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Proposed Change to PHAI Cleanup Criteria

CNL is hosting public engagement sessions and interested persons are invited to participate.

For more information and to provide feedback, visit PHAI.ca. Staff are available by email at info@phai.ca (mailto:info@phai.ca) or by phone 905.885.0291 to answer your questions

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) is proposing a change to the PHAI Cleanup Criteria for Canada's largest environmental remediation project in Port Hope. This criteria sets the levels to which CNL cleans up contaminants found in areas that have historic low-level radioactive waste.

CNL's experience cleaning up properties in Port Hope combined with feedback from the community indicate that the PHAI is having greater negative impacts on the built and natural environment than anticipated, especially the loss of trees. Changing the cleanup criteria values for arsenic and uranium would reduce unintended impacts, while still being protective of human health.

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The Port Hope area is already a safe community. A review of more than 40 environmental and health studies conducted in Port Hope by agencies including Health Canada was completed by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission in 2009. This study concluded that: "Residents of Port Hope are just as likely to live safe and healthy lives as people in other communities in Ontario or Canada."

Discussions with the **Ontario Ministry of the Environment**, Conservation and Parks and the Municipality of Port Hope are also ongoing, and any change to the criteria will require acceptance from all parties.

In addition, the proposed change to the cleanup levels requires independent regulatory approval of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

For additional information please follow here (https://www.phai.ca/en/home/cc-change.aspx)

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