

Minutes of the second meeting of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) held in the Public Hearing Room, CNSC Offices, 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Thursday, June 29, 2000, beginning at 1:55 p.m.

Present:

Dr. A.J. Bishop, Chair
Dr. C.R. Barnes
Dr. Y.M. Giroux
Mr. A.R. Graham

G.C. Jack, Secretary
A. Nowack, Senior Counsel
B. Gerestein, Recording Secretary

Commission staff advisers were R. Cawthorn, R. McCabe, J.C. Poirier and R. Thomas.

Chair and Secretary

1. The President took the chair and the Secretary of the Commission acted as Secretary of the meeting with the Manager, Commission Services Group acting as recording secretary.

Constitution

2. Notice of the meeting having been properly given and a quorum of Members being present, the meeting was declared to be properly constituted.

3. Since the meeting of the CNSC held May 31, 2000, Commission Member Documents CMD 00-M24 to CMD 00-M30 had been distributed to Members. These documents are further detailed in Annex A of these minutes.

Adoption of Agenda

4. The updated agenda, CMD 00-H1.1, was adopted as presented.

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DECISION

5. Members approved the minutes of the May 25, 2000 meeting of the Atomic Energy Control Board with an amendment in the sixth paragraph of item 11. The last sentence of the paragraph was replaced by “In response to a question from the Chair on C-14 emissions from the waste management site, AECB staff indicated that monitoring undertaken by OPG will continue to track C-14 releases and results will be made publicly available.”; reference CMD 00-M24.

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DECISION

6. Members approved minutes of the the May 31, 2000 meeting of the Commission; reference CMD 00-M25.

Business Arising

7. Members recieved for information the report of business arising from meetings of the Atomic Energy Control Board prior to May 31, 2000; reference CMD 00-M31.

Significant Development Report

8. Members reviewed with CNSC staff Significant Development Report (SDR) number 2000-01; reference CMD 00-M26. Members discussed with CNSC staff the incident noted in item 2.1 of the CMD regarding the seizure of a nuclear gauge. Members expressed concern over the amount of time taken to resolve this matter and staff agreed that actions should have been taken more promptly. Staff added that procedures are now in place to avoid the delays encountered in this instance.

COGEMA Resources Inc.

9. Members received for information the presentation of A. de Bourayne, R. Pollock and J. Rowson, COGEMA Resources Inc. (CRI), Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on the Enhanced Compliance Assessment Program at the McClean Lake Operation, located in northern Saskatchewan; reference CMD 00-M27.1 and attachment.

Members received for information the CNSC staff report on the Enhanced Compliance Assessment Program; reference CMD 00-M27 and attachment.

Members discussed with CNSC staff and CRI representatives issues including chloride corrosion in the ammonium sulphate crystallization circuit and the process alterations made by CRI to correct the deficiencies, hydraulic containment in the tailings management area and lost time accidents.

University Health Network

10. Members received for information the CNSC staff follow up report on the regulatory actions at the University Health Network (UHN), Toronto, Ontario; reference CMD 00-M28.

B. Martin, UHN, accompanied by F. Tourneur and C. Vollrath, gave a brief presentation on the reorganization which has taken place at the facility and administration of the radiation protection program. B. Martin indicated that the implementation program is almost complete and gave a commitment to have a fully functional radiation protection program in place by year end.

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Documents

11. Members received for information the CNSC staff report on the status of selected CNSC documents; reference CMD 00-M29.

Research and Support Program for Fiscal Year 2000/01

12. Members received for information the CNSC staff report on the Research and Support Program for fiscal year 2000/01; reference CMD 00-M30. Members discussed with staff the number of projects receiving funding under the program compared to the number requesting funding and asked staff to provide elaboration at the next meeting.

ACTION
J. Waddington

Closing

13. The meeting closed on consensus at 3:05 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary

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Secretary