretariat)	May 24, 2022
7	Commission public hearing – Part 2	Minimum of 90 days after part 1 public hearing (to be determined by Secretariat)	May 31, 2022