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Ministry of Energy and Mines
Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
Ministry of Natural Resources
Ministry of Transportation
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Dear Provincial Review Team:

Subject: Comments invited on the Draft Cooperation Plan and the Draft Integrated Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines for the Bruce C Nuclear Project by July 11, 2025

On December 20, 2024, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) posted a Notice of Impact Assessment Decision with Reasons stating that an impact assessment is required for the Bruce C Nuclear Project (the Project) proposed by Bruce Power. On the same day, IAAC posted a Notice of Referral to Review Panel stating the assessment is referred to a review panel. As the Project includes activities regulated under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*, IAAC will be conducting an integrated assessment in collaboration with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC).

IAAC, in collaboration with the CNSC, developed the draft Integrated Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (draft Integrated Guidelines), as well as the draft Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan, the draft Cooperation Plan, and the draft Permitting Plan for the integrated assessment of the Project. These draft Planning phase documents have been posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry¹ (the Registry).

IAAC, in collaboration with the CNSC, is conducting a 29-day public comment period from June 12, 2025, to July 11, 2025, inviting Indigenous Peoples and the public to provide comments on the draft Integrated Guidelines and the draft

¹ <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/88771>

Public Participation Plan. Indigenous Nations and communities will also be asked to provide comments on the draft Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan.

Request for comments

IAAC invites your ministry to review and provide comments on the [draft Cooperation Plan](#) and the [draft Integrated Guidelines](#). **Please submit your comments by July 11, 2025.** We encourage you to use the enclosed comment form to compile your submission.

Your ministry is requested to identify or verify:

- Regulatory instruments under the authority of your ministry in the draft Cooperation Plan that are anticipated to be required to allow the Project to proceed.
- The information provided in the draft Cooperation Plan regarding the regulatory instruments, and indicate whether it is correct and up to date.
- The proposed path forward between the province and IAAC in the draft Cooperation Plan.
- The required information and studies in the draft Integrated Guidelines.

When providing feedback, IAAC requests that you consider the approach to tailoring the Integrated Guidelines outlined in the *Operational Policy Statement: Development of Tailored Impact Statement Guideline*².

In providing advice on the draft Integrated Guidelines, ministries are asked to consider the key issues of concern for the Project from the standpoint of your mandate and expertise. Provincial expert advice should be commensurate to the context of the Project and informed by risk-based prudence and evidence in the proponent's Initial Project Description³ and Response to the Summary of Issues⁴, with strong reliance on well-understood mitigation measures, existing guidance, and regulatory instruments that will manage adverse effects.

All comment forms should be submitted via the **Submit a Comment** feature available on the Registry. Documents can be uploaded using this feature. If you have any difficulties submitting this way, please contact IAAC at bruce@iaac-aeic.gc.ca. We encourage you to use the enclosed comment form to compile your submission.

² <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/practitioners-guide-impact-assessment-act/operational-policy-statement.html>

³ <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/158463>

⁴ <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/160093?culture=en-CA>

Next steps

IAAC will reach out in the coming days to coordinate meetings to discuss the draft Cooperation Plan, the draft Integrated Guidelines, and to have targeted conversations about specific value components.

Important note: Please note that any information submitted to IAAC to inform this assessment will be made publicly available as part of the project file, and may be posted online via the Registry subject to certain exceptions related to privacy, security, or confidentiality.

As other Ontario ministries may also have expertise relating to the Project, IAAC requests that you share this letter with other potentially interested ministries as notice of the upcoming comment period. Should you have any questions, please contact me at bruce@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or 613-222-3507.

Sincerely,

< *sent electronically* >

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Enclosure: Provincial Comment Form – Draft Integrated Guidelines and Draft Cooperation Plan - Bruce C Nuclear Project