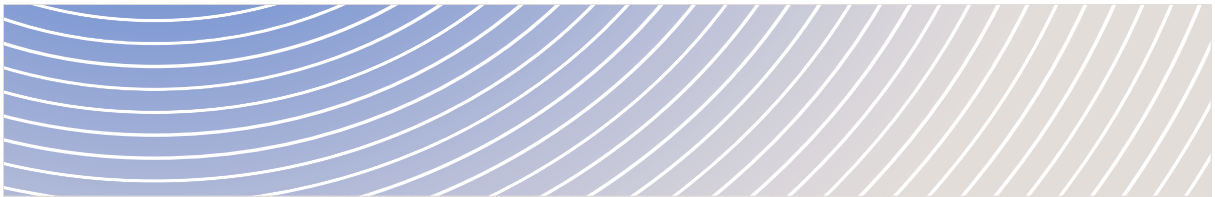




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1. Introduction

This document is a draft version of the Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan for the integrated assessment of the New Nuclear at Wesleyville Project (the project). The Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan (the IEPP) outlines how the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (the CNSC) will consult with First Nations and other Indigenous communities whose rights may be adversely impacted by the project, throughout the assessment process.

IAAC has determined that an integrated assessment is required for the project under the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA), and IAAC, on behalf of the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Nature, referred the assessment to an integrated review panel. The project includes physical activities regulated under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* (NSCA), so the assessment process will be undertaken in an integrated manner, involving regulatory requirements from IAAC and the CNSC and will include a federal decision under the IAA, and an initial licensing decision under the NSCA. The review panel will conduct an integrated impact assessment (integrated assessment) that includes regulatory requirements from IAAC and the CNSC and follows the framework outlined in the [Memorandum of Understanding on Integrated Impact Assessments Under the Impact Assessment Act between the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission](#) (MOU).

IAAC, as the Crown Consultation Coordinator, coordinates all consultation activities on behalf of the Government of Canada, bringing other federal and provincial authorities into consultation and engagement as required. The CNSC will assume the role of Crown Consultation Coordinator for future licensing phases should the project receive Governor in Council approval on the impact assessment decision, and the integrated review panel recommends the issuance of the licence to prepare site sought under the NSCA. Post-decision, the CNSC will proceed as the life-cycle regulator and assess future licence applications under the NSCA as the project proceeds and continue ongoing consultation and engagement with First Nations and other Indigenous communities.

In this process, IAAC and the CNSC will conduct consultation activities in parallel to the review panel process. A [review panel](#) is a group of independent experts who are selected for their knowledge, experience and expertise relative to a project and its potential effects. For integrated assessments with the CNSC, the review panel must include a Commission member of the CNSC. The review panel relies on information provided by First Nations and other Indigenous communities, the Crown and the proponent through the integrated assessment process to write their impact assessment report that has recommendations and conclusions about the project's impacts on Indigenous rights and interests.

Once the review panel is established:

- the review panel and the Crown will invite First Nations and other Indigenous communities to participate in the review panel and consultation processes, which are conducted in parallel. IAAC and the CNSC will make efforts to avoid duplication and have an efficient process while



ensuring that the review panel receives the necessary information from each party to allow the review panel to meet its mandate; and

- IAAC and the CNSC can only exchange information with the review panel on the public record, in a manner consistent with all other participants. As a result, it is important for First Nations and other indigenous communities to submit information directly to the review panel throughout the panel process, even if the Crown is already in possession of that information.

Consultation and engagement will be coordinated by IAAC in collaboration with the CNSC. Consultation and engagement will be conducted in the spirit of reconciliation, renewal of Nation-to-Nation, government to government and Crown-Inuit relations, and respect for the [Principles respecting the Government of Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples](#). IAAC and the CNSC commit to build and strengthen partnerships with First Nations and other Indigenous communities, including opportunities to collaborate and maximize Indigenous leadership in integrated assessments.

Within the context of the integrated assessment process, IAAC and the CNSC¹ encourage the active participation of potentially impacted First Nations and other Indigenous communities, Indigenous women, Elders, 2SLGBTQIA+ and youth, in a manner that best reflects their specific cultural protocols, needs, and interests.

The IEPP for this project assessment addresses:

- Crown consultation on the potential impacts of the project on the exercise of Aboriginal and treaty rights, commonly referred to as Indigenous rights, and accommodation, where appropriate;
- involvement with First Nations and other Indigenous communities regarding Indigenous Knowledge they may contribute or apply when considering potential impacts, or other cultural considerations and customs that should be taken into account in project decision making;
- engagement with First Nations and other Indigenous communities that encourages the participation of different subgroups of the population, in particular women, Elders, 2SLGBTQIA+, and youth;

¹ The Government of Canada takes a "Whole of Government" approach to Crown consultation in the context of impact assessments to ensure that First Nations and other Indigenous communities are meaningfully consulted and involved in the assessment of designated projects that may adversely impact First Nations and other Indigenous communities and the exercise of their rights. As the Crown Consultation Coordinator, IAAC leads the Government of Canada's consultation team on impact assessments, by coordinating the participation of other federal authorities or lifecycle regulators as appropriate, enabling a 'one window' point of contact for First Nations and other Indigenous communities throughout the impact assessment process.



- the general tools and processes for consulting and engaging with First Nations and other Indigenous communities at all stages of the integrated assessment process, particularly during comment periods on key documents; and
- the specific tools and processes for consultation and engagement with First Nations and other Indigenous communities that have shown an interest in elements, or in leading elements, of the integrated assessment.

In addition to IAAC and the CNSC's consultation and engagement activities described in this IEPP, Ontario Power Generation (the proponent) is required to engage the First Nations and other Indigenous communities specified in the IEPP.

Should there be unique features not identified in this IEPP, community-specific consultation plans may be developed to describe those unique features of the impact assessment and consultation process pertaining to that Nation or community.

In addition to using the consultation and engagement tools and methods identified in this plan, IAAC and the CNSC will work with First Nations and other Indigenous communities, and organizations who are interested in the integrated assessment process and not identified in the IEPP using the tools and methods described in the [Public Participation Plan](#).



2. Description of the proposed project

Ontario Power Generation Inc., the proponent, is proposing the construction of a new nuclear power plant in the Municipality of Port Hope, Ontario, within the traditional and treaty Territory of the Williams Treaties First Nations. As proposed, the New Nuclear at Wesleyville Project would provide up to 10,000 megawatts of new nuclear generating capacity and operate for 78 years. Several nuclear reactor technologies will be considered for the project.

As part of the integrated assessment process, to be conducted in collaboration with the CNSC, the proponent will be submitting the information necessary to make an IA decision under the IAA and the information necessary to make a licence to prepare site (LTPS) decision under the NSCA. The proponent may pursue subsequent licences to construct, operate, decommission under the NSCA at later stages, should the project be approved.

For more information on the **New Nuclear at Wesleyville Project** or to read more information and comments received, visit the Canadian Impact Assessment registry (the registry) at [New Nuclear at Wesleyville Project](#).

3. First Nations and other Indigenous communities

IAAC and the CNSC have identified First Nations and other Indigenous communities where the Crown has a duty to consult regarding the potential impacts of the proposed project on the exercise of their Indigenous rights as recognized and affirmed in section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

The lists of First Nations and other Indigenous communities identified may be updated throughout the consultation and engagement process as IAAC and the CNSC receive and gather more information on the potential impacts of the project and Indigenous and treaty rights that may be affected.

Although the integrated assessment process is not a rights-determination process, IAAC and the CNSC acknowledge that the content and extent of the duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate varies according to the nature of the rights (established or potential) and the severity of the project's potential impact on these rights. IAAC and the CNSC's assessment of the extent of the duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate is, at the time of publication of this IEPP, in its preliminary phase. IAAC and the CNSC endeavour to achieve this work in collaboration with First Nations and other Indigenous communities throughout the integrated assessment process. It is anticipated that the role of First Nations and other Indigenous communities will vary depending on factors that may include: their interest in participating; the type and seriousness of potential impacts or cumulative impacts on the community their rights; and the nature of the community's interest in the lands, waters or resources that may be potentially affected (e.g., resident, land-user, traditional territory, Aboriginal title claim, etc.).



The federal integrated assessment process aims to create opportunities for Indigenous Peoples who may be affected by a project to share perspectives and voice concerns to strengthen the integrated assessment process, inform project design, lead to better outcomes and assist with follow-up and monitoring. IAAC and the CNSC endeavour to achieve a respectful process that recognizes a wide range of perspectives and viewpoints. IAAC and the CNSC welcome input from First Nations and other Indigenous communities potentially impacted by the project and encourage their participation and leadership in the integrated assessment process, while remaining committed to respecting Indigenous Peoples' cultures, values, and languages and the right to self-determination.

IAAC and the CNSC use a model of consultation and engagement with First Nations and other Indigenous communities that emphasizes collaboration and consensus-building. This model supports the Government of Canada's aim to secure free, prior and informed consent throughout the integrated assessment process for all decisions that affect Indigenous Peoples' rights. Seeking free, prior and informed consent is based on ensuring meaningful and effective participation of First Nations and other Indigenous communities from the outset of an impact assessment process and will vary based on the project impacts and the interests of Indigenous Peoples in the vicinity of the project.

The Government of Canada is committed to renewing its relationship with Indigenous Peoples by implementing the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (UNDA). During this process, IAAC and the CNSC are committed to aligning with the principles, objectives, and spirit of the UNDA, and to ensure that the rights of Indigenous Peoples are respected throughout the integrated assessment. IAAC and the CNSC are committed to a robust process guided by an openness to Indigenous perspectives, a commitment to reconciliation, and an aim to maximize Indigenous leadership in integrated assessments. This involves cooperation, partnership and carrying out integrated assessments with the aim to secure free, prior, and informed consent and support self-determination. IAAC and the CNSC are supporting this commitment through the objectives and activities outlined in this IEPP.

3.1 First Nations and other Indigenous communities - medium to high likelihood of potential impact on rights

IAAC and the CNSC will consult with, and where appropriate, accommodate the First Nations and other Indigenous communities in section 3.1 regarding the potential impacts of the proposed project on the exercise of their Indigenous rights. These consultations will comprise an integral part of the work that will support the assessment of the project.

LISTED ALPHABETICALLY

- Alderville First Nation
- Beausoleil First Nation
- Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
- Chippewas of Rama First Nation



- Curve Lake First Nation
- Hiawatha First Nation
- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

3.2 First Nations and other Indigenous communities - low likelihood of potential impact on rights

Based on the information currently available, the groups below have been identified as having a low likelihood of potential impacts on their rights. IAAC and the CNSC will consult with the First Nations and other indigenous communities in section 3.2 to understand their concerns and address any potential impacts from the proposed project on the exercise of their Indigenous rights, including through potential solutions to mitigate those impacts.

LISTED ALPHABETICALLY

- Huron Wendat

4. Consultation and engagement objectives and methods

Table 1 includes objectives and methods identified by IAAC, the CNSC and First Nations and other Indigenous communities to ensure meaningful consultation, engagement and collaboration throughout the integrated assessment process, with the aim of securing decisions on free, prior and informed consent from the Indigenous Nations and communities identified in the IEPP. IAAC and the CNSC aim to support and facilitate the participation of First Nations and other Indigenous communities in integrated assessments in accordance with Indigenous Nations' and communities' laws, customs and processes.

First Nations and other Indigenous communities are involved in the development and/or revision of key documents, including this Plan, the draft Integrated Guidelines, the review panel's draft Terms of Reference, the proponent's Impact Statement, and the draft potential conditions.

Table 1: Indigenous consultation and engagement objectives and methods

- Prioritize relationship building with First Nations and other Indigenous communities and communicating in an ongoing, respectful, and preferred manner
- Respect the consultation protocols and approaches favoured by First Nations and other Indigenous communities and prioritize mutual learning opportunities to better understand



cultural and territorial contexts of distinct First Nations and other Indigenous communities, including incorporating Indigenous worldviews in decision-making processes

- Develop a common awareness of the integrated assessment process, highlighting opportunities for meaningful participation and offering individualized and/or group training sessions
- Provide opportunities for collaboration and maximizing Indigenous leadership in the integrated assessment
- Encourage and facilitate the sharing, inclusion and consideration of Indigenous Knowledge
- Encourage Indigenous data sovereignty and the principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP) where First Nations and other Indigenous communities have control over their own data, how it is framed and how it is managed
- Determine an agreed upon approach to manage confidential written and oral information to prevent unauthorized disclosure of Indigenous Knowledge
- Support capacity building and provide funding under IAAC's Participant Funding Program² to support the participation of First Nations and other Indigenous communities, including Elders, youth, children, women, men, persons with disabilities, and gender-diverse and two-spirit persons in the integrated assessment process
- Seek to reduce duplication and administrative burden for First Nations and other Indigenous communities in the integrated assessment process
- Provide opportunities for early identification of issues and concerns
- Offer technical meetings with the proponent and/or federal authorities to support First Nations and other Indigenous communities in their review of key documents throughout the integrated assessment process, while considering timelines and capacity needs
- Offer to collaboratively draft sections of reports and assessments, including offer to collaborate on the assessment of impacts on the exercise of Indigenous rights and interests
- Establish clear processes for identifying and designing accommodation measures, as applicable
- Develop community-specific consultation protocols and arrangements as appropriate
- Provide technical support and timely responses to questions and requests for information and documentation
- Provide translation services into local Indigenous languages when requested

² More information on IAAC funding programs can be found on the IAAC website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/public-participation/funding-programs.html>



5. Phase by phase consultation and engagement activities

IAAC and the CNSC commenced engagement efforts on the project prior to the start of the Planning phase for the integrated assessment. Pre-planning activities were carried out to support First Nations and other Indigenous communities in their understanding and awareness of the integrated assessment process and to validate their potential interest in the assessment. IAAC and the CNSC also encouraged and expected the proponent to engage with potentially impacted First Nations and other Indigenous communities, prior to submitting their Initial Project Description.

Table 2 provides a description of the main phases of the integrated assessment process and methods of consultation and engagement, including opportunities for collaboration. IAAC and the CNSC encourage Indigenous leadership and Indigenous-led approaches in the conduct of integrated assessments. First Nations and other Indigenous communities identified in section 3 who are interested in consultation activities beyond those included in Table 2 are invited to develop a community-specific consultation plan with IAAC and the CNSC. Community-specific consultation plans are developed collaboratively. They are used to reflect specific commitments, activities, or opportunities beyond those found in the IEPP, and guide consultation with an individual Indigenous Nation or community on the proposed project.

Table 2: Phase by phase Indigenous engagement and consultation activities

Phase 1 – Planning	
This Phase commenced on January 12, 2026, with the acceptance of the Initial Project Description (IPD).	
Expected activities of IAAC and the CNSC	Potential activities of First Nations and other Indigenous communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer grant funding to support participation during the comment periods of the Planning phase. Seek to learn about the First Nations and other Indigenous communities who may potentially be impacted by the proposed project, for example by hosting meetings or open houses, as well as participating in community events and cultural activities, where invited. Share information and/or provide training to First Nations and other Indigenous communities to support their understanding of the integrated assessment process, to highlight opportunities for collaboration and Indigenous leadership in impact assessment, and to seek input on key issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate participation preferences to IAAC and the CNSC and collaborate in planning meetings, workshops, etc. <i>Where appropriate</i>, share consultation protocols with IAAC and the CNSC, and desired approach for seeking a community’s free, prior and informed consent. Review the Summary of the Initial Project Description and share comments, concerns, or issues with IAAC and the CNSC through the public comment period or through direct correspondence. Work with IAAC and the CNSC to confirm that input is accurately reflected in the relevant planning documents.

and concerns and understand how the CNSC regulates throughout the lifecycle of a project.

- *Where there is interest*, collaborate with First Nations and other Indigenous communities to draft/review preliminary understandings related to potential project impacts on Indigenous rights and interests.
- Invite comments on the Summary of the Initial Project Description provided by the proponent. Comments will be used to develop the Summary of Issues provided to the proponent.
- Invite comments on draft planning documents:
 - Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines ([the Integrated Guidelines](#))
 - Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan ([IEPP](#))
 - [Public Participation Plan \(PPP\)](#)

Comments can include the identification of existing regional studies or plans that could inform the assessment of the project.

- Inform First Nations and other Indigenous communities of the ways in which comments and information from First Nations and other Indigenous communities may be shared (with permission) with other participants in the integrated assessment process, such as the proponent, federal authorities, or provincial authorities.
- Information sessions (virtual and/or in person), open houses and meetings will be held to:
 - Inform First Nations and other Indigenous communities about the project and the integrated assessment process; and
 - Provide the opportunity to comment on the draft plans
- This phase ends with the posting of the Notice of Commencement of the Impact Assessment and related documents. IAAC and the CNSC continue to respond to comments, questions, or requests.

- Review draft plans of interest and share comments, concerns, or issues with IAAC and the CNSC through the comment period or through direct correspondence.
- Work with IAAC and the CNSC to confirm that input is accurately reflected in the relevant planning documents.
- Collaborate with IAAC and the CNSC on a community-specific consultation or engagement plan, which can be appended to the final IEPP.
- Communicate with the proponent about desired involvement in studies related to the integrated assessment process, including associated funding.

Phase 2 – Impact Statement

This phase commences upon posting the Notice of Commencement of the Integrated Assessment and related documents.

Expected activities of IAAC and the CNSC	Potential activities of First Nations and other Indigenous communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer to discuss how input from an Indigenous Nation or community on the Planning phase documents were considered. • Offer funding to First Nations and other Indigenous communities to support participation in the remaining phases of the integrated assessment process. • Continue to share information (meetings, information sessions, and/or open houses) and/or provide training to First Nations and other Indigenous communities on the integrated assessment process and how the CNSC regulates. • Post documents relevant to the integrated assessment and comments received on the registry. • Encourage the sharing of Indigenous Knowledge and information with the proponent to strengthen the development of the proponent's Impact Statement. • Work with First Nations and other Indigenous communities to implement the IEPP. • Work with First Nations and other Indigenous communities to implement community-specific consultation plans, including collaboration/partnership approaches, where applicable. • Invite comments on the draft review panel terms of reference. • Discuss the assessment of potential impacts on rights and interests with interested First Nations and other Indigenous communities. • Notify Indigenous Nations and communities when the proponent's Impact Statement is posted to the registry website. • Work with First Nations and other Indigenous communities to develop partnership approaches, where appropriate, for the review of the proponent's Impact Statement. • Hold a public comment period on the proponent's Summary of the Impact Statement. • Seek the views of First Nations and other Indigenous communities on the project's potential impacts on the exercise of their rights and discuss whether the proponent has adequately identified mitigation and/or 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for funding to participate in the remaining phases of the integrated assessment process. • Provide feedback on partnership opportunities and the implementation of pertinent consultation or engagement plans or agreements. • <i>Where there is interest</i>, work with IAAC and the CNSC to establish a collaborative assessment of potential project impacts on the exercise of their rights and interests. • Share points of view on the project's potential impacts on the exercise of rights and interests with the proponent to inform the Impact Statement and with IAAC and the CNSC to support its review of the Impact Statement. • Work with the proponent to gather relevant information about the project's adverse effects (direct and incidental) and discuss mitigation and monitoring measures to address possible adverse effects with the proponent to inform the proponent's Impact Statement. • Review the Impact Statement and share comments, concerns, or issues with IAAC and the CNSC through the public comment period or through direct correspondence. • Review the draft review panel Terms of Reference and share comments, concerns, or issues with IAAC and the CNSC through the public comment period or through direct correspondence. • Share potential candidates for review panel membership.



accommodation measures, as appropriate, in its Impact Statement.

- Organize meetings, as needed, with First Nations and other Indigenous communities, the proponent, and expert authorities to discuss technical issues.
- Notify First Nations and other Indigenous communities when the final review panel Terms of Reference are posted to the registry and provide an update on timelines for the review panel appointment.
- If applicable, IAAC and the CNSC will invite comments on any agreement with other jurisdictions pertaining to the establishment of a review panel or the coordination of assessment procedures.

Phase 3 – Impact Assessment

Part 1 – led by the Integrated Review Panel

This part of the Impact Assessment phase is led by the review panel and occurs, immediately after IAAC issues the notice under s.19(4) of the *Impact Assessment Act* indicating that it is satisfied that the proponent has submitted necessary information and studies.

IAAC will establish the time limits for this phase including the time limit for the submission of the review panel report and for the posting of IAAC’s recommendations on potential conditions on the registry.

Expected activities of IAAC and the CNSC	Potential activities of First Nations and other Indigenous communities	Expected activities by Review Panel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with First Nations and other Indigenous communities to implement the IEPP and community-specific consultation plan, as applicable. • Increase awareness and understanding of the integrated assessment process, including opportunities for meaningful participation. • Collaborate with Indigenous Nations to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the hearings and additional opportunities organized by the review panel. • If interested, invite the review panel to visit and/or hold a hearing session in community. • Work with the review panel to ensure the hearing incorporates cultural considerations and is inclusive for community members. • Provide written, oral or multimedia submissions to 	<p><i>Review panel orientation and training may occur during the Impact Statement phase. The following activities may take place during either the Impact Statement or early Impact Assessment phase</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to First Nations and other Indigenous communities for cultural training and orientation activities should an Indigenous Nation or community be willing to provide this to the panel. • Read through the submissions from First Nations and other Indigenous communities on the



- submit preliminary analyses, recommendations and conclusions related to potential project impacts on Indigenous rights and interests to the review panel.
- Obtain the views of First Nations and other Indigenous communities on the information contained in the Impact Statement.
 - Encourage First Nations and other Indigenous communities to participate in the Public Hearing, held by the review panel.
 - Where there is interest, collaborate, co-draft, or co-present with First Nations and other Indigenous communities during the review panel's public hearing
 - Work with federal and provincial authorities towards the goal of minimizing impacts on Indigenous rights, and where appropriate, identifying potential accommodation measures.

inform the review panel process.

- Collaborate with the Crown to submit preliminary analysis, recommendations and conclusions related to potential project impacts on Indigenous rights and interests to the review panel.

registry website to familiarize themselves with what has been shared to date by participants.

During the Impact Assessment phase

- Gather information from all participants about their views on the project, its impacts and possible solutions.
- Post updates and information on the registry and maintain an email distribution list to keep participants informed.
- May request additional information from any participant, including the proponent, if required.
- May organize additional participation opportunities in order to fulfill the review panel Terms of Reference, including with First Nations and other Indigenous communities.
- May organize information sessions to explain hearing procedures and timelines for submissions to the review panel, including with First Nations and other Indigenous communities.
- Invite information from First Nations and other Indigenous communities on the potential impacts of the project on Indigenous rights and interests, and potential conditions and mitigation measures to address those impacts.
- Hold meaningful and accessible public hearings in the communities most likely to be affected by the project. Participation timelines, dates, locations and duration for the public hearings will be determined by the review panel and will be announced in a Notice of Public Hearing.
- Write an impact assessment report with rationale,



conclusions, recommendations and conditions, including on matters related to Indigenous Peoples and project impacts on the exercise of Indigenous rights.

Phase 3 – Impact Assessment

Part 2 – Led by IAAC and the CNSC, upon submission of the Review Panel's Impact Assessment Report

Expected activities of IAAC and the CNSC	Potential activities of First Nations and other Indigenous communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post the Impact Assessment Report and updated draft IAAC potential conditions to the registry website and inform First Nations and other Indigenous communities. • Obtain comments/views on any additions or changes to the panel's proposed conditions. • Consult First Nations and other Indigenous communities on proposed complementary measures or other accommodation measures (as applicable) relating to potential adverse impacts on the exercise of their rights and interests. • Work with First Nations and other Indigenous communities towards the resolution of outstanding issues. • In collaboration with First Nations and other Indigenous communities, finalize the analysis and conclusions in the Consultation and Accommodation Report. • Submit the Impact Assessment Report, draft IAAC potential conditions and the Consultation and Accommodation Report to the Governor in Council to inform federal decision making. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present points of view to IAAC and the CNSC on the adequacy of the consultation throughout the integrated assessment process. • Review, draft, or co-draft Nation- or community-specific sections of the Consultation and Accommodation Report • Provide comments on the Impact Assessment Report and potential federal conditions. • Identify key considerations that will be used to support and inform the federal decision-making process. • <i>Where there is interest</i>, share with IAAC and the CNSC the outcomes of community process or decision regarding consent for the proposed project.

Phase 4 – Decision Phase

This phase commences upon the posting of IAACs recommendations on potential conditions and ends with Governor in Council's decision.



Expected activities of IAAC and the CNSC	Potential activities of First Nations and other Indigenous communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop materials needed to support Governor in Council decision • Post the Decision Statement on the registry website, with reasons and conditions, where applicable. • Inform the proponent, First Nations and other Indigenous communities, and the public about the Decision Statement issued by the Governor in Council and, if applicable, any new conditions with which the proponent must comply. • Maintain an ongoing dialogue with First Nations and other Indigenous communities, providing opportunities to learn about next steps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue dialogue with the Crown and proponent if there are outstanding issues. • Independently reach out to Ministers that may be responsible for decision making, if desired.

Phase 5 – Post-Decision
(if the project is approved)

This phase begins after the Decision Statement is issued to the proponent. The Decision Statement will expire if the proponent does not substantially begin to carry out the project within a certain period. This period is established by the Minister in Phase 4, considering views provided by the proponent.

Expected activities of IAAC and the CNSC	Potential activities of First Nations and other Indigenous communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make an initial licensing decision under the NSCA, if the IA decision by Governor in Council allows the project to proceed. This step occurs after the Decision Statement has been issued by the Governor in Council. • Inform First Nations and other Indigenous communities, the proponent, and the public about the Decision Statement issued by the Governor in Council, and the review panel’s licensing decision. • Undertake compliance and enforcement activities, including with First Nations and other Indigenous communities, where appropriate. • Post compliance and enforcement information and results on IAAC’s 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in follow-up and monitoring activities. • Submit comments related to compliance and/or enforcement concerns • Participate in compliance and enforcement activities, where relevant. • Submit comments to IAAC on potential amendments to the Decision Statement, should an amendment be required. • Work with the Crown to ensure that compliance and enforcement activities are tailored to the specific interests of the Nation and its capacity to participate in compliance oversight activities. • Engage and collaborate with the CNSC as part of ongoing oversight, reporting and monitoring of the project.



- and/or the CNSC's registry website, where appropriate.
- Transfer the Federal Crown consultation coordination responsibilities from IAAC to the CNSC.
- The CNSC continues to engage with First Nations and other Indigenous communities and undertakes its Crown consultation responsibilities as required, if the proponent pursues licensing of the construction, operations and eventual decommissioning of the project.
- The CNSC administers participant funding to support Indigenous participation in future licensing processes throughout the lifecycle of the project.
- The CNSC will collaborate with First Nations and other Indigenous communities on oversight, monitoring, and reporting throughout the life cycle of the project.
- The CNSC will inform First Nations and other Indigenous communities through various communication channels and fulfills its duty to consult Indigenous peoples throughout the CNSC's regulatory phases, promoting reconciliation and integrating their input into regulatory processes.
- Participate in the CNSC regulatory processes and decision-making processes for future licensing phases.



6. Roles and responsibilities of government agencies

The Government Review Team, Permitting and provincial coordination

A collective of federal authorities and participating provincial ministries, known as the Government Review Team (GRT), has been established and will also participate in the integrated assessment. The GRT's role is to contribute their specialist or expert knowledge to the integrated assessment process and may support IAAC and the CNSC in their work with First Nations and other Indigenous communities to understand and address impacts on Indigenous rights and interests. The federal authorities that may participate in the assessment, as part of the GRT, include:

- [Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs](#);
- [Environment and Climate Change Canada](#);
- [Fisheries and Oceans Canada](#);
- [Natural Resources Canada](#);
- [Transport Canada](#);
- [Employment and Social Development Canada](#);
- [Parks Canada](#);
- [Health Canada](#);
- [Indigenous Services Canada](#);
- [Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada](#);
- [Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada](#); and
- [Women and Gender Equality Canada](#);

Other federal authorities and the Permitting Plan

A Permitting Plan was developed by IAAC, in collaboration with the CNSC, to outline the federal permits, licences and regulatory authorizations that may be required for the project should the Minister issue a decision statement to allow the project to proceed.

Federal authorities identified in the Permitting Plan as well as those with additional expert advice will be engaged, as needed, to clarify information requirements related to their mandate or areas of expertise.



The draft Permitting Plan can be viewed on the [registry website](#)

Provincial ministries and the Cooperation Plan

Although the project is under federal jurisdiction, activities related to the project may be subject to provincial requirements.

IAAC, in collaboration with the CNSC, have developed a draft Cooperation Plan to set out intentions and plans for a cooperative assessment process for the project. Input from provincial ministries with potential EA, permitting or approval requirements related to the project is being sought during the public comment period to inform the final Cooperation Plan.

For a preliminary list of provincial ministries who have indicated they may have requirements related to the project, please see the draft Cooperation Plan.

The draft Cooperation Plan can be viewed on the [registry website](#).



7. Participant funding

In addition to funding made available for the Planning Phase, funding is also available to support First Nations and other Indigenous communities to participate throughout the remainder of the integrated assessment process through IAAC's Participant Funding Program. This participant funding will be made available to support activities such as commenting on the proponent's Impact Statement, as well as the review panel's terms of reference and hearing procedures.

For information about the activities that are eligible for funding or how to apply for funding, please see IAAC's Participant Funding Program National Program Guidelines at the following page:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/public-participation-impact-assessments/funding-programs/participant-funding-program.html>

The CNSC provides funding opportunities through the Indigenous and Stakeholder Capacity Fund (ISCF). Funding opportunities through the ISCF provide capacity for First Nations and other Indigenous communities to build knowledge in the nuclear sector and to engage in the CNSC's regulatory processes prior to, and throughout the lifecycle of nuclear facilities and activities in Canada. Information related to the ISCF funding streams and the ISCF Application Guide can be found at:

[Indigenous and Stakeholder Capacity Fund](#)

8. Protecting confidential Indigenous Knowledge

Indigenous Knowledge shared in confidence is protected from disclosure under section 119 of the IAA, except if written consent is provided, or if the information is publicly available. In addition, Indigenous Knowledge shared in confidence could be shared with certain parties if disclosure is necessary for procedural fairness and natural justice or for use in legal proceedings. This ensures that interested parties have a fair opportunity to participate in processes that would likely affect their interests, and that they have access to all necessary information and evidence relied on by the decision-maker.

Should a First Nation or other Indigenous community wish to provide documents that contain confidential or sensitive information that should be protected from release to the public, please contact IAAC (see section 10) before submitting the information. This will ensure that the submission is handled appropriately. Note, IAAC and the CNSC must consult with each First Nation and other Indigenous community prior to disclosing Indigenous Knowledge shared in confidence.

Policies and guidance for the consideration and protection of Indigenous Knowledge include:

- [Incorporating Indigenous knowledge and working with Indigenous communities](#) (IAAC)
- [Protecting confidential Indigenous knowledge](#) (IAAC)



- [Frequently asked questions on Indigenous Knowledge in federal impact assessments](#) (IAAC)
- [Indigenous Knowledge Policy Framework](#) (the CNSC)

9. How to submit comments

IAAC and the CNSC invite First Nations and other Indigenous communities to share comments and information during the integrated assessment process. IAAC and the CNSC are open to receiving comments and information through a variety of means, including verbally or in writing. First Nations and other Indigenous communities are invited to submit comments by contacting the project team directly (see section 10) or through the Impact Assessment registry website ([89802](#)) by clicking «Submit a Comment». Attachments can also be uploaded using this function. If you encounter any difficulties with the submission process, please contact IAAC (see section 10).

Comments, in your preferred format (i.e., written, oral, visual), and other documents received by IAAC and the CNSC will form part of the project file and will be posted on the registry website, with the exception of comments or documents deemed confidential or subject to a non-disclosure clause. The [IAAC's Submission Policy](#) determines what information can be shared publicly and what information should remain private. For more information on how we protect your privacy, please refer to the [IAAC's Privacy Notice](#). If you do not want your comment to be posted on the registry website, please contact IAAC before submitting your comment.

10. General contact information

If you have questions or need information, please contact the IAAC office responsible for the coordinating the integrated assessment process for this project:

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