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Subject: Revised Federal-Provincial-Indigenous Review Team (FPIRT) technical review – including findings from Sagkeeng First Nation

Dear Mr. Rod,

In follow-up to our letter sent to Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) on April 27, 2023 [1], please find enclosed revised information request (IR) [2] and comments to proponent [3] tables. The tables have been revised to include the findings of the Sagkeeng First Nation.

Outcome of the EIS technical review

This concludes the FPIRT technical review of CNL's responses to the 208 IRs from the review of the draft environmental impact statement in 2017. Overall, the review has resulted in 140 accepted IRs, 78 follow-up IRs, and 75 new IRs based on new information contained within CNL's draft EIS and technical supporting documents.

There are also 69 comments which provide guidance and advice to CNL. These comments should be taken into consideration when responding to IRs and revising the draft EIS.

Expectations and next steps

On May 9, 2023 or shortly thereafter, CNSC staff will post the revised IRs and comments to proponent tables on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the proposed [WR-1 In Situ Decommissioning Project \(Reference number: 80124\)](#).

As indicated in our April 27th letter, CNSC staff expect CNL to submit complete responses to all new and outstanding IRs and comments to proponent and to re-submit a revised draft EIS. CNSC staff also request that CNL provide an updated document revision history with the revised draft EIS, a revised EA follow-up program and draft Commitments Report. CNSC staff as well as members of the FPIRT are available and willing to meet with CNL to clarify expectations for the IR responses.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Environmental Review Specialist for the WR-1 *In Situ* Decommissioning Project, Aimee Rupert, directly by phone at 613-316-2087 or by email at aimee.rupert@cnsccsn.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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- [1] Letter, N. Kwamena (CNSC) to K. Rod (CNL), *Results of the Federal-Provincial-Indigenous Review Team technical review of the December 15, 2022, draft environmental impact statement submission for the proposed WR-1 In Situ Decommissioning Project, April 27, 2023* (e-Doc 7017419)
- [2] Federal and Indigenous Review Team – Tables of Information Requests for the WR-1 Environmental Impact Statement, Version 2 (e-Doc 7031979)
- [3] Federal and Indigenous Review Team - Table of Comments to the Proponent for the WR-1 Environmental Impact Statement, Version 2 (e-Doc 7033274)