

Québec City, May 7, 2014 – The inquiry commission of the Bureau d’audiences publiques sur l’environnement (BAPE), chaired by Louis-Gilles Francoeur, supported by commissioners Michèle Goyer and Joseph Zayed, will begin its work on May 20, 2014, in Montreal.

THE COMMISSION’S APPROACH

A specific consultation structure and methods are required to consult the general public on the question of uranium industry issues in Québec. The Commission’s approach for this inquiry will be adjusted accordingly, and the public portion of its inquiry will be divided into three phases:

- **Pre-consultation phase (May 20 at June 23, 2014):** The Commission will listen to the public’s concerns and adjust its inquiry strategy accordingly.
- **Question and information phase (Beginning Fall 2014):** The Commission and participants will consider the inquiry issues in more depth, with support from experts and resource people.
- **Presentation of briefs (Late Fall 2014 - Beginning Winter 2015):** The Commission will hear people who have tabled briefs or who wish to present their opinions verbally.

The commission works on the establishment of the consultation terms with the Aboriginal nations on the territories covered by James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement, including with the James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment (JBACE) for Crees and Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee for Inuits and Naskapis.

For Aboriginal nations in southern Québec, the commission works on organizing a consultation that would permit to different nations to meet together and to communicate their concerns and their issues to the commission.

The Commission also intends to examine practices in use here and elsewhere, through site missions and visits. It also intends to call on the experts it needs to complete its mandate.

THE PRE-CONSULTATION PHASE

The Commission’s pre-consultation sessions will take place at the following locations:

<p>MONTREAL Hôtel Delta Montréal, Salon Ravel 475, avenue du Président Kennedy</p>	<p>Sessions will be held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May 20, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. ▪ May 21, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
<p>CHELSEA Centre Meredith, Salle de banquet 23, chemin Cecil, Chelsea</p>	<p>A session will be held on May 22, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>MONT-LAURIER Salle des Chevaliers de Colomb 467, rue Crémazie, Mont-Laurier</p>	<p>Sessions will be held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May 26, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. ▪ May 27, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

<p>VILLE-MARIE Église de la Paroisse Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire, Basement 18, Notre-Dame N, Ville-Marie</p>	<p>Sessions will be held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May 29, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. ▪ May 30, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.
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Other sessions will be held in Sept-Îles, Havre-Saint-Pierre, Chibougamau, Pointe-à-la-Croix and Québec City. The Commission will issue press releases to announce the times and locations of additional sessions. Details will also be posted on the BAPE website.

The inquiry commission must complete its mandate within one year. The BAPE report will therefore be submitted to David Heurtel, Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change, no later than May 20, 2015. The Minister will then have 60 days to publish the report.

WHERE CAN DOCUMENTS BE CONSULTED?

Documents relating to this matter can be accessed by members of the general public at the following regional consultation centres:

- Bibliothèque municipale de Havre-Saint-Pierre, 1045, rue Dulcinée, Havre-Saint-Pierre
- Bibliothèque Louis-Ange-Santerre, 500, avenue Jolliet, Sept-Îles
- Bibliothèque La Bouquine, 50, rue Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Ville-Marie
- Offices of the Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAK), Kuujjuak
- Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Nation Government, 32, Amisk Street, Mistissini
- Bibliothèque municipale de Chibougamau, 601, 3^e Rue, Chibougamau
- Bibliothèque de Chelsea, 100, chemin Old Chelsea, Chelsea
- Bibliothèque municipale et scolaire de La Petite-Rochelle, 44A, rue Lasalle, Pointe-à-la-Croix

The entire file is also available at the BAPE offices in Québec City, at 575, Saint-Amable, Suite 2.10, and in Montreal, at the Legal Science Library, Université du Québec à Montréal, Pavillon Hubert-Aquin, 400, Sainte-Catherine Est. It can also be found on the BAPE website (www.bape.gouv.qc.ca), under the heading “Mandats en cours”.

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