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Minutes of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) Meeting held Thursday, August 9, 2001, beginning at 5:45 p.m. in the Public Hearing Room, CNSC Offices, 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

Present:

L.J. Keen, Chair
C.R. Barnes (until 6:24 p.m.)
Y.M. Giroux
A.R. Graham

G.C. Jack, Secretary
I.V. Gendron, Senior Counsel
M. Morgan, Recording Secretary

Commission staff advisers were A. Aly, J. Blyth, P. Elder, R. Ferch, J. Harvie, R. McCabe, K. Pereira, P. Thompson, J. Waddington and B. Zgola.

Absent:

L.J. MacLachlan

Adoption of the Agenda

1. The agenda, CMD 01-M54.A, was adopted as presented.

Chair and Secretary

2. The President took the Chair and the Secretary of the Commission acted as Secretary of the meeting with M. Morgan acting as recording secretary.

Constitution

3. Notice of meeting having been properly given and a quorum of Members being present, the meeting was declared to be properly constituted.
4. Since the meeting of the CNSC held May 29 and May 30, 2001, Commission Member Documents CMD 01-M47 to CMD 01-M59 have been distributed to Members. These documents are further detailed in Annex A of these minutes.

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5. Members approved the minutes of the May 29 and May 30, 2001 meeting of the Commission; reference CMD 01-M47.

DECISIONBusiness Arising

6. Members received for information the report on business arising from previous meetings of the Atomic Energy Control Board; reference CMD 01-M48 and CMD 01-M55.

7. Members received for information the report on business arising from previous hearings and meetings of the CNSC; reference CMD 01-M49.

Significant Development Report

8. Members reviewed with CNSC staff Significant Development Report (SDR) number 2001-5 and 2001-6; reference CMD 01-M50, CMD 01-M56 and CMD 01-M56.A. Staff provided clarification in response to a Member's question that, when removal of portions of feeder pipes is necessary, it would be done using a combination of remote tooling and workers at the face of the reactor. In addition, clarification was given that the chromosome analysis is given by a blood sample of the exposed person. And finally, relating to section 2.1, concerning the International Fusion Energy Institute, CNSC staff stated that they expect that an environmental assessment will be completed next year.

Shield Source Incorporated: Update regarding the submission of the report on operations

9. Members received for information an update on Shield Source Incorporated's environmental monitoring program in CMD 01-M52.

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CNSC staff committed to follow-up issues relating to this program and to keep the Commission informed, with a summary report being submitted to the Commission in one year's time.

ACTION
K. Pereira

Cameco Corporation Exemption from labelling IP-2 packages containing uranium ore.

10. Members received for consideration in CMD 01-M57 a recommendation from CNSC staff for an exemption from the Regulations.

CNSC staff recommended an exemption from the Packaging and Transport of Nuclear Substances Regulations respecting the need for labelling of IP-2 packages that are used for transporting uranium ore slurry from McArthur River to Key Lake.

In response to a member's question, Mr. J. Jarrell of Cameco stated that the aim was to reduce the radiation dose workers received during the day to day application of specific labels. (Continued in item 15).

Research and Support Program

11. CNSC staff requested that the presentation of this item be postponed until the next meeting in October; reference CMD 01-M51 and 01-M51.A. The Commission agreed.

Update on the introduction of a limit of five years on the AECSB authorization for operations personnel at nuclear power plants.

12. Members received for consideration CMD 01-M58.

A question was posed by a Member to staff as to whether a deadline on this process would be set. Staff responded that they were concerned that a number of issues were still not resolved; that what was being sought was to be able to discriminate between good performance and a poor performance in an operator.

Staff said that the issue would be resolved by this fall, by the end of September.

Commission Members asked about the involvement of both licensees and operators, and it was suggested that licensees should perhaps be present for discussion when the next report is presented to the Commission.

Status report on the CNSC Staff Plan of Action on Financial Guarantees for Decommissioning.

13. CNSC staff presented a proposed approach towards the assessment of financial guarantees for the decommissioning of nuclear facilities in Canada. CMD 01-M59 also reports on the status of CNSC staff reviews of decommissioning plans received from major facilities.

Staff gave a brief review of the purpose of financial guarantees for decommissioning of licensed activities, including management of the wastes resulting from these activities. These guarantees are to protect the Canadian taxpayer from the consequences of the possible inability of a licensee to pay for the costs of decommissioning and waste management.

Closing

14. The public meeting concluded at 7:05 p.m. and continued in camera.

Cameco Corporation Exemption from labelling IP-2 packages containing uranium ore (Continued from 10)

15. Having heard and considered information and submissions from CNSC staff and licensee staff on the matter of the proposed exemption described in item 10 of these minutes, the Commission decided as follow:

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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, pursuant to section 7 of the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* and section 11 of the General Nuclear Safety and Control Regulations, does not exempt Cameco Corporation, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan from the application of subsection 16(4) of the Packaging and Transport of Nuclear Substances Regulations respecting the labelling of IP-2 packages, as defined in those Regulations.

DECISIONClosing

16. The meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary

Secretary