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Dear Colleagues:

Subject: Request for Federal Authority Advice on the draft Integrated Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and the draft Permitting Plan 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 Public Participation Plan, the draft Cooperation Plan, and the draft Permitting Plan for the integrated

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

Request for information

IAAC requests that your department or agency provide specialist or expert information or knowledge to support the development of the Integrated Guidelines and the Permitting Plan. **Please submit your comments, using the enclosed comment form by July 11, 2025.**

Your department or agency is requested to verify:

- The requirements for information and studies in the draft Integrated Guidelines. Please indicate if any corrections, additions, or removals should be made using the enclosed comment form.
- The regulatory instruments in the draft Permitting Plan that are under the authority of your department or agency, which are anticipated to be required to allow the Project to proceed; and
- The information in the draft Permitting Plan regarding the regulatory instruments, and comment on whether it is correct and up to date.

Should your department or agency intend to leverage IAAC and the CNSC's consultation efforts when exercising a power or performing a duty or function – including provision of financial assistance – that would permit the carrying out, in whole or in part, of the Project, IAAC also requests that you review the draft Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan.

IAAC encourages you to read the draft Public Participation Plan which outlines the proposed approach to encourage meaningful public participation during the integrated assessment process.

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 Guidelines*² and provide risk-informed, project-specific guidance on information requirements as noted in

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

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



clause 9(b)(ii) of the *Cabinet Directive on Regulatory and Permitting Efficiency for Clean Growth Projects*³.

In providing advice on the draft Integrated Guidelines, departments and agencies are asked to consider the key issues of concern for the Project from the standpoint of their mandate and expertise. Federal 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 Description⁴ and Response to the Summary of Issues⁵, with a 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.

Your department or agency is also invited to start considering potential complementary measures in respect to the potential adverse effects of the Project. Complementary measures are additional authorities of federal ministers or federal programs that may be used to mitigate effects that may be beyond the care and control of the Proponent. IAAC will work with your department during the integrated assessment process to identify relevant policies and programs and develop a list of potential complementary measures for the Project.

Next steps

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

IAAC may request further support from your department or agency in finalizing sections of the Planning phase documents pertaining to your department or agency's authority and expertise.

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

³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/privy-council/services/clean-growth-getting-major-projects-done/cabinet-directive.html>

⁴ <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/158463>

⁵ <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/160157>



may be posted online via the Registry subject to certain exceptions related to privacy, security, or confidentiality.

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: Federal Authority Advice Record form