



Wheeler River Project Bulletin

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Denison Mines Corp. (Denison) is proposing to develop an *in situ* recovery uranium mining and processing plant [the Wheeler River Project](#) - in the Athabasca Basin in Saskatchewan, approximately 600 kilometres north of the City of Saskatoon, and 35km by road north of the Key Lake mill. The proposed project is located within Treaty 10 territory, the homeland of the Métis, and within the traditional territories of the Dene, Cree, and Métis peoples.

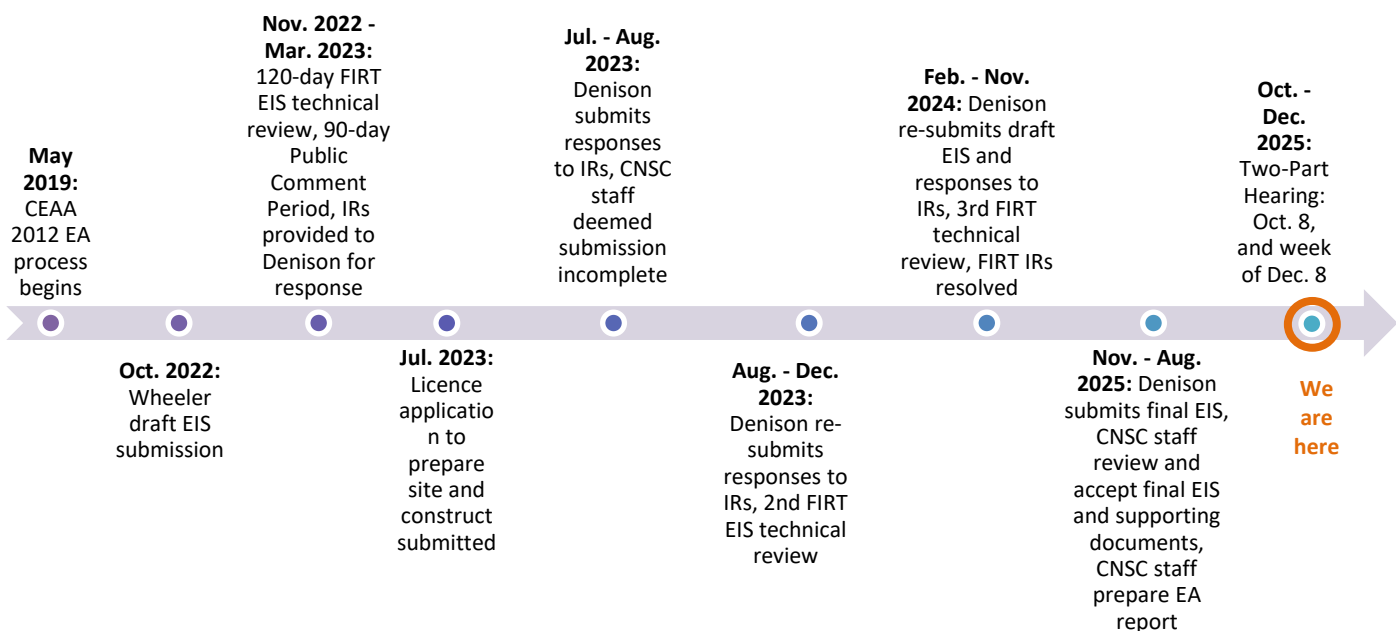
Since 2019, the proposal has been undergoing an [environmental assessment](#) (EA) as per the [Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012](#) (CEAA, 2012). In July 2023, Denison submitted a licence application to prepare site and construct a mine and mill facility, which is currently before the Commission for their consideration. An EA decision is required before a licence can be issued. The project is also subject to a [provincial EA](#) as per the province of Saskatchewan's [Environmental Assessment Act](#).

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REVIEW PROCESS

Denison submitted a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) in October 2022 and the federal and Indigenous review team (FIRT) completed a technical review of the draft EIS. On [March 20, 2022](#), CNSC staff requested that Denison submit responses to all [information requests \(IRs\) from the FIRT](#), along with a commitments report and an update on Indigenous engagement.

Since this original submission, the FIRT has reviewed multiple rounds of Denison's responses to IRs. On November 20, 2024, CNSC staff completed their review of Denison's responses to outstanding IR and deemed all IRs as accepted. On November 22, 2024, Denison submitted a Final EIS package including revised responses to the Consolidated Comments from Indigenous Nations and Communities and the Public on the Wheeler River Project. On December 24, 2024, CNSC staff completed their technical review of the final EIS package and deemed the final EIS acceptable.

TIMELINE



WHERE WE ARE NOW

On February 27, 2025, CNSC announced hearing dates for a public hearing on Denison's Wheeler River Project. To inform the Commission's decisions, CNSC staff have developed the CEAA 2012 [EA Report](#) summarizing the results of the EIS technical review and CNSC staff's recommendations to the Commission. The Commission Member Document is available online in 25-H9 [Volume 1](#), [Volume 2](#) and [Volume 3](#), which contains CNSC staff's review, assessment and recommendations regarding Denison's request for licence. This package includes the Indigenous Consultation Report, which details consultation and engagement activities conducted for the project and the CNSC's duty to consult as an agent of the crown. All hearing documentation can be found on the CNSC's website [here](#).

As part of the Commission's proceedings, decisions will be made on the EA, Denison's licensing application, and on whether the duty to consult with Indigenous Nations and communities has been met. These decisions will be made via a public Commission hearing, which will include opportunities for Indigenous Nations and communities, and public participation.

Part one of the two-part hearing took place on October 8, 2025, where staff from CNSC

and Denison presented oral and written submissions, related to Denison's application. The second part of the hearing will take place the week of December 8, 2025, in person in Saskatoon where public intervenors will have an opportunity to intervene orally. The public hearing will be webcast live here:

<https://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/the-commission/webcasts/>

During part two of the hearing, members of the public, Indigenous Nations and communities and any other parties are invited to present before the Commission. For those that will be intervening orally, PowerPoint presentations are due to the Commission Registry by November 24, 2025. For more information on the CNSC's intervention process, please visit the CNSC's [Notice of Public Hearing and Participant Funding](#) webpage.

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Photo 1: Photo from CNSC's 2024 outreach trip to Pinehouse, Saskatchewan.

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If you have any questions or suggestions on topics or issues that you would like to see covered, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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