Dedicated Social Media Channels

BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada Inc. (BWXT NEC) is launching its own dedicated social media profiles to better connect with its communities in Toronto, Peterborough and Arnprior.

We will post more information on our website (www.nec.bwxt.com) soon!

Facebook Live Event

As you may have read in our spring newsletter, we cancelled our annual summer community BBQ because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This was a hard decision for the BWXT NEC team as we look forward to this important community event each year. The annual community BBQ gives our team the opportunity to meet with our neighbours to answer questions and address concerns. We are able to have one-on-one conversations, review emissions from Annual Compliance Reports and discuss ways BWXT NEC can improve its public information program. We have chosen to host a virtual event in lieu of the BBQ. We present you with BWXT NEC’s first ever Facebook Live:

Please join us for BWXT NEC’s Facebook Live

Monday, October 26th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Join our Facebook Live to learn more about BWXT NEC’s operations, licence renewal, safety, emissions, emergency preparedness and more.

BWXT NEC subject matter experts will be available to answer your questions and if you wish to submit questions in advance, please email us at questions@bwxt.com.

More information about this event will be posted on our public information website (www.nec.bwxt.com) soon!
Radiation in Our Daily Lives

Radiation is energy in the form of waves or particles, and it doesn’t just come from nuclear energy. Radiation is all around us and we’re exposed to both natural and man-made sources of radiation daily. There are two types of radiation, ionizing (natural sources and man-made sources such as x-ray machines and nuclear power plants) and non-ionizing (e.g. microwaves, radio waves and television signals).

The CNSC regulates the nuclear industry to limit the radiation that employees and members of the public receive. BWXT NEC has a comprehensive radiation protection program and is guided by the principles of ALARA (as low as reasonably achievable). The small amount of our emissions does not pose a risk to the public, environment or our employees.

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Radiation in our Daily Lives infographic information obtained from: https://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/cnsconline/doses/eng/index.cfm, https://ans.org/pi/resources/dosechart/ and http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/resources/radiation/introduction-to-radiation/radiation-doses.cfm except for Peterborough and Toronto BWXT data which we have added. The additional information is provided by BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada and verified by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and Health Canada respectively.
Progressive Aboriginal Relations

BWXT Canadian operations joined the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Businesses (CCAB) in 2017 and is participating in their Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) program. BWXT developed an internal PAR Working Group to meet to discuss ways to build and sustain positive relationships with Indigenous communities in areas where BWXT operates. The group meets every six weeks and is comprised of employees from a variety of departments and sites in Canada.

Our PAR Working Group recently completed Phase 2 of the PAR program and has been working on providing cultural awareness training resources for employees. The group is planning on purchasing a series of books written by Bob Joseph for each site in Canada to have available for the working group and for employees to read. The group is also exploring other methods and ways to share information related to the history of Indigenous Peoples with employees.
Revised CNSC Notice on BWXT NEC’s Licence Renewal

On July 29th, 2020, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) published a revised notice of continuation of public hearing on their website. The original notice from April 6th, 2020, noted a Commission direction for CNSC staff to conduct soil resampling for beryllium at properties near BWXT NEC’s Peterborough facility, with a focus on Prince of Wales Public School. The Commission also requested CNSC staff complete an analysis to determine if there is any risk to the environment or public and to identify the source of the beryllium.

CNSC staff requested an extension of two months to complete the resampling and analyses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission granted CNSC staff an extension to complete both items by October 30th, 2020. Once the Commission receives this information from CNSC staff, they will then deliberate on BWXT NEC’s licence renewal. Results will be made available to the public on the CNSC’s website.

During the licence renewal hearing in Toronto and Peterborough in March, 2020, BWXT NEC committed to conducting its own beryllium soil sampling using an independent laboratory. The sampling was recently conducted and results are available on our website at www.nec.bwxt.com.

The CNSC’s revised notice can be found at www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/ or on www.nec.bwxt.com. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact us at questions@bwxt.com or 1.855.696.9588.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

You’re invited to take a short online survey at www.bwxtsurvey.ca.

Fill out the survey for your chance to win a $500.00 VISA gift card!

Survey will run from October 15th to November 20th, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact us at questions@bwxt.com or 1.855.696.9588.

This survey is being conducted on behalf of BWXT NEC by Ipsos, an independent research firm.