

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

Record of Proceedings

Panel Decision Granting an Exemption in Respect of National Mounds

1. Introduction

Because of the re-scheduling to January 15, 2003 of the consideration by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission of the exemptions granted by the Commission pursuant to section 7 of the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*, the exemptions from licensing applicable to the possession, management and storage of nuclear substances at the Passmore Consolidation Mound, Fort McMurray Landfill Mound, Fort Smith Nuisance Grounds Mound, Lakeshore Road Storage Mound and the Tulita Consolidation Mound sites will expire on December 31, 2002, prior to being re-considered by the Commission.

2. Decision

On December 19, 2002, the President of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission established a panel of the Commission pursuant to section 22 of the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* to consider this matter.

Based on its consideration of this matter, the panel of the Commission has granted, effective January 1, 2003, an exemption of ninety (90) days pursuant to section 7 of the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*. The granting of any longer exemption will be considered at a public meeting of the Commission scheduled to be held on January 15, 2003. This decision ensures that these unlicensed sites continue to benefit from a licensing exemption until a decision on whether to further exempt these sites is rendered by the Commission following the public meeting of January 15, 2003.

3. Conclusion

This decision of the panel will be read into the public record and form part of the transcripts to be made available to the public in the days following the public meeting of the Commission scheduled to take place on January 15, 2003. The decision will also be published on the Commission's Internet site.

December 19, 2002

Marc A. Leblanc
Commission Secretary

Date