

Meaningful Engagement in Nuclear Regulation

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What Is Meaningful Engagement?

-  **Proactive**
Engagement begins early in the process
 -  **Ongoing**
Opportunities to engage always exist
 -  **Tailored**
There is no set formula
 -  **Two-way**
Both parties actively participate and attempt to understand points of view
 -  **Inclusive**
No group or individuals are excluded
 -  **Accessible**
Relevant information is available to all
- Meaningful engagement =
providing the opportunity for
stakeholders, the public and
Indigenous peoples to add
value to decision making



Importance for Regulators

Meaningful engagement ensures that regulators:

- 🌟 Make informed decisions
- 🌟 Are ready for change
- 🌟 Work within the larger system
- 🌟 Build trust in the regulatory process



Practising Meaningful Engagement at the CNSC

1. Setting the tone at the top
2. Enabling participation
3. Building understanding through the dissemination of information



Setting the Tone at the Top

CNSC's vision: To be the best nuclear regulator in the world

Goal: To be recognized by the public, Indigenous peoples, and industry as an independent, open and transparent regulator, and credible source of scientific technical and regulatory information



Enabling Participation



Public Hearing Process

Commission hearings and meetings are open to the public, webcast live and archived

All notices, agendas, minutes, transcripts and decisions are posted to the CNSC website



Participant Funding Program

Provide financial support to interested intervenors, with a particular focus on Indigenous peoples



Independent Environmental Monitoring Program

Exploring mechanisms to provide potentially impacted persons a role in determining how monitoring is carried out



Regulatory Framework Development

Encourage public input on draft regulatory documents, and hold workshops and information sessions on a case-by-case basis

Disseminating Information



Public outreach

Includes open houses and meetings, CNSC 101, and targeted activities (e.g., youth, Indigenous peoples, host communities, and the medical community)



Digital presence

Use a variety of platforms to share timely information

Populate website with research, publications and information related to the health and safety of Canadians



Publishing research

Staff prepare technical papers, presentations, and peer-reviewed articles



Answering questions

The CNSC responded to 1,500 direct inquiries from the public in 2015–16



Regulatory requirement

The CNSC requires licensees to provide information to the public on an ongoing basis



Challenges to Meaningful Engagement at CNSC

- 🌟 How do we move from communicating outwardly to true engagement?
- 🌟 Can we do more to encourage potentially impacted Canadians, including Indigenous peoples, to engage?
- 🌟 How can we shift our approach to enable a conversation with those strongly opposed to nuclear? Is that the role of the regulator?
- 🌟 Can we make more data available to encourage third-party verification and scientific exploration?
- 🌟 How can we better translate the science to ensure accessibility and build trust?
- 🌟 What is the appropriate role of the regulator versus policy makers in meaningful engagement?



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