

Minutes of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) Meeting held Thursday, March 8, 2001, beginning at 3:50 p.m., in the Public Hearing Room, CNSC Offices, 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

Present:

L.J. Keen, Chair
C.R. Barnes
Y.M. Giroux
A.R. Graham
L.J. MacLachlan

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

Commission staff advisers were I. Grant, M. Taylor, G. Turcotte and J. Waddington.

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 February 8, 2001, Commission Member Documents CMD 01-M19 to CMD 01-M27 have been distributed to Members. These documents are further detailed in Annex A of these minutes.

Adoption of the Agenda

4. The agenda, CMD 01-M20, was adopted as presented.

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5. Members approved the minutes of the February 8, 2001 meeting of the Commission; reference CMD 01-M21.

DECISIONBusiness Arising

6. Members received for information the report on business arising from previous meetings of the Atomic Energy Control Board; reference CMD 01-M22.

7. Members received for information the report on business arising from previous hearings and meetings of the CNSC; reference CMD 01-M23.

Significant Development Report

8. Members reviewed with CNSC staff Significant Development Report (SDR) number 2001-3; reference CMD 01-M24.

Power Reactor Operations Division: CNSC staff provided updates on two subjects: a recent shutdown of the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station; and recently calculated predictions of consequences of a large loss-of-coolant accident. Staff indicated that further updates will be provided to the Commission on both issues at the next meeting of the Commission.

ACTION
J. HarvieUpdate on the Introduction of a Limit of Five Years on AECB Authorizations

9. Members received for information the CNSC staff report providing an update on the introduction of a limit of five years on AECB authorizations for operations personnel at nuclear power plants; reference CMD 01-M25.

Incident Inspection Team Report on MAPLE Reactor

10. It was noted that presentation of this topic, originally scheduled for the meeting, took place during the hearing earlier on the same date concerning the renewal of the operating licence for AECL's MAPLE reactors; reference CMD 01-M26.

Review of CNSC Oversight of the MAPLE Project

11. Members received for information details of the planned CNSC staff review of the CNSC regulatory oversight of the MAPLE project; reference CMD 01-M27.

Closing

12. In closing the meeting at 4:15 p.m., the Chair noted that the Commission will not be holding a meeting on April 19, 2001, as previously scheduled.

Chair

Recording Secretary

Secretary