

Research Director invited to presented statements on environmental impacts and Challenges associated with uranium exploration and uranium mill tailings to Quebec Commission conducting public hearings on Uranium industry Issues September 9 – 10, 2014

Research Director Paul Robinson will present invited statements on the Environmental issues and challenges associated with uranium exploration and uranium mill tailings to the Quebec, Canada Provincial Commission conducting a year-long consultation on Uranium Industry Issues in Quebec September 9 and 10 in Quebec City. The purpose of the consultation is to gather information on “Uranium Industry Issues in Quebec” following the Quebec provincial government’s March 2013 announcement that it would no longer issue exploration, development or mining permits for uranium projects until an independent study of the impacts of uranium was completed

In August 2014, Annual General Assembly of the Cree Nation unanimously reaffirmed Cree Grand Council reaffirmed its permanent moratorium against uranium exploration, mining and waste emplacement Cree people across northern Canada has also adopted a moratorium against future uranium development established in August 2012.

The Quebec provincial consultation includes a year-long hearing and research program convened under a commission establish as part of the provincial Bureau d’audiences publique sur l’environnement (BAPE – Office of public hearings on the environment). See <http://www.bape.gouv.qc.ca/sections/mandats/uranium-enjeux/> for information about the Commission and a schedule of public hearings and access to documents associated with the Commission’s inquiry.

The Commission’s first phase was a series of “pre-consultations’ in June following the May 20, 2014 establishment of the Commission and its mandate. During the pre-consultation phase, Research Director Paul Robinson presented an oral statement to the Commission, during its June 17, 2014 session available at: <http://www.bape.gouv.qc.ca/sections/mandats/uranium-enjeux/documents/TRAN19.pdf>.

The Commission second phase will be public hearings conducted as “question and answer” sessions September 3 – 25, 2014 in communities in the Cree traditional territory – Misstisini, Chibougamau and Chisasibi, in Quebec City and in Kangisqsualujjuaq in the traditionally Inuit Region of northern Quebec.

The Commission’s final report is due May 20, 2015.

Paul’s submittals to the Commission include:

**“Environmental Issues and Challenges associated with Uranium Exploration and Uranium Mill Tailings, ” an Invited Statement before Quebec Uranium**

**Inquiry Commission - Bureau D'Audiences Publique sur L'Environnement (BAPE), September 9 – 10, 2014. Quebec, City, Quebec, Canada**

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**Environmental Impacts and Challenges Associated with of Uranium Exploration and Uranium Mill Tailings: A Slide Presentation Supporting an Invited Statement before Quebec Uranium Inquiry Commission, Bureau D'Audiences Publique sur L'Environnement (BAPE), Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, September 9-10, 2014**

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