

Hello,

I am writing from the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) about the Crawford Nickel Project proposed by Canada Nickel Company.

In this message the following information is provided:

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- Guidance to support your participation in the comment period
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Information about the Project and public comment period

Canada Nickel Company is proposing the construction, operation, decommissioning and abandonment of an open-pit nickel-cobalt mine and on-site metal mill, located 43 kilometres north of Timmins, Ontario. As proposed, the Crawford Nickel Project would have a mine ore production capacity of 290,000 tonnes per day and a mill ore input capacity of 120,000 tonnes per day. The project would operate for about 41 years.

The project is subject to the Impact Assessment Act and the Agency has started a public comment period on the summary of the Initial Project Description. For an overview of the impact assessment process, you may consider reviewing the Impact Assessment Process: Timelines and Outputs.

Guidance to support your participation in the comment period

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada invites the public and Indigenous groups to review the summary of the Initial Project Description and provide comments on the proposed project. You may consider the following questions to help guide any comments you may have:

- ☐ Has the proponent characterized the positive or negative effects of the Project? (environment, health, social or economic conditions)
- ☐ Has the Proponent adequately characterized the existing health, social and economic conditions that may be relevant to this Project?

This feedback will help the Agency prepare a summary of issues and inform its decision as to whether this project requires an impact assessment. This is the first federal comment period for the project. If the Agency determines a federal impact assessment is required, the public and Indigenous groups will have additional opportunities to comment over the course of the impact assessment process.

Information on how you can submit comments

Comments should be submitted online by visiting the project home page on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (reference number 83857). The summary of the Initial Project Description is also available on the Registry. Participants who wish to provide their input in a different format can contact the Agency by writing to Crawford@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

Submit your comments online in either official language by midnight Pacific Daylight Time on September 7, 2022. All comments received will be published online as part of the project file.

Information on signing up to Virtual Information Sessions

The Agency invites the public and Indigenous groups to attend a virtual information session via Zoom to learn more about the project, the impact assessment process, and how to submit comments on the summary of the Initial Project Description.

English Sessions French Session

- Thursday, August 18, 2022, 1:00-2:30pm EDT
- Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 6:00-7:30pm EDT
- Thursday, August 25, 2022, 6:00-7:30pm EDT

If interested, we invite you to register on SimpleSurvey in advance of the session. For more information on how to attend a session, please contact the Agency using the project email above. Please feel free to circulate this message to your organization's membership list.

Availability of participant funding

Participant funding will be available to eligible participants during this comment period and details will be announced shortly on the Registry. The Agency will retroactively reimburse eligible participants for their participation in this first comment period.

Additional ways to contact the Agency

You were identified as a potentially interested person or organization. Should you wish to be removed from our distribution list, please let us know at Crawford@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

For media inquiries, contact the Agency's media relations team by writing to media@iaac-aeic.gc.ca, or by calling 343-549-3870.

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Thank you,

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Crawford Nickel Project

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