

Federal Review Team – Comment Form – draft Integrated Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and draft Permitting Plan

New Nuclear at Wesleyville Project

Response required by: May 7, 2026

Please submit the completed form by May 7, 2026, via email to wesleyville@iaac-aeic.gc.ca. In order to be posted on the Registry, and to align with the Official Languages Act, IAAC is requiring that your submission be provided in French and English. Please note that this is your opportunity to tailor the draft Integrated Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines.

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Section 1 – Draft Permitting Plan:

1. Confirm that all applicable legislative and regulatory oversight that may apply to the project, under the authority of your department or agency, is accurately listed in the draft Permitting Plan.

Insert response here:
 Indigenous Services Canada does not have permits or authorizations to issue pursuant to this project proposal.

2. Indicate whether your department or agency has identified any power that it will be unable to exercise to allow the project to proceed, in whole or in part. For more information, please refer to subsection 17(1) of the IAA.

Insert response here:
 Not applicable

Section 2 – Draft Integrated Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines:

1. Please review the [draft Integrated Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines](#) (the Integrated Guidelines) sections that are applicable to your department’s or agency’s mandate.
2. Using the table below, given the context of the project, please provide any comments and include your recommendation for how the final Integrated Guidelines should be adapted to address your comments.
 - Please indicate any corrections, additions or deletions that should be made to the text including considerations of submissions from First Nations and other Indigenous communities that are relevant to your departmental expertise. Please provide a clear context and rationale for your recommendations, including how their implementation would help focus the assessment on, and resolve, key issues relevant to federal decision-making.
 - Federal expert advice should be solution oriented and commensurate to the context of the project. Advice should be informed by risk-based prudence and evidence in the proponent’s Initial Project Description, Summary of Issues, Response to the Summary of Issues, and publicly available information, with a strong reliance on well-understood mitigation measures, existing guidance, and regulatory instruments that will manage effects. Advice should also be informed by a clear understanding of the project and the local biophysical and socio-economic context. In doing so, departments and agencies are encouraged to ensure that information requirements are proportionate, clearly justified, and practicable within the context of the impact assessment process and associated timelines (i.e., GoC 3-year target for nuclear projects). Advice should focus on outcomes and the information necessary to support sound decision-making, while maintaining flexibility in how requirements may be met. Departments and agencies are also encouraged to avoid duplication with existing regulatory instruments and to identify opportunities to streamline the draft Integrated Guidelines, including proposing the removal or consolidation of requirements where effects can be effectively addressed through existing legislative, policy, or permitting frameworks.
3. *Strategic Questions to Inform Advice*
 - *What knowledge/information does your department have in relation to the key issue? Does your department have any ongoing or upcoming relevant studies/initiatives? What information/action might support mitigating/resolving issues?*
 - *Do we have a good understanding of the pathways of effects? Which key VCs or pathways of effects are missing? Do we have common ground on what the key issues are?*
 - *What federal and provincial tools can be leveraged to resolve issues and avoid duplicating efforts? How can we use existing regulatory frameworks to build confidence in predictions and outcomes?*

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ISC-01	6.2.1 Baseline for health conditions	A community health profile is a component of a health impact assessment. In alignment with Section 7.3.2 the proponent must complete a health impact assessment tailored to each of the impacted Indigenous Nations and communities.	ISC suggests revising Section 6.2.1 of the TISG, to include the bolded text below: develop a health impact assessment that describes the overall health of each Indigenous Nation and community and local community including baseline information on biophysical human health, community well-being, and economic well-being. The health

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		<p>Given the complex health and socioeconomic issues that many Indigenous communities experience, ISC recommends adding Indigenous social determinants of health (such as intergenerational trauma, childhood experiences, physical environments, social supports and coping skills, healthy behaviours, access to health services, gender, culture, and race) that may be relevant to assessing the health and community well-being of Indigenous Nations and communities impacted by the project.</p>	<p>impact assessment should be inclusive of Indigenous social determinants of health, as determined by each Indigenous Nation and community.</p>
ISC-02	6.2.2 Effects on health conditions	<p>The current wording (“describe potential project effects on community health profiles”) is unclear and methodologically inconsistent, as health profiles are descriptive baseline tools rather than entities upon which effects occur. Effects are experienced by individuals and communities through changes in health conditions and determinants of health, not on the profiles themselves.</p>	<p>describe any potential project effects on the health conditions and determinants of health of Indigenous Nations and communities and local communities, informed by the community health profiles;</p>
ISC-03	6.3.2.1 Effects on community well-being and way of life	<p>Consider adding an Indigenous-specific distinction in terms of people moving, specifically in terms of Indigenous group members potentially moving back to live on reserve lands due to new economic opportunities. This pattern of in-migration is often seen in connection with large construction and resource based projects.</p>	<p>Recommend adding the bolding wording:</p> <p>describe in-and out-migration effects, related to activities in all phases of the project lifecycle, including changes in population such as Indigenous group members moving back to reside on reserve lands;</p>
ISC-04	6.2.1 Baseline for health conditions	<p>Need to establish a stronger link between the baseline for health conditions in Indigenous</p>	<p>Add an additional bullet point, to the list on Page 59, to specifically state that protocols for country foods, water and tissue sampling are</p>

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		communities and the overall characterization of emergency preparedness management in these communities. This can assist in understanding the relevance of the proposed project to a potential “worst case scenario”.	to be linked to the overall emergency preparedness management in Indigenous communities, and will be used to inform such plans. Also describe how results of the sampling will be communicated to reach the intended audience.
ISC - 05	6.2.2.2 Effects on social determinants of health	Employment is one of the social/economic determinants of health. Thus the need to fully understand the factors that shape a population’s readiness to work, including the ability to access relevant training. To this end, the guidelines should consider the existing challenges and opportunities relative to training and employment readiness.	Page 63, alter the phrase “The Impact statement must include: Education level” – to include identification of challenges and opportunities.
ISC- 06	6.2.2.2 Effects on social determinants of health	In describing the potential effects of the project on access to health, public safety, and social services, emergency preparedness and management, on community level should be included.	Include a statement, on Page 63, that reflects emergency preparedness/management in First Nation communities and relevance to the proposed project, and worst case scenario.
ISC- 07	6.3.1 baseline for social conditions	Potable water in First Nations need to be identified as not every household relies on a communal system, and the sources of each system can vary.	Add a bullet, on page 64, on sources of First Nation communal water supply, and other household water supplies.
ISC -08	6.4.2.1 Effects on employment	This section is quite complete overall but it lacks an estimate to what degree this very large and very long term nuclear project would add to the already existing nuclear power industry in the region (Darlington power plant, etc). In addition, if it is known how many Indigenous workers work in the nuclear power industry locally, it would help gauge their potential availability to be employed at various stages of the Wesleyville new nuclear.	If available, include figures that illustrate the number of people in the regional labour force who identify as Indigenous (and correlate it to an estimate of the ability of the local and regional labour market to meet the employment demand).

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ISC-09	7. First Nations and other Indigenous communities	There is inconsistency in the terminology used in Section 7. The term “First Nations and other Indigenous communities” should be applied consistently throughout Section 7 of the TISG to ensure clarity, accuracy and respectful representation.	“First Nations and other Indigenous communities” should be used consistently in all text and headings throughout Section 7 of the TISG.
ISC- 10	7.1.2 Effects to physical and cultural heritage and structures, sites or objects of significance.	Make the Impact Statement more inclusive of the values that the Indigenous Peoples – and the Indigenous Nations involved in the project review – place on natural environment, including unimpeded access to night time sky viewing. This will help design measures to address light pollution potentially stemming from this project’s activities.	Add a bullet to list on page 76 to specify: night sky viewing

Insert as many rows as applicable