October 28, 2009

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a one-day public hearing to consider the results of an Environmental Assessment Screening (EA Screening) for GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy Canada Inc.’s (GEH-C) project to manufacture low enriched uranium (LEU) fuel bundles at its facility located in Peterborough, Ontario. The Commission will also consider at the same hearing GEH-C’s application for amending its Fuel Facility Operating Licence to permit the possession of LEU.

The scoping information for the EA was approved by the Commission in a closed session on August 1, 2008.

Hearing: January 13, 2010
Place: CNSC Public Hearing Room, 14th floor, 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario
Time: as set by the agenda published prior to the hearing date

The public hearing will be webcasted live on the Internet via the CNSC Web site and archived for a period of 90 days.

GEH-C is seeking approval to permit the possession of low enriched uranium for the production and testing of fuel bundles from uranium dioxide pellets.

The public is invited to comment on GEH-C’s application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission by December 14, 2009 on-line at (http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/commission/intervention/index.cfm) or at the address below. The request must include the following information, as per the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure:

- a written submission of the comments to be presented to the Commission;
- a statement setting out whether the requester wishes to intervene by way of written submission only or by way of written submission and oral presentation; and
- name, address and telephone of the requester.

It should be noted that all submissions are available to the public upon request to the Secretariat.

GEH-C’s submission and CNSC staff’s recommendations to be considered at the hearing will be available after November 13, 2009. These documents are not available on-line and must be requested through the Secretariat at the address below. Agendas, hearing transcripts and information on the hearing process are available at the CNSC Web site: www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca.