

NB Power seeking licence renewal for the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station

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Fredericton, N.B. – The process to renew the Power Reactor Operating Licence (PROL) for the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station (PLNGS) is underway.

In June 2016, NB Power applied for a five-year PROL issued by an independent federal nuclear regulator, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC). The current PROL expires in June 2017. NB Power is preparing for a two-part public hearing process which begins in early 2017. The hearings will be open to the public and streamed live on the [CNSC website](#).

To engage the public about this regulatory process, NB Power is hosting a Public Information Session on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Dipper Harbour Fire Hall (1270 Route 790, Dipper Harbour, NB).

"The session will provide community members, interested stakeholders and the public opportunities to speak with members of our team to learn about the programs in place to ensure safe, reliable operation of the Station," said Brett Plummer, Site Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer. "In the coming months, as part of the licence renewal process, we will be demonstrating to the regulator that PLNGS continues to operate safely, meeting or exceeding the requirements of the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*, to protect our staff and the public. This session is our opportunity to share our improvements and performance results with New Brunswickers before the hearings, and gain valuable insight from the public."

Part 1 of the hearing will occur on January 26, 2017, in Ottawa, ON. It will involve presentations from NB Power and CNSC staff to the CNSC Commission. Commission Members will question both parties about the information that was submitted and presented.

Part 2 of the hearing will occur May 10-11, 2017, in Saint John, NB. The Commission Members will continue the hearing process with participation from NB Power and CNSC staff. During Part 2, registered intervenors will have an opportunity to make presentations to the CNSC Commission.

The public are encouraged to get involved in the regulatory process and are able to register with the CNSC to participate as an intervenor until March 27, 2017. Visit the [CNSC website](#) to learn more.

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