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CNSC Announces Decision to Issue a Waste Nuclear Substance Licence to Atomic Energy of Canada Limited for the Port Granby Long-Term Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Project

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Following a public hearing, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) announced today its decision to issue a Waste Nuclear Substance Licence to Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) for the Port Granby Long-Term Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Project for a period of 10 years. The licence will be valid from the effective date of the land transfer of the Port Granby Waste Management Facility property as set out in the "Agreement of Purchase and Sale" between "Her Majesty the Queen In Right of Canada" and "Cameco Corporation" and "Canada Eldor Inc." and will remain in effect until December 31, 2021 unless otherwise suspended, amended, revoked or replaced. If the land transfer is not concluded within one year from the date this licence is issued, the licence shall terminate.

The Commission, in making its decision, considered information presented for a public hearing held on September 27, 2011 in the Municipality of Clarington, Ontario. During the public hearing, the Commission received and considered the submissions from AECL and 22 intervenors and the recommendations CNSC staff.

The Commission is satisfied that the licensee meets the requirements of section 24 of the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*. The Commission concludes that AECL is qualified to carry out the activities that will be permitted under the licence and that it will make adequate provision for the protection of the environment, the health and safety of persons, and the maintenance of national security and measures required to implement international obligations to which Canada has agreed.

With this decision, the Commission requests CNSC staff to inform the Commission of the commissioning of the water treatment plant.

A Record of Proceedings, including Reasons for Decision and transcripts of the hearing are available on the CNSC Web site at www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca, or by contacting the CNSC. The webcast of the hearing is also archived on the same site for a period of 90 days.

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) regulates the use of nuclear energy and materials to protect the health, safety and security of Canadians and the environment; and to respect Canada's international commitments on the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

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