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Abbreviations and Units of Measure

Abbreviation	Definition
ACFN	Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation
BNDN	Birch Narrows Dene Nation
BRDN	Buffalo River Dene Nation
CNSC	Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
CRDN	Clearwater River Dene Nation
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ENV	Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment
ERFN	English River First Nation
IAP2	International Association for Public Participation
IKTLU	Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use
KP	key person
JWG	Joint Working Group
LPA	local priority area
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
NexGen	NexGen Energy Ltd.
NR2	Northern Region 2
Project	Rook I Project
RCMP	Royal Canadian Mounted Police
SEASB	Saskatchewan Environmental Assessment and Stewardship Branch
TSD	Technical Support Document
VC	valued component
WSA	Saskatchewan Water Security Agency
YNLR	Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources

Unit	Definition
%	percent
km	kilometre

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2 INDIGENOUS, REGULATORY, AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2.1 Introduction

NexGen Energy Ltd. (NexGen) is proposing to develop a new uranium mining and milling operation in northwestern Saskatchewan, called the Rook I Project (Project). The Project would be located approximately 40 km east of the Saskatchewan-Alberta border, 130 km north of the Northern Village of La Loche, and 640 km northwest of the city of Saskatoon (Figure 2.1-1). The Project would reside within Treaty 8 territory and the Métis Homeland. At a regional scale, the Project would be situated within the southern Athabasca Basin adjacent to Patterson Lake, along the upper Clearwater River system. Patterson Lake is at the interface of the Boreal Shield and Boreal Plain ecozones. Access to the Project would be from an existing road off Highway 955 (Figure 2.1-2), with on-site worker accommodation serviced by fly-in/fly-out access.

Section 2, Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement, of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documents Indigenous (i.e., First Nation and Métis), regulatory, and public engagement activities for the Project in support of the Environmental Assessment (EA). NexGen's engagement activities have been designed from the outset and have continually evolved to promote the inclusion of Indigenous, regulatory, and public input in a manner that provides the opportunity for effective information exchange and dialogue specific to each stage of the Project's development. This section summarizes NexGen's engagement initiatives and demonstrates how NexGen has engaged with First Nations and Métis Groups (collectively referred to as Indigenous Groups), regulatory agencies, and members of the public that are potentially affected by, and have expressed interest in, the proposed Project. This section also provides summaries documenting meetings, discussion topics, issues and concerns, outcomes, and ongoing and future engagement initiatives.

Information gathered during engagement has assisted with identifying topics for discussion at subsequent engagement events and meetings, addressing concerns, and responding to questions raised by interested parties. Engagement activities have also been effective in identifying additional individuals or groups with an interest in the Project. Consistent with NexGen's life cycle approach to engagement, ongoing planning and design will continue to consider feedback received through Project engagement activities. Engagement has also provided interested parties with an opportunity to understand the Project's potential effects and to share information with NexGen. Information gathered during the engagement program has been incorporated into the EIS discipline sections (i.e., Section 7 through Section 19), where relevant. A description of how information has been incorporated into the EA and influenced Project planning and design is described in Section 3, Indigenous and Local Knowledge.

The Section 2 document structure is as follows:

- **Section 2.2, Working with People,** describes NexGen's engagement philosophy, including governance, engagement principles, and objectives.
- **Section 2.3, Engagement Framework,** describes NexGen's engagement framework, including regulatory context for the EA process.
- **Section 2.4, Indigenous Group and Stakeholder Identification,** describes the process for identifying Indigenous Groups and stakeholders for the Project.
- **Section 2.5, Engagement Approach,** describes engagement methods, approach, and challenges.
- **Section 2.6, Engagement Summary,** summarizes key findings from engagement completed to date.
- **Section 2.7, Moving Forward,** outlines NexGen's planned future engagement activities.

Appendix 2A through Appendix 2D provide engagement records for the following:

- Indigenous Group engagement activities (Appendix 2A);
- issues and concerns identified by each Indigenous Group (Appendix 2B);
- regulatory authority engagement activities (Appendix 2C); and
- general public [1] (includes the broader community and special interest groups) engagement activities (Appendix 2D).

Appendix 2E, Summary of Community Information Sessions, contains details of the community information sessions. **Appendix 2F, Public Engagement Materials** includes other information materials on the Project distributed to the public.

NexGen's goal is to leave lasting benefits to local Indigenous Groups and communities well beyond Project Decommissioning and Reclamation (i.e., Closure). Knowledge of community values, commitment to high standards, and understanding of lessons learned from other mining operations complement NexGen's commitment to engagement for the Project that is early, often, and lasting.

Engagement for the EA process was undertaken for three complementary and parallel purposes:

- Understand Indigenous and stakeholder perspectives in alignment with NexGen's vision and values (Section 2.2.1).
- Take reasonable steps towards the following goals, which enable Indigenous Groups and Project-affected communities to meaningfully engage with NexGen:
  - Develop and foster relationships based on respect, trust, and a shared vision of optimizing Project value for Indigenous Groups and local communities, while managing adverse effects.

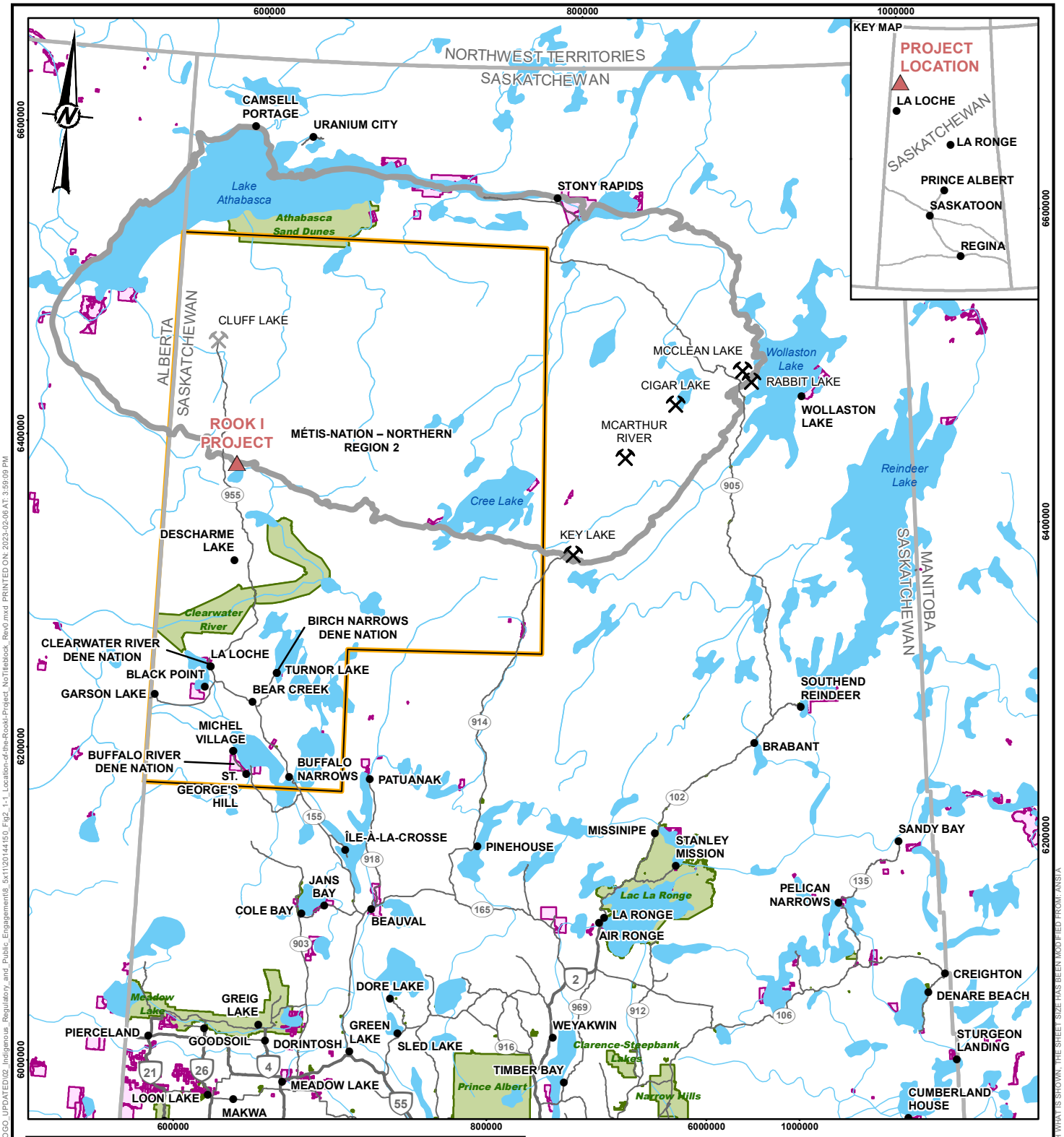
[1] Note that the term "general public" is largely derived from regulator guides. For the purposes of EIS engagement, the term "communities" is more frequently used, which includes local Indigenous communities' and municipalities' residents, stakeholders, and special interest groups. This term also applies to any interested parties outside the local area; however, engagement efforts for the Project were specifically focused on communities local to the proposed Project.

- Collaborate on opportunities to incorporate Indigenous and Local Knowledge[2] into relevant EIS studies, Project design, and operational practices.
- Increase Indigenous Groups', regulators', and the public's understanding of the Project.
- Increase NexGen's understanding of issues and concerns from Project-affected Indigenous Groups, regulatory agencies, and the public.
- Facilitate greater accessibility to economic and employment opportunities for local Indigenous Groups and communities; this has been ongoing from pre-exploration activities in 2013, with an increased focus on the Project EA and future Construction, Operations, and Closure opportunities since the start of the EA process in 2019.

- Meet requirements and recommendations from the federal regulator (i.e., the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission [CNSC]) and the provincial regulator (i.e., the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment [ENV]).

NexGen is committed to incorporating engagement feedback throughout the Project lifespan. This approach has been consistent through early engagement activities, has continued during the EA process, and will continue as more opportunities to share knowledge become available.

[2] Indigenous Knowledge can generally be understood as the unique and collective knowledge of a group of Indigenous People that is built up through generations of living in close contact with the land and natural environment. Local Knowledge is a more general term and, for the purposes of the EA, represents information from a citizen or community representative, but without Indigenous Group / Elder sanction. Further details on the definition and use of these terms are provided in Section 3.4, Defining Indigenous and Local Knowledge.



LEGEND

- POPULATED PLACE
- URANIUM MINING FACILITY (ACTIVE)
- URANIUM MINING FACILITY (DECOMMISSIONED)
- PRIMARY HIGHWAY
- SECONDARY HIGHWAY
- WATERCOURSE
- ATHABASCA BASIN BOUNDARY
- INDIAN RESERVE
- PROVINCIAL PARKS
- WATERBODY
- PROJECT LOCATION
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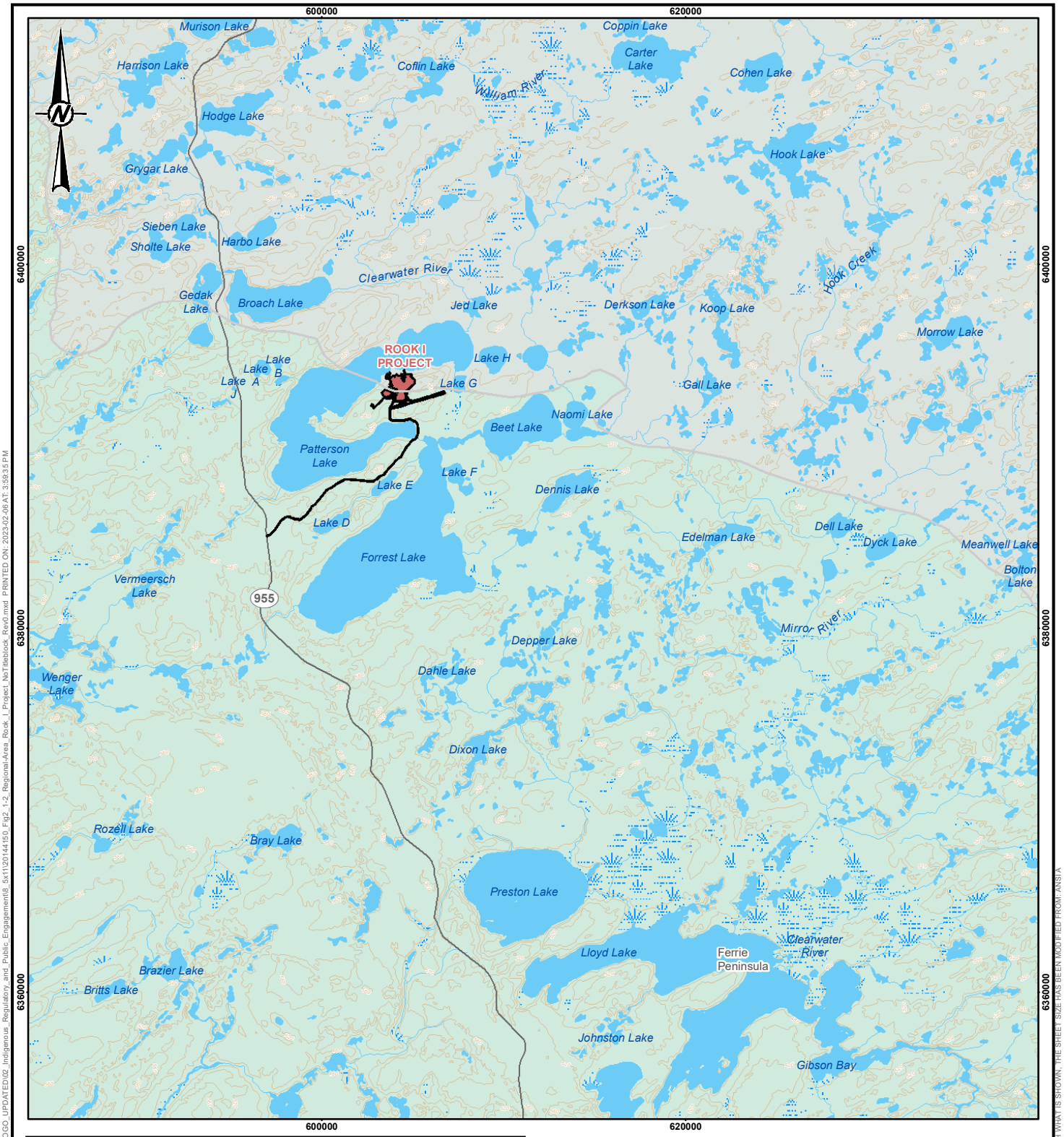
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- WATERBODY
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2.2 Working with People

NexGen's philosophy with respect to working with people is rooted in its principles and governance approach, which is reflected in part by the demonstrated commitment to community initiatives.

2.2.1 NexGen Vision, Values, and Approach

NexGen is guided by its vision and values, which are applicable across all aspects of the organization. NexGen's vision is to become a world leader in delivering clean energy solutions for current and future generations. The incorporation of NexGen's vision and values has been fundamental in the approach for working with people, whether for formal Project engagement, community outreach, or other public communicative or collaborative efforts.

NexGen's values are:

- **Honesty:** Transparent and clear with self and others; open to giving and receiving feedback.
- **Respect:** Treat others in the way we want to be treated and without judgment.
- **Resilience:** Agile and entrepreneurial; nimble with the structure to pivot.
- **Accountability:** Clear in our expectations; curious and open, we have ownership of our work and execute with excellence.

NexGen has strong ethical standards, and the company's reputation is built through the conduct and interactions of all members of the NexGen team. All NexGen personnel are expected to maintain a high level of professional integrity and are accountable for work and behaviour that supports and reflects the values, principles, and high standards that have been established by the company. The following conduct, derived from NexGen's Code of Ethics, forms the basis for NexGen's approach to working with people:

- Act in a way that upholds and reflects NexGen's values.
- Act with integrity and honesty.
- Act ethically and with courtesy and respect to others.
- Treat communities and the environment in which NexGen operates with respect.
- Never use one's power or status in an effort to gain undue benefit or advantage over others.
- Maintain confidentiality, where required, to ensure the protection of corporate, personal, and third-party information.
- Take responsible steps to avoid any conflicts of interest, either real or perceived.
- Always comply with the law and relevant rules and regulations.

NexGen's governance practices comply with all applicable Canadian regulatory requirements. These governance practices include principles of sustainability while adhering to high ethical standards through NexGen's Code of Ethics and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Section 1.1.2, NexGen Vision, Values, and Approach, provides additional information on key aspects of NexGen's corporate governance policies, including NexGen core values, beliefs, and Code of Ethics, all of which have informed the overall approach to Project engagement.

As a foundational principle, NexGen acknowledges and values the community interests and aspirations of those potentially affected by the Project. NexGen is committed to fostering trusting relationships that facilitate collaboration and to optimizing benefits to Indigenous Groups and Project stakeholders by:

- respecting the diverse cultures and perspectives of those with whom the Project interacts;
- proactively and transparently engaging with Project-affected communities;
- enhancing workers' awareness of the history, traditions, and rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- supporting the educational and economic participation of local communities;
- seeking to provide opportunities resulting from Project benefits to local communities, especially opportunities with the ability to last beyond the Project lifespan; and
- providing clear and timely information to those who have a direct interest in the Project.

These high expectations for corporate governance and behaviour represent cornerstone characteristics for NexGen's engagement with Indigenous Groups, regulatory agencies, and the public.

2.2.2 Community Initiatives

NexGen's involvement in the community has been ongoing since exploration commenced in 2013, prior to the 2014 discovery of uranium mineralization (i.e., the Arrow deposit) that would ultimately form the basis of the proposed Project. Since 2013, NexGen has worked closely with the communities local to the Project to help develop meaningful community programs that focus on youth, with an emphasis on education, health and wellness, and building economic capacity. NexGen's engagement and outreach initiatives have been recognized by the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada, with the 2019 Environment and Social Responsibility Award, and the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, with the 2024 Achievement of Business Excellence – Community Involvement Award. Community initiatives demonstrate a Project life cycle (i.e., prior to and beyond the Project lifespan) approach to maintaining a strong connection to the communities. Community initiatives conducted to date include, but are not limited to:

- **Summer student program:** This program was established in 2016 and aims to build skills and confidence in young adults through skilled employment at the existing exploration site. To date, 98 students have been employed in the summer student program. In 2020, due to the circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the program did not proceed. In 2021, NexGen adapted to ensure the program resumed, developing a revised format in which summer students were hired to work within their communities. The 2021 program primarily consisted of a youth-Elder interview program whereby four summer students participated in the program: two students in the Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN) and two students in Buffalo Narrows. In 2022, NexGen resumed the summer student program at the existing site.
- **Scholarships for local students:** Since 2017, NexGen has provided up to four scholarships per year to students from the local priority area (LPA[3]) to pursue post-secondary education. To date, 16 students have received scholarships, and a number of these students have received scholarships for multiple academic years through continued eligibility. Due to disruptions associated with the pandemic, the 2020/2021

[3] The LPA consists of the local communities closest to the Project that would experience most of the Project effects and for which NexGen would prioritize local training, employment, and business opportunities for the Project. These communities are located along, or accessed via, Highways 155 and 955 north of the intersection of Highways 155 and 925.

scholarship program was focused on the continued support of the then-current scholarship recipients and there were no new scholarship recipients. The program accepted a new recipient for the 2021/2022 academic year and a total of four recipients for each of 2022/2023, 2023/2024, and 2024/2025. NexGen will continue the scholarship initiative in the years to come.

- **School breakfast program:** Since 2017, through a partnership with the Breakfast Club of Canada, healthy breakfasts have been provided to over 1,000 students each school day by a total of 8 local cooks who are employed to prepare the breakfasts at the Ducharme Elementary School, Dene High School, and Clearwater River Dene School. When schools in Saskatchewan were closed due to the pandemic in May 2020, food boxes were delivered to the homes of each student. The schools each had a uniquely modified breakfast program reflective of how the pandemic progressed and the conditions at the school at the time, as schools alternated between online and in-person learning. NexGen continues to fund the Breakfast Program in all three schools.
- **Youth sports program:** Since 2017, NexGen has provided support to minor volleyball and hockey teams in local communities. This support helps keep local youth engaged in sports and provides them with opportunities to participate in sporting events throughout the province and across Canada. These sports programs were suspended during the pandemic and resumed for the 2021/2022 year. This is an ongoing initiative, and NexGen is currently sponsoring the La Loche Lakers volleyball club team.
- **Recreational program:** Since 2018, NexGen has provided funding for recreational programming through the La Loche Sports, Recreation & Culture Board. This program provides structured after-school and summer-holiday recreational events and opportunities for youth and other community members. The programming consists of activities such as beadwork, holiday decorating, traditional music lessons, and free public skating. The program was paused in Q2 2020 due to disruptions associated with the pandemic and resumed in Q3 2020 when it was deemed safe by local health authorities to do so. The recreational programming was adjusted during the pandemic to accommodate all COVID-19 related restrictions and public health orders. This is an ongoing initiative.
- **Other community initiatives:** These initiatives include sponsoring Canada Day (2017 to 2024, excepting 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic) and Yanessa Day (2018 to 2024, excepting 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic) barbecue events in La Loche; initiating a diamond driller helper training course (2018); funding a Métis Youth Cultural Music Program (2019); funding the Community Pandemic Coordinators (2020; additional information on the Community Pandemic Coordinators is included in Section 2.5.6, Engagement Challenges); supporting a Saskatchewan Roughriders Northern School Visit to two schools in the LPA (2022, 2023, and 2024); holding five career information sessions each year in LPA high schools (2022, 2023, and 2024); in partnership with the Vancouver Canucks, holding two Youth Mentorship Programs (2023); initiating 18-week Carpentry Applied Certificate Programs in La Loche (2022 and 2023); initiating an Electrical Applied Certificate Program in Buffalo Narrows (2024); supporting a Carpentry Applied Certificate Program in BNDN/Turnor Lake (2024); and funding safety ticket training courses in CRDN, BRDN, and BNDN (2022, 2023, and 2024). In 2023, a regional training working group composed of NexGen, LPA community representatives, and training institutions was formed to develop short- and long-term plans to prepare for NexGen's Project employment needs, with a focus on maximizing opportunities for LPA residents. Current or planned programs following implementation of the regional training working group include the Radiation and Environmental Monitoring Technician Program in Buffalo Narrows (April 2024), Carpentry Pre-employment Program in BRDN / Dillon (October 2024), and Pathways to Your Future: Career Development in Uranium Mining (October 2024),

which is a training program designed to provide a holistic look into working at a uranium mine and that offers participants a clear pathway to a meaningful career in the mining industry.

- **Dog adoption program:** Since 2015, through collaboration with the Meadow Lake Humane Society, NexGen has fostered 45 dogs at the existing exploration site and is proud to say almost all of the fostered dogs have found a forever home somewhere in Canada. This initiative is ongoing and continued throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Community initiatives continue to be developed in collaboration with local communities and are reviewed and amended as required to meet their changing needs.

2.3 Engagement Framework

NexGen maintains a formal engagement framework based on organizational governance policies and the incorporation of both provincial and federal regulatory requirements. The engagement framework includes a process for Indigenous Group and stakeholder identification as well as collaborative approaches to engage in a manner that is preferred by members of these groups. The objectives of the engagement framework are as follows:

- Collaborate with directly affected (i.e., primary) Indigenous Groups to enable:
  - meaningful engagement through information sharing;
  - Indigenous and Local Knowledge (Section 3) to be captured and appropriately considered within the EA; and
  - promotion of a life cycle planning approach by starting with the end in mind.
- Keep interested members of the public (e.g., community members) within the LPA informed about the proposed Project and present an opportunity to provide comments and feedback.
- Keep other potentially affected public groups (e.g., municipalities, businesses) within the LPA informed about the proposed Project and present an opportunity to provide comments and feedback.
- Keep Indigenous Groups and relevant stakeholders within the broader region (e.g., Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources [YNLR], Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee) informed about the proposed Project and present an opportunity to provide comments and feedback.
- Verify NexGen's vision and values are incorporated into all aspects of the design and delivery of the engagement framework.
- Meet regulatory requirements and expectations for the Project.

2.3.1 NexGen Standards

The development and execution of the engagement framework incorporates key principles that align with NexGen's values and governance. These key principles are designed to maximize the benefits of engagement opportunities for all parties, and include the following:

- **Respect:** Indigenous Groups' and stakeholders' differing opinions and perspectives are listened to, understood, acknowledged, considered, and to the extent possible, incorporated into the proposed Project.
- **Inclusivity:** Indigenous Groups and stakeholders, including vulnerable and distinct groups and community members, are provided with adequate opportunities to connect with the Project.

- **Meaningfulness:** Participants are provided with accurate, timely, and relevant information to enable informed discussions.
- **Informative:** Information is provided in a format that allows Indigenous Groups and stakeholders to build an understanding of the Project and EA process to enable meaningful engagement.
- **Responsive:** Issues and concerns raised are carefully considered and responded to in a timely and appropriate manner.
- **Transparent:** Engagement activities are open, honest, and fair.

In addition to these principles, the following key engagement objectives are incorporated specific to the Project and the approach to engagement for the EA:

- Confirm NexGen's vision and values are reflected in the design, implementation, and evaluation of all Project engagement activities.
- Confirm the overarching engagement strategy meets federal and provincial regulatory requirements, including reporting on engagement activities and results.
- Confirm the engagement approaches and protocols outlined in formal agreements with Indigenous Groups are met.
- Make sure that all primary Indigenous Groups:
  - receive the same Project information;
  - receive information in a format that enables the recipients to easily share it within their communities;
  - are provided the opportunity to participate in meaningful engagement;
  - are provided the opportunity for Indigenous and Local Knowledge to be shared with respect to the Project and incorporated into the EIS, where applicable; and
  - have their issues and concerns heard, understood, and responded to adequately.
- Work with Indigenous Groups, regulatory authorities, and local community stakeholders to identify engagement expectations with the Project, including for the preparation of the EIS.
- Aim to understand Indigenous and Local Knowledge early, when possible, to ensure accuracy in use.
- Target specific engagement to Indigenous Groups where NexGen has been informed of their particular interest in aspects of the Project and level of engagement desired.
- Develop engagement tools in consideration of the interests and communication networks of the target groups, including age, gender, and language.
- Develop digital materials to reach local communities, as well as regional, provincial, and national stakeholders and interested parties.
- Communicate to Indigenous Groups and members of the public the various engagement paths available and the ability to influence the Project through all phases, including beyond EIS submission.

Forming and continually fostering relationships built on mutual trust and understanding is foundational to the engagement framework and pivotal to Project success. NexGen has been developing relationships with potentially affected Indigenous Groups and communities since prior to initiating exploration for the Project. Through the engagement framework, NexGen has been able to continue the relationships developed during

exploration (i.e., prior to initiation of the EA process in 2019) and confirm that Project engagement requirements for the EIS have been met.

As engagement is a dynamic process, continual evaluation and adjustment of the approaches to meet engagement needs and real-world challenges is embedded in the framework. A key goal is to implement and evaluate the engagement framework, respond to feedback, and adapt, with a focus on an open and accessible Project for Indigenous Groups, regulators, and the public.

2.3.2 Regulatory Context

The proposed Project is subject to both a federal and provincial EA process. The Project is governed federally by the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) and provincially by *The Environmental Assessment Act* of Saskatchewan. Although the Project EA is being conducted through a cooperative process, separate requirements still apply and must be satisfied with respect to the acts, regulations, and guidelines in place for each of the federal and provincial jurisdictions. Further information on the regulatory context for the Project is provided in Section 1.3, Regulatory Framework.

The Project engagement framework was developed based on a harmonized approach to regulatory compliance that meets consultation and engagement requirements from both federal and provincial agencies. The Crown's duty to consult and accommodate with respect to the Project is required to be satisfied by: 1) the CNSC in making decisions under CEAA 2012; and 2) the Government of Saskatchewan in making decisions under *The Environmental Assessment Act*. NexGen's approach to the EA is not intended to replace the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate with respect to the Project, though it is recognized that results from the EA may be used to inform the Crown's consultation process, including the assessment of effects to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. NexGen's approach to the EA process has been focused on enabling dialogue with and seeking feedback from Indigenous Groups who could potentially be affected by the proposed Project.

The engagement framework includes the procedural aspects of consultation that have been delegated to NexGen, as documented in the remainder of Section 2 and supporting Appendix 2A through Appendix 2E. Table 2.3-1 presents the regulatory documents that NexGen reviewed and incorporated into the approach to consultation and engagement.

Table 2.3-1: Section Concordance with Regulatory Requirements

Regulatory Body	Regulatory Document	Relevant Sections	Scope of Regulatory Requirement
CNSC	Public and Indigenous Engagement, Indigenous Engagement: REGDOC-3.2.2, Version 1.2 (CNSC 2022)	Entire section	▪ Guidance on how to identify and engage with potentially affected Indigenous communities and develop and maintain any Indigenous engagement reports to support Project activities.
	Public Information and Disclosure: REGDOC-3.2.1 (CNSC 2018)	2.3, 2.6	▪ Guidance on the development and implementation of a public information program that includes a disclosure protocol.
	E-DOCS #6470679: Guidance on Indigenous Engagement for Proposed Projects undergoing Environmental Assessments under CEAA 2012 (CNSC 2021a)	2.3, 2.4	▪ Guidance on the CNSC's requirements for the key steps of the EA process; guidance for completing Indigenous engagement and guidance on recording Indigenous engagement.
	E-DOCS #6515310 Version 1: Additional information on the role of Indigenous Groups who will be participating in the technical review and preparation of the CNSC EA Report under CEAA 2012 (CNSC 2020)	2.3, 2.4	▪ Outline of the steps of the technical review of the EIS and the purpose, roles, and responsibilities for the EA report.
	E-DOCS #6474990 Version 2: CNSC Guidance Key Documents Expected of Proponent by CNSC to fulfill Indigenous Engagement Requirements for Designated CEAA 2012 projects in the key regulatory guidance section (CNSC n.d.)	2.3, 2.4	▪ Guidance on the CNSC's requirements for the key steps of the EA process and guidance for completing and recording Indigenous consultation and engagement.
	Generic Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CNSC 2021b)	2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6	▪ Guidance on EIS content and organization in relation to public and stakeholder consultation and Indigenous engagement, referencing the CNSC's REGDOC-3.2.1 and REGDOC-3.2.2.
Government of Saskatchewan	First Nation and Métis Consultation Policy Framework (Government of Saskatchewan 2010)	2.3, 2.4	▪ Attendance in government meetings with potentially affected Indigenous Groups to discuss potential effects of the proposed activity. ▪ Working with government and the consulted parties to develop and implement mitigation measures where there is anticipated to be an adverse effect on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and/or traditional uses.
	Proponents Guide – Consultation with First Nations and Métis in Saskatchewan Environmental Impact Statement (Government of Saskatchewan 2014)	2.3, 2.4	▪ Consultation with Indigenous Groups to identify and discuss potential adverse Project effects on their ability to exercise their right to traditional land uses, incorporate their views, and, where necessary, work together to avoid or minimize these adverse effects.
	Proponent Handbook – Voluntary Engagement with First Nations and Métis Communities to Inform Government's Duty to Consult Process (Government of Saskatchewan 2013)	2.3, 2.4	▪ Consideration of the potential for the Project to trigger the government's duty to consult and voluntarily collecting and documenting relevant information in the Project proposal to inform the government's duty to consult process.

EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment.

2.3.2.1 Federal Regulatory Guidance

Project information distribution and Indigenous participation are important aspects of the EA process. Regulatory documents REGDOC-3.2.1, Public Information and Disclosure (CNSC 2018) and REGDOC-3.2.2 Version 1.2, Indigenous Engagement (CNSC 2022) form the primary basis for proponent consultation and engagement activities according to the CNSC. NexGen's approach to consultation and engagement aligns with the approach outlined in these documents.

The regulatory document REGDOC-3.2.1 requires the development and implementation of a public information program that includes a commitment to and protocol for ongoing, timely communication of information related to the licensed facility (i.e., the Project) during the course of the licence period. The program is to include the following elements: objectives, target audience, public and media opinion, public information strategy and products, public disclosure protocol, program evaluation and improvement process, and contact information. NexGen's engagement framework (Section 2.3), Indigenous Group and stakeholder identification (Section 2.4), and engagement approach (Section 2.5) describe the implementation of a program for ongoing engagement throughout the Project lifespan (i.e., all Project phases) with Indigenous Groups, regulators, and the public (Section 2.7, Moving Forward).

The regulatory document REGDOC-3.2.2 Version 1.2 requires that when a licensee's activities could adversely affect potential or established Indigenous and/or Treaty Rights, the licensee shall identify and engage with potentially affected Indigenous communities and develop and maintain any Indigenous engagement reports to support Project activities. NexGen's approach to engagement with potentially affected Indigenous communities is described in Section 2.3 to Section 2.5, and engagement results are summarized in Section 2.6.1, Indigenous Engagement. This approach to engagement with Indigenous Groups will continue throughout the Project lifespan, as summarized in Section 2.7.

Consideration was also given to E-DOCs #6470679 (CNSC 2021a), #6474990 (CNSC n.d.), and #6515310 (CNSC 2020) provided by the CNSC, as well as the CNSC's *Generic Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement – Pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CNSC 2021b). Both E-DOC #6470679 and E-DOC #6474990 provide guidance on the CNSC requirements for the key steps of the EA process and completing and recording Indigenous consultation and engagement. The E-DOC #6515310 outlines the steps of the EIS technical review, as well as the purpose, roles, and responsibilities of Indigenous Groups in the preparation of the EIS. The CNSC generic guidelines (CNSC 2021b) provide guidance on EIS content and organization in relation to stakeholder consultation and Indigenous engagement, referencing REGDOC-3.2.1 and REGDOC-3.2.2 Version 1.2. NexGen's program for Indigenous, regulatory, and public engagement, as described in Section 2.3 to Section 2.5, as well as the engagement results as summarized in Section 2.6, are aligned with E-DOC #6470679, E-DOC #6474990, and E-DOC #6515310.

In consideration of REGDOC-3.2.2 Version 1.2, Technical Support Document (TSD) I, Indigenous Engagement Report, has been prepared that includes a description of the Indigenous Groups who were engaged, a summary of engagement activities and issues raised through engagement, and context for proposed future engagement activities; this information is described at a high level in this section of the EIS. Technical Support Document I is aligned with regulatory requirements. The current version of the TSD I supersedes a previous versions of the report (NexGen 2019a; NexGen 2022; NexGen 2024) submitted as part of the Project Description, Draft EIS, and federal revised EIS. The TSD I prepared for the Project and submitted with the EIS provides information on Indigenous engagement activities completed up to 30 September 2024. The TSD I would be updated and resubmitted through the Project lifespan, as required.

2.3.2.2 Provincial Regulatory Guidance

NexGen is compliant with requirements of the Government of Saskatchewan with respect to the three provincial guidance documents outlined in Table 2.3-1. The provincial requirements are similar to the CNSC regulatory requirements as discussed in Section 2.3.2.1 and state that proponents are expected to collaborate with government in providing project information to potentially affected Indigenous Groups.

The *First Nation and Métis Consultation Policy Framework* (Government of Saskatchewan 2010) states that proponents may also be expected to participate in government meetings with potentially affected Indigenous Groups to discuss potential effects of the proposed activity. Where an adverse effect on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and/or traditional uses is identified, proponents are expected to work with government and the consulted parties to develop and implement mitigation measures.

The *Proponents Guide – Consultation with First Nations and Métis in Saskatchewan Environmental Impact Assessment* (Government of Saskatchewan 2014) states that proponents are to consult with Indigenous Groups to identify and discuss potential adverse project effects on their ability to exercise their right to traditional land uses, incorporate their views, and, where necessary, work with them to avoid or minimize these adverse effects. Consultation efforts must be documented, including attempts to contact and consult. Community concerns must be identified, and documentation provided on how the proponent addressed the concerns. Any outstanding issues the proponent was unable to address, including information on community agreements and other relevant information related to community discussions, are to be documented.

The *Proponent Handbook – Voluntary Engagement with First Nations and Métis Communities to Inform Government's Duty to Consult Process* (Government of Saskatchewan 2013) requests that proponents consider the potential for their project to trigger the government's duty to consult, and if so, to voluntarily collect and document relevant information in their project proposal to inform the government's duty to consult process. Proponents can initiate voluntary engagement by identifying a list of potentially affected Indigenous Groups in close geographic proximity to the proposed project and contacting elected leadership. Proponents can then share relevant information and gather relevant information through discussions with communities, which must be summarized in an Engagement Summary and Detailed Engagement Log. The government then reviews the Project proposal to determine if the duty to consult is triggered.

Details of NexGen's engagement approach for the Project and a summary of engagement completed for the Project to date are provided in Section 2.5 and Section 2.6, respectively. Section 2.4 outlines how Indigenous Groups, regulatory agencies, and public members and organizations were identified for Project engagement activities, consistent with federal and provincial regulatory guidance.

2.4 Indigenous Group and Stakeholder Identification

Indigenous Group and stakeholder identification represented a primary step in the development of engagement approaches. NexGen has worked closely with those expressing interest in the Project to help develop meaningful relationships based on trust and respect. Prior to commencement of the EA process in 2019 through the submission of the Project Description, NexGen regularly engaged with local Indigenous Groups and communities on proposed exploration activities and early Project development aspects.

A key focus of the Indigenous Group and stakeholder identification process was to understand the individuals and groups that would most likely be affected by the proposed Project. The establishment of an LPA stemmed from this identification process. The LPA consists of the local communities closest to the Project that would experience most of the Project effects and for which NexGen would prioritize local training, employment, and business opportunities for the Project. These communities are located along, or accessed via, Highway 155 and Highway 955 north of the intersection of Highway 155 and Highway 925. Engagement was also conducted with Indigenous Groups and communities outside the LPA; however, the focus has been and will continue to be within the LPA communities.

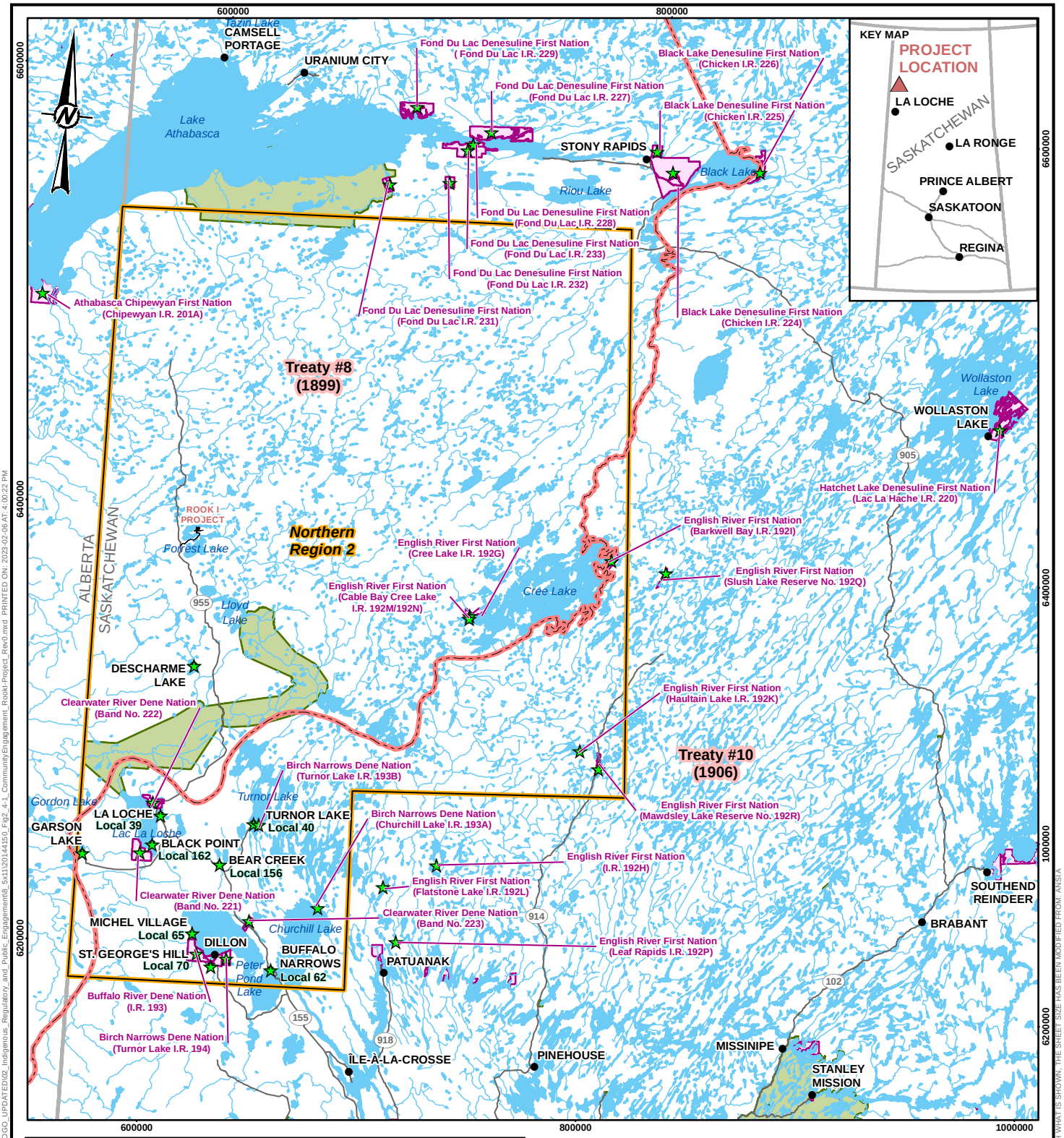
Communities within the LPA include Indigenous Group Reserve Parcels, Métis citizens, off-reserve Dene Nation citizens, others who have identified as Indigenous persons, and those who have identified as non-Indigenous (Statistics Canada 2016). Overall, approximately 96% of the LPA residents in 2016 identified as being Indigenous. Table 2.4-1 outlines the LPA communities and their populations arranged by proximity (closest to farthest) to the Project.

Table 2.4-1: Local Priority Area Communities Identified by Proximity to the Rook I Project

LPA Communities	Population (2016 Census)
Northern Settlement of Descharme Lake	5
CRDN	822
Northern Village of La Loche	2,372
BNDN	475
Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake	149
Northern Hamlet of Black Point	43
Northern Hamlet of Bear Creek	33
Northern Settlement of Garson Lake	10
BRDN	783
Northern Hamlet of Michel Village	57
Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill	131
Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows	1,110
Total	**5,990**

Source: Statistics Canada 2016.
BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; LPA = local priority area; BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation.

Section 2.4.1 and Section 2.4.2 provide more details regarding the identification of Indigenous Groups and stakeholders, respectively. Figure 2.4-1 shows the location of the Indigenous Groups and communities that were involved in engagement relative to the Project location.



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- COMMUNITY ENGAGED
- POPULATED PLACE
- SECONDARY HIGHWAY
- WATERCOURSE
- INDIAN RESERVE
- PROVINCIAL PARKS
- WATERBODY
- PROPOSED PROJECT FOOTPRINT
- FIRST NATION TREATY BOUNDARIES
- MÉTIS NATION-SASKATCHEWAN NORTHERN REGION 2

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PROJECT: NexGen Energy Ltd — ROOK I PROJECT

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INDIGENOUS GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES INVOLVED IN ENGAGEMENT

CONSULTANT: wsp

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2.4.1 Identification of Indigenous Groups for Engagement

As NexGen has advanced development of the Project, review has been undertaken to identify those Indigenous communities who may be affected by or have an interest in the Project. Identification of potentially affected or interested Indigenous Groups and communities was informed through direct correspondence and discussion with Indigenous leaders, community members, and other organizations in the region; review of publicly available information; and guidance provided by provincial and federal agencies.

Prior to Project exploration commencing in 2013, NexGen engaged and established relationships with local Indigenous communities, particularly those closest to the Project: the Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN) and Métis Local 39 (La Loche). This included both formal engagement with elected leadership and community representatives, as well as informal involvement including participation in community events and initiatives. Over time, engagement activities expanded, with discussion and direct correspondence being conducted with Indigenous Groups and communities more broadly in the LPA.

The NexGen process to determine engagement requirements for Indigenous Groups included consideration of (CNSC 2022):

- historical and modern treaties;
- proximity of the Project to Indigenous communities;
- traditional territories;
- traditional and current land uses;
- settled or ongoing land claims and/or litigation;
- existing relationships between Indigenous communities and NexGen or the CNSC; and
- potential Project effects on health and safety, the environment, and any potential or established Indigenous or Treaty Rights and related interests of Indigenous Groups.

The process by which the Indigenous Groups were identified for engagement aligns with REGDOC-3.2.2, Version 1.2, Indigenous Engagement. Indigenous Groups that were identified for potential engagement were mapped along the consultation activity spectrum as outlined in REGDOC-3.2.2, Version 1.2 (Table 2.4-2; CNSC 2022) in consideration of each group's potential to be affected by or to influence the Project, their proximity to the Project, their traditional territory, and their level of interest expressed in the Project.

Table 2.4-2: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Consultation Activity Spectrum

Potential for Adverse Effects to Indigenous and/or Treaty Rights ◄——►	
Weak claim No serious adverse effects	Strong claim Potential for serious adverse effects
▪ provision of adequate notice ▪ disclosure of relevant information ▪ discussion of issues raised in response to notice	▪ exchange of information ▪ correspondence ▪ meetings ▪ site visits ▪ research ▪ studies ▪ opportunities to make submissions to the decision maker ▪ determination of accommodation, where appropriate: seek to adjust project, develop mitigating measures, consider changing proposed activity, attach terms and conditions to permit or authorization, consider rejecting a project

Source: CNSC 2022.
Note: Informed by Canada's Updated Guidelines for Federal Officials to Fulfill the Duty to Consult, March 2011.

The CNSC consultation activity spectrum indicates that the potential for adverse effects to Indigenous and/or Treaty Rights will vary among communities, with consultation conducted proportionally to the likelihood of a serious adverse effect on these rights. Due to this variation, not all communities will desire or require the same degree of consultation.

Key information was also presented by the CNSC and ENV in the letters inviting Indigenous Groups to participate in the EA process for the Project. These letters initially suggested which Indigenous Groups should be considered for full engagement (i.e., invited to participate) based on likely Project effects and those who should be considered as other groups for engagement (i.e., informed).

Using the NexGen process to determine engagement requirements, the CNSC consultation activity spectrum for engagement, and the letters provided to Indigenous Groups by the CNSC and ENV, the primary Indigenous Groups identified for full engagement are:

- Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN);
- Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Northern Region 2 (NR2), including the provincial MN-S government working on behalf of the MN-S NR2 and LPA MN-S Locals;
- Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN); and
- Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN).

NexGen confirmed the designation of primary Indigenous Groups for the EA process through the signing of Study Agreements in 2019 (Section 2.5.2.1, Study Agreements). Table 2.4-3 details the primary Indigenous Groups involved in the engagement program and the rationale for the primary engagement designation.

Table 2.4-3: Primary Indigenous Groups Identified in Relation to Rook I Project Engagement

Indigenous Group	Location	Rationale
First Nations		
Clearwater River Dene Nation	Has three reserve parcels, with the primary populated reserve parcel located north of Lac La Loche, approximately 120 km from the Project, or 155 km by road	▪ Treaty 8 signatory ▪ Proximity to Project ▪ Potential land use in proximity to the Project ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory ▪ Increased Project-related traffic ▪ Participation in engagement related to the Cluff Lake operation
Birch Narrows Dene Nation	Has three reserve parcels, with the only population on reserve (Turnor Lake 193B) adjacent to the Northern hamlet of Turnor Lake, approximately 135 km from the Project, or 230 km by road	▪ Proximity to Project ▪ Potential land use in proximity to the Project ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory ▪ Increased Project-related traffic ▪ Participation in engagement related to the Cluff Lake operation; previously included in engagement identified as Turnor Lake
Buffalo River Dene Nation	Reserve (Peter Pond Lake 193) is located adjacent to the Village of Dillon, approximately 190 km from the Project, or 330 km by road	▪ Proximity to Project ▪ Potential land use in proximity to the Project ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory ▪ Increased Project-related traffic ▪ Participation in engagement related to the Cluff Lake operation; previously included in engagement identified as Dillon
Métis Communities (MN-S NR2)[a]		
Local 39 – La Loche	Located on Lac La Loche approximately 130 km from the Project, or 155 km by road	▪ Proximity to Project ▪ Potential land use in proximity to the Project ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory ▪ Increased Project-related traffic
Local 40 – Turnor Lake	Located adjacent to the BNDN's main reserve parcel, approximately 135 km from the Project, or 230 km by road	▪ Proximity to Project ▪ Potential land use in proximity to the Project ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory ▪ Increased Project-related traffic
Local 62 – Buffalo Narrows	Located on Highway 155, approximately 205 km from the Project, or 260 km by road	▪ Proximity to Project ▪ Potential land use in proximity to the Project ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory ▪ Increased Project-related traffic
Local 65 – Michel Village	Located near Peter Pond Lake on Highway 925, approximately 190 km from the Project, or 340 km by road	▪ Potential current land uses in proximity to the Project ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory ▪ Increased Project-related traffic
Local 70 – St George's Hill	Located near Peter Pond Lake on Highway 925 approximately 190 km from the Project, or 330 km by road	▪ Potential land use in proximity to the Project ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory ▪ Increased Project-related traffic
Local 127 – Garson Lake[b]	Located on Highway 956 close to the Alberta border, approximately 160 km from the Project, or 220 km by road	▪ Potential land use in proximity to the Project ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory ▪ Increased Project-related traffic
Local 130 – Descharme Lake[b]	Located approximately 60 km from the Project, or 80 km by road	▪ Proximity to Project ▪ Potential land use in proximity to the Project ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory ▪ Increased Project-related traffic

Table 2.4-3: Primary Indigenous Groups Identified in Relation to Rook I Project Engagement

Indigenous Group	Location	Rationale
Local 156 – Bear Creek	Located on Highway 155 approximately 155 km from the Project, or 195 km by road	▪ Proximity to Project ▪ Potential land use in proximity to the Project ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory ▪ Increased Project-related traffic
Local 162 – Black Point	Located towards the south end of Lac La Loche, approximately 145 km from the Project, or 175 km by road	▪ Proximity to Project ▪ Potential land use in proximity to the Project ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory ▪ Increased Project-related traffic

a) MN-S NR2, including the provincial MN-S government working on behalf of the MN-S NR2 and MN-S Locals.
b) The MN-S Local 127 – Garson Lake and MN-S Local 130 – Descharme Lake have been identified by the Government of Saskatchewan for engagement in relation to the Project. Information provided to NexGen indicates that Local 127 and Local 130 are not currently active. Dialogue with the MN-S NR2 leadership has indicated that Local 127 and Local 130 are no longer established or recognized as MN-S Locals and the area will instead be represented by the MN-S NR2 council.
MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2.

Following the same process used for the identification of primary Indigenous Groups, the other Indigenous Groups identified for information sharing are:

- English River First Nation (ERFN);
- Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN);
- Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation (FLDFN), as represented by the Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources (YNLR); and
- Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation (BLDFN), as represented by the YNLR.

Table 2.4-4 details the other Indigenous Groups involved in the engagement program and the rationale for inclusion at an inform level.

Table 2.4-4: Other Indigenous Groups Identified in Relation to the Rook I Project

Indigenous Group	Location	Rationale
English River First Nation	Population centre located on Highway 918, approximately 130 km from the Project to the closest reserve parcel, or 465 km by road from the Project	▪ Proximity of reserve land to the Project but no access link or known residency/land use ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory ▪ Participation in engagement related to the Cluff Lake operation
Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation	Located in Alberta, approximately 130 km from the Project to the reserve boundary, or 620 km by road, a portion of which is a winter road; approximately 1,350 km by all-season road	▪ Treaty 8 signatory ▪ Previous engagement with the CNSC on the Cluff Lake Project ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory but no access link or known residency/land use
Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation[a]	Populated reserve located on Black Lake, approximately 260 km from the Project to the reserve boundary, or 1,230 km by road, a portion of which is a winter road	▪ Treaty 8 signatory ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory ▪ Previous engagement with the CNSC on uranium mining/milling projects in Saskatchewan
Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation[a]	Populated reserve located on Lake Athabasca, approximately 180 km from the Project to the reserve boundary, or 1,335 km by road, a portion of which is a winter road	▪ Treaty 8 signatory ▪ Potential overlap with traditional territory ▪ Previous engagement with the CNSC on uranium mining/milling projects in Saskatchewan

a) Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation and the Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation, as represented by Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources.
CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

The factors identified above were considered in the context of the overall scope of the Project, the potential social and environmental interactions, issues and concerns raised, and potential social and environmental effects identified. This approach also considered potential health and safety related aspects, specifically changes in traffic volumes along remote transportation routes and the movement of dangerous goods. These considerations were used to identify the appropriate level and method of engagement (Section 2.5, Engagement Approach).

2.4.2 Stakeholder Identification

NexGen approached stakeholder identification in consideration of both proximity to the proposed Project and level of interest. The proximity-based approach focused on stakeholder identification first within the local communities, then in other areas with a presence in the LPA, then progressively outward to the regional area, Saskatchewan, and beyond. One of the primary means for identifying Project stakeholders was through the activities completed to support development of the socio-economic assessment baseline, including key person (KP) interviews.

Stakeholder identification led to a robust and diverse set of interested parties being included in engagement activities for the Project.

2.4.2.1 Regulatory Agencies

NexGen is committed to regular and ongoing engagement with regulatory authorities throughout the lifespan of the Project. The CNSC and the Saskatchewan Environmental Assessment and Stewardship Branch (SEASB) of the ENV oversee a harmonized federal-provincial EA process in accordance with the Canada-Saskatchewan Agreement on Environmental Assessment Cooperation (Government of Canada 2005). Federally, the CNSC acts as the responsible authority for all new uranium mine and mill projects in Canada. Provincially, the conduct of the EA is overseen by the SEASB. Under the authority delegated through CEAA 2012, the CNSC will oversee the federal assessment and is responsible for coordinating activities in cooperation with the provincial government and other federal agencies.

NexGen submitted the Project Description in April 2019, which established the basis for the EA and provided an overview of the contemporaneous Project information and environment, potential effects, and ongoing Indigenous, regulatory, and public engagement. Through respective federal and provincial review and acceptance of the Project Description, the CNSC and ENV (i.e., the authorities responsible for assessment of the Project) were confirmed as the primary agencies to be engaged by NexGen during the EA process.

In addition to the CNSC and the ENV, other regulatory agencies have also been engaged during the EA process. Regulatory agencies engaged to date for the Project include those identified in Table 2.4-5.

Table 2.4-5: Regulatory Agencies Identified for Engagement

Level of Government	Agency
Federal	▪ CNSC: o Environmental Assessment Division (primary federal authority for the EA) o Indigenous and Stakeholder Relations Division o Environmental Risk Assessment Division o Waste and Decommissioning Division o Transport Licensing and Strategic Support Division o Uranium Mines and Mills Division ▪ Environment and Climate Change Canada ▪ Fisheries and Oceans Canada ▪ Health Canada ▪ Natural Resources Canada ▪ Parks Canada ▪ Transport Canada
Provincial	▪ ENV: o Saskatchewan Environmental Assessment and Stewardship Branch (primary provincial authority for the EA) o Uranium and Northern Operations Branch ▪ Ministry of Advanced Education ▪ Ministry of Economy ▪ Ministry of Energy and Resources ▪ Ministry of Government Relations ▪ Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure ▪ Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety ▪ Saskatchewan Health Authority ▪ SaskWater, Northern Engineering ▪ Water Security Agency

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; EA = Environmental Assessment.

2.4.2.2 Public

Public engagement includes engagement with members of the public (e.g., residents) and groups (e.g., local service providers, businesses, special interest groups). Identification of members of the public and groups for engagement was primarily based on proximity to the Project, potential interaction with the Project (i.e., potential to experience direct or indirect effects), and expressed or potential interest in the Project. Identification was conducted through a combination of NexGen engagement team members' extended history and familiarity with local communities and activities within the region, knowledge and relationships built through early engagement activities, establishment of the LPA, introductions or identification by Indigenous Groups and regulators, and expressed interest by the public.

2.4.2.2.1 Members of the Public

NexGen has and will continue to be primarily focused on residents and individual land users who reside within the LPA as they have unique perspectives, specific experiences and needs, and/or the potential to be uniquely affected by the Project. A secondary focus remains on residents of communities adjacent to the LPA and the wider regional area (i.e., the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District) who express an interest or inquire about the Project. Table 2.4-6 summarizes the communities of members of the public who have been engaged with for the Project.

Table 2.4-6: Public Identified for Engagement

Category	Community Name
Residents of LPA Communities	▪ Northern Settlement of Descharme Lake ▪ Northern Village of La Loche ▪ Northern Hamlet of Black Point ▪ Northern Settlement of Bear Creek ▪ Northern Settlement of Garson Lake ▪ Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake ▪ Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows ▪ Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill ▪ Northern Hamlet of Michel Village
Residents of Northern Saskatchewan Administration District Communities	▪ Northern Village of Île-à-la-Crosse ▪ Northern Village of Beauval ▪ Northern Village of Green Lake ▪ Other municipal communities within the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District

LPA = local priority area.

In addition to the members of the public listed in Table 2.4-6, specific groups of individuals within LPA communities were identified for engagement. These groups of individuals were identified because they represent segments of the population that are expected to have unique perspectives, specific experiences, specific needs, and/or the potential to be uniquely affected by the Project. These groups of individuals include:

- Elders and Local Knowledge holders;
- local outfitters;
- future leaders and youth;
- women; and
- lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, and two-spirit plus people.

Other members of the public within communities may be identified in the future for targeted engagement based on similar considerations and their level of interest in the Project. NexGen has taken an inclusive approach to engagement and will continue to seek members of the public whose perspectives may be under-represented or could further inform NexGen's approach to Project development and management.

2.4.2.2.2 Other Groups

As with members of the public, other groups and organizations were identified for engagement based on their expressed interest in the Project or potential to have unique perspectives, specific experiences, needs, and/or the potential to be affected by the Project. Other groups for engagement were identified by NexGen through knowledge of the local Indigenous Groups, communities, and regulatory setting and through feedback received during engagement activities conducted as outlined above. Groups were also identified from those that commented on the Project Description and were awarded funding under the Participant Funding Program by the CNSC for the review of the EIS. The other groups identified for engagement included municipal leadership, local service providers, businesses, and non-governmental organizations, as summarized in Table 2.4-7.

Table 2.4-7: Other Groups Identified for Engagement

Category	Groups
Municipal leadership	▪ Northern Settlement of Descharme Lake ▪ Northern Village of La Loche ▪ Northern Hamlet of Black Point ▪ Northern Settlement of Bear Creek ▪ Northern Settlement of Garson Lake ▪ Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake ▪ Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows ▪ Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill ▪ Northern Hamlet of Michel Village
Local service providers	▪ Local (LPA) businesses ▪ Local economic development, education, and training organizations ▪ Meadow Lake Tribal Council ▪ Royal Canadian Mounted Police ▪ Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence ▪ The media
Business and industry	▪ Fission Uranium Corp.
Non-governmental organizations	▪ Canadian Environmental Law Association ▪ N-19 Trappers Association ▪ Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee ▪ Saskatchewan Environmental Society

LPA = local priority area.

2.5 Engagement Approach

The engagement approach for the Project has been developed to inform and enhance the EA, the information and analysis presented in the EIS, and related planning and preparation for development of the proposed Project. Engagement methods have been developed in agreement with Indigenous Groups and stakeholders to meet these objectives and foster relationships based on respect, trust, and a shared vision of optimizing Project outcomes. The engagement program will continue to evolve through the lifespan of the Project, with specific engagement methods adapted to meet changing needs.

This subsection describes key attributes of NexGen's engagement approach and provides additional details on NexGen's general communications methods (Section 2.5.1), Indigenous engagement methods (Section 2.5.2), regulatory engagement methods (Section 2.5.3), and public engagement methods (Section 2.5.4). Information is also provided on incorporation of Indigenous and Local Knowledge (Section 2.5.5) and challenges that were identified, and subsequently adapted to, during the conducting of engagement activities (Section 2.5.6).

A Collaborative Approach to Engagement

A collaborative approach to developing the engagement process was undertaken with Indigenous Groups and regulators based on NexGen's vision, values, and governance approach; relationships built in local communities; and information gathered during engagement activities undertaken by NexGen.

During early engagement activities, NexGen developed an initial understanding of the Indigenous Groups and stakeholders with a potential interest in the Project, social context and relationships, preferred engagement processes (e.g., formal and informal communication channels), and preferred engagement methods and needs. This understanding, in addition to NexGen's vision and values (Section 2.2.1), regulatory context (Section 2.3.2), and the negotiation of Study Agreements and Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Groups (Section 2.5.2.1), set the parameters within which the engagement program operates. In many circumstances,

a collaborative approach was taken to establish specific methods for engagement. As examples, NexGen and the primary Indigenous Groups defined the specific parameters for engagement through Study Agreements and Benefit Agreements (Section 2.5.2.1), and NexGen and the federal and provincial regulatory agencies met regularly to determine topics of interest for discussion and communication methods that were mutually beneficial to each party (Section 2.5.3).

Engagement processes were created with a focus on respectful (i.e., aligned with agreed-upon approaches) and meaningful (i.e., built on an appropriate degree of information and inclusion) engagement.

Spectrum of Engagement

NexGen recognizes that consultation and engagement can mean different things to different individuals and groups. In developing customized engagement strategies for Indigenous Group and stakeholders, consideration of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) spectrum for public involvement formed a key part of defining engagement approaches. The IAP2 identifies five levels of public involvement or participation, each representing a different degree of interaction with any group involved in an engagement program. The IAP2 model presented in Figure 2.5-1 starts at sharing of factual information (i.e., inform) and continues to full decision-making by the public (i.e., empower). As the degree of interaction increases, the degree of Indigenous Group or stakeholder influence also grows. Activities from several levels (i.e., inform through to empower) can be used during different phases of a project or with different Indigenous Groups or stakeholders depending on the purposes of the engagement (IAP2 2018).

Figure 2.5-1: International Association for Public Participation Spectrum of Public Involvement

INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION

	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.

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Source: IAP2 2018.

It is important to note that each level of engagement is a reflection of the type of information discussed and the desired approach of the participants. As such, each level of the IAP2 spectrum has a purpose and there is value in each level (i.e., higher-level approaches are not necessarily a reflection of engagement success, but rather a reflection of the level of participation and proportion of community inputs into decisions). When developing engagement approaches for the Project, the targeted level of engagement was designed to suit the needs of the parties and the purpose of engagement.

Tailored and Flexible Engagement

Within the engagement methods and activities developed for the Project are a built-in degree of flexibility in recognition of the differences between each of the Indigenous Groups and stakeholders; not all groups indicated a desire to be engaged in the same way, to the same extent, or on the same topics. For example, the appropriate engagement approach was determined collaboratively between each primary Indigenous Group and NexGen through the Study Agreements (Section 2.5.2.1) and through ongoing communication with each Indigenous Group as the Project evolved (e.g., adjustments to the agreed-upon approach at the request of an Indigenous Group or through the signing of Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Groups). A description of individualized Indigenous Group engagement approaches is provided in Section 2.5.2.

During the EA process, NexGen provided opportunities to engage on both key topics identified by NexGen and items Indigenous Groups or stakeholders felt were important to discuss. As examples, NexGen regularly presented, sought feedback for, or collaborated on key aspects of the Project with Indigenous Groups and regulatory agencies and provided Indigenous Groups opportunities to present on culture, land use, or other topics of their choosing. Similarly, NexGen requested feedback from regulatory agencies on areas of interest in the Project and the EA during technical workshops or engagement sessions. NexGen also sought feedback from Indigenous Groups and stakeholders regarding future items to be discussed. This feedback resulted in customized engagement such as tailored presentations to Indigenous Groups on caribou and the EA process, as well as cultural share presentations by Indigenous Groups including stories, historical documents, animal furs, crafts, and culturally significant foods. An important goal was to have an “open-door policy” to engagement, while respecting each group’s desired engagement approach and topics of interest.

Regulatory Reporting Requirements

NexGen’s engagement program was designed to fulfill the various reporting requirements of federal and provincial regulators (Section 2.3.2), which include but are not limited to the following:

- engagement logs documenting engagement carried out to date for the Project;
- summary of engagement communications by date or method and EA milestone or EIS phase; and
- documentation of interests, issues, and concerns; NexGen’s responses to issues and concerns raised; and identification of the location within the EIS where each issue or concern is addressed, as applicable.

Engagement summaries with respect to the above reporting requirements are summarized within Section 2.6, with more detailed summary logs and tables provided in Appendix 2A to Appendix 2E. Additional information is also provided in the Indigenous Engagement Report (TSD I) developed as part of the federal EA requirements.

Throughout the EA process, NexGen has and will continue to validate issues and concerns identified through engagement with Indigenous Groups. Validation involves confirming that issues and concerns are accurately recorded and understood as intended by the Indigenous Group and as described in the EIS, and seeking

resolution to issues and concerns. Validation is described further in Section 2.6.1.3, Validation of Identified Issues and Concerns. Issues and concerns raised by Indigenous Groups and NexGen's responses are included in Appendix 2B, Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by Indigenous Groups.

Continual Improvement

The needs and interests of Indigenous Groups and stakeholders change over time, and NexGen has adapted and will continue to adapt the engagement approach based on feedback and observations; this adaptation includes regularly evaluating the effectiveness of the engagement program. NexGen is committed to maintaining strong, positive relationships with the Indigenous Groups and stakeholders throughout the Project lifespan.

2.5.1 General Communication Methods

Various methods of communication are utilized during Project engagement. Through discussions between NexGen, Indigenous Groups, and stakeholders, the following general means of communication have been implemented for the Project:

- **Face-to-face meetings:** Face-to-face meetings have represented the most common form of communication used during Project engagement. This category includes face-to-face discussions (i.e., both in person and online), telephone conversations, and to a lesser extent, text messages. Most people prefer face-to-face communication; however, the COVID-19 pandemic limited travel for all parties. In lieu of the ability to meet regularly in person during the pandemic, video conference calls were conducted regularly, primarily with Indigenous Groups and regulatory agencies. In 2021, NexGen established a dedicated office in La Loche to act as an accessible location for members of local Indigenous Groups and communities to seek Project information and help increase opportunities for face-to-face meetings. This office is currently operated by a full-time, local Project Liaison Manager. This NexGen employee also frequently travels to communities throughout the LPA to make sure residents with limited mobility have the opportunity to meet and discuss the Project.
- **Noticeboards, common collection points, and information centres:** Residents and businesses in the LPA mainly use this form of communication to advertise events, as well as goods and services for sale. Common areas used by NexGen to post information (e.g., for the distribution of newsletters) include post offices, stores, health centres, friendship centres, village offices, band offices, and schools.
- **Social media:** This is the most common form of communication among the youth population, though it is also growing among older age groups; however, internet connectivity is limited in many communities, as is cell phone reception. NexGen does not have a dedicated social media platform for communication in the LPA; however, NexGen has used existing social media platforms to convey messages (e.g., community information session information) to local communities (e.g., NexGen Facebook page). NexGen is exploring ways to further develop its use of social media for the Project, including the use of other platforms currently used by communities such as the AIVIA application.
- **Websites:** Many people access information from websites. NexGen has a dedicated Project website (www.saskatchewanuranium.ca) and a corporate website (https://www.nexgenenergy.ca), which are regularly updated with information. These are seen as supplementary means for communication and have contact options for feedback.

- **Radio/television:** Most adults receive local news and information about the region through local radio stations, predominantly CHPN FM 89.9 in La Loche and CIBN FM 89.3 in Buffalo Narrows. This forum commonly has stories and interviews relevant to the LPA communities and has been an effective way to inform residents of community events and Project information updates. There are also local information channels on television: Channel 8 in La Loche and Channel 205 in Buffalo Narrows. Project information updates (e.g., regulatory process status; employment, training, and business opportunities), community information sessions, and collection points for engagement materials (e.g., newsletters) were broadcast on local radio stations and television channels.
- **Newspapers:** There are several regional/provincial newspapers in the area with various levels of readership and reach, including the Northern Pride (Meadow Lake), Daily Herald (Prince Albert), and Star Phoenix (Saskatoon), most of which have online content. Most people in the LPA are aware of these papers, and some are regular readers. While newspapers are not necessarily the best tool for reaching a broad audience, they are effective at reaching some groups. NexGen has advertised Project communications (e.g., NexGen Scholarship Program announcements) through newspapers.
- **Mail-outs:** This form of communication uses the postal service and is an effective means of reaching a broad range of people; however, it is a less formal means of communication, can be costly, and generates waste. Mail-outs have typically only been used by NexGen for key communications intended to reach the majority of the LPA (e.g., community information session announcements).
- **Community events:** There are several community events throughout the year in the LPA that NexGen has had a presence at and/or has sponsored. In 2019, NexGen hosted community information sessions in four LPA communities to introduce the Project and describe potential opportunities (Section 2.6.2.2). Unfortunately, COVID-19 resulted in the cancellation or postponement of many proposed community events in 2020 and 2021. In June 2022, community information sessions were held in La Loche, Buffalo Narrows, Clearwater River Dene Nation, Birch Narrows Dene Nation, and Buffalo River Dene Nation that focused on sharing the results of the EA. In October 2022, additional community information sessions sharing the results of the EA were provided to the MN-S (at the request of the MN-S) in La Loche and Buffalo Narrows. In June 2023, community information sessions were held in La Loche, Buffalo Narrows, Clearwater River Dene Nation, Birch Narrows Dene Nation, and Buffalo River Dene Nation. The June 2023 community information sessions focussed on a broad range of items such as Project updates, EA results, regulatory process updates, engagement activities, and Benefit Agreements. In May 2024, community information sessions were held in La Loche, Buffalo Narrows, Clearwater River Dene Nation, Birch Narrows Dene Nation, and Buffalo River Dene Nation. The May 2024 community information sessions focussed on a broad range of items such as Project updates, regulatory process updates, engagement activities, environmental protection and monitoring programs, and employment, procurement, and training opportunities. Community information sessions have represented an effective means of presenting Project and EA information to a broad audience, receiving feedback from community members, and answering community members' questions. NexGen continues to explore opportunities to support or host these events.

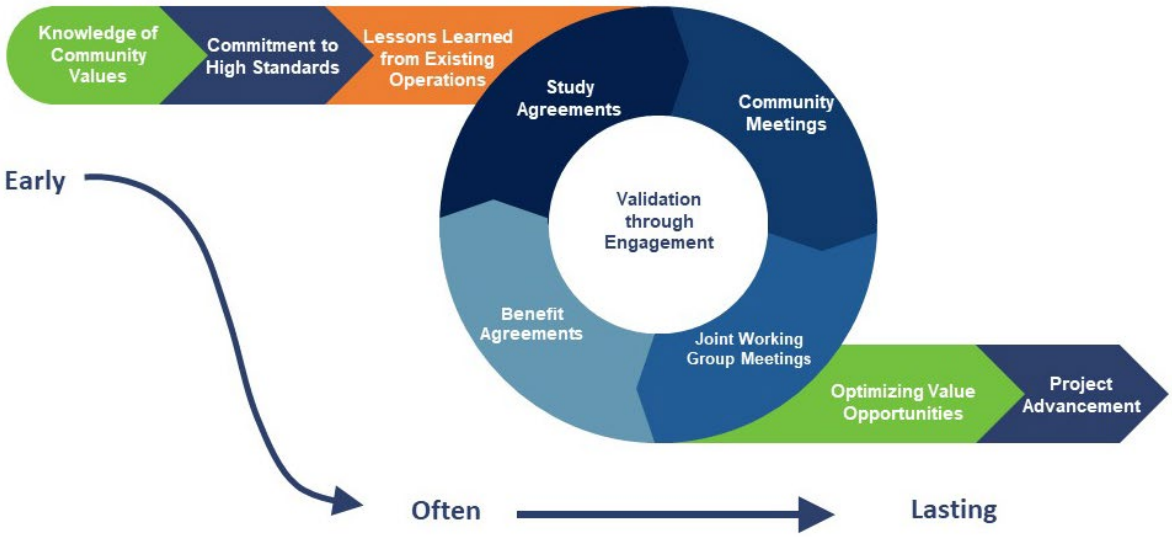
NexGen is committed to working with Indigenous Groups and stakeholders to use appropriate communication methods and will continue to explore multiple methods to facilitate inclusive and far-reaching engagement. This includes proactively engaging with local communities and providing clear and timely information to those with a direct interest in the Project. In addition to conventional communication methods, NexGen has developed videos on Project-related topics (e.g., Project overviews, sponsorships, community initiatives) and on topics not

necessarily related to the Project but identified as important to community members (e.g., Dene language). NexGen has also produced materials in local languages (i.e., English, Dene, Cree, and French) as written text (e.g., Project Description), audio recordings, and videos. In collaboration with local communities, NexGen will continue to explore opportunities to develop future materials in a manner that reaches Indigenous Groups and stakeholders in a meaningful way.

2.5.2 Indigenous Engagement Methods

The foundation for the Indigenous engagement program is built on knowledge of community values, a commitment to high standards, and an understanding of lessons learned from other existing uranium operations in northern Saskatchewan. A variety of engagement methods and activities have been and will continue to be implemented to monitor and validate NexGen's approach to Project development, with the goals of achieving the objectives of the engagement program and optimizing Project outcomes for Indigenous Groups. Project engagement has been and will continue to be early, often, and lasting. This engagement life cycle is illustrated in Figure 2.5-2.

Figure 2.5-2: Engagement Life Cycle



Primary Indigenous Groups were invited to engage fully with NexGen, while other Indigenous Groups were initially informed of the Project by the CNSC and ENV and invited by NexGen to remain informed throughout the EA process (Section 2.4.1).

Indigenous engagement for the Project ranged from inform to collaborate participation levels as reflected in Figure 2.5-1. During development of the EIS, inform and consult participation levels were common approaches and aligned with the objectives of engagement, which were in turn aligned with federal and provincial requirements (Section 2.3.2). The involve participation level is not typically common practice in EA engagement; however, NexGen continues to pursue opportunities and has successfully achieved this level in practice, with an example being a reclamation-related caribou research project that involved members of local Indigenous

Groups who wished to participate. Where possible, NexGen prefers to use a collaborative approach to develop Indigenous engagement opportunities and implement solutions with each group. There are aspects of Project engagement where the collaborate and empower participation levels are currently being implemented and explored in terms of economic and employment opportunities, community development, and environmental stewardship initiatives (e.g., regional training working group).

The level to which any Indigenous Group has been and will continue to be engaged is determined through a process that includes consultation between the potentially affected Indigenous Group and NexGen and can evolve as the Project progresses. Subsequent subsections of Section 2 describe the differing levels of engagement by Indigenous Group and efforts made by NexGen to meet the desired levels of engagement. NexGen has maintained an open-door policy of informing as a minimum and continues to regularly provide groups with opportunities for enhanced engagement options that range from consult to collaborate participation levels, as appropriate. The objective of this approach is to allow each Indigenous Group to be engaged in a manner with which they are comfortable, while regularly informing them of what information is available. This flexible approach to engagement includes regularly seeking feedback on what each Indigenous Group would like to have presented, share with NexGen, or work on together with NexGen.

2.5.2.1 Study Agreements

During the fall of 2019, NexGen entered into a Study Agreement with each of the primary Indigenous Groups (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN). The Study Agreements outline the engagement approach as well as the resources and funds provided by NexGen to support Indigenous Group participation in the Project EA process. These agreements were signed in September and October of 2019.

While the content of each Study Agreement is confidential, the focus of the Study Agreements with each primary Indigenous Group is as follows:

- Develop a Joint Working Group (JWG) structure for each Indigenous Group to support the inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge into the EA process and to facilitate regular, ongoing engagement.
- Assist in the identification of valued components (VCs) for the EA.
- Explore special interest topics for each Indigenous Group.
- Support Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use (IKTLU) Studies[4] in various forms particular to each Indigenous Group.
- Establish a Community Coordinator position in each Indigenous Group to act as the primary contact between NexGen and the Indigenous Group.

Each Study Agreement formalizes an engagement process between NexGen and individual Indigenous Groups to, among other things, identify and characterize potential effects on Indigenous rights and socio-economic interests resulting from the Project, and to collaboratively identify potential avoidance, mitigation, and accommodation measures related to all identified effects on those rights. The Study Agreements also acknowledge that, notwithstanding the activities contemplated under the Study Agreement, the responsibility for

[4] IKTLU Studies include all land use studies developed by the potentially affected Indigenous Groups for the Project, including Traditional Land Use and Occupancy studies, Traditional Knowledge and Use studies, Indigenous Rights and Knowledge studies (henceforth referred to collectively as IKTLU Studies).

fulfilling the duty to consult remains with the Crown (Section 1.3.2, Assessment of Impacts on Indigenous Rights).

In addition to the above, each of the Study Agreements:

- commits NexGen to providing capacity funding for the JWG engagement, the retention of technical support by the Indigenous Group, and the completion of a self-directed IKTLU Study (Section 3.5.2, Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies); and
- commits NexGen and each individual Indigenous Group to negotiate in good faith to formalize a Benefit Agreement, and for NexGen to provide funding to assist in negotiating such an agreement.

A Study Funding Agreement was also signed in 2020 with the YNLR on behalf of the Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation and Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation as the YNLR identified an interest in sharing Indigenous Knowledge that may be pertinent to the EA through an IKTLU Study. This Study Funding Agreement between NexGen and YNLR was strictly for funding an IKTLU Study.

2.5.2.1.1 Individualized Indigenous Group Engagement

Engagement with Indigenous Groups will continue to take place throughout the Project lifespan. Engagement programs have been and will continue to evolve in collaboration with Indigenous Groups and consider engagement approaches and protocols already developed by the communities. Engagement will continue to be tailored to the unique needs of each Indigenous Group, which includes regular evaluation to verify that the engagement program is meeting their needs.

While the Study Agreements signed between NexGen and the primary Indigenous Groups outlined general protocols for engagement, the frequency and types of engagement activities and the topics discussed varied based on Indigenous Group preference. To maintain and verify continuity and consistency in information provision across primary Indigenous Groups, NexGen offered the same engagement opportunities to each primary Indigenous Group and provided Project-related information to each primary Indigenous Group within a similar timeframe.

Based on information provided by primary Indigenous Groups, NexGen understands that both the CRDN and BNDN are developing engagement protocols for future engagement with industry. Both the CRDN and the BNDN had not finalized their protocols at the time the EIS was drafted. However, based on information shared to date, NexGen believes its Indigenous engagement methods will be aligned with CRDN and BNDN protocols, and will review and adjust its approach as required when more information is provided.

The BNDN manages engagement through its Nuh Nene (Our Lands) Department, which was established in mid-2021 to manage consultation and community engagement activities and protect Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. Nuh Nene is also responsible for liaising with regulators, industry, and government, as well as overseeing the implementation of the BNDN's consultation protocol (BNDN 2021). Nuh Nene was developed in response to an increase in mineral exploration and development in BNDN territory and an increased demand on resources to address consultation requests. A draft consultation protocol and a draft terms of reference for the structure of the Nuh Nene Department are in development and under consultation with the community. The primary goal of the consultation protocol is to assert the rights of the BNDN and serve as a guide for meaningful consultation with the BNDN. The guiding principles of Nuh Nene include the integration of Traditional Knowledge into the environmental protection process, developing community participation opportunities, capacity building, and collaborating with neighbours.

The MN-S has developed consultation principles concerning engagement, consultation, and accommodation (MN-S n.d.), which emphasize good faith on behalf of all parties and that timelines must be reasonable and provide sufficient opportunity for the Métis to review and assess the information provided. The MN-S guidelines also state that the decision-making process must rest with the affected Métis Nation, and parties must be provided with the opportunity to participate. These principles also note that it is the responsibility of the Métis government to consult with its citizens and represent its citizens, not the Crown or industry. NexGen has honoured the MN-S request to conduct Project engagement through the MN-S, while respectfully exploring means to keep NR2 locals and citizens informed, particularly of business, employment, and educational opportunities, as these were identified by MN-S NR2 representatives as important. The MN-S principles further state the Métis consultation processes must provide all Métis citizens the opportunity to participate and be heard (e.g., public meetings, timely information) and that the ultimate decision-making with respect to consultation and accommodation must rest with the affected rights-bearing Métis community. In the case of the Project, the affected rights-bearing Métis communities are those in MN-S NR2. NexGen is committed to working with the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 representatives to verify that engagement information is reaching the MN-S NR2 citizens in the LPA and will continue to work on ways to assist the MN-S with Project engagement.

To date, NexGen has not been advised by the BRDN that a protocol development for engagement is planned. NexGen and the BRDN have worked together to define preferred methods of engagement. Participation in the established engagement activities with the BRDN has been high throughout the EA process and lines of communication kept open and productive.

In May 2023, NexGen and the YNLR signed an Engagement Agreement that provides NexGen and the YNLR with a framework to work collaboratively to engage and share information regarding both the Project and exploration programs conducted by NexGen where YNLR or any YNLR community has been identified as a rightsholder by the applicable regulatory authorities.

NexGen will continue to work with all Indigenous Groups throughout the Project lifespan to align engagement expectations with their proposed engagement approach, where possible.

2.5.2.1.2 Benefit Agreements

As part of the Study Agreement commitment for NexGen and each individual primary Indigenous Group to negotiate in good faith to formalize a Benefit Agreement, NexGen has negotiated and signed individual Benefit Agreements with the identified primary Indigenous Groups (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN). The Benefit Agreements have been developed and negotiated to define the environmental, cultural, economic, training, employment, and business opportunities as well as other benefits to be provided to the Indigenous Groups by NexGen. The Benefit Agreements also confirm the consent and support of those Indigenous Groups for the Project. It is important to note that the Benefit Agreements do not in any way abrogate, extinguish, or constitute the abandonment of any existing Aboriginal, inherent, or Treaty Rights recognized and affirmed pursuant to Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*. Rather, the Benefit Agreements are entered into in recognition of such rights of the primary Indigenous Groups. Additional information on Benefit Agreements and their context within the Crown's duty to consult is included in Section 1.3.2, Assessment of Impacts on Indigenous Rights.

Each Benefit Agreement provides for the formation of an Environmental Committee to oversee and monitor the environmental performance of the Project and to verify that the parties (i.e., NexGen and the Indigenous Group) are implementing the regulatory and environmental commitments made in respect of the Project. The Environmental Committees will review environmental performance reports in respect of the Project, provide

feedback on environmental protection measures and monitoring programs, review and participate on environmental response measures and preventative and corrective actions, and oversee the independent Indigenous monitoring activities to be conducted by each of the Indigenous Groups (i.e., one full-time monitor per Indigenous Group). The Environmental Committees also participate in field visits; commission or complete audits, assessments, and reports; and report to and communicate with their respective Indigenous Group on environmental performance matters through all phases of the Project. Each Environmental Committee is composed of four representatives (i.e., two from NexGen and two from the Indigenous Group party to the agreement), with candidates being selected based on seniority and qualifications including their experience and understanding of the mining sector. Decisions of the Environmental Committee are made using consensus-based decision making.

In addition to the Environmental Committees, each Benefit Agreement includes the establishment of an Implementation Committee that would be tasked with the responsibility of facilitating an effective ongoing working relationship and confirming that all commitments made within the Benefit Agreements are realized. The Implementation Committee provides a forum for regular communication and information exchange and for the early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. As such, the Implementation Committees may also be tasked with monitoring key community well-being indicators like health and social services, education and training programs, and local and regional planning to track overall community well-being. Each Implementation Committee is required to provide an annual written report on all activities identified within the Benefit Agreements. The Implementation Committee would also provide a community summary of each annual report for community distribution, and organize and host an annual community meeting to, among other things, provide a summary of the activities undertaken to address the commitments in the Benefit Agreements. This summary would include the environmental, cultural, economic, training, employment, and business development initiatives undertaken. Consideration of cumulative effects would be incorporated in the reporting if other projects proceed, as their policies and plans may affect Project outcomes such as employment numbers. Each implementation Committee is composed of four representatives (i.e., two from NexGen and two from the Indigenous Group party to the agreement).

As NexGen has concluded Benefit Agreements with the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN, JWG activities previously performed with these Indigenous Groups have transitioned to being performed within mechanisms agreed upon within the Benefit Agreements (e.g., Environmental Committee, Implementation Committee).

2.5.2.2 Indigenous Group Engagement Methods Summary

Table 2.5-1 presents a summary of engagement methods for the primary Indigenous Groups along with the corresponding primary purposes of each method.

Table 2.5-1: Summary of Primary Indigenous Group Engagement Methods

Engagement Methods	Relevant Indigenous Groups	Purpose
JWG/EC[(a)] meetings[(b)]	Primary Indigenous Groups (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN)	▪ Discuss topics to inform the EA ▪ Engage with the community and incorporate Indigenous and Local Knowledge into the respective EIS studies ▪ Discuss topics that are of interest to Indigenous Groups ▪ Collect, understand, and contextualize Indigenous and Local Knowledge
JWG/EC[(a)] meeting information presentations (PowerPoint)	Primary Indigenous Groups (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN)	▪ Provide presentation information prior to meetings to support discussions during each JWG/EC meeting ▪ Provide an update on the status of the EIS ▪ Recap previous JWGs/ECs

Table 2.5-1: Summary of Primary Indigenous Group Engagement Methods

Engagement Methods	Relevant Indigenous Groups	Purpose
		▪ Confirm the status of actions arising from the JWG/EC ▪ Present key Project details and solicit feedback ▪ Capture Indigenous Knowledge as provided by Indigenous Groups
Engagement update letters to Community Coordinators/Regulatory Leads	Primary Indigenous Groups (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN)	▪ Provide a summary of previous JWG/EC meeting outcomes and an update of topics for discussion during future meetings ▪ Follow-up on topics of interest expressed by JWGs/ECs ▪ Identify potential future engagement opportunities and initiatives
JWG presentation summaries	Primary Indigenous Groups (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN)	▪ Provide a tool for JWG participants to update their communities on the information discussed during JWG meetings ▪ Five summaries developed for March 2021 to July 2021 meetings to assist in JWG representative communication to the broader community on JWG presentations
EC[(a)] meeting summaries	Primary Indigenous Groups (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN)	▪ Provide easy-to-read, one-page visual tools for EC participants to provide their community members that present information discussed during EC meetings and outline the EC roles, responsibilities, and members ▪ Summaries developed for 2022/2023 meetings after primary Indigenous Group EC members requested additional communication tools to assist in disseminating information to the broader community
JWG/EC[(a)] breakout sessions	Primary Indigenous Groups (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN)	▪ Enable a more detailed discussion of topics of interest to JWG/EC participants ▪ Provide more detailed information to Indigenous Groups and their consultants ▪ Further the opportunity for members of the Project's EA team to engage with the community and incorporate Indigenous and Local Knowledge into the EA ▪ Collect, understand, and contextualize Indigenous and Local Knowledge ▪ Verify NexGen provides thorough details to the JWGs/ECs regarding the EA process
Project information packages	Primary Indigenous Groups (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN)	▪ Provide information updates on the Project ▪ Identify opportunities to engage with the Project in different ways ▪ Inform readers of the Project scope and design with maps, renderings, and models ▪ Mitigate the potential for misconceptions due to lack of available information ▪ Deliver key Project information directly to the Indigenous Group members
Additional information (JWG/EC[(a)])	Primary Indigenous Groups (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN)	▪ Develop information at the request of JWGs/ECs ▪ Provide additional information to a broader audience to enhance engagement outcomes for participants and communities
KP interviews	Primary Indigenous Groups (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN)	▪ Collect information for socio-economic assessment studies ▪ Feed relevant (i.e., non-confidential) information into the EIS engagement program

Table 2.5-1: Summary of Primary Indigenous Group Engagement Methods

Engagement Methods	Relevant Indigenous Groups	Purpose
Site tours	Primary Indigenous Group members (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN)	▪ Provide Indigenous community members with an opportunity to see the proposed Project site first-hand to assist in Indigenous and Local Knowledge sharing and the contextualization of Project layout, effects, and mitigation
Project Liaison Manager	Primary Indigenous Groups (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN)	▪ Directly engage in person with members of the communities ▪ Distribute Project information within Indigenous Groups ▪ Receive comments and questions from Indigenous Group members and facilitate provision of responses by NexGen

a) As of 31 December 2023, JWGs have transitioned to Environmental Committees with each of the CRDN, BNDN, BRDN, and MN-S..
b) In-person JWG meetings until onset of COVID-19 pandemic. Meetings were paused and resumed via videoconference in August 2020 for the BNDN and BRDN. Meetings resumed with the MN-S in August 2021.
EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; EA = Environmental Assessment; EC = Environmental Committee; JWG = Joint Working Group; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; KP = key person.

Table 2.5-2 presents a summary of engagement methods for the other Indigenous Groups along with the corresponding primary purposes of each method.

Table 2.5-2: Summary of Other Indigenous Group Engagement Methods

Engagement Methods	Relevant Indigenous Groups	Purpose
Meetings	ACFN, YNLR	▪ Provide Project information and activities updates ▪ Provide an update on the status of the EIS ▪ Discuss topics that are of interest to Indigenous Groups ▪ Discuss Engagement Agreements ▪ Identify engagement opportunities to keep community members informed
JWG meetings	YNLR	▪ Provide Project information and activities updates ▪ Discuss topics that are of interest to Indigenous Groups ▪ Support the inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge into Project aspects, including future regulatory submissions
Site tours	YNLR	▪ Provide Indigenous community members with an opportunity to see the proposed Project site first-hand to assist in Indigenous and Local Knowledge sharing and the contextualization of Project layout, effects, and mitigation
Project information	ACFN, ERFN, YNLR	▪ Provide updates on the Project and EA process

ACFN = Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ERFN = English River First Nation; JWG = Joint Working Group; YNLR = Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources.

A summary of feedback received from Indigenous Groups through these engagement methods is provided in Section 2.6.1.

2.5.3 Regulatory Engagement Methods

The primary objective of regulatory engagement is to provide proactive, open, and transparent information about the Project and the activities completed as part the EA process. NexGen uses a variety of engagement methods to cater to and evolve regulatory engagement efforts and plans to meet Project and regulatory agency needs. Regulatory engagement activities consist of presentations, technical workshops, meetings, site tours, and written correspondence (e.g., technical support documentation and memoranda) which:

- familiarize regulatory agencies with the Project;

- validate NexGen's approach to technical and Project-specific aspects of the EA;
- provide context for the approaches that will be reflected in the EA;
- provide updates as to engagement activities being conducted for the Project; and
- provide a means of dialogue relating to general aspects of the Project.

When possible, workshops, presentations, and meetings are conducted jointly with federal and provincial regulatory agencies, consistent with the harmonized federal and provincial EA process.

NexGen commenced engagement activities with the CNSC and ENV in 2018 prior to the submission of the Project Description. As the EA progressed, regulatory engagement activities evolved to include regular meetings and technical workshops and presentations to provide information on engagement activities, modelling and assessment methods, and preliminary EA results. A summary of engagement methods and purposes are provided in Table 2.5-3. A summary of regulatory engagement activities is provided in Appendix 2C, Summary of Regulatory Authority Engagement Activities.

Monthly EA and engagement update meetings have been held between representatives of NexGen, the ENV, and the CNSC. These meetings include staff from the ENV EA and engagement teams and the CNSC EA, licensing, and Indigenous consultation teams, and the purpose of the meetings is to provide updates on the status of engagement efforts related to the Project and the overall advancement of the EIS. These meetings are an opportunity to highlight NexGen's focused engagement efforts and provide updates on the status of the IKTLU Studies, engagement through JWGs, negotiation and implementation of Benefit Agreements, public engagement activities, and planning for regulatory engagement on the EA process and EIS development.

Table 2.5-3: Summary of Regulatory Engagement Methods

Engagement Methods	Regulatory Agencies	Purpose
Presentations	▪ CNSC ▪ ENV	▪ Achieve alignment between NexGen and federal and provincial regulators on the EA process for the Project ▪ Provide information updates on the Project, deliverables, and schedule
Technical workshops	▪ CNSC – EA Division ▪ CNSC – Indigenous and Stakeholder Relations Division ▪ CNSC – Uranium Mines and Mills Division ▪ ENV – EA Branch ▪ SHA ▪ Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources ▪ Saskatchewan Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety ▪ WSA	▪ Provide overviews of approach to modelling and assessment components ▪ Provide overviews of Project inputs to modelling and assessment ▪ Provide information related to conservatism in modelling and assessment work ▪ Provide information on modelling and assessment outcomes and results ▪ Provide information on caribou offset options and gather feedback to inform the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan for the Project
Meetings	▪ CNSC – EA Division and other federal regulatory review agencies ▪ CNSC – Indigenous and Stakeholder Relations Division ▪ CNSC – Uranium Mines and Mills Division ▪ ENV – EA Branch ▪ ENV – Uranium and Northern Operations ▪ Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education ▪ Saskatchewan Ministry of Economy ▪ Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources ▪ Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations ▪ Saskatchewan Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety ▪ SaskWater, Northern Engineering	▪ Provide information on the status of the Project and EA ▪ Discuss proposed responses to information requests

Table 2.5-3: Summary of Regulatory Engagement Methods

Engagement Methods	Regulatory Agencies	Purpose
Site tours	▪ CNSC – EA Division ▪ CNSC – Indigenous and Stakeholder Relations Division ▪ CNSC – Uranium Mines and Mills Division ▪ ENV – EA Branch ▪ Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources ▪ Saskatchewan Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety	▪ Familiarize the CNSC and ENV with Project setting and site conditions
Written correspondence	▪ CNSC ▪ ENV ▪ SHA ▪ Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources ▪ Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations ▪ Saskatchewan Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety ▪ WSA	▪ Provide presentations and meeting minutes from presentations, technical workshops, and meetings ▪ Address information requests and clarify questions raised during presentations, technical workshops, site tours, and meetings ▪ Address received requests and raise any associated inquiries during the EA review process

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; SHA = Saskatchewan Health Authority; WSA = Saskatchewan Water Security Agency.

A summary of feedback received from regulatory agencies through these engagement methods is provided in Section 2.6.2.

2.5.4 Public Engagement Methods

Public engagement includes engagement with LPA communities who have been identified as a primary target audience for the engagement program based on having a direct interest in the Project or expressed an interest in the Project (Section 2.4.2.2). This subsection focuses on the engagement methods (e.g., events, activities, interviews) performed with members of the public or groups.

Public engagement activities include both active (e.g., in-person meetings, presentations) and passive (e.g., posting of information in publicly available formats) approaches. The focus of public engagement activities includes:

- familiarizing members of the public with the Project;
- acquiring context and perspectives on community interests and concerns;
- providing ongoing Project updates; and
- soliciting feedback.

Public engagement approaches include targeted engagement with individuals and groups as well as opportunities for broader participation (e.g., community information sessions). Public engagement also includes engagement with municipalities.

Table 2.5-4 presents a summary of public engagement methods, including each method applied and the corresponding primary purpose of each activity. A more detailed accounting of public engagement activities and the community information sessions is provided in Appendix 2D and Appendix 2E, respectively.

Table 2.5-4: Summary of Public Engagement Methods

Engagement Methods	Stakeholders	Purpose
Project information packages	LPA communities	▪ Provide information updates on the Project to the broader community ▪ Identify opportunities to engage with the Project in different ways ▪ Inform readers of the Project scope and design with maps, renderings, and models ▪ Mitigate the potential for misconceptions due to lack of available information ▪ Deliver key Project information directly to community members
Websites (https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca) (https://www.nexgenenergy.ca/projects/rook-1/)	All/public (Project website launched spring 2019)	▪ Provide relevant Project information to users ▪ Provide feedback/comment capabilities to enhance connection to the Project ▪ Provide links to NexGen corporate website and other relevant websites (e.g., CNSC, ENV) ▪ Provide copies of key EA documents (e.g., Draft EIS)
Newsletters	LPA communities	▪ Provide information updates on the Project to the broader community ▪ Identify opportunities to engage with the Project in different ways ▪ Inform readers of key Project updates and details ▪ Mitigate the potential for misconceptions due to lack of available information ▪ Deliver key Project messages directly to community members ▪ Provide links to NexGen corporate website and other relevant websites (e.g., CNSC, ENV)
Emails	LPA communities	▪ Provide Project information updates ▪ Arrange meetings
Letters	LPA communities	▪ Provide responses to written correspondence regarding concerns, letters of interest ▪ Provide formal notification of the EA process and updates on the EIS
Telephone	LPA communities	▪ Arrange meetings and site tours ▪ Provide information updates
Meetings (i.e., in-person and virtual)	LPA communities	▪ Provide information updates
Surveys and questionnaires	LPA communities	▪ Gain an increased understanding of community perceptions of past projects and the uranium industry in general ▪ Solicit information for the EIS and follow-up studies from the broader community ▪ Identify opportunities to engage with the Project in different ways ▪ Ask questions of direct relevance that the Project team can use to develop the EIS and engagement materials ▪ Provide a mechanism for community inputs and insights on selected topics
KP interviews	LPA communities	▪ Identify and interview Project stakeholders ▪ Collect information for socio-economic assessment studies ▪ Feed relevant information into the EIS engagement program
Community information sessions	LPA communities (i.e., CRDN, La Loche, BNDN / Turnor Lake, BRDN, Buffalo Narrows)	▪ Present key Project information and updates on the EA to the broader community ▪ Broaden community engagement opportunities for residents

Table 2.5-4: Summary of Public Engagement Methods

Engagement Methods	Stakeholders	Purpose
Radio announcements	LPA communities	▪ Provide information updates on the Project to the broader community ▪ Identify opportunities to engage with the Project in different ways ▪ Inform listeners of key Project updates and details ▪ Mitigate the potential for misconceptions due to lack of available information ▪ Deliver key Project messages directly to community members
Site tours	LPA community members	▪ Provide community members with an opportunity to see the proposed Project site first-hand to assist in collection and confirmation of Local Knowledge and the contextualization of Project layout, effects, and mitigation
Project Liaison Manager	LPA communities (based in La Loche)	▪ Directly engage in person with leaders and members of the communities ▪ Distribute Project information within the communities ▪ Receive comments and questions from community members and facilitate provision of responses by NexGen

BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; KP = key person; LPA = local priority area.

A summary of feedback received from the public to date through these engagement methods is provided in Section 2.6.3.

2.5.5 Incorporation of Indigenous and Local Knowledge

Indigenous Groups and members of communities within the LPA have shared Indigenous and Local Knowledge with NexGen through a variety of engagement activities and sources of information.

In order to facilitate appropriate use of Indigenous and Local Knowledge in the EA, deriving definitions for both Indigenous Knowledge and Local Knowledge was important. The process for establishing these definitions included consideration of regulatory guidance, input from Indigenous Groups, and relevant literature.

The concept and application of Indigenous Knowledge has been evolving in the CEAA 2012 process since the Act came into force in 2012. For the purposes of the Project EA, Indigenous Knowledge is specifically defined as information sanctioned (i.e., authoritative permission or approval given) by an Indigenous Group as an official statement, document, or position. Further information on the use of the term Indigenous Knowledge for the purpose of the EIS can be found in Section 3.4.1, Defining Indigenous Knowledge.

Local Knowledge is a more general term than Indigenous Knowledge and, for the purposes of the Project EA, represents information from an LPA citizen or representative, but without Indigenous Group/Elder sanction (i.e., it is not an official position, statement, or document); therefore, this information is not considered to be Indigenous Knowledge. However, the information has still been considered in the EA, where appropriate. Further information on the use of the term Local Knowledge for the purpose of the EIS can be found in Section 3.4.2, Defining Local Knowledge.

Engagement activities provided a strong mechanism for community members to share their understanding and knowledge of their communities, the land, and the environment. As the majority (i.e., approximately 96%) of the

community members in the LPA identify as Indigenous, the information provided on the local environment was treated alongside Indigenous Knowledge; however, Local Knowledge was not used as Indigenous Knowledge.

Indigenous and Local Knowledge for the Project was collected through the IKTLU Studies, JWGs, Environmental Committees, community information sessions, site tours with community members, other formal and informal meetings, and research conducted as part of environmental and socio-economic baseline data collection programs (Section 2.6). In general, sources of Indigenous Knowledge were identified through methods associated with the signed individual Study Agreements (e.g., JWGs, IKTLU Studies) with each primary Indigenous Group (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN) and through the Study Funding Agreement (e.g., IKTLU Study) with the YNLR (Section 2.5.2.1). Indigenous and Local Knowledge was also shared by the Indigenous Groups in forms such as individual presentations describing important historical information, cultural practices, and knowledge. The majority of Local Knowledge was shared through EA baseline activities or other formal or informal individual and community events, including the community information sessions held in 2019 and 2022 and KP interviews.

This multi-faceted approach to Indigenous and Local Knowledge gathering enabled Indigenous Groups to better understand key aspects of the Project design, studies, approaches, and findings as the Project has developed and provided additional opportunities to incorporate Indigenous and Local Knowledge throughout all phases of the EA. Where Indigenous and Local Knowledge was provided for the Project, NexGen incorporated this information to the extent possible and explained how it has been used in the EA process. NexGen included Indigenous Knowledge based on a foundation of respect for the world view of the Indigenous communities and knowledge holders. Additional information about Indigenous and Local Knowledge incorporation can be found in Section 3, Indigenous and Local Knowledge, and Section 6, Environmental Assessment Approach and Methods.

2.5.6 Engagement Challenges

Implementation of the engagement program for the Project has faced challenges. These challenges were associated with the global COVID-19 pandemic, forest fires near the local communities and Project site, competing events and activities in communities, and other associated logistical challenges.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person engagement events were largely not possible throughout most of 2020 and 2021. NexGen's primary focus during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic was to support communities in their pandemic response. NexGen worked jointly with the CRDN, MN-S Local 39, and the Northern Village of La Loche to fund two full-time Community Pandemic Coordinator positions to coordinate response measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic in the local area. NexGen collaborated with the Saskatchewan Mining Association to deliver safety supplies such as hand sanitizer and masks to communities in the LPA. To help support students during the COVID-19 pandemic, NexGen organized an online event featuring a member of the Saskatchewan Roughriders football team to promote healthy lifestyles and mental health and wellness and modified the NexGen-sponsored Breakfast Program within the schools to ensure that students still had access to healthy breakfasts whether through food basket deliveries or grocery gift cards.

When Indigenous Groups indicated they were ready to recommence engagement activities, NexGen provided flexible engagement options, including in-person meetings, when safe to do so, as well as online teleconferencing and videoconferencing alternatives. To support the transition to online meetings, NexGen provided speakerphones to the JWG Community Coordinators to help facilitate virtual JWG meetings.

Transitioning to online engagement events and meetings was required during much of this timeframe, which produced challenges in being able to successfully present technically complex information to communities while also understanding limitations with respect to internet connectivity, access to technology, and the ability of community members to participate effectively. As of early 2022, the majority of engagement had returned to in-person activities.

Forest fires in the summer of 2021 in northern Saskatchewan resulted in several local communities being evacuated to safety and became a focus of attention by Indigenous Groups and communities, making engagement events difficult to schedule and complete in a manner that respected the personal difficulties faced by many members of the communities. Some scheduled JWGs were postponed during this time but delivered the following month.

A flexible approach was key to delivering a successful engagement program. NexGen adapted its approach to accommodate scheduling conflicts or other events within communities. Adaptation included following social distancing and other public health requirements, respecting community calendars by working around events such as elections and hunting seasons, and being respectful of community bereavements. NexGen is committed to providing information and maintaining open lines of communication while offering assistance to communities, as needed. Listening to communities facilitated alterations to the engagement program so that topics of interest were discussed and the level of engagement met. New ideas and approaches were always welcomed and integrated, where possible.

Engagement activities have generally been well received by communities; however, it is acknowledged that some communities have been more actively participating than others. NexGen is committed to providing all communities with the same opportunity to participate in engagement events and will continue to make best efforts to host engagement events with all interested parties. In cases where participation was not achieved, NexGen provided copies of the presentation and associated materials for regularly scheduled meetings (e.g., JWGs). NexGen will continue to provide engagement opportunities, keep lines of communication open, and be ready to discuss the Project, when requested.

2.6 Engagement Summary

This subsection describes the results of NexGen's engagement with Indigenous Groups, regulators, and the public on the Project to 30 September 2024, and includes summaries of engagement activities completed and issues and concerns raised. Indigenous engagement results are described in Section 2.6.1, with a summary of engagement activities provided in Appendix 2A and issues and concerns identified by Indigenous Groups in Appendix 2B. Regulatory engagement is summarized in Section 2.6.2, including a summary of topics of interest, with a summary of engagement activities provided in Appendix 2C. Public engagement is summarized in Section 2.6.3, including a summary of identified issues, with a summary of engagement activities provided in Appendix 2D.

2.6.1 Indigenous Engagement

This subsection provides a summary of the Indigenous engagement activities, identified topics of interest, issues and concerns, and the approach for validation of identified issues and concerns for the Project.

2.6.1.1 Summary of Indigenous Engagement Activities

Table 2.6-1 summarizes the formal engagement NexGen has completed with the primary Indigenous Groups up to 30 September 2024, following the engagement methods and activities discussed in Section 2.5.

Engagement documented in Table 2.6-1 includes formal written correspondence (e.g., emails and letters), meetings (e.g., in-person and virtual/video), JWG/Environmental Committee meetings, and site tours. The noted engagement constitutes a majority of engagement activities that have taken place to date and shows the desire to conduct meaningful engagement on a personal level, which was indicated to NexGen by Indigenous Groups as the preferred approach. Table 2.6-1 does not include all communications with primary Indigenous Groups. Less formal or less Project-specific engagement, which occurs as part of ongoing relationship building, are not included, as it was determined that such information was not relevant for the EIS engagement reporting. Additional information on the scope and content of each engagement activity is found in Appendix 2A.

Table 2.6-1: Summary of Primary Indigenous Group Key Engagement Activities

Method of Engagement	Number of Primary Community Activities				Scope
	BNDN	BRDN	CRDN	MN-S	
Emails/letters of correspondence	377	300	317	438	▪ IKTLU Studies and Study Agreements ▪ Site tour, meeting, and community workshop coordination ▪ Notification of Project application submission and other Project-related activities ▪ Issue/concern identification and follow up ▪ Consultation requests ▪ Capacity funding and economic opportunities
Meetings (i.e., in-person / video)	56	49	45	67	▪ Discussions on exploration drilling and road construction ▪ Business/economic opportunities ▪ Community/youth workshops and interviews ▪ Project updates ▪ CNSC/ENV regulatory review process ▪ Implementation Committee meetings
JWG/EC	29	27	8	19	▪ Refer to Section
Site tours	5	3	2	5	▪ Tours of the Project site

Note: Table includes key correspondence, which is formal.
BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; EC = Environmental Committee; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; JWG = Joint Working Group; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan.

The varying levels of activity within each method are representative of the engagement paths the Indigenous Groups elected to pursue. Some primary Indigenous Groups opted to attend more JWGs/Environmental Committees and received Project information directly, while those who chose fewer JWGs/Environmental Committees received Project information through engagement updates such as letters and other forms of correspondence. All primary Indigenous Groups received similar information, whether through JWG/Environmental Committee presentations, electronic copies of the presentation materials, or other forms of sharing Project-related materials. NexGen respected each primary Indigenous Group's desired engagement path while ensuring information was shared for consideration.

Engagement with other Indigenous Groups was conducted primarily through meetings (face-to-face and in-person) and written and phone correspondence (e.g., emails, letters, phone calls), which was aligned with an inform level of engagement (CNSC 2022; Section 2.5, Figure 2.5-1). Table 2.6-2 outlines the summary of engagement activities with other Indigenous Groups. For similar reasons as stated for the primary Indigenous

Groups, Table 2.6-2 does not include all communications with other Indigenous Groups. Additional information on the scope and content of engagement activities can be found in Appendix 2A.

Table 2.6-2: Summary of Other Indigenous Group Key Engagement Activities

Method of Engagement	Number of Other Participating Community Activities					Scope
	ACFN	BLDFN[a]	ERFN	FLDFN[a]	YNLR	
Emails/letters of correspondence	98	2	9	1	82	▪ Project information and activities updates, business, and employment opportunities, IKTLU Studies
Meetings (i.e., in-person / video)	5	3	2	4	20	▪ Project information and activities updates, EA results, CNSC presentations
JWG Meetings	0	0	0	0	1	▪ Provide Project information and activities updates ▪ Discuss topics that are of interest to Indigenous Groups ▪ Support the inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge into Project aspects, including future regulatory submissions
Site Tour	0	0	0	0	1	▪ Tours of the Project site

a) As of 18 March 2019, engagement activities with these groups primarily occurred through the YNLR.
ACFN = Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation; BLDFN = Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; ERFN = English River First Nation; FLDFN = Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; YNLR = Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources.

2.6.1.1.1 Summary of Joint Working Group Activities

Joint Working Groups were established in late 2019 with each of the four primary Indigenous Groups as a means of early engagement and collaboration between representatives of NexGen and each Indigenous Group to facilitate regular, ongoing engagement during the EA process. The JWGs were established to include a broader group of voices and perspectives from the community during the EA process. A Community Coordinator for each Indigenous Group acts as a liaison between the community and NexGen and helps coordinate the planning of JWG meetings. For each Indigenous Group, the Community Coordinator position is funded by NexGen as part of the individual Study Agreement.

A goal of the JWGs is to meet every four to eight weeks, with the meeting cadence being set by each Indigenous Group; NexGen has been and will continue to be committed to meeting as often as requested. While JWG meetings were generally held regularly between NexGen and the Indigenous Groups between 2019 and 2021, there were times where the usual cadence was not possible. When the COVID-19 pandemic first affected Canada, JWGs were paused between April 2020 and July 2020, and re-initiated in August 2020.

Late in 2019, the CRDN proposed a specific agenda for three JWG meetings; as this approach captured the main topics the CRDN identified as important, both NexGen and the CRDN agreed to proceed with these initial meeting topics. Two of the JWG meetings were held in 2020, with one meeting agenda being repeated to accommodate more CRDN participants (i.e., for a total of three meetings in 2020). Another meeting, scheduled to occur after completion of CRDN: TSD V.2 (provided to NexGen by the CRDN in November 2021), has not yet occurred. In addition to these three meetings scheduled as part of the CRDN agenda, one additional JWG meeting was held in March 2021.

In late May 2020, MN-S representatives informed NexGen that the JWG formed to engage with respect to the EA was on hold until Benefit Agreement negotiations were advanced. Following this, the MN-S attended one JWG in December 2020 prior to pausing JWG meetings and subsequently reengaged in May 2021 with a restructured JWG membership that included a combination of new members and one existing member from the original JWG. As part of this restructuring process, the MN-S communicated in early May 2021 that a two-month

meeting cadence would be their preference and provided a list of topics of interest for discussion. However, the MN-S subsequently were unable to maintain this schedule. Joint Working Group meetings were held with the MN-S in May 2022 and December 2022, with the timing and the revised topics of interest established by the MN-S. Another JWG meeting was held with the MN-S in June 2023.

Regular JWG meetings occurred with both the BNDN and BRDN at their preferred cadence, which was generally on a monthly basis.

As the CRDN and MN-S have not attended the same number of meetings as the BNDN and BRDN, NexGen has provided presentation materials and summaries of the topics discussed at the BNDN and BRDN JWG meetings to the CRDN and MN-S. These items were provided through engagement update letters and JWG summaries (Section 2.6.1.1.3, Additional Joint Working Group Engagement), respectively. NexGen has also regularly extended invitations to the CRDN and MN-S to participate in JWG meetings on topics presented to the BNDN and BRDN or other topics of the CRDN's and MN-S's choosing. The JWG summaries prepared for meetings held since 2021 are provided in Appendix 2F.

Table 2.6-3 lists each JWG meeting with the primary Indigenous Groups and the topics discussed. Each JWG selected the topics for presentation and discussion. A full list of meetings is found in Appendix 2A, and a summary of issues and concerns and responses raised through JWG meetings is provided in Appendix 2B. As of December 2023, JWGs have transitioned to Environmental Committees with each of the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN.

Table 2.6-3: Joint Working Group Meeting Topics

Joint Working Group Topics	Month	BNDN	BRDN	CRDN	MN-S
2019 JWG Meeting Topics					
▪ Project overview ▪ Outline of the EA process ▪ Baseline studies ▪ VCs ▪ IKTLU	October	Complete	Complete (early November)	Complete (January 2020) Repeated (February 2020)	Complete
▪ Water assessment and management ▪ Water quality and treatment ▪ Pathways	December	Complete	Complete	n/a	Complete
2020 JWG Meeting Topics					
▪ Rook I property site tour ▪ Underground tailings management facility ▪ Caribou ▪ IKTLU ▪ Traffic studies ▪ Surface lease agreement	January	Complete	Complete	n/a	Complete
▪ Socio-economic assessment ▪ Community well-being ▪ Employment, business, and training opportunities ▪ IKTLU	February	Complete (early March)	Complete	n/a	Complete
▪ Baseline: existing environments ▪ Terrestrial ▪ Aquatic ▪ Potential pathways and assessment methods ▪ Socio-economic research	March	n/a	n/a	Complete[(a)]	n/a
▪ Project update ▪ Regulatory process update ▪ Review of JWG meetings to date ▪ Update on youth workshop ▪ Topics for future meetings	August	Complete	Complete	n/a	Complete (December)
▪ Presentation from the CNSC	December	Complete	Complete	Offer to participate remains open	Offer to participate remains open

Table 2.6-3: Joint Working Group Meeting Topics

Joint Working Group Topics	Month	BNDN	BRDN	CRDN	MN-S
2021 JWG Meeting Topics					
▪ Modelling and the EA process	January	Complete	Complete	Information sent	Information sent
▪ Project alternatives assessed	February	Complete	Complete	Information sent	Information sent
▪ End land use ▪ Women's workshops ▪ Linear caribou reclamation trial	March	Complete	Complete	Information sent	Information sent
▪ Baseline studies ▪ Terrestrial ▪ Aquatic ▪ Environmental interactions (i.e., pathways) ▪ Cumulative effects ▪ Next steps for the EA ▪ Next steps for the JWG	March	n/a	n/a	Complete[(b)]	n/a
▪ Traffic accidents and malfunctions ▪ EA methodologies ▪ Community well-being pathways ▪ Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan	April	Complete	Complete	Information sent	Information sent
▪ EA methodologies ▪ Indigenous land and resource use pathways ▪ Community well-being residual effects	May	Complete	Complete	Information sent	Information sent
▪ Processes and protocols for the JWG ▪ Caribou Mitigation Trial Reclamation Program	May	n/a	n/a	n/a	Complete[(c)]
▪ EA methodologies ▪ Determining significance ▪ Prediction confidence and uncertainty ▪ Monitoring and follow-up programs ▪ Plain language summaries	June	Complete	Complete	Information sent	Information sent
▪ Contextualizing economies (traditional, wage, and government Transfers) and community engagement	July (postponed to August)	Complete	Complete	Information sent	Information sent
▪ Invitation for site tours	August/ September	Cultural site trip	Site tour	Deferred by CRDN	Deferred by MN-S
▪ Processes and protocols for the JWG	August	n/a	n/a	n/a	Complete[(c)]
▪ Cultural Share (presentation and stories shared with NexGen)	October	Offer to participate remains open	Complete	Offer to participate remains open	Offer to participate remains open
▪ Cultural Share, Project Update, and Caribou	November	n/a	n/a	n/a	Complete[(c)]

Table 2.6-3: Joint Working Group Meeting Topics

Joint Working Group Topics	Month	BNDN	BRDN	CRDN	MN-S
2022 JWG Meeting Topics					
▪ EA process undertaken by NexGen ▪ Overview of the Draft EIS review process ▪ Engagement pathways available for the JWG and community members to review the Draft EIS ▪ MN-S' participation on the CNSC Federal-Indigenous Review Team	May	n/a	n/a	n/a	Complete[c]
2023 JWG Meeting Topics					
▪ Status updates for the EA process for the Project ▪ A collaborative approach to the regulatory process for the Project, including validating the issues, interests, and concerns identified for the MN-S ▪ Next steps for the JWG	June	n/a	n/a	n/a	Complete[c]

Note: NexGen had a JWG kick-off meeting with YNLR in June 2023. A high-level Project update and exploration program update was shared by NexGen, followed by a joint presentation of and discussion about the YNLR-NexGen Engagement Agreement.

a) Custom presentation – topics identified in collaboration with the CRDN.

b) Repeat of March 2020 meeting.

c) Custom presentations – topics identified in collaboration with the MN-S.

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; n/a = meeting topics were not discussed with the Indigenous Group at this time; JWG = Joint Working Group; EA = Environmental Assessment; VC = valued component; BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use.

In addition to the JWG meetings held with the primary Indigenous Groups, a JWG meeting was conducted with the YNLR in June 2023. The scope of this meeting included both Project components and non-Project-related exploration components. With respect to the Project, general updates were provided, including the current status of the EA process.

The CRDN proposed agendas for the three JWG meetings are outlined in Table 2.6-4 and explained in further detail within this subsection.

Table 2.6-4: Clearwater River Dene Nation Joint Working Group Meeting Topics

Meeting 1	Meeting 2	Meeting 3
Part 1: Project Background and Need	Part 1: The Baseline of the Host Environment	Part 1: Initial Findings and Information from CRDN Indigenous Knowledge and Rights Study
Part 2: Project EA	Part 2: Potential Environmental Interactions and Effects	Part 2: Initial Set of Community Questions
Part 3: Consultation, Impact Assessments, and CRDN Rights	Part 3: Radiation, Uranium Mining, and Safety	

CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment.

Meeting 1: NexGen presented Part 1 (i.e., Project Background and Need) and Part 2 (i.e., Project EA) during the JWG meeting held in January 2020. At the request of the CRDN, this meeting was repeated in February 2020 for additional members who were unable to attend the first meeting. Part 3 (i.e., Consultation, Impact Assessments, and CRDN Rights) of this meeting was to be led by CRDN, though at the time of EIS submission, the topics associated with Part 3 had not yet been discussed.

Meeting 2: NexGen presented Part 1 (i.e., The Baseline of the Host Environment) and Part 2 (i.e., Potential Environmental Interactions and Effects) during meetings in March 2020 and March 2021. In the March 2021 JWG meeting, it was agreed that Part 3 (i.e., Radiation, Uranium Mining, and Safety) of this meeting would be presented by the CNSC as part of the CNSC's standard education program. At the time of EIS submission, the subjects of Part 3 had not yet been discussed.

Meeting 3: The CRDN indicated they would facilitate this meeting and present on the initial findings from their Indigenous Rights and Knowledge Study (CRDN: TSD V.2), as well as work through a list of questions that community members had for the Crown, regulators, and NexGen. The Indigenous Rights and Knowledge Study was completed and was submitted to NexGen and the CNSC in November 2021. Meeting 3 had not occurred as of the time of EIS submission; however, the intent of Part 2 of Meeting 3 was largely accomplished through community information sessions held in 2022 and information sharing through the JWGs and Environmental Committees.

In addition to the CRDN meetings outlined above, NexGen has been providing the CRDN opportunities to discuss topics outlined in Table 2.6-3. NexGen has been providing information (e.g., copies of presentations; supporting materials) to the CRDN on all topics as it has become available.

2.6.1.1.2 Joint Working Group Breakout Sessions

Joint Working Group breakout sessions serve to provide an opportunity for Indigenous Groups and NexGen to explore specific topics in more detail from what may have been presented during a JWG meeting. Eleven breakout sessions have occurred to date:

- **29 April 2021:** Representatives from the BNDN JWG, NexGen, and Golder Associates Ltd. (now known as WSP Canada Inc.) met to discuss the inputs and considerations for the Mine Waste Multiple Accounts Analysis. Discussions focused on the identification of mine waste, tailings, and gypsum as the waste streams and the Multiple Accounts Analysis process for each. Positive feedback was received for the tailings selection, and additional discussions focused on gypsum and the selection of options for mine waste.
- **7 May 2021**: Representatives from the BNDN JWG met with NexGen and Omnia Ecological Services (Omnia) to discuss the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program (Trial Program). Discussions included reviewing the proposed program and additional background information. The participants also discussed BNDN's participation in the field portion of the Trial Program.
- **27 July 2021**: Representatives from the BNDN JWG and NexGen met to review a draft presentation created by NexGen to describe the anticipated regulatory process for the Project. Specific discussion centred around opportunities where BNDN would be able to provide input within the federal and provincial regulatory processes, as well as key milestones where NexGen and BNDN would have opportunities to meet or collaborate.
- **14 August 2021:** Representatives from the MN-S JWG and NexGen met to discuss administrative aspects of the JWG in advance of the 19 August 2021 JWG meeting.
- **17 September 2021**: Representatives from the BRDN JWG, NexGen, and Omnia met to discuss the Trial Program. Omnia provided background information as to the purpose and scope of the planned program activities at the Project site. The participants also discussed BRDN's participation in the upcoming field portion of the Trial Program.
- **23 to 24 September 2021**: Representatives from the MN-S JWG and NexGen met to review previous actions and discussion points from previous JWG meetings to create a centralized JWG meeting action tracker and discuss next steps. Other topics of discussion included potential JWG topics of interest and reviewing the mechanisms existing under the Study Agreement for technical support funding requests to support areas of interest.
- **10 November 2021:** Representatives from the MN-S JWG and NexGen met to discuss the next steps for the technical breakout group and planning for the next JWG meeting. Administrative aspects for the JWG such as technical support funding to support areas of interest were also discussed.
- **7 April 2022:** Representatives from the MN-S and NexGen JWG technical breakout group met to discuss the next JWG meetings. Existing members provided an overview of the role of the technical breakout group and discussed logistics and format of the JWG meetings with new members. The MN-S provided feedback to NexGen on ways to make the JWG materials more accessible and understandable. A discussion occurred around choosing dates for the next JWG meeting, and NexGen and the MN-S agreed to have another technical breakout group meeting before the end of the month.

- **28 April 2022:** Representatives from the MN-S and NexGen JWG technical breakout group met to discuss the next JWG meeting. The MN-S shared a Métis value share on Michif language, followed by a recap of the last technical breakout group meeting. A discussion about education and mentorship programs occurred, followed by NexGen noting that baseline monitoring programs should be discussed in an upcoming meeting, if of interest to the MN-S. NexGen shared an update on the Draft EIS submission timeline, followed by a discussion about the regulatory review process and when the Draft EIS would be available to the MN-S to review. The technical breakout group representatives determined that the next JWG meeting would occur on 18 May 2022 and that the meeting topics would be focused on the regulatory process for the Project, defining an EA and EIS for JWG members, and the review process for the Draft EIS, including having the MN-S present on their involvement in the Federal-Indigenous Review Team.
- **9 May 2022:** Representatives from the MN-S and NexGen JWG technical breakout group met to continue planning the next JWG meeting and collaborate on the presentation materials.
- **31 August 2022:** Representatives from the MN-S and NexGen JWG technical breakout group met to begin planning the September 2022 MN-S NR2 Board Meeting, the October 2022 Métis Community Information Sessions, and the next JWG meeting. The MN-S and NexGen shared updates on the existing work scopes (including budgeting and invoicing), the MN-S' review of the Draft EIS, and the 2022 Site Program.

2.6.1.1.3 Additional Joint Working Group Engagement

As discussed in Section 2.6.1.1.1, additional engagement mechanisms were implemented in 2021 in an effort to make sure all primary Indigenous Groups were receiving comparable Project information within a similar timeframe. This was especially important for the Indigenous Groups where the JWGs were unable to convene on a regular basis. The following two measures were implemented in May 2021 to facilitate additional opportunities for the primary Indigenous Groups to engage on the Project:

- **Engagement update letter:** The purpose of the engagement update letter is to outline engagement activities that have occurred in the previous month (or since the last update letter), introduce the topics NexGen proposed to discuss next, outline additional engagement activities and initiatives, and identify any outstanding actions or requests. Engagement update letters also include requests for feedback on engagement approaches and specific topics of interest to the Indigenous Group. Project updates are also provided, as applicable, as well as any other items of potential importance. The most recently delivered JWG meeting PowerPoints were attached as an appendix, as were JWG presentation summaries and questions to explore for the next JWG topics. This letter and associated appendices were sent to all primary Indigenous Groups.
- **JWG presentation summaries:** The purpose of the JWG presentation summaries is to provide primary Indigenous Groups with information that can be shared with community members. For Indigenous Groups that were not able to attend the JWG meetings, it also provided insights into shared information from the other JWGs to assist with determination of whether they wanted to have these same topics presented to their JWG.

2.6.1.1.4 Summary of Environmental Committee Engagement

As noted in Section 2.5.2.1.2, Benefit Agreements signed with each primary Indigenous Groups provide for the formation of an Environmental Committee to oversee and monitor the environmental performance of the Project and to verify that the parties (i.e., NexGen and the Indigenous Group) are implementing the regulatory and environmental commitments made in respect of the Project. For the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN, activities previously performed through the JWGs have transitioned to being performed within mechanisms agreed upon within the Benefit Agreements, such as the Environmental Committees. Table 2.6-5 provides a summary of Environmental Committee engagement that has occurred up to 30 September 2024, with the full list of meetings presented in Appendix 2A.

Table 2.6-5: Environmental Committee Meeting Topics

Environmental Committee Topics	Month	Primary Indigenous Group
2022 EC Meeting Topics		
▪ EC Terms of Reference ▪ First Nation Monitor Technician (i.e., Independent Indigenous Monitor) position ▪ Request for Funds document ▪ Annual report ▪ Potential initiatives for 2022 ▪ Planning for EA Results meeting	February	BRDN
▪ Importance of honest communications ▪ EC mandate, roles, and responsibilities ▪ Knowledge and skillsets for the First Nation Monitor Technician ▪ Ways and means to promote and facilitate the involvement and understanding of young people in environmental activities ▪ Current and future activities and potential future engagement ▪ EC meeting summary	June	BNDN
▪ Involvement of youth and Elders ▪ EC process and planning ▪ Potential engagement opportunities	July	BRDN
▪ EC process (e.g., terms of reference, feedback on the EC meeting summaries) ▪ Engagement opportunities and updates (e.g., baseline gamma survey, Traditional Foods Study) ▪ EC planning	August	BNDN
▪ First joint EC meeting with both BNDN and BRDN representatives ▪ Bringing strength to the EC through collaboration between Indigenous and scientific knowledge holders ▪ Planned logistics for 2022 engagement activities related to gamma radiation survey and woodland caribou field work	August	BNDN and BRDN
▪ Setting community members up to succeed in future Rook I Project roles or the First Nation Monitor Technician position ▪ Logistics around 2022 engagement opportunities ▪ The importance of including visuals in communication materials ▪ EC meeting summary	September	BRDN
▪ EA results presentation for main themes for assessment (atmosphere, water, land people) to CRDN EC and Chief and Council ▪ Project regulatory context ▪ Monitoring plans	October	CRDN

Table 2.6-5: Environmental Committee Meeting Topics

Environmental Committee Topics	Month	Primary Indigenous Group
▪ Regulatory process, EA results, and continued collaboration with BNDN ▪ Working closely with the Implementation Committee on environmental-specific education and training initiatives ▪ EC year in review (e.g., mandate, lessons learned, successes) ▪ 2023 priorities related to ongoing regulatory review for the EA and licensing, environmental studies, and community awareness ▪ EC activities (e.g., budget, annual report) ▪ EC meeting summary	November	BNDN
▪ Personal stories that bring context and understanding of the history of residential schools and the need for cultural awareness training ▪ Planning for land use after Project closure ▪ EC year in review (e.g., mandate, lessons learned, successes) ▪ 2023 priorities related to ongoing regulatory review for the EA and licensing, environmental studies, and community awareness ▪ EC activities (e.g., budget, annual report)	November	BRDN
2023 EC Meeting Topics		
▪ Updates relating to the provincial and federal regulatory processes for the Draft EIS ▪ A collaborative process for discussing and resolving the CRDN's comments submitted on the Draft EIS as part of the federal review of the Draft EIS ▪ Presentation on the upcoming regional Traditional Foods Study that NexGen was initiating in 2023	January	CRDN
▪ Discuss the BNDN comments on the Draft EIS submitted as part of the federal public review process ▪ Discuss a collaborative method to workshopping and resolving federal public comments ▪ Scheduling a follow-up EC workshop	February	BNDN
▪ Updates relating to the provincial and federal regulatory processes for the Draft EIS ▪ Ongoing monitoring programs (specifically, the regional Traditional Foods Study) ▪ Collaboration on licence documents (specifically, the Environmental Protection Program and the Wildlife and Human Interactions Procedure) ▪ Community awareness ▪ End land use planning	February	BNDN
▪ Project update ▪ Overview of the baseline monitoring programs ▪ Introduction to the regional Traditional Foods Study	February	BRDN
▪ Discuss and workshop responses to the CRDN Federal-Indigenous Review Team comments and validation of the issues and interests identified for the CRDN as part of the EA	April	CRDN
▪ Discussion of Implementation Committee updates and the EC's 2023 priorities, such as: o Ongoing environmental monitoring programs (specifically, seed collection) o Collaboration on licensing documents o Community awareness updates o Key updates relating to the EA process	July	BNDN
▪ Discussion of Implementation Committee updates ▪ Ongoing environmental monitoring programs (specifically, a seed collection program) ▪ Collaboration on licensing documents and other documents such as the Environment Protection Program and the Wildlife and Human Interactions Procedure ▪ Community awareness updates and information about learning on the land ▪ Key updates on provincial approvals and the EA process	July	BRDN
▪ Review of 2023 EC priorities ▪ Workshop of the issues and concerns identified for the BNDN as part of the EA	August	BNDN
▪ Review of 2023 EC priorities ▪ Workshop of the issues and concerns identified for the BRDN as part of the validation of Indigenous issues and concerns process	August	BRDN

Table 2.6-5: Environmental Committee Meeting Topics

Environmental Committee Topics	Month	Primary Indigenous Group
▪ Discussion of Implementation Committee updates and the EC's 2023 priorities, such as: o Ongoing environmental monitoring programs o Collaboration on licensing documents o Community awareness updates o End land use planning o Key updates relating to the EA process	November	BNDN
▪ Discussion of Implementation Committee updates and the EC's 2023 priorities, such as: o Ongoing environmental monitoring programs o Collaboration on licensing documents o Community awareness updates o End land use planning o Key updates relating to the EA process	November	BRDN
▪ Update on the regulatory approval processes for the Project ▪ Overview of environmental monitoring programs and initiatives ▪ Finalization and validation of the issues and interests identified for the MN-S NR2 as part of the EA	December	MN-S and MN-S NR2
2024 EC Meeting Topics		
▪ An update on the regulatory approvals and public comment processes for the Project ▪ An overview of ongoing environmental monitoring programs ▪ A discussion on working in collaboration on federal licensing documents as well as end land use planning for the Project ▪ An overview of NexGen's 2024 regional exploration programs	February	MN-S
▪ An update on the regulatory approvals and public comment processes for the Project ▪ An overview of ongoing environmental monitoring programs ▪ A discussion on working in collaboration on federal licensing documents as well as end land use planning for the Project ▪ An overview of NexGen's 2024 regional exploration programs	February	BNDN
▪ An update on the regulatory approvals for the Project ▪ An overview of ongoing environmental monitoring programs ▪ A discussion on working in collaboration on federal licensing documents as well as end land use planning for the Project ▪ An overview of NexGen's 2024 regional exploration programs	February	BRDN
▪ An update on the regulatory approvals for the Project ▪ An overview of ongoing environmental monitoring programs ▪ A discussion on working in collaboration on federal licensing documents as well as end land use planning for the Project ▪ An overview of NexGen's 2024 regional exploration programs	March	CRDN
▪ Review of the Environmental Committee Mandate ▪ An update on the regulatory approvals for the Project ▪ Overview and discussion of ongoing environmental monitoring programs ▪ A discussion on end land use planning for the Project and establishing a regional working group ▪ An update on NexGen's 2024 regional exploration programs ▪ Discussion on the Rook I Emergency Preparedness and Response Program as part of federal licensing documents being prepared for the Project ▪ An update on community programs led by NexGen, including discussion on the upcoming Community Information Sessions	May	BNDN
▪ Review of the Environmental Committee Mandate ▪ An update on the regulatory approvals for the Project ▪ Overview and discussion of ongoing environmental monitoring programs ▪ A discussion on end land use planning for the Project and establishing a regional working group ▪ An update on NexGen's 2024 regional exploration programs	May	BRDN

Table 2.6-5: Environmental Committee Meeting Topics

Environmental Committee Topics	Month	Primary Indigenous Group
▪ Discussion on the Rook I Emergency Preparedness and Response Program as part of federal licensing documents being prepared for the Project ▪ An update on community programs led by NexGen, including discussion on the upcoming Community Information Sessions		
▪ An update on the regulatory approvals for the Project ▪ Overview and discussion of ongoing environmental monitoring programs ▪ A discussion on end land use planning for the Project and establishing a regional working group ▪ An update on NexGen's 2024 regional exploration programs ▪ Discussion on the Rook I Emergency Preparedness and Response Program as part of federal licensing documents being prepared for the Project ▪ An update on community programs led by NexGen, including discussion on the upcoming Community Information Sessions	May	MN-S NR2
▪ Review of the Environmental Committee Mandate and overview of the BNDN-NexGen SharePoint Site for document sharing ▪ A summary of the history of the Environmental Committee and the transition from the JWG to the Environmental Committee ▪ An update on the regulatory approvals for the Project ▪ A summarized review of the issues and concerns validation process through the Environmental Committee, and the approach to addressing public comments for the Federal EA process ▪ An overview of the Integrated Management System for the Project ▪ Overview and discussion of ongoing environmental monitoring programs ▪ A discussion on end land use planning for the Project and an update on establishing a regional working group ▪ An update on NexGen's 2024 regional exploration programs ▪ An update on community programs led by NexGen	August	BNDN
▪ An update and discussion with the Environmental Committee and BRDN Chief and Council on the 49 federal technical comments that NexGen responded to in May 2024 ▪ An update on the regulatory approvals for the Project ▪ Overview and discussion of ongoing environmental monitoring programs ▪ A discussion on end land use planning for the Project and an update on establishing a regional working group ▪ An update on NexGen's 2024 regional exploration programs ▪ An update on community programs led by NexGen	August	BRDN
▪ An update on the regulatory approvals for the Project ▪ Overview and discussion of ongoing environmental monitoring programs ▪ A discussion on end land use planning for the Project and an update on establishing a regional working group ▪ An update on NexGen's 2024 regional exploration programs ▪ An update on community programs led by NexGen ▪ Information on the existing baseline conditions at the Rook I site was shared as an information package but not discussed in detail at the meeting	August	MN-S NR2

BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; MN-S NR2 = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2; EA = Environmental Assessment; EC = Environmental Committee; JWG = Joint Working Group.

Similar to the approach taken for JWGs, Environmental Committee breakout sessions and subcommittee meetings (e.g., Woodland Caribou Working Group) were also held to provide an opportunity for Indigenous Groups and NexGen to explore specific topics in more detail from what may have been presented during an Environmental Committee meeting. Details of Environmental Committee breakout sessions and subcommittee meetings are presented in Appendix 2A.

2.6.1.2 Summary of Identified Topics of Interest, Issues, and Concerns

This subsection describes the topics of interest, issues, and concerns raised by Indigenous Groups as identified through engagement with NexGen. Tables summarizing identified issues and concerns, including NexGen's responses and how these issues and concerns were addressed in the EIS, are organized by Indigenous Group in Appendix 2B.

NexGen has worked with and is committed to continuing to work with Indigenous Groups to understand their interests and issues and concerns, to confirm that issues and concerns are captured in the EA process, and to validate that NexGen has addressed their issues and concerns. NexGen's approach to validating issues and concerns raised through engagement is provided in Section 2.6.1.3, Validation of Identified Issues and Concerns.

2.6.1.2.1 Primary Indigenous Groups

A summary of issues and concerns raised by the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN are summarized in Table 2.6-6 to Table 2.6-9. These issues and concerns are specific topics identified as being of interest and requiring further discussion. Issues and concerns are a combination of individually stated concerns or comments. Stated issues and concerns are maintained as part of the engagement record but are not reproduced in Table 2.6-6 to Table 2.6-9 for brevity and to avoid potential misrepresentation of the details of the concern or comment (e.g., misrepresentation of the tone, emotion, scale, or weight of the comment).

Below is a summary of topics of interest raised in JWG discussions with the primary Indigenous Groups. These topics fall under the following themes (listed alphabetically): communication, community well-being, cumulative effects, environment, health and safety, socio-economics, traditional economy, and traditional land and resource use. Subsequently, opportunities identified by primary Indigenous Groups arising from Indigenous engagement activities are discussed.

Communication

Communities stated that working together with NexGen towards a harmonious and prosperous future is the desired outcome, and communities appreciate the opportunity to discuss the Project and work alongside NexGen. Communities also requested that Project information be shared with the broader community, and noted the importance of having images, video, and some text translated into Dene to help explain the EIS. Indigenous Groups identified that engaging with communities and having community members trained in engagement techniques would help communities better understand the Project and provide feedback.

Community Well-Being

Communities stated that increased income, and both the positive and negative social effects arising from increased income, should be considered, and that community support should be explored, such as financial management assistance. It was suggested having an Elder on the Project site would help workers retain a connection to their communities as well as provide mentorship and support. Indigenous Groups noted that providing family and community support networks would help with the effects of worker rotation cycles on community members, and that cultural sensitivity training would be important for all Project employees. Communities also stated worker rotation schedules should consider resource use activities (e.g., seasonal hunting and fishing) as it would help community members retain their connection to the land.

Cumulative Effects

Communities noted that the consideration of effects and effects studies completed at other project sites in the area is important in the assessment of the Project. Information about other project activities in the surrounding area was noted as important for better understanding potential cumulative effects that might occur. It was noted that cumulative effects from other industrial activities such as mining, forestry, and hydro-electric power generation and transmission projects should also be taken into consideration. Indigenous Groups also noted concerns regarding increased access restrictions on traditional lands due to increasing project developments in the area.

Environment

The communities expressed interest in various potential environmental effects of the Project such as air and water quality, wildlife, and environmental effects experienced at other projects (e.g., Cluff Lake). Communities had an interest in understanding the direction of water flow once it leaves Patterson Lake. There was concern expressed that some wildlife species such as wolves and bears have increased in number, possibly due to a poor market for furs and reduced hunting during the COVID-19 pandemic. Communities also expressed an interest in environmental monitoring in their communities and better understanding potential environmental conditions under various climate change scenarios.

Health and Safety

Communities expressed interest in learning more about health and safety issues related to the uranium industry. Communities voiced concern about highway conditions from Green Lake to the Project site and increased traffic volume. It was suggested that an emergency response plan, including training of personnel, would be important in the event of a spill or accident. Communities also expressed concern about consuming potentially contaminated Traditional Foods.

Socio-economics

The potential positive and negative socio-economic effects of the Project were communicated as being of high interest. Communities noted that the positive educational and economic effects on communities should be sustainable beyond the lifespan of the Project. It was noted that educational and training opportunities are very important, but the need to travel outside the community for such opportunities is a challenge, and training should be provided locally where possible as there are social barriers (e.g., childcare, family responsibilities, social issues such as financial management and access to mental health resources). It was stated that further improvements are needed to increase high school completion rates. It was noted that there has been some past success in designing and delivering training in the communities, but this training has not been as successful in linking individuals to jobs, and more support is needed to promote long-term employment opportunities to community members including women, youth, and members of other diverse subgroups. Cultural sensitivity training and awareness was also highlighted as an important factor for communities to ensure safety, diversity, and inclusion in the workplace.

Communities stated that assistance may be required to help local contractors understand bidding processes, insurance, and other criteria necessary to be competitive in Project procurement opportunities. It was suggested a database for employment and training services would be beneficial to assist with capacity building.

Joint Working Group and Environmental Committee members also noted that they need support to address tasks and actions stemming from JWG and Environmental Committee meetings.

Traditional Economy

Communities stated that the traditional economy includes most of the community's population and generally includes looking at activities such as hunting, trapping, fishing, wild rice harvesting, firewood harvesting, and arts and crafts, and how these activities are utilized for sale and subsistence. However, it was noted that it is currently difficult to make a living with trapping due to low fur prices. It was also noted that the regular schedules usually required for wage employment may limit the time that community members have available to go out on the land.

Communities stated that more young people are beginning to participate in the traditional economy and there has been an increase in the number of people going out on the land. It was noted that land-based programs in schools, increased availability of all-terrain vehicles and trucks, and crafts programs have contributed to the increased participation in the traditional economy and the transfer of traditional skills to younger generations. Communities noted these programs should be continued and promoted to encourage youth to participate in the traditional economy.

Traditional Land and Resource Use

Communities expressed the vital importance of the land to communities and how it has helped establish traditions, practices, and people's way of life. It was noted that hunting, fishing, trapping, and harvesting of medicines and food plants continue to be a critical part of the spirituality, well-being, survival, identity, and culture of communities. Communities also indicated that land-based learning programs and using Dene language in schools have been highly successful in engaging youth with traditional land and resource use and their culture. Potential Project effects on hunting, trapping, and fishing, as well as access to and utilization of lands and resources, were identified as a concern for some community members.

Opportunities Arising from Indigenous Engagement Activities

The JWG and Environmental Committee activities provided a vehicle for information sharing on the Project, as well as a means for communities to understand what further opportunities there are for community members beyond the submission of the EIS. Suggestions were provided on education and training, which included the desire for locally based opportunities for community members. Involvement in monitoring programs was a commonly heard desire in many meetings, as was involvement in the integration of Indigenous Knowledge into the design and implementation of monitoring programs. Participation in field work and the development of the Project into Construction, Operations, and Closure were important to communities, and they expressed an enthusiasm to explore opportunities to stay involved. Communities also suggested there were opportunities for providing support services for workers such as financial management training and mental health support.

A summary of key issues and concerns identified by the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN based on the discussions undertaken with each Indigenous Group is provided in Table 2.6-6 to Table 2.6-9. Appendix 2B summarizes issues and concerns raised by each Indigenous Group, the sections of the EIS relevant to each issue, as well as how each issue is addressed in the EIS.

Table 2.6-6: Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by the Clearwater River Dene Nation

Theme	Issue
Water	▪ Surface water quality, especially in Patterson Lake and the Clearwater River watershed ▪ Negative effects on ability to harvest fish, including commercial harvests ▪ Effects on navigability within waterways within traditional territory ▪ Site contact water capture, management, and treatment ▪ Tailings management safety and storage
Land	▪ Increased land use pressure impacting hunting opportunities ▪ Effects to moose population and moose habitat
People	▪ Increased competition with non-Indigenous hunters and land users ▪ Negative effects on community well-being from influx of workers and capital, including increased income ▪ Human health concerns regarding radiation ▪ Human health concerns from consuming potentially contaminated harvested resources ▪ Ability to harvest country foods and implications for food security and community well-being ▪ Noise disturbance and loss of aesthetic appreciation ▪ Access limitations and the subsequent effect to traditional knowledge transmission ▪ Traffic safety
EA process and methods	▪ Balance of engagement activities among communities and Indigenous Groups ▪ Cumulative effects methodology and confidence in cumulative effects results ▪ Additional information about Project Construction, Operations, and Closure phases

EA = Environmental Assessment.

Table 2.6-7: Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan

Theme	Issue
Air	▪ Persistence of Project effects through time and across region ▪ Potential for pollution from the Project ▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments
Water	▪ Persistence of Project effects through time and across region ▪ Project effects on fish, especially in Patterson Lake and Clearwater River ▪ Potential for pollution from the Project ▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments
Land	▪ Dust effects on vegetation and wildlife ▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments ▪ Accidents and spillages from increased traffic ▪ Persistence of Project effects through time and across the region ▪ Potential for pollution from the Project ▪ Project effects to wildlife health
People	▪ Access restrictions to land ▪ Use of land and ability to transmit traditional knowledge to younger generations ▪ Negative effects on community well-being from increased incomes and employment ▪ Employment, training, and business opportunities for community members, with emphasis on local hiring ▪ Maintaining workers' right to speak their language at workplace site ▪ Negative effects on community well-being from influx of workers and capital ▪ Project effects on community well-being due to market conditions resulting in Project shutdown ▪ Safety of tailings stored underground in the underground tailings management facility ▪ Human health concerns from consuming fish from Patterson Lake ▪ Human health concerns regarding radiation ▪ Human health concerns regarding tailings ▪ Ability to harvest country foods and implications for food security and community well-being ▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments
EA process and methods	▪ Engagement with cabin owners and trappers around Patterson Lake ▪ Engagement capacity and the ability to communicate more broadly within the community ▪ Proper use of Métis Knowledge while protecting intellectual property rights and confidentiality

EA = Environmental Assessment.

Table 2.6-8: Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by the Birch Narrows Dene Nation

Theme	Issue
Air	▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments within BNDN territory ▪ Control and monitoring of radon gas ▪ Procedures in the event of a spill to the environment ▪ Uranium's harm to the environment
Water	▪ Control and monitoring of radon gas and its effects on food sources and water ▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments within BNDN territory ▪ Procedures in the event of a spill to the environment ▪ Uranium's harm to the environment ▪ Effects on water quality of Patterson Lake (including radiation) and connected waterways ▪ Stability and safety of tailings management storage
Land	▪ Control and monitoring of radon gas and its effects on food sources and wildlife ▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments within BNDN territory ▪ Procedures in the event of a spill to the environment ▪ Uranium's harm to the environment ▪ Traffic disrupting wildlife behaviour ▪ Project impacts on trapping species ▪ Waste management and reclamation
People	▪ Loss of land on lease area, especially Patterson Lake and surrounding areas, affecting ability to hunt, travel, and transmit traditional knowledge to younger generations ▪ Metrics for measuring and assessing positive Project outcomes for workers ▪ Human health concerns from cumulative effects ▪ NexGen's balance of business, employment and training opportunities among communities and Indigenous Groups ▪ Negative effects on community well-being from influx of capital, including increase incomes ▪ Increased competition with non-Indigenous recreational land users ▪ Project impacts on ability to harvest country foods ▪ Project impacts on trapping species
EA process and methods	▪ Exclusion of land users and interested individuals farther from Project ▪ Capacity restrictions impacting community member participation in community knowledge collection

BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; VC = valued component.

Table 2.6-9: Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by the Buffalo River Dene Nation

Theme	Issue
Air	▪ Cumulative effects from industry degrading air quality
Water	▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments ▪ Effects on water quality ▪ Project effects to water quality affecting fish quality (especially in Patterson Lake) and commercial fishing
Land	▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments ▪ Dust from road traffic ▪ Degradation of roads, including potential effects from spills ▪ Safety of truck transportation ▪ Effects on wildlife health ▪ Noise from Project activities, including vehicle traffic ▪ Decline in bird population available for harvest
People	▪ Access limitations to land and resources and ability to transmit traditional knowledge to younger generations ▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments on human health ▪ Cumulative access restrictions within BRDN traditional territory ▪ Responsibility for local road infrastructure ▪ Safety of truck transportation, including potential effects from spills ▪ Negative effects on community well-being from influx of workers and capital, including increased income ▪ Human health concerns from harvesting and consuming wildlife ▪ Increased competition with non-Indigenous recreational land users

Table 2.6-9: Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by the Buffalo River Dene Nation

Theme	Issue
	▪ Noise from Project activities, including vehicle traffic ▪ Human health concerns regarding radiation and information conveyance to community members ▪ Project effects to water quality affecting fishing industry ▪ Ability to harvest country foods with implications surrounding food security and community well-being ▪ Decline in bird population available for harvest
EA process and methods	▪ Capacity funding impacting community knowledge collection ▪ Adequacy of environmental monitoring for the Project

BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; VC = valued component.

2.6.1.2.2 Other Indigenous Groups

The ACFN have expressed interests, issues, and concerns through comments provided on the Project Description submitted to the CNSC and ENV in 2019 (NexGen 2019b). Through their IKTLU Study (TSD VI: YNLR), the YNLR provided topics of interest, issues, and concerns, which have been verified through Project engagement activities. In general, the YNLR have indicated an interest in economic opportunities being provided to communities across the Athabasca Basin. General concerns outlined by the YNLR included potential effects to water quality within the Athabasca Basin, noise disturbances associated with increased traffic, and the potential impacts to community members' ability to access traditional land and resources, and the ability to utilize those resources. To date, no interests, issues, or concerns have been identified by the ERFN.

A summary of key issues and concerns identified by the ACFN and YNLR based on information provided by and the discussions undertaken with each of these Indigenous Groups is provided in Table 2.6-10 and Table 2.6-11. Appendix 2B summarizes issues and concerns raised by each Indigenous Group, the sections of the EIS relevant to each issue, as well as how each issue is addressed in the EIS.

Table 2.6-10: Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by the Athabascan Chipewyan First Nation

Theme	Issue
Air	▪ Decreased air quality ▪ Cumulative effects
Water	▪ Navigability of waterways ▪ Cumulative effects
Land	▪ Invasive species ▪ Effectiveness of reclamation on vegetation and traditional use plant species ▪ Adequate monitoring of wildlife habitat availability and wildlife habitat quality ▪ Cumulative effects
People	▪ Access limitations to hunt, trap, and fish
EA process and methods	▪ Inaccurate classification of ACFN as an 'other Indigenous Group' and exclusion from Local Priority Area for Project engagement

EA = Environmental Assessment.

Table 2.6-11: Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by the Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources

Theme	Issue
Air	▪ Decreased air quality
Water	▪ Project effects on water quality, including far-future effects ▪ Project effects to fish and fish habitat as a result of changes to water quality ▪ Long-term water quality effects from tailings from the Project and other industrial developments

Table 2.6-11: Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by the Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources

Theme	Issue
Land	▪ Noise from Project activities, including vehicle traffic, affecting people and wildlife ▪ Effects to woodland caribou ▪ Increased harvest pressure on wildlife and fish (especially in Patterson Lake) from work camps and increased human presence ▪ Increased human-wildlife interactions ▪ Potential effects from spills on soil ▪ Effects on vegetation from introduction of invasive species ▪ Long-term productivity of the land, including its ability to produce high-quality Traditional Food resources
People	▪ Access limitations to land and resources ▪ Cumulative effects from industrial developments ▪ Effects of increased road traffic between La Loche and the Project impacting safety to humans and wildlife ▪ Economic opportunities for Athabasca Basin communities during all phases of the Project lifespan
EA process and methods	▪ Inaccurate classification of YNLR as an 'other Indigenous Group' and exclusion from Local Priority Area for Project engagement ▪ Adequacy of Project monitoring

EA = Environmental Assessment; YNLR = Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources.

2.6.1.3 Validation of Identified Issues and Concerns

NexGen has worked with Indigenous Groups to understand their interests and issues and concerns and is committed to meaningfully address any issues and concerns raised during the Project lifespan. As described in Section 2.6.1.1, Summary of Indigenous Engagement Activities, JWG meetings have been the predominant means to date by which primary Indigenous Group interests and issues and concerns were identified and discussed. Confirmation that all identified issues and concerns were accurately understood and recorded was accomplished by:

- having an open discussion when an issue or concern was raised during a JWG meeting to explore and understand the comment;
- recording JWG meeting discussions and preparing meeting minutes that were distributed in draft form to all meeting participants for review and verification for accuracy prior to finalization;
- providing an open opportunity in JWG meetings to revisit or review issues and concerns discussed in previous meetings; and
- publishing JWG presentation summaries (beginning in 2021) for community distribution by JWG members that summarized meeting topics of discussion and "what we heard" from the JWGs.

In addition to the JWGs, other methods to understand interests and capture Indigenous issues and concerns were also undertaken. The IKTLU Studies completed by each Indigenous Group (TSD II: BNDN; TSD III: BRDN; TSD IV: MN-S; TSD V.1: CRDN; TSD V.2: CRDN; TSD V.3: CRDN; TSD VI: YNLR) identified issues and concerns, most of which were also raised and discussed during the JWG meetings. NexGen also presented EA results to the Indigenous Groups, which included opportunities for members in attendance to ask questions and raise any issues and concerns. Following submission of the Draft EIS, engagement conducted during the EA review period provided additional opportunities for Indigenous Groups to verify that all issues and concerns were considered and properly captured by NexGen.

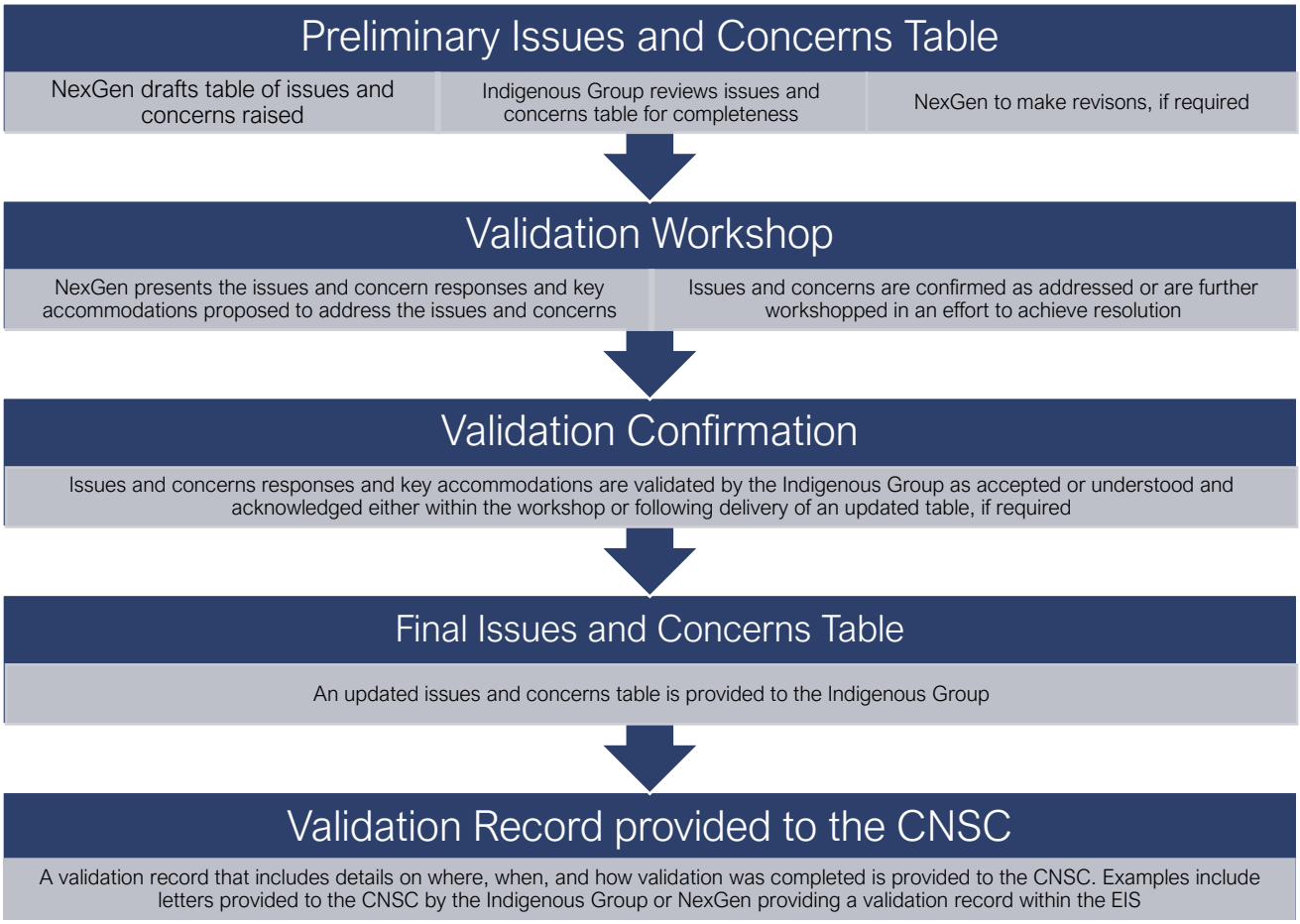
Consistent with E-DOC #6470679 (CNSC 2021a), NexGen's process to validate Indigenous issues and concerns involved working directly with the Indigenous Groups to address issues and concerns (to the extent possible), and where it was not possible to fully address issues and concerns, receive confirmation from the

Indigenous Group that the way in which NexGen has responded to these issues and concerns is understood and acknowledged. The general steps undertaken through the Indigenous issue and concern validation process were as follows:

- NexGen drafted a table of issues and concerns raised by each Indigenous Group and provided the table to the Indigenous Group for review.
- Indigenous Groups reviewed the draft issues and concerns table for completeness, followed by NexGen making revisions, if required.
- Meetings and workshops were held between NexGen and the Indigenous Groups to validate if the issues and concerns were addressed or whether further accommodations were required to address the issues and concerns. Where further accommodations were required, NexGen proposed additional accommodations and updated the issues and concerns table accordingly.
- NexGen produced a final updated table of all the issues and concerns for the Indigenous Group to review and endorse. Following endorsement, a record of where, when, and how the validation was completed was provided to the CNSC, with the methods used to complete this task varying in nature (e.g., letters sent to the CNSC by Indigenous Groups, pertinent details included as supporting information within the EIS). To the extent possible within the validation process, it was recorded for each Indigenous Group whether all issues and concerns had been addressed or, where it was not possible to fully address certain issues and concerns at this time, NexGen's responses had been understood and acknowledged and future mechanisms exist to continue working to address these issues and concerns (Table 2.6-12).

A visual representation of NexGen's general Indigenous issues and concerns validation process is provided in Figure 2.6-1.

Figure 2.6-1: Process for Validation of Indigenous Issues and Concerns



CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

While the methods undertaken to validate issues and concerns were similar, the specific methods used between Indigenous Groups occasionally varied. Appendix 2B, Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by Indigenous Groups, presents the final validated issues and concerns tables for each Indigenous Group. These tables include summaries of the issues and concerns raised up to 30 September 2024, NexGen's responses, the location in the EIS where issues and concerns are addressed through the EA, and the key accommodations proposed to address the issues and concerns. A more detailed description of the issues and concerns validation process completed for each Indigenous Group is provided in Table 2.6-12.

Table 2.6-12: Indigenous Issues and Concerns Validation Process Status Summary

Indigenous Group	Validation Process Steps	Validation Summary
Clearwater River Dene Nation	▪ Draft issues and concerns table – complete ▪ Validation workshop – complete ▪ Validation confirmation – complete ▪ Final issues and concerns table submitted – complete ▪ Validation letter submitted to the CNSC – complete	In their letter to the CNSC dated 22 September 2023, the CRDN confirmed that all issues and concerns that could be addressed at this time have been resolved, and for issues and concerns that can only be addressed during the Project lifespan, NexGen and the CRDN have developed the necessary approaches and methods to resolve these concerns at the appropriate times in the future.
Métis Nation – Saskatchewan	▪ Draft issues and concerns table – complete ▪ Validation workshop – complete ▪ Validation confirmation – complete ▪ Final issues and concerns table submitted – complete ▪ Validation letter submitted to the CNSC – complete	In their letter to the CNSC dated 23 January 2024, the MN-S confirmed that all issues and concerns that can be addressed at this time have been resolved, and for issues and concerns that can only be addressed during the Project lifespan, NexGen and the MN-S have developed the necessary approaches and methods to resolve these concerns at the appropriate times in the future.
Birch Narrows Dene Nation	▪ Draft issues and concerns table – complete ▪ Validation workshop – complete ▪ Validation confirmation – complete ▪ Final issues and concerns table submitted – complete ▪ Validation letter submitted to the CNSC – complete	In their letter to the CNSC dated 29 October 2023, the BNDN confirmed that all issues and concerns that can be addressed at this time have been resolved, and for issues and concerns that can only be addressed during the Project lifespan, NexGen and the BNDN have developed the necessary approaches and methods to resolve these concerns at the appropriate times in the future.
Buffalo River Dene Nation	▪ Draft issues and concerns table – complete ▪ Validation workshop – complete ▪ Validation confirmation – complete ▪ Final issues and concerns table submitted – complete ▪ Validation letter submitted to the CNSC – complete	In their letter sent to the CNSC on 3 November 2023, the BRDN confirmed that all issues and concerns that can be addressed at this time have been resolved, and for issues and concerns that can only be addressed during the Project lifespan, NexGen and the BRDN have developed the necessary approaches and methods to resolve these concerns at the appropriate times in the future.
Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation[(b)]	▪ Draft issues and concerns table – complete ▪ Validation workshop – complete ▪ Validation confirmation – complete	As noted in Appendix 2A, Summary of Indigenous Group Engagement Activities, NexGen reached out to the ACFN regarding issues and concerns validation since December 2023. As the ACFN did not respond to multiple attempts to validate their issues and concerns, the preliminary issues and concerns table was sent to the ACFN. Following receipt, the ACFN responded to NexGen, and meetings were held on 3 July 2024 and 8 August 2024. Through these meetings, the ACFN acknowledged that they understood NexGen's responses to the documented issues and concerns; however, NexGen notes that verification that all issues and concerns have been addressed has not been confirmed (e.g., classification of the ACFN as an 'other Indigenous Group' [ACFN-007]; cumulative effects, including cumulative effects under existing conditions [ACFN-003])[(a)]. NexGen and the ACFN have agreed to continue engagement on potential issues and concerns as the Project proceeds.

Table 2.6-12: Indigenous Issues and Concerns Validation Process Status Summary

Indigenous Group	Validation Process Steps	Validation Summary
Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources	▪ Draft issues and concerns table – complete ▪ Validation workshop – complete ▪ Validation confirmation – complete ▪ Final issues and concerns table submitted – complete ▪ Validation letter submitted to the CNSC – complete	As noted in Appendix 2A, NexGen and the YNLR have been engaging on YNLR issues and concerns since January 2024, with a specific meeting to discuss issues and concerns held on 4 March 2024. NexGen provided an updated YNLR issues and concerns table on 20 March 2024. In their letter dated 19 June 2024, the YNLR acknowledged NexGen's responses and noted that residual issues and concerns remained with respect to the level of engagement (YNLR-005); cumulative effects (YNLR-015), especially on woodland caribou (YNLR-006); water quality and fish health (YNLR-002 and YNLR-014); and monitoring programs (YNLR-007)[a]. NexGen and the YNLR are continuing to have discussions regarding these issues and concerns through mechanisms identified in the Engagement Agreement signed between NexGen and the YNLR.
English River First Nation	▪ Validation of issues and concerns is not required as the English River First Nation have not raised any issues and concerns regarding the Project	n/a

a) Issue and concern identifier numbers sourced from Appendix 2B, Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by Indigenous Groups.
b) NexGen notes that the validation process with the ACFN has not entirely followed NexGen's general process to validate Indigenous issues and concerns as visually represented in Figure 2.6-1. Further details are provided in Section 2.6.1.3, Validation of Identified Issues and Concerns.
CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; n/a = not applicable.

While the validation process has been completed with each Indigenous Group identified as being potentially affected by and/or have an interest in the Project, some differences exist regarding the current status of issues and concerns between the groups.

The CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN (i.e., the primary Indigenous Groups) have issued letters to the CNSC endorsing the final issues and concerns tables, confirming that issues and concerns raised to date have been addressed, and acknowledging that mutually acceptable methods (e.g., Environmental Committee meetings) are in place to raise and address future issues and concerns during the Project lifespan (Appendix 2B, Attachment 2B-1, Indigenous Group Issues and Concerns Validation Letters).

Through a letter dated 19 June 2024, the YNLR confirmed that they acknowledged and understood NexGen's responses to YNLR issues and concerns, though noted that certain issues and concerns still exist (Appendix 2B, Attachment 2B-1). Since this time, NexGen and the YNLR have been engaging on these issues and concerns and have both committed to continued engagement through JWG or other meetings.

The process to validate ACFN issues and concerns has been ongoing as part of engagement activities conducted between NexGen and the ACFN. This has included NexGen reaching out to the ACFN on the specific topic of discussing issue and concerns through written correspondence in December 2023, January 2024, February 2024, and April 2024 (Appendix 2A). When no response was received following these and other attempts (e.g., phone calls), NexGen provided a preliminary issues and concerns table and information regarding the federal EA requirements for Indigenous Group issues and concerns validation to the ACFN in June 2024. This issues and concerns table included the recorded ACFN issues and concerns, NexGen's response, where the issue or concern is reflected within the EIS, and key mitigations and accommodations NexGen would implement to address the issue or concern. The ACFN responded to NexGen the same day as the preliminary issues and concerns table was sent and requested a meeting in early July 2024 to discuss NexGen's request.

On 3 July 2024, NexGen and the ACFN met in Saskatoon to discuss several items including the issues and concerns table (Appendix 2A). During the meeting, the ACFN acknowledged receipt of the issues and concerns table and NexGen's associated responses to issues and concerns, though indicated that they did not want to workshop issues and concerns any further at that time. During this meeting, the ACFN also noted that they chose not to engage with NexGen until the present time as the ACFN wanted engagement to occur on their terms. During the 3 July 2024 meeting, a follow-up meeting was agreed upon and was subsequently held between NexGen and the ACFN on 8 August 2024 in Fort McMurray (Appendix 2A). Meeting agenda items included NexGen responses to comments submitted by the ACFN as part of the federal public comment period of the Draft EIS and ACFN issues and concerns, with the focus being towards the former item at the request of the ACFN. During the meeting, the ACFN asked questions and sought clarification on NexGen responses to certain comments submitted by the ACFN as part of the CNSC public comment period on the Draft EIS. While none of the items raised were specifically indicated by the ACFN to represent issues and concerns, certain topics were linked to issues and concerns noted in Table 2B-5 of Appendix 2B (e.g., classification of the ACFN as an 'other Indigenous Group' [ACFN-007]; cumulative effects, including cumulative effects under existing conditions [ACFN-003]). As of completion of the Final EIS, the ACFN has acknowledged and understood NexGen's responses to the documented issues and concerns (i.e., through the 3 July 2024 and 8 August 2024 meetings in Saskatoon and Fort McMurray, respectively), though there has not been confirmation that the issues and concerns have been addressed. NexGen and the ACFN have agreed to continue engaging on the Project, including to discuss any other issues and concerns that may arise.

Validation of issues and concerns is not required for the ERFN as the ERFN has not provided any Project issues and concerns that require validation.

NexGen acknowledges the importance of addressing Indigenous issues and concerns and will continue to listen, respond to, and, where possible, address all issues and concerns raised during the Project lifespan (Section 2.7.2, Continuing to Work to Understand Interests and Address Issues and Concerns). Outcomes from future discussions with Indigenous Groups on issues and concerns will be documented in subsequent Indigenous Engagement Report updates, as required.

2.6.2 Regulatory Engagement

As outlined in Section 2.3.2, the EA falls under both provincial and federal jurisdiction. Under the authority delegated under CEAA 2012, the CNSC will oversee the federal EA, and under a harmonization agreement with the province, will be responsible for coordinating the EA with provincial authorities and other federal departments. This cooperatively managed process enables each agency to satisfy its respective jurisdictional obligations while allowing a collaborative and coordinated assessment process.

Prior to formally entering the EA process in 2019, NexGen held introductory meetings with federal and provincial regulatory agencies. In 2018, NexGen had two meetings with regulatory representatives to provide an update on exploration and Project development activities. A site tour was also provided at the second meeting. Engagement specific to advancement of the Project commenced following the completion of the Project prefeasibility study in November 2018. Two meetings were held with both the CNSC and SEASB. The objective of these meetings was to introduce NexGen and provide an overview of the Project, to summarize the various activities being conducted to support the EA process, and to inform each agency of NexGen's intention to submit an application for an EA determination in early 2019.

Two presentations and one site tour were held in 2019. The objectives of the initial engagement activities were to provide background on the Project and to achieve EA process alignment.

NexGen engagement with the following regulatory authorities has taken place at regular intervals throughout the EA process:

- the CNSC, including the EA Division and Uranium Mines and Mills Division; and
- the ENV.

Semi-regular engagement has been conducted with other regulatory authorities including:

- the Saskatchewan Health Authority;
- the Saskatchewan Labour and Workforce Safety; and
- the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency (WSA).

2.6.2.1 Summary of Regulatory Engagement Activities

Environmental assessment engagement activities with the regulatory authorities as of 30 September 2024 are summarized in Table 2.6-13. A more detailed list of activities is provided in Appendix 2C; this list excludes regulatory filings and associated transmittals.

Table 2.6-13: Summary of Regulatory Engagement Activities

Method of Engagement	Number of Regulatory Activities									Scope
	CNSC	ENV	SMGR	LRWS	SHA	SMER	WSA	SMHI	SMEC	
Meetings	115	50	3	1	0	2	0	5	1	▪ Project updates, public and Indigenous engagement updates, monthly licensing meeting, monthly management system development.
Technical workshops	17	18	0	1	4	0	3	0	0	▪ Discussion of baseline programs including site, water, and mine waste characterization; modelling and assessment approaches and results; water and mine waste management; VCs; and design concepts. ▪ Discussion of environmental risk assessment. ▪ Discussion of modelling input and assumptions related to human health and consumption of Traditional Foods, VCs, human health risk assessment, and accidents and malfunctions assessment. ▪ Discussion of caribou offset options and gather feedback to inform the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan for the Project.
Presentations	6	5	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	▪ Presentation on development and Project Description. ▪ CNSC presentations to JWG meetings; NexGen's presentation to Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee.
EA process workshops	7	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	▪ Review EA and licensing submission documents in advance of, and following, Project submission. ▪ Discussion of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan for the Project. ▪ Discussion of the process for negotiating and ratifying a Mineral Surface Lease Agreement for the Project.
Site tours	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	▪ Familiarize regulatory agencies with the Project setting and characteristics.

Note: Meetings and technical workshops often involved multiple regulatory authorities.
CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; SMGR = Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations; LRWS = Saskatchewan Ministry of Labour and Workplace Safety; SHA = Saskatchewan Health Authority; SMER = Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources; WSA = Saskatchewan Water Security Agency; SMHI = Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure; SMEC = Saskatchewan Ministry of Economy; VC = valued component; JWG = Joint Working Group; EA = Environmental Assessment.

2.6.2.2 Summary of Topics of Interest

The topics of interest raised during engagement with regulatory authorities were wide ranging and related to the authorities' regulatory responsibilities. Primarily, topics were identified, discussed, and followed up on through technical workshops held with regulatory agencies through the EA process and development of the EIS.

Key topics of interest are summarized in Table 2.6-14.

Table 2.6-14: Summary of Topics of Interest Identified by Regulatory Authorities

Theme	Topics of Interest
Air	▪ Air emissions ▪ Air quality modelling
Water	▪ Effluent management ▪ Groundwater ▪ Hydrology modelling ▪ Solute transport modelling ▪ Surface water quality
Land	▪ Erosion ▪ Vegetation ▪ Waste management ▪ Wildlife
People	▪ Human health risk assessment results ▪ Indigenous and community engagement ▪ Land and resource use ▪ Radiation and safety ▪ Traditional resource use ▪ Traffic
Project Components and Design	▪ Accidents and malfunctions ▪ Site energy needs, and fuel supply ▪ Transportation
EA process and methods	▪ Consultation/engagement ▪ Cumulative effects ▪ Decommissioning (i.e., closure activities) ▪ Ecological risk assessment results ▪ Caribou mitigation and offsetting ▪ Monitoring ▪ Post-decommissioning, and Institutional Control ▪ Reclamation

EA = Environmental Assessment.

All topics of interest and any related issues will continue to be addressed through the applicable licensing and permitting processes. NexGen will continue to maintain open lines of communication and dialogue with regulatory authorities to provide updates on Project activities, as required, and proactively address issues that arise.

2.6.3 Public Engagement

This subsection provides a summary of the public engagement activities and identified issues relevant to the EA. Consistent with the definition of public for the purpose of this section (Section 2.4.2.2, Public), information summarized in this subsection is focused on formal engagement conducted with members of the public; specifically, residents and groups that are in proximity to the Project, have potential interaction with the Project, or have expressed interest in the Project. Broader organizational and Project-related communications and

engagement (e.g., presentations to industry or environmental associations, informal and formal discussions with industry or businesses, marketing) are not discussed. Less formal or less Project-specific engagement that occurs as part of ongoing relationship building is also not included. Taking into consideration the frequency and nature of such communications, it was determined that such information was not relevant for the summary of engagement within Section 2. However, a more fulsome record of engagement activities is provided in Appendix 2D, Summary of Public Engagement Activities.

2.6.3.1 Summary of Public Engagement Activities

Public engagement activities have included written correspondence, public meetings; meetings with municipalities, KP interviews completed as part of the socio-economic baseline program for the EA, and the distribution of Project engagement materials. Engagement activities for the Project with members of the public have included the following stakeholders:

- Northern Settlement of Descharme Lake;
- Northern Village of La Loche;
- Northern Hamlet of Black Lake;
- Northern Settlement of Bear Creek;
- Northern Settlement of Garson Lake;
- Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake;
- Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows;
- Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill;
- Northern Village of Michel Village;
- Northern Village of Île-à-la-Crosse;
- Northern Village of Beauval;
- Local businesses;
- Education and training institutions;
- La Loche Economic Development Corporation;
- Meadow Lake Tribal Council;
- N-19 Trappers Association;
- RCMP;
- Northern Society Environmental Quality Committee; and
- Saskatchewan Environmental Society.

Project engagement is based out of NexGen's Project office in Saskatoon, with limited engagement out of the site office for scheduled site tours. NexGen also established a Project office in La Loche in the fall of 2021 to increase community access to engagement opportunities (Section 2.6.3.1.8).

A description of key public engagement activities and outcomes is provided in Section 2.6.3.1.1 to Section 2.6.3.1.8.

2.6.3.1.1 Summary of Community Information Sessions

Community information sessions were held in 2019, 2022, 2023, and 2024. Community information sessions planned for 2020 and 2021 were put on hold as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to maintain the health and safety of participants. A summary of the results from the community information sessions is provided below, with additional details on the information provided by NexGen and the comments received from the public provided in Appendix 2E.

Locations, Dates, and Format

Community information sessions were held in June 2019, June 2022, October 2022, June 2023, and May 2024 in locations including Buffalo Narrows, BRDN, CRDN, La Loche, and Turnor Lake, as shown in Table 2.6-15.

Table 2.6-15: Community Information Sessions

Location	Date	Target Communities	Signed Attendees
La Loche Community Hall, La Loche, SK	24 June 2019	▪ La Loche, SK ▪ Descharme Lake, SK ▪ Bear Creek, SK ▪ Black Point, SK ▪ Garson Lake, SK	163
Birch Narrows Dene Nation Arena, Turnor Lake, SK	25 June 2019	▪ Birch Narrows Dene Nation, SK ▪ Turnor Lake, SK	32
Jennie Deneyu Sylvestre Memorial Arena, Buffalo River Dene Nation, SK	26 June 2019	▪ Dillon, SK ▪ Michel Village, SK ▪ St. George's Hill, SK	27
Lakeview Complex, Buffalo Narrows, SK	27 June 2019	▪ Buffalo Narrows, SK	44
La Loche Friendship Centre, La Loche, SK	22 June 2022	▪ La Loche, SK ▪ Descharme Lake, SK ▪ Bear Creek, SK ▪ Black Point, SK ▪ Garson Lake, SK	62
Buffalo Narrows Friendship Centre, Buffalo Narrows, SK	22 June 2022	▪ Buffalo Narrows, SK	62
Treaty Grounds, Clearwater River Dene Nation, SK	23 June 2022	▪ Clearwater River Dene Nation, SK	132
Turnor Lake and Birch Narrows Community Food Centre, Turnor Lake, SK	24 June 2022	▪ Birch Narrows Dene Nation, SK ▪ Turnor Lake, SK	39
Treaty Grounds, Buffalo River Dene Nation, SK	25 June 2022	▪ Dillon, SK ▪ Michel Village, SK ▪ St George's Hill, SK	72
La Loche Friendship Centre, La Loche, SK	5 October 2022	▪ Citizens of Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2	7
Lakeview Complex, Buffalo Narrows, SK	6 October 2022	▪ Citizens of Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2	62
Buffalo Narrows Friendship Centre, Buffalo Narrows, SK	12 June 2023	▪ Buffalo Narrows, SK	16
La Loche Friendship Centre, La Loche, SK	13 June 2023	▪ La Loche, SK ▪ Clearwater River Dene Nation ▪ Descharme Lake, SK ▪ Bear Creek, SK ▪ Black Point, SK ▪ Garson Lake, SK	112

Table 2.6-15: Community Information Sessions

Location	Date	Target Communities	Signed Attendees
Turnor Lake and Birch Narrows Community Food Centre, Turnor Lake, SK	14 June 2023	▪ Birch Narrows Dene Nation, SK ▪ Turnor Lake, SK	20
Buffalo River Dene Nation Hall, Buffalo River Dene Nation, SK	15 June 2023	▪ Buffalo River Dene Nation ▪ Dillon, SK ▪ Michel Village, SK ▪ St George's Hill, SK	33
Treaty Grounds, Clearwater River Dene Nation, SK	16 June 2023	▪ La Loche, SK ▪ Clearwater River Dene Nation ▪ Descharme Lake, SK ▪ Bear Creek, SK ▪ Black Point, SK ▪ Garson Lake, SK	302
Buffalo River Dene Nation Hall, Buffalo River Dene Nation, SK	28 May 2024	▪ Buffalo River Dene Nation ▪ Dillon, SK ▪ Michel Village, SK ▪ St George's Hill, SK	28
Lakeview Complex Arena, Buffalo Narrows, SK	28 May 2024	▪ Buffalo Narrows, SK ▪ Citizens of Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2	39
La Loche Friendship Centre, La Loche, SK	29 May 2024	▪ La Loche, SK ▪ Clearwater River Dene Nation ▪ Citizens of Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 ▪ Descharme Lake, SK ▪ Bear Creek, SK ▪ Black Point, SK ▪ Garson Lake, SK	11
Clearwater River Dene Nation Hall, Clearwater River Dene Nation, SK	29 May 2024	▪ Clearwater River Dene Nation, SK	30
Turnor Lake and Birch Narrows Community Food Centre, Turnor Lake, SK	30 May 2024	▪ Birch Narrows Dene Nation, SK ▪ Turnor Lake, SK	11

SK = Saskatchewan.

For the 2019 community information sessions, public attendance was recorded, with individuals invited to sign in on a voluntary basis upon entry to the venue. The sessions were drop-in formats with a series of 10 poster stations consisting of 3 posters each, which were staffed by NexGen and its consultants. A video was available to show an overview of the Project. Representatives from NexGen stationed at the posters addressed and recorded questions and comments about the Project, the EA process, and uranium mining and milling. There was an interactive station where attendees were invited to provide feedback on VCs and to identify locations of land use in the area of the Project. Hand-outs were also available that included a copy of the posters presented, contact cards on where to find more information, and Project description summaries in English, Dene, and Cree.

For the June 2022 community information sessions, public attendance was recorded, with individuals invited to sign in on a voluntary basis upon entry to the venue to be registered for a door prize. The sessions were drop-in formats with a series of 10 poster stations consisting of 3 posters each, which were staffed by NexGen and its consultants. The posters provided an overview of the Project, explained the EA process, provided EA results for key topics, described measures for environmental protection and monitoring, outlined engagement processes and NexGen community involvement, and identified Project opportunities. Representatives from NexGen

stationed at the posters addressed and recorded questions and comments about employment, training, business opportunities and other socio-economic-related items; results of the EA and environmental baseline studies; uranium, radiation, and mining; transportation safety; emergency response; and technical aspects of the Project. Several stations included additional displays such as examples of equipment used for water sampling, drill core, and a scintillometer. Two of the NexGen employees in attendance were fluent in Dene and available to assist with translations for community members. A summary booklet of all posters used in the June 2022 community information sessions and contact cards on where to find more information were available for community members to keep. Representatives of the CNSC and ENV were also in attendance to discuss their roles as regulatory agencies and to answer questions.

The October 2022 community information sessions were requested and organized by the MN-S. The purpose of these community information sessions was to present the results of the Project EA to the MN-S NR2 citizens and answer any questions raised by the community members. The sessions were drop-in formats where NexGen delivered a presentation of the EA results to the MN-S during a community dinner. A series of 10 poster stations consisting of 3 posters each, which were staffed by NexGen and its consultants, were also available that provided an overview of the Project; explained the EA process; provided EA results for key topics; described measures for environmental protection and monitoring; outlined engagement processes and NexGen community involvement; and identified Project opportunities. Several stations included additional displays such as examples of equipment used for water sampling, drill core, and a scintillometer. NexGen fielded questions from the MN-S both during and following the EA results presentation. Following the time allocated to NexGen, NexGen exited the community information sessions at the request of the MN-S to allow the opportunity for the MN-S to discuss the Project and the EA results with the NR2 citizens and an MN-S EA consultant.

For the June 2023 community information sessions, public attendance was recorded, with individuals invited to sign in on a voluntary basis upon entry to the venue to be registered for a door prize. The 5 sessions were drop-in formats with a series of 12 poster stations consisting of 3 posters each, which were staffed by NexGen and its consultants. The posters provided an overview of the Project, explained the EA process, provided EA results for key topics, described measures for environmental protection and monitoring, outlined engagement processes and NexGen community involvement, and identified Project opportunities. Representatives from NexGen stationed at the posters addressed and recorded questions and comments about general Project information, education and training, employment, environmental monitoring, business opportunities and other socio-economic-related items; land use, uranium and radiation; health and safety; Benefit Agreements; and the regulatory process. Several of the NexGen employees in attendance were fluent in Dene and available to assist with translations for community members. A summary booklet of all posters used in the June 2023 community information sessions and contact cards on where to find more information were available for community members to keep. Representatives of the CNSC and ENV were also in attendance to discuss their roles as regulatory agencies and to answer questions.

For the May 2024 community information sessions, public attendance was recorded, with individuals invited to complete an anonymous general survey on a voluntary basis upon exit of the venue to be registered for a door prize. NexGen held the community information sessions in May so that the school students and staff in the communities could be invited and encouraged to attend. Local training institutions (e.g., Northlands College, Gabriel Dumont Institute, Saskatchewan Institute of Technologies) were invited to attend the sessions. The 5 sessions were drop-in formats with a series of 10 posters, which were staffed by NexGen and its consultants. The posters provided an overview of the Project, described regulatory updates, outlined engagement processes and NexGen community involvement, described measures for environmental protection and monitoring, and

identified Project opportunities for education, training, and procurement. Several stations also included displays such as drill core and the milling process, and a small cloud chamber was created and used as a demonstration to discuss and explain aspects of radiation. Representatives from NexGen stationed at the posters addressed and recorded questions and comments about general Project information, education and training, employment, environmental protection, environmental monitoring, business opportunities and other socio-economic-related items, water, tailings, uranium and radiation, health and safety, Benefit Agreements, and the regulatory process. Certain NexGen representatives in attendance were fluent in both English and Dene and available to assist with translations for community members. A comprehensive booklet of supplementary information to the posters was provided to attendees along with other supporting information (e.g., community newsletters, NexGen Scholarship Program applications) and contact cards. Representatives of the CNSC were also in attendance to discuss their role as a regulatory agency and to answer questions.

Copies of the posters presented at the community information sessions are provided in Appendix 2E.

Notification

The following forms of notification were used to inform the communities of the June 2019 community information sessions:

- invitation mail cards distributed to households and businesses within the LPA;
- posters distributed to a number of administrative buildings, post offices, and retail stores in local communities;
- radio announcements on local radio stations during the week leading up to the community information sessions;
- invitation posters shared on social media; and
- Project website advertisement.

The following forms of notification were used to inform the communities of the June 2022 community information sessions:

- invitation mail cards distributed to households and businesses within the LPA;
- posters distributed to a number of administrative buildings, post offices, and retail stores in local communities; and
- radio announcements on local radio stations during the week leading up to the community information sessions.

As the October 2022 community information sessions were organized by the MN-S, the MN-S managed the notification process for their citizens.

The following forms of notification were used to inform the communities of the June 2023 community information sessions:

- invitation mail cards distributed to households and businesses within the LPA;
- email invitations distributed to LPA Indigenous Group Leadership and municipal governments;
- posters distributed to a number of administrative buildings, post offices, and retail stores in local communities;

- radio announcements on local radio stations a month and a week leading up to the community information sessions;
- announcement included as part of the June 2023 Community Newsletter; and
- Project website advertisement.

The following forms of notification were used to inform the communities of the May 2024 community information sessions:

- invitation mail cards distributed to households and businesses within the LPA;
- email invitations distributed to LPA Indigenous Group Leadership and municipal governments;
- verbal announcements and discussions with LPA Indigenous Group committee membership and LPA school staff;
- posters distributed to a number of administrative buildings, post offices, and retail stores in local communities;
- radio announcements on local radio stations during the month of May, including throughout the week leading up to the community information sessions; and
- announcement included as part of the May 2024 Community Newsletter.

Copies of the poster advertisements for the June 2019, June 2022, June 2023, and May 2024 community information sessions are provided in Appendix 2E.

Summary of Comments Received

At the June 2019 community information sessions, a general survey and VC survey were available for completion. In total, 55 people completed a general survey and 37 people completed a VC survey. The general survey asked for feedback on the information session and asked what respondents would like to see in future sessions. The VC survey requested input on identifying the VCs to be evaluated for the Project and ideas about how to avoid or lessen potential Project effects on VCs. Results from these surveys helped to inform future engagement, as well as the selection of VCs for the EIS.

Surveys were created for the June 2022 and October 2022 community information sessions, but feedback was not received.

At the June 2023 community information sessions, a general survey was available for completion. In total, 22 people completed a general survey. The general survey asked for feedback on the information session and asked what respondents would like to see in future sessions. Results from these surveys helped to inform future engagement processes.

At the May 2024 community information sessions, a general survey was available for completion. In total, 117 people completed a general survey. The general survey asked for feedback on the information sessions and asked what respondents would like to see in future sessions. The general survey also asked for feedback and sentiments specific to the uranium mining and milling industry in general. Results from these surveys helped to inform future engagement processes.

General Survey Findings

The general surveys asked a series of questions to provide NexGen with an understanding of how attendees found out about the community information sessions, if they found the information provided was useful, whether their questions were sufficiently answered, and what information they would like presented in future sessions. The general surveys also provided space for attendees to provide any additional comments. The general surveys are provided in Appendix 2E.

Based on results of the survey for the June 2019 community information sessions, all respondents indicated that the information presented was entirely or somewhat useful to them. Comments received in the general survey were generally positive; the most prevalent comments received fell into the following topic categories:

- business and employment opportunities for community members;
- educational opportunities;
- importance of continued engagement throughout the Project;
- importance of the land to communities; and
- compliments on the quality of information presented.

Based on results of the survey for the June 2023 community information sessions, the vast majority of respondents indicated that the information presented was valuable and beneficial to them. Additionally, a large majority of respondents expressed that their queries were adequately addressed by the NexGen representatives. Comments received in the general survey were generally positive; the most prevalent comments received fell into the following topic categories:

- employment and business opportunities for community members;
- training opportunities;
- environmental monitoring activities; and
- compliments on the quality of information presented.

Based on results of the survey for the May 2024 community information sessions, the majority of respondents indicated that they were satisfied with the level of information presented at the sessions about NexGen and the Project. Additionally, a large majority of respondents felt that they were more informed about their level of understanding of the uranium mining and milling industry after the sessions. The most prevalent comments received fell into the following topic categories:

- employment and business opportunities for community members;
- impacts and management, mainly to the land;
- that the Project was done “right” and safely; and
- environmental impacts and contamination concerns.

Valued Component Survey Findings

The 2019 community information sessions were the first opportunity for the broader community to provide input on VCs for the EA. In the VC survey, participants were asked about important components of the physical environment, plants, and animals, and the human environment, as well as how the Project may affect these and ideas on how Project effects could be avoided or minimized. Attendees were also asked for ideas on how positive Project effects could be enhanced.

Valued components most commonly identified as important were related to water, wildlife, plants, and employment/job opportunities. The most frequently mentioned potential effects on VCs were changes to water quality. Survey results indicated that continued engagement was seen as a mechanism to minimize effects on traditional practices to allow communities to maintain their current level of traditional practices while respecting communities' histories and traditions. Greater educational and employment opportunities for local people was seen as a benefit to the community and one that should be enhanced. Several positive comments were noted regarding the engagement events and presentation of Project materials.

Land and Resource Use

As a part of the EA and VC poster stations at the 2019 community information sessions, maps (i.e., topographic and satellite imagery) were available for participants to share information regarding land and resource use in proximity to the Project. Community information session attendees provided information on existing and known traplines, hunting areas, and areas for traditional practices, plants, and water resources. This baseline information was incorporated, where applicable, in the EIS.

Question and Answer Session

As noted previously in this subsection, NexGen staff were available during the public events to share information in a question-and-answer format with attendees. A list of comments, questions, and answers provided during the community information sessions is provided in Appendix 2E.

2.6.3.1.2 Summary of Key Person Interview Research Program

As part of the socio-economic baseline program, 78 KP interviews were conducted between October 2019 and July 2021. The KP interviews were undertaken to confirm trends observed in quantitative data, provide information that could not be readily filled by secondary sources, and provide context and perspectives on community interests and concerns. Key person interviews were conducted with community members, including business owners, principals and staff of schools, housing clerks, the RCMP, healthcare directors, and band counsellors. Topics covered during KP interviews included health, education, economic development, social services, and community well-being.

Interviews were conducted with the consent of individual interview participants and community leadership, where required. Community coordinators were hired and trained to assist in identifying participants in the KP interview program. Interviews were conducted in La Loche (20 interviews), BNDN / Turnor Lake (9 interviews), BRDN (21 interviews), Buffalo Narrows (24 interviews), Meadow Lake Tribal Council (1 interview), and other hamlets and villages (3 interviews). Details on these activities can be found in the Socio-economic Baseline Report (Annex X), Section 18.2.6.2, Key Person Interview Program, and Section 19.2.6.2, Key Person Interview Program. The results of the KP interview program were incorporated into the EIS, where applicable, including in Section 18, Economy, and Section 19, Community Well-Being.

The CRDN indicated a desire to undertake KP interviews for their community independently. NexGen provided the CRDN the KP interview guide and directions for interviewers. The CRDN subsequently provided the Clearwater River Dene Nation Socio-economic and Harvest Study for the Rook 1 Project, which contained information from the KP interviews completed by the CRDN (TSD V.3: CRDN).

NexGen also requested a service providers workshop for health, education, and social services in the LPA; however, this workshop was cancelled due to forest fires, resurgence of COVID-19 in the area, and a low level of interest to participate. This workshop was offered as a value-add for the region and was not required for the socio-economic assessments, which had sufficient information from the KP interviews.

2.6.3.1.3 Summary of Youth Workshop

A youth workshop was held in March 2020 in La Loche. The purpose was to ensure that youth were given an opportunity to engage with the Project and that their voices were heard. The workshop was attended by 44 students and 10 staff members from the following local schools:

- Buffalo River Dene School;
- Twin Lakes Community School;
- Birch Narrows Dene Community School;
- Clearwater River School; and
- Dene High School.

The workshop covered a variety of topics including Project background, employment and educational opportunities, mentorship program, and scholarship opportunities. A survey asked general questions about the effectiveness of the workshop and provided space for open-ended comments about the most interesting thing learned at the workshop and what respondents would still like to know about the Project.

Table 2.6-16 outlines some of the key themes heard in the youth workshop responses.

Table 2.6-16: Summary of Youth Workshop Survey Responses

What is the Most Interesting Thing You Learned Today?	What Would You Still Like to Know About the Project?
▪ Tailings management process ▪ Reclamation plan ▪ Job opportunities ▪ Community benefits	▪ How it will affect the land ▪ That communities will be kept updated on progress ▪ What happens once the mine closes ▪ Potential effects on water ▪ If there will be potential pollution

The results of the youth workshop were considered as part of the KP interview program and incorporated into the EIS, where applicable, including Section 19, Community Well-Being.

2.6.3.1.4 Women's Interviews

NexGen originally planned for a women's workshop in March/April 2020; however, this workshop was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Alternative approaches were explored, and after significant engagement with communities, it was determined that women's interviews would be conducted with women from each Indigenous community, identified by the respective group. These interviews focused on women with knowledge or experience with the worker rotation system associated with fly-in/fly-out operations. The purpose of the women's

interviews was to provide insights into the experiences of various women and identify lessons learned that could assist with the EA and Project planning. The results of the women's interviews were considered as part of the KP interview program and incorporated into the EIS, where applicable, including in Section 18, Economy, and Section 19, Community Well-Being.

2.6.3.1.5 Summary of Trappers Workshop

Trappers who have the potential to be affected by the Project were also directly engaged. A workshop was conducted on 9 July 2021 with members of the N-19[5] Trappers Association in La Loche. Six trappers who are active in the N-19 fur block attended the workshop. Participants were asked a series of questions to guide a discussion on commercial trapping around five key topic areas:

- land use and participation in trapping;
- fur produced and its value;
- abundance and health of furbearing animals;
- social and cultural aspects of trapping; and
- whether and how the Project might interact with trapping.

The key themes discussed included use of the land such as target species, hunting, trapping, water resources, how the mine would operate and interact with the environment, and employment opportunities. Trapping is generally conducted in winter between November and March when fur is at its best or "prime" quality. Trapping occurs within the Project footprint and surrounding area, with trapping areas between Patterson and Forrest lakes that overlap with the existing access road to the Project and on the Patterson Lake peninsula. Trappers reported that furbearing species (i.e., marten, fishers, lynx, and fox) harvested near Patterson Lake were not edible or, in the case of lynx, not eaten. Most trappers indicated that they travel to their traplines by truck on the regional road network then snowmobile out to traps. The trappers noted that the pandemic has materially affected both the commercial fishing and trapping industries due to community lockdowns and fur marketing and fish processing closures. The results of the 2021 trapper's workshop were incorporated into the EIS, where applicable, including in Section 17, Other Land and Resource Use and Section 18, Economy.

A second meeting was held with representatives of the N-19 Trappers Association in La Loche on 28 February 2022 in which NexGen provided a presentation on the status on the proposed Project and a presentation on the planned 2022 regional exploration programs. During the meeting, participants were encouraged to ask questions and discuss their concerns at any time during the presentations. Key themes discussed included the importance of having Elders on site, compensation of impacted trappers, the Benefit Agreements, and potential effects on communities. The N-19 Trappers Association expressed an interest in reviewing the baseline studies and EA results when available and met with NexGen in March 2023 where NexGen presented the results of the EA for the Project. In addition, in response to a request from the N-19 Trappers Association in March 2024, a meeting was held with NexGen in April 2024 where NexGen provided an update on the provincial and federal approval processes for the Project and NexGen's community programming, as well as NexGen's education and training initiatives.

[5] N-19 is the Saskatchewan fur block that overlaps the Project footprint and surrounding area. Additional information on trapping is provided in Section 17.3.2, Commercial Trapping.

2.6.3.1.6 Joint Working Group Summaries

Starting with JWG meetings in March 2021, NexGen developed summary handouts to be used as tools to assist the primary Indigenous Group Community Coordinators communicate the topics discussed at the meetings to community members (Appendix 2F). The sharing of summary information was important, especially at times when the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic limited NexGen's ability to conduct community events and in-person meetings. The summaries were distributed as part of the engagement update letters provided to the primary Indigenous Groups.

2.6.3.1.7 Community Newsletters

NexGen has developed community newsletters to provide Project information to the LPA communities and to highlight alternative ways people can engage with NexGen, including via the NexGen La Loche Office, Project website, email, and telephone number. Access to alternative forms of engagement was seen as particularly important considering the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. NexGen elected to distribute copies of newsletters to key locations in the LPA communities rather than as a mass mail-out; this approach was preferred to reduce waste while still providing adequate opportunities for community members to learn about the Project. The following distribution locations were identified in collaboration with community leaders:

- La Loche Post Office;
- La Loche Village Office;
- CRDN Post Office;
- CRDN Band Office;
- Turnor Lake Post Office;
- BNDN Band Office / Grocery Store / School;
- Buffalo Narrows Post Office;
- Buffalo Narrows Friendship Centre;
- Buffalo Narrows Village Office;
- Buffalo Narrows Radio Station;
- BRDN Post Office / restaurant; and
- NexGen La Loche Office.

In an effort to help inform community members about where to access the newsletter, the Buffalo Narrows Radio Station broadcasted the venues that had newsletters available for the public. NexGen monitored collection rates across all distribution locations and provided additional newsletters as needed. NexGen also welcomed feedback for consideration in future newsletters and for the engagement approach as a whole.

NexGen published and distributed Project newsletters in November 2021, May 2022, August 2022, October 2022, December 2022, April 2023, June 2023, October 2023, March 2024, May 2024, and September 2024 (Appendix 2F). Newsletter content included Project overviews, key Project components and updates, commitment to protection of people and the environment, community programs and information sessions, community engagement updates, education and training requirements, jobs and opportunities, and next steps in the EA and regulatory approval processes for the Project.

2.6.3.1.8 NexGen La Loche Office

The La Loche office was opened, in part, to provide a venue where local community members can learn more about the proposed Project. The NexGen Project Liaison Manager, who is fluent in both English and Dene, is based in the La Loche office, which hosts a series of Project and regional maps and community handouts, including copies of JWG meeting summaries and Project newsletters. The purpose of the La Loche office is to establish a welcoming environment where LPA residents can discuss topics of interest and learn more about the Project from a locally based NexGen team member. As the La Loche office has regular business hours, it also allows community members to engage at a time of their convenience.

Since opening in 2021, the La Loche office has hosted numerous formal meetings (e.g., N-19 Trappers Association) and informal (i.e., drop-in) discussions. The La Loche office offers opportunities to have regular face-to-face conversations, which is the preferred engagement method for both NexGen and the communities.

2.6.3.2 Summary of Identified Issues

Individuals who participated in public engagement events were also usually members of an Indigenous Group; therefore, many of the issues and themes raised through public engagement were similar to those heard through the JWG/Environmental Committee meetings (Section 2.6.1.1.1). Key topics of interest included employment opportunities, training opportunities, effects on land and land uses, long-term community benefits, and the importance of community engagement throughout the Project lifespan.

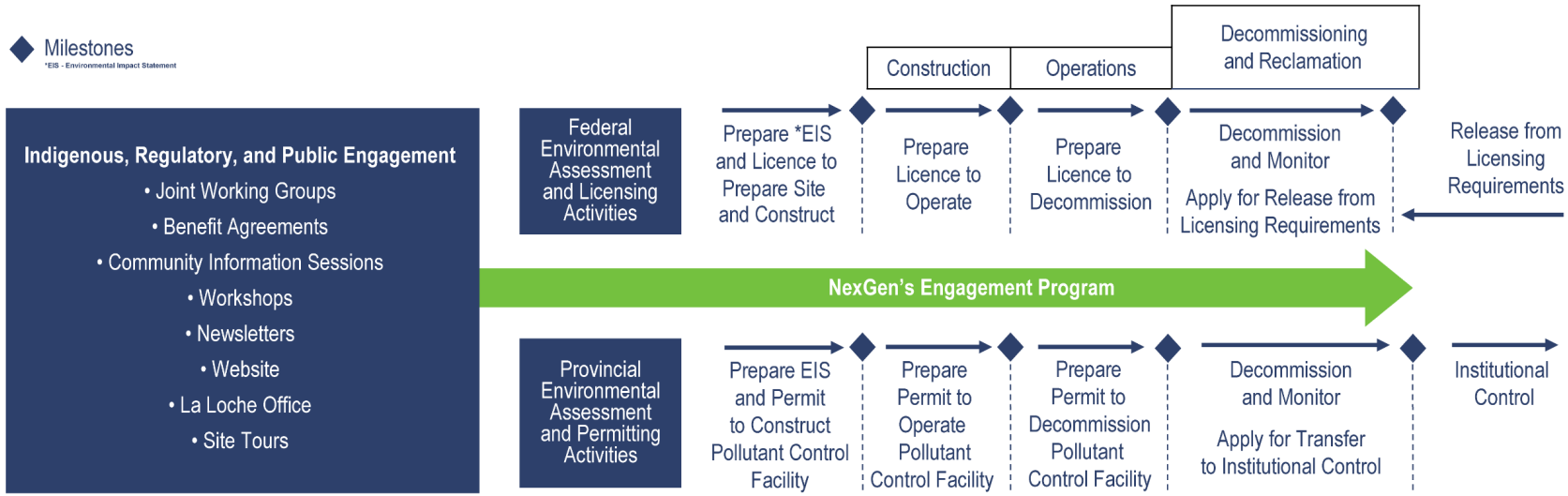
2.7 Moving Forward

A primary goal of NexGen's engagement program is to develop and foster strong relationships with local Indigenous Groups and surrounding communities, regulators, and the public. Continued engagement is key to facilitating a successful Project and to optimize opportunities for local community members. NexGen respects and values the diverse cultures and perspectives of those with whom the Project interacts and is committed to meaningful engagement with Project-affected Indigenous Groups and communities, regulators, and members of the public throughout the Project lifespan.

The engagement approach for the Project has been developed to inform planning and development of the proposed Project, including the advancement of the EA, and engagement methods have been developed to meet these objectives and foster relationships based on respect, trust, and a shared vision of optimizing Project outcomes. As outlined throughout the section, there has been extensive engagement undertaken to this point of Project development, and the opportunity to engage has been extended to all identified Indigenous Groups, regulatory agencies, and the public. Engagement activities throughout the EA process have been conducted to both meet regulatory requirements and demonstrate NexGen's values with respect to engagement.

The engagement program has evolved and will continue to evolve throughout the Project lifespan. Specific engagement methods will be adapted to meet changing needs of the Project through Construction, Operations, and Closure (Figure 2.7-1). NexGen believes the best outcomes for all parties can be achieved through open engagement, collaboration, and a shared desire to succeed. NexGen is committed to ongoing engagement throughout the Project lifespan.

Figure 2.7-1: Engagement throughout the Rook I Project Lifespan



2.7.1 Ongoing and Planned Engagement Activities

NexGen is in the process of implementing and developing future engagement programs to meet NexGen's vision and values, comply with regulatory requirements, and strive to meet or exceed Indigenous Group, regulatory, and public expectations.

This subsection details planned engagement activities with Indigenous Groups, regulators, and the public.

2.7.1.1 Indigenous Engagement

The following activities represent planned engagement specific to Indigenous Groups that would occur during the Project lifespan. It is anticipated that the engagement activities listed below will occur throughout all stages of the Project lifespan, including Construction, Operations, and Closure. Specific engagement methods and scheduling of engagement activities would be adapted to meet changing needs of the Project and the expectations and interests of Indigenous Groups. In this regard, engagement activities to be conducted throughout the Project lifespan will be determined in collaboration with Indigenous Groups.

Joint Working Groups / Environmental Committees

The JWG / Environmental Committee program is planned to continue throughout the Project lifespan, though the specific format and terms of reference may be altered based on agreements that are reached with each Indigenous Group (e.g., as noted in Section 2.6.1.1.1, Summary of Joint Working Group Activities, activities formerly conducted through the JWGs for the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN are now being conducted through the Environmental Committees). Items for discussion will be based on activities in progress, as well as any specific items of discussion requested by Indigenous Groups. The meetings will continue to evolve as required to meet the engagement needs of participating Indigenous Groups and NexGen. It is anticipated that the JWGs / Environmental Committees will meet approximately quarterly during the Project lifespan; however, this schedule will be adapted as needed.

Joint Working Group / Environmental Committee Summaries

During the EA process, the JWG summaries provided a succinct graphic summary of the information provided during JWG meetings with primary Indigenous Groups that allowed participants to communicate the topics and results of discussions more easily to their community members. These summaries were distributed after each JWG meeting. Going forward, NexGen plans to develop JWG or Environmental Committee summaries following JWG or Environmental Committee meetings, so long as the Indigenous Groups feel they provide value.

Joint Working Group / Environmental Committee Breakout Sessions

Joint Working Group / Environmental Committee breakout sessions with individual Indigenous Groups, as identified through the JWG / Environmental Committee program, will continue to take place on an as-needed basis throughout the Project lifespan to focus on specific items or to meet requests from individual groups.

Implementation Committees

Implementation Committees would be tasked with the responsibility of facilitating effective ongoing working relationships and confirming that all commitments made within the Benefit Agreements are realized. The Implementation Committees will provide a forum for regular communication and information exchange and for

the early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. It is anticipated that the Implementation Committees will meet approximately quarterly during the Project lifespan; however, this schedule will be adapted as needed.

Indigenous Group Leadership and Staff

Engagement with Indigenous Group Leadership (i.e., Chief and Council and Métis Local Presidents and Regional Director) and staff will continue to be a priority for future engagement activities. NexGen is committed to engaging with Leadership and staff as required and upon request throughout the Project lifespan.

Benefit Agreements

The Benefit Agreements include commitments to establish processes for regular communication and information exchange between NexGen and each primary Indigenous Group, both within and outside the mandate of the Environmental Committees and Implementation Committees. The specific methods of communication are determined through collaboration between NexGen and each Indigenous Group and will occur throughout the Project lifespan.

2.7.1.2 Regulatory Engagement

Further, ongoing engagement with regulatory agencies will be conducted to discuss any Project regulatory requirements, respond to any inquiries that may arise, and identify any additional regulatory areas of interest. NexGen will continue to actively maintain a positive working relationship with regulatory authorities and a proactive approach to regulatory engagement throughout the Project lifespan, including activities associated with future Project licensing, permitting, and compliance requirements.

2.7.1.3 Public Engagement

Public engagement will continue throughout the Project lifespan. This subsection discusses both planned engagement activities and possible engagement activities that may occur if deemed valuable by the public. Public engagement activities refer to events anticipated to occur with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous members of the public.

Community Information Sessions

Community information sessions represent important opportunities for NexGen to learn more about the items of value to local communities, for local community members to learn more about the Project, and for both NexGen and local communities to share ideas on how to maximize Project benefits while minimizing potential adverse effects.

Community information sessions are planned to be held in various locations across the LPA throughout the Project lifespan at intervals that are supported by the local communities.

Workshops

Future youth workshops may be considered based on community feedback and the level of interest. NexGen is committed to enabling all voices to be heard and recognizes the unique challenges youth face engaging with natural resource proponents. NexGen valued the information received from the initial youth workshop and looks forward to exploring future opportunities to engage with LPA youth. These individuals represent future leaders, community members, and potential Project employees.

Along with the prospect of future youth workshops, NexGen will explore opportunities for future women's and men's workshops to enable more opportunities for community members to engage on the Project. Objectives of these sessions may include discussing topics of interest and understanding unique interests, challenges, and opportunities for each group.

Newsletters

Project newsletters will continue to be produced on a regular basis, depending in part on new information being available to share with Indigenous Groups and stakeholders. The newsletters will provide Project updates to the broader community and identify opportunities for engagement regarding the Project. Newsletters will be printed and delivered to communities for mail distribution and uploaded to the Project website.

Radio Announcements

Radio announcements, which provide Project information, Project updates, and information on community initiatives and engagement events, will continue to be provided at intervals that are supported by the local communities.

Website

The Project website, which provides Project information such as details on JWG / Environmental Committee meetings, Project updates and development, and key events will continue to be updated through the Project lifespan.

NexGen La Loche Office

The La Loche office will continue to remain open to the public to provide a local location where community members can learn more about the proposed Project, discuss topics of interest, ask questions, and/or submit inquiries. The La Loche office will also provide a potential venue for meetings or other functions.

Other Engagement Activities

In addition to the specific engagement activities described above, the following engagement activities are planned to be implemented, as required, throughout the Project lifespan:

- meetings with municipalities, land users (e.g., trappers, outfitters), and/or special interest groups;
- site visits with Indigenous Group Leadership, Elders, community leaders, and stakeholder groups;
- visits/seminars with LPA students;
- perception survey to better understand issues, concerns, and opportunities associated with the uranium industry in Saskatchewan; and
- other miscellaneous engagement activities, as required.

Future public engagement activities are anticipated to support the continued development of mutually beneficial relationships between NexGen and members of the public. The engagement approach will be adapted as required to meet any changing needs.

2.7.2 Continuing to Work to Understand Interests and Address Issues and Concerns

NexGen is aware that not all issues and concerns can be quickly or easily resolved, as some issues and concerns go beyond the scope of the Project, and that a difference of opinion on certain issues and concerns could remain. As such, NexGen will continue to listen, respond to, and, where possible, address all issues and concerns raised.

To understand interests and identify and resolve issues and concerns that may arise during the Project lifespan, engagement activities will continue to be performed as described in Section 2.7.1, Ongoing and Planned Engagement Activities.

With respect to the primary Indigenous Groups, as noted in Section 2.6.1.3, Validation of Identified Issues and Concerns, the issues and concerns validation process requirements for the federal EA have been completed with the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN. With respect to potential future interests and issues and concerns, the Benefit Agreements signed with primary Indigenous Groups contain key mechanisms to ensure that interests are identified and potential issues and concerns are identified and addressed throughout the Project lifespan. More specifically:

- The Implementation Committees would be responsible for facilitating an effective ongoing working relationship and providing a forum for regular communication and information exchange that would allow for the identification of items of interest and the early resolution of issues and concerns that may arise.
- The Environmental Committees would monitor the environmental performance of the Project, verify that the Project regulatory and environmental commitments are being implemented, provide feedback on environmental protection measures and monitoring programs, and review and participate on environmental response measures and preventative and corrective actions. This process is expected to allow for the recognition of interests and identification and resolution of issues and concerns.

Issues and concerns validation has also been completed with the YNLR and ACFN; however, NexGen acknowledges that certain issues and concerns remain the subject of continued engagement that will occur between NexGen and the YNLR and ACFN, respectively, as the Project proceeds.

Potential interests and issues and concerns that could surface during the Project lifespan are also expected to be identified through the other engagement mechanisms to be implemented with all Indigenous Groups, including the JWG programs and meetings with Indigenous Group Leadership and staff.

With respect to the public, engagement methods such as community information sessions; targeted workshops; meetings with municipalities, land users, and special interest groups; and surveys, when appropriate, are all expected to provide opportunities for the general public to convey interests and raise potential issues and concerns. In addition, both the La Loche office and Project website provide every-day opportunities for the public to register issues and concerns with NexGen.

The Indigenous and Public Engagement Program developed for the Project as part of federal licensing requirements would provide the framework for providing Indigenous Groups, communities, and members of the public with timely, regular information regarding Project activities. The Indigenous and Public Engagement Program will include the mechanisms NexGen would implement to identify target audiences, establish and maintain effective communication modes and methods, receive feedback, and track performance against engagement objectives.

With respect to regulatory agencies, NexGen will continue to actively maintain a positive working relationship with regulatory authorities. Ongoing engagement will be conducted to discuss any Project regulatory requirements, respond to any inquiries that may arise, and identify any additional regulatory areas of interest, which would include the identification and resolution of issues and concerns.

In summary, NexGen will implement multiple methods during the Project lifespan to identify any interests and issues and concerns held by Indigenous Groups, regulatory agencies, and the public. Future issues and concerns that are brought to the attention of NexGen by each of these groups will be documented and responded to and addressed, to the extent possible.

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Appendix 2A Summary of Indigenous Group Engagement Activities

Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
ACFN	Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation
BLDFN	Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation
BNDN	Birch Narrows Dene Nation
BRDN	Buffalo River Dene Nation
CNSC	Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
CRDN	Clearwater River Dene Nation
EA	Environmental Assessment
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ENV	Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment
ERFN	English River First Nation
FLDFN	Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation
IAAC	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
IKTLU	Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use
JWG	Joint Working Group
KP	key person
MLTC	Meadow Lake Tribal Council
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
MN-S NR2	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2
NexGen	NexGen Energy Ltd.
Omnia	Omnia Ecological Services
Project	Rook I Project
UTM	Universal Transverse Mercator
VC	valued component
YNLR	Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources

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28 August 2013	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the CRDN to discuss NexGen's progress to date and the plans for the Rook I exploration camp during the winter. An update on potential contracting opportunities for the Project was also provided.
30 April 2014	Phone call, incoming	The CRDN called NexGen to request a consultation meeting with NexGen, the CRDN, and the ENV.
1 May 2014	Phone call, incoming	The CRDN called NexGen to request a meeting on 8 May 2014 to discuss NexGen's summer plans at the Rook I site.
8 May 2014	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN Chief and Council to introduce NexGen and to discuss the proposed exploration program. NexGen also provided an overview of mineral exploration techniques. Additional discussion was focused on arranging a site tour for the CRDN members, training and employment, environmental protection, and community engagement.
19 August 2015	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN to set up a meeting and a site tour. A follow-up email was sent on 20 August 2015.
11 January 2016	Email exchange	NexGen and the CRDN exchanged emails attempting to organize a meeting in Saskatoon for NexGen to update the CRDN on the Rook I site activities planned for the winter of 2016.
2 February 2016	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the CRDN to discuss the contract and tendering process, and to provide clarity on the selection process. Positive discussion also focused on local workforce placement and permitting.
15 March 2016	In-person meeting	NexGen provided an update on the winter 2016 drilling program to the CRDN. NexGen and the CRDN discussed local employment, contracting, and training opportunities, as well as the possibility of a site tour. The CRDN discussed their expectation regarding NexGen hiring locally.
5 April 2016	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN to discuss how best to begin traditional knowledge work in the community. The CRDN representative advised NexGen that previous work related to traditional knowledge and land use planning had been completed already and that NexGen should discuss the matter with the Chief.
1 September 2016	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN and discussed business opportunities for local companies.
21 September 2016	Letter, incoming	The CRDN sent NexGen a letter regarding consultation expectations. The CRDN proposed a meeting with NexGen to discuss these matters in more detail and to attempt to reach a common understanding regarding expectations.
14 October 2016	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN for an introductory in-person meeting and a tour of a local business facilities. Topics of discussion included the creation of a regional economic development group, and engagement and consultation strategies.
27 January 2017	Email exchange	The CRDN and NexGen exchanged emails regarding engagement and consultation.
27 January 2017	Email, outgoing	NexGen sent the CRDN an email regarding consultation and engagement and stated that early consultation with all Meadow Lake Tribal Council Bands and Métis Locals is required based on discussions with the provincial and federal governments. NexGen stated their commitment to supporting local communities.
3 February 2017	Email exchange	The CRDN stated that they would like to arrange a meeting to include the Northern Village of La Loche and the MN-S, including the La Loche Métis Local #39, to discuss traditional land use and stakeholders present in the area of NexGen's exploration activities. NexGen and the CRDN exchanged emails regarding scheduling a meeting.
21 February 2017	Email exchange	A series of emails were exchanged between NexGen, the CRDN, and the MN-S NR2 regarding traditional territory and engagement.
6 September 2017	Letter, incoming	The MN-S NR2, the Northern Village of La Loche, the La Loche Métis Local #39, and the CRDN emailed NexGen an attached letter requesting an informal meeting to discuss upcoming issues in the uranium exploration industry and each organization’s expectations and concerns.

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12 October 2017	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the MN-S NR2, the La Loche Métis Local #39, the CRDN, and the Northern Village of La Loche to discuss the uranium exploration industry. Consultation and engagement were discussed, as well as economic opportunities and partnerships. The meeting identified the close ties between the Northern Village of La Loche, the La Loche Métis Local #39, the MN-S NR2, and the CRDN, and that they collectively want to ensure that La Loche and the CRDN are considered for economic opportunities that arise from NexGen's exploration and development activities.
10 May 2018	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN and discussed potential business opportunities for local Indigenous companies in the area and reviewed the current local business capacity and local regional service network employment for the Project.
17 August 2018	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN and provided a tour of the Rook I site for Chief, Council, and select community members. The tour included an overview presentation of the 2018 activities followed by a tour of the Project site.
4 October 2018	Letter, incoming	The CRDN sent NexGen a letter to express interest in the proposed development of the Project, requested additional information regarding the exploration and drilling program, consultation relating to the exploration and drilling program, and status of the EA. The CRDN requested a meeting with NexGen.
16 October 2018	Multiple methods	Following a series of correspondence, NexGen sent the CRDN an introductory email and stated that the exploration and drilling program information request was being compiled and would be submitted with a response letter. The CRDN responded to NexGen's email suggesting meeting in Saskatoon once the information request was received. Further discussion on the positive and respectful relationship was conducted.
13 November 2018	Email exchange	NexGen and the CRDN exchanged emails regarding the information package that NexGen had sent to the CRDN, a tentative meeting date, and the direction to provide hardcopy maps to the CRDN. The CRDN emailed NexGen a letter with an invitation to meet with the CRDN to begin consultation.
13 December 2018	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN to discuss the Project and discuss a process for promoting meaningful engagement. NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities, including: ▪ company introduction and overview; ▪ description of the Project and Arrow deposit; ▪ Preliminary Economic Assessments highlights and summary of Pre-Feasibility Study results; ▪ environmental baseline summary; ▪ community commitment to training and procurement; and ▪ commitment to engagement. Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.
7 January 2019	Multiple methods	NexGen and the CRDN exchanged texts to discuss training the CRDN members with a local drilling company. NexGen and the CRDN discussed the positive meeting on 13 December 2018. The CRDN requested a meeting on 22 January 2019 to discuss the next steps.
22 January 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent the CRDN a letter with a meeting request to the CRDN Chief and Council to attend a workshop on the Project Description on 12 February 2019 in La Loche.
22 January 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN and discussed a change of date for the Project Description workshop, consultation framework, and other meetings that the CRDN had recently with the CNSC and other mining companies.
18 February 2019	In-person meeting	The CRDN presented to NexGen regarding engagement and collaboration funding for the CRDN as the Project advances. A conceptual document on how to proceed was shared with NexGen to review.

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18 February 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN to present an overview of the information included in the Project Description, including: ▪ regulatory framework; ▪ Project information; ▪ existing environment; ▪ environmental interactions; and ▪ engagement.
21 March 2019	Phone call	A phone meeting between NexGen and the CRDN occurred to discuss a collaboration agreement and when the CRDN and NexGen could meet to discuss further.
29 March 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the CRDN to notify them that a letter from the ENV would be sent to them regarding the Rook I Technical Proposal application and the duty to consult.
4 April 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the CRDN to notify them that a letter from the CNSC would be sent to the CRDN to state that NexGen has submitted a Project Description.
3 May 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
10 May 2019	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN to discuss next steps and to confirm that the CRDN received the notification letter dated 3 May 2019.
4 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent an invitation letter to a meeting on 18 June 2019 to: ▪ further define the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a JWG; ▪ collaboratively define the Terms of Reference and requirements necessary to complete an IKTLU Study in the area around the Project; ▪ collaboratively undertake a Traditional Foods Study; ▪ develop a protocol to address and protect the proprietary nature of the information collected and its use by NexGen in the EA and related regulatory processes; and ▪ discuss the framework and timeline for a Benefit Agreement. NexGen informed the CRDN that a representative from both the Northern Village of La Loche and the MN-S NR2 have also been invited to attend. NexGen acknowledged that the Northern Village of La Loche is not a rights-bearing Indigenous community and that the CRDN and the MN-S NR2 are two distinct and separate Indigenous Nations but that for transparency on information shared, all are being invited to meet collectively.
12 June 2019	Letter, incoming	The CRDN replied to NexGen's letter dated 4 June 2019 regarding the meeting invitation for 18 June 2019.
13 June 2019	Phone call, incoming	The CRDN expressed that the CRDN would like to meet with NexGen separately from the Northern Village of La Loche and the MN-S NR2. NexGen and the CRDN agreed to meet on 18 June 2019.
18 June 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN to introduce the Study Agreement, which included capacity funding for a JWG, an IKTLU Study, a Community Coordinator, and a dietary study. Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.
19 September 2019	Phone call	NexGen and the CRDN had a phone call regarding arranging a meeting with the CRDN Chief and Council, the CNSC, and the ENV. The CRDN informed NexGen that the CRDN will not be able to attend this meeting and that the CRDN would set up a meeting between the CRDN and regulators. The CRDN expressed gratitude for NexGen's respectful approach to engagement and stated that the CRDN would be sending an invitation to arrange a meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia.
23 September 2019	Letter exchange	The CRDN sent NexGen a letter to request an engagement update meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia on 8 November 2019. NexGen responded to propose alternative dates. The CRDN suggested meeting on 13 November 2019 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to which NexGen agreed.
16 October 2019	Email exchange	Signing of a Study Agreement was completed between the CRDN and NexGen to outline a framework for working collaboratively to advance the EA of the Project. The Study Agreement includes funding for an IKTLU Study, a dedicated Community Coordinator, and establishing a JWG.
13 November 2019	In-person meeting	A meeting was held to discuss the Study Agreement in detail (including the IKTLU Study), plans for the upcoming community forum, and a tour of the Rook I site.

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14 November 2019	Email exchange	Between 14 and 20 November 2019, NexGen and the CRDN exchanged emails regarding scheduling meetings to support the activities outlined in the Study Agreement and to determine the appropriate meeting attendees. NexGen also sent a timeline with deliverable dates as agreed upon in the Study Agreement. The CRDN stated that there would be an update on the IKTLU Study and dietary study soon.
21 November 2019	Email, outgoing	NexGen sent the CRDN an email requesting support in conducting interviews with the CRDN members who have broad knowledge of the community or expertise in specific areas that are relevant to the socio-economic environment.
25 November 2019	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and proposed a plan for the JWG to fulfill the EIS submission requirements and to work within the community. The CRDN confirmed that the IKTLU Study and dietary study are aligned with the Study Agreement.
27 November 2019	Video conference	NexGen met with the CRDN and discussed the IKTLU Study and Household Food Survey progress as per the Study Agreement.
27 November 2019	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen to request possible dates to review the Consultation Policy being developed for the CRDN. This Policy was originally proposed in February 2019.
2 December 2019	Multiple methods	NexGen emailed the CRDN shapefiles that were requested during the meeting on 27 November 2019. Additional discussion occurred through email and phone calls and focused on: ▪ confirming that the socio-economic interviews can be arranged in La Loche, Saskatchewan; ▪ the CRDN drafting an email confirming the change in the timeline for the outstanding deliverables; and ▪ tentatively planning the first JWG meeting on 14 January 2020, if confirmed by Chief and Council. Meeting was eventually set for 31 January 2021.
9 December 2019	Email exchange	NexGen sent the CRDN a follow-up email regarding the socio-economic interviews and the JWG member selection and meetings. The CRDN stated that the CRDN would be having internal meetings during the week and would provide updates once available. The CRDN also stated that they had not received confirmation of the JWG membership yet. NexGen emailed the CRDN to connect the CRDN with InterGroup, who will be organizing interviews within the community.
16 December 2019	Email exchange	The CRDN instructed NexGen to have InterGroup reach out to a CRDN representative to arrange the interviews for the socio-economic sections of the EIS. InterGroup emailed the CRDN to begin organizing the social and economic interviews in the communities and advised that a phone message had been left that afternoon. InterGroup subsequently emailed the CRDN and provided a memorandum regarding the economic research InterGroup would like to conduct in January 2020.
6 January 2020	Text exchange	NexGen texted the CRDN to confirm the JWG meeting on 14 January 2020. The CRDN replied that they would confirm meeting times and call NexGen.
16 January 2020	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen to arrange the first JWG meeting in Saskatoon on 31 January 2020. The CRDN also confirmed the attendees.
17 January 2020	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN and discussed plans to engage a CRDN representative to assist in the socio-economic interviews being conducted at the CRDN.
31 January 2020	Email exchange	The CRDN emailed NexGen the IKTLU research plan sent to address the approach and timing of deliverables. The CRDN suggested that the interim IKTLU Study would be delivered to NexGen by 15 February 2020 and that the final report would be submitted by 31 March 2020.
31 January 2020	In-person meeting	Introductory meeting for the JWG. Topics included: ▪ introduction and logistics; ▪ overview of the Project; ▪ EA overview; ▪ overview of baseline studies; and ▪ overview of Indigenous Knowledge in the EA.

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2 February 2020	Email exchange	The CRDN emailed NexGen to request that the second and third JWG meetings occur in Edmonton, Alberta on 19 February 2020 and in Vancouver, British Columbia on 10 March 2020, respectively. NexGen agreed to the dates and locations to accommodate the CRDN's schedule.
19 February 2020	In-person meeting	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ introduction and logistics; ▪ overview of the Project; ▪ EA overview; ▪ overview of baseline studies; ▪ overview of Indigenous Knowledge in the EA; ▪ human health risk assessment; and ▪ consultation and the CRDN rights. Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.
3 March 2020	Text, outgoing	NexGen sent a text to the CRDN inquiring about a potential member to assist with field work from 16 to 26 March 2020.
4 March 2020	Email exchange	NexGen and the CRDN exchanged emails regarding the CRDN community forum that NexGen was invited to attend on 25 March 2020. The official invite was delivered in person by the CRDN on 10 March 2020.
10 March 2020	In-person meeting	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ baseline studies / existing environment; ▪ terrestrial: vegetation, wildlife, species at risk; ▪ aquatic: hydrology, water quality, fish, and fish habitat; ▪ potential pathways and assessment methodology; and ▪ socio-economic research. Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.
14 March 2020	Email, incoming	The CRDN notified NexGen that the CRDN community forum was cancelled due to COVID-19.
1 April 2020	Multiple methods	NexGen and the CRDN corresponded through conference calls, phone calls, and text messages to discuss the delay of the IKTLU Study. The CRDN suggested that the interim report would be delayed until 29 April 2020 and the final report delivery date was still to be determined.
20 April 2020	Video conference	NexGen and the CRDN met to discuss the status of the IKTLU Study and the community perception of the socio-economic effects anticipated from the Project.
28 April 2020	Multiple methods	The CRDN emailed and called NexGen to inform them that that the IKTLU Study would not be delivered until May 2020.
8 May 2020	Email, incoming	The CRDN informed NexGen that the IKTLU Study would be delivered on 11 May 2020.
19 May 2020	Phone call, incoming	The CRDN informed NexGen that their consultants requested another two weeks to complete the IKTLU Study, but that the CRDN instructed them to complete it by the end of the week.
5 June 2020	Email, incoming	The CRDN provided NexGen with an interim IKTLU Study as a preliminary report based on interviews conducted between 2010 and 2016. The interim IKTLU Study is an initial document and supplemental information will be obtained, though activities have been delayed due to COVID-19.
8 September 2020	Multiple methods	NexGen called the CRDN to request a JWG meeting via Zoom to continue engagement on the Project. A follow-up email was sent on 14 September 2020. NexGen and the CRDN agreed in a phone call on 25 September 2022 to define the next JWG meeting, and the CRDN directed NexGen to include specific CRDN representatives on a follow-up email. NexGen sent the CRDN an email as per the phone call on 25 September 2020 to set up the next JWG meeting.
22 October 2020	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen to provide an update on the IKTLU Study progress, the JWG meeting request, and Benefit Agreement progression.

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29 October 2020	Email exchange	The CRDN emailed NexGen and requested to meet on 3 November 2020 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to: ▪ discuss JWG meetings and follow-up requirements; ▪ share an update on the IKTLU Study; ▪ discuss the submission of the CRDN invoices for previous JWG meetings; ▪ review milestones and achievements of the Study Agreement; and ▪ discuss the newly introduced the CRDN communication application. NexGen replied and agreed to the meeting time and objectives.
3 November 2020	Video conference	NexGen and the CRDN met to discuss the next JWG meeting and to provide a status update on the EA, the IKTLU Study, and an opportunity to use a virtual engagement platform. The CRDN also confirmed that InterGroup can contact the CRDN to advance the socio-economic studies for the EA and that the CRDN is interested in conducting a tri-party meeting with NexGen and the CNSC once the IKTLU Study is complete.
10 November 2020	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN with the proposed schedule for virtual JWG meetings for the remainder of the year and throughout 2021 to provide the CRDN with time to prepare.
23 November 2020	Email, outgoing	NexGen followed up with the CRDN regarding the proposed JWG meeting for 8 December 2020.
30 November 2020	Email, outgoing	NexGen sent the CRDN an email requesting an update on the status of the IKTLU Study.
8 December 2020	Multiple methods	NexGen texted, phoned, and emailed the CRDN between 8 December 2020 and 17 December 2020 to request a meeting to plan the next JWG engagement meetings and to discuss the status of the delayed IKTLU Study.
22 December 2020	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and provided an update that the IKTLU Study was in final review prior to releasing it to Chief and Council. The CRDN advised that revisions would be completed over the Christmas holidays and would be presented to the CRDN in the New Year.
23 December 2020	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN a letter to provide details related to 2021 JWG activities, including scheduling monthly virtual JWG meetings in 2021, providing a list of proposed topics for future JWG meetings, and engaging technical expertise. NexGen proposed a meeting the first week in January 2020 to begin planning the next JWG meeting.
4 January 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen followed up with a series of emails between 4 January 2021 and 25 January 2021 to the CRDN regarding the JWG planning meeting proposed in January 2021 and updates on the IKTLU Study.
2 February 2021	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the CRDN and reminded the CRDN of the letter sent on 23 December 2020 and inquired if the JWG would be able to meet via Zoom on 10 February 2021 or 17 February 2021 to facilitate a JWG meeting. The CRDN replied to NexGen's request for a JWG meeting and noted they were waiting for direction from Chief and Council.
8 February 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and requested an update on the IKTLU Study.
22 February 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN to follow up on outstanding items from the 3 November 2020 meeting. NexGen advised that InterGroup have modified the in-community social and economic research program due to COVID-19 restrictions. NexGen requested that the CRDN identify a community member with the appropriate experience/skill set to conduct the interviews. NexGen noted that there would be training to help prepare the CRDN community member chosen to conduct the interviews.
6 March 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to the CRDN to provide an update with respect to submission of the EIS, revisit provisions under the Study Agreement, outline a proposed approach for continuing JWG discussions, and inquire as to the status of the socio-economic study for the CRDN. NexGen attached the January 2021 and February 2021 JWG presentations given to other JWGs and welcomed the opportunity to present the topics at the CRDN's convenience.

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12 March 2021	Letter, incoming	The CRDN replied to NexGen's letter from 6 March 2021. The CRDN stated that they agree to advance work under the Study Agreement and provided comments in advance of the proposed meeting on 24 March 2021. The CRDN acknowledged NexGen's target submission date for filing the EIS and noted that the CRDN is in discussions with the CNSC. The CRDN also provided updates on the IKTLU Study, the socio-economic interviews, and the JWG meetings. The CRDN confirmed that they are prepared to meet virtually for a JWG meeting on 24 March 2021.
18 March 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN to thank them for their letter dated 12 March 2021. NexGen confirmed that they are in the process of responding to the letter but that it was prudent to confirm the meeting details for the JWG meeting scheduled on 24 March 2021. NexGen stated they would prepare materials for "Part 1: The Baseline of the Host Environment and Project Area" and "Part 2: Potential Environmental Interactions and Effects" as per the agenda stated in the letter dated 12 March 2021.
18 March 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked them for the letter dated 12 March 2021 and suggested a phone call on 22 March 2021 to discuss the CRDN's preference for a researcher to complete the socio-economic research/interview program.
18 March 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN a letter in response to the letter received from the CRDN on 12 March 2021. NexGen provided updates and responses regarding the EIS, Study Agreement provisions, the CRDN IKTLU Study, the socio-economic interviews, and the JWG meetings. NexGen reiterated that continued engagement with the CRDN remains a priority and outlined near-term next steps to support the EA process.
24 March 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ terrestrial baseline studies; ▪ aquatic baseline studies; ▪ environmental interactions (pathways); ▪ cumulative effects; and ▪ next steps for the EA. Meeting minutes were provided after the meeting.
14 April 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN as follow up to the 24 March 2021 JWG meeting, including updates on actions from the JWG meeting.
29 April 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN to follow up on an action item from the 24 March 2021 JWG meeting that was to schedule a discussion between the CRDN and NexGen around environmental baseline and monitoring programs for the Project. NexGen inquired if the week of 10 May 2021 would work for the CRDN and proposed 11 May 2021 or 13 May 2021. NexGen noted areas of interest for this discussion to be collaboration on environmental field work programs; specifically, program design for incorporation of Indigenous Knowledge, as well as collaborating with community knowledge holders. NexGen requested the CRDN confirm a meeting date that would work, identify any key areas of interest for discussion, and identify any materials NexGen could provide to assist in preparation of the meeting.
3 May 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and followed up on the discussion at the 24 March 2021 JWG meeting regarding NexGen's approach to caribou (*Rangifer tarandus* species) mitigation and offsetting planning. NexGen stated that they would like to provide further details and invite the CRDN to participate in NexGen's planned Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen provided a letter invitation with appendices on the draft Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and noted that should the CRDN representative be interested in meeting, to reach out directly to NexGen to do so, with the identified NexGen and the CRDN representatives copied as per communication protocols. NexGen also provided the provincial caribou reports for the CRDN's review, as requested as an action item from the 24 March 2021 JWG meeting.

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4 May 2021	In-person meeting	The CRDN met with NexGen to discuss status updates on outstanding items from the Study Agreement, which included the IKTLU Study, socio-economic studies, and technical capacity support, as well as status updates on actions related to the JWG. The CRDN confirmed their desire to conduct the socio-economic KP interviews with the CRDN members themselves, using the KP interview guide NexGen used for other communities. Meeting minutes were provided after the meeting.
4 May 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided an update on NexGen's availability to meet to discuss the environmental baseline and monitoring. NexGen also requested that the CRDN reach out with any questions or to provide specific areas of interest for discussion.
6 May 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed a CRDN representative and thanked them for the meeting on 4 May 2021. NexGen advised that they would be reaching out to connect with the CRDN on the CRDN inputs into the socio-economic studies for the EIS and stated that NexGen was committed to working collaboratively with the CRDN to responsibly develop the Project.
7 May 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed a CRDN representative and provided the KP interview guide to assist with conducting the socio-economic KP interviews on behalf of the CRDN. NexGen requested that in the interest of consistency, the CRDN answer the questions within the guide with the CRDN community members. NexGen also requested an update on the Community Household Harvest Study. NexGen stated that a perception survey draft questionnaire would be compiled and that NexGen would seek inputs once developed.
7 May 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN to provide an update on the Project schedule and the milestone timelines.
12 May 2021	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and thanked them for the informative email regarding the socio-economic studies and advised that the CRDN would provide an update following a discussion with the CRDN team.
19 May 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and requested an update on the KP interviews for the socio-economic baseline studies, with a request that these be completed in May 2021, as well as a status update on the Community Household Harvest Study. NexGen outlined additional initiatives and welcomed a reply for all initiatives addressed in the email. NexGen referred to the email sent to the CRDN on 4 May 2021 regarding NexGen's planned Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program and asked for a CRDN update regarding that initiative. NexGen provided the related invitation as an attachment and noted that NexGen was looking to advance the initial aspects of the field program as early as June 2021.
20 May 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and requested an update on the KP interviews for the socio-economic baseline and the Community Household Harvest Survey.
7 June 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and requested an update on topics including: ▪ KP interviews for the CRDN for the socio-economic baselines; ▪ Community Household Harvest Survey status update; ▪ Rook I baseline program workshop; and ▪ Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen suggested potential days and times for a Zoom meeting to discuss.
16 June 2021	Email exchange	The CRDN emailed NexGen and advised that the KP interviews for the CRDN for the socio-economic baselines and the Community Household Harvest Survey would not begin until after the CRDN election at the end of June 2021. NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked them for the update and expressed interest to work together after the CRDN election.

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17 June 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and noted a list of information NexGen was hoping to receive from the CRDN and indicated the desire to align on the next steps of engagement once the election is complete. NexGen noted that the outstanding deliverables and programs are important to confirm that the CRDN's input is incorporated in the EA. Outstanding deliverables noted in the email included: ▪ KP interviews; ▪ Community Household Harvest Survey; ▪ Rook I baseline program workshop; ▪ Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program; and ▪ the CRDN IKTLU Study. Newly proposed programs included: ▪ targeted women's interviews; ▪ regional services; and ▪ regional services providers workshop.
30 June 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent the CRDN an engagement update letter and attached appendices regarding engagement on the EA for the Project, including JWG meeting presentations provided to other JWGs. NexGen stated that the intent of the letter was to confirm that information shared with the JWG is made available to all JWGs and to confirm any pending requests and information from the meetings and discussions are tracked and followed up on. The following appendices were included: ▪ March 2021 JWG presentation; ▪ April 2021 JWG presentation; ▪ hazard identification for the accidents and malfunctions assessment; ▪ regional highway maps of Highway 155 and Highway 955; ▪ May 2021 JWG presentation; and ▪ May 2021 JWG presentation summary.
2 July 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and noted NexGen had applied for a permit from the ENV to complete the work associated with the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen informed the CRDN that the ENV requested an engagement summary specific to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program and that NexGen will be providing a summary of when information about the program was presented to and discussed with the CRDN. It was also noted by NexGen that the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program is a proactive initiative to trial caribou reclamation and mitigation methods at the Rook I site and that work for the program was anticipated to commence in mid-July 2021.
29 July 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and noted attachment of the July 2021 engagement update letter for review to summarize the JWG engagement activities in June and July, present an outline for upcoming JWG activities, and to provide additional information regarding engagement on the EA for the Project. The following appendices were included: ▪ list of questions to explore for the July 2021 JWG meeting; ▪ June 2021 JWG presentation; ▪ June 2021 JWG summary; and ▪ April 2021 JWG summary.
30 July 2021	Email exchange	The CRDN emailed NexGen and noted that due to COVID-19 restrictions and other community processes of resuming Band operations, the CRDN's focus was to proceed with a limited and sensitive approach. The CRDN added that proper participation methods and practices with the community of the CRDN was vital moving forward and advised they would review the letter and attachments provided on 29 July 2021. NexGen replied to the CRDN and agreed that much work has been completed while working together and expressed anticipation for connecting again soon.

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31 August 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and advised of an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during July 2021 to mid-August 2021 and to share what was planned for EA engagement in September 2021. An attached appendix included a list of themes being considered for the community information sessions.
31 August 2021	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen in response to an engagement update letter provided by NexGen on 31 August 2021. The CRDN advised that they were reviewing all data and scheduling pertaining to the activities on items that reflect the CRDN's community and technical participation and added that several areas of the Project required attention.
9 September 2021	Multiple methods	The CRDN emailed NexGen and requested a call to discuss administrative aspects of the Study Agreement and clarify the outstanding technical items requiring the CRDN's attention. NexGen called the CRDN to discuss the CRDN's advancement of the IKTLU Study, the Harvest Foods Study, and the JWG. NexGen emailed the CRDN and noted discussion items from a call on 9 September 2021 to discuss the IKTLU Study, Harvest Foods Study, and the JWG. NexGen outlined several items related to the Study Agreement and the JWG process. NexGen re-extended an invitation to the CRDN to meet in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan for the CRDN to present to NexGen staff on various potential areas such as the CRDN IKTLU Study, culture, and customs. NexGen also extended an invitation for a Rook I site tour for Chief and Council and outlined details related to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program, including a request for the CRDN to assist with providing a CRDN member to participate in the program. The CRDN emailed NexGen and thanked them for the quick response regarding the Harvest Foods Study Report and the socio-economics interviews.
16 September 2021	Email exchange	The CRDN emailed NexGen and stated they have been reviewing the Project Description and requested engineering specifics for the Project to assist with strategy and planning. NexGen emailed the CRDN to confirm that NexGen would ask the Project engineers to provide the requested information.
17 September 2021	Multiple methods	NexGen emailed the CRDN and asked if there was an Elder or a CRDN knowledge holder that would like to take part in the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. The CRDN emailed NexGen and noted a concern with sending a knowledge holder out with the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program work as the CRDN would need to verify if the Elders agree to share on-the-ground, unsolicited information. NexGen called the CRDN regarding the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. The CRDN advised that they would try to find a community member that would be interested in participating and that a follow-up email would be sent, once confirmed. NexGen and the CRDN discussed the dates for the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program as well as the camp accommodations and policies. The CRDN were subsequently unable to identify a suitable participant.
17 September 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and asked if a CRDN consultant had completed socio-economic interviews to support the EIS.
27 September 2021	Multiple methods	NexGen emailed the CRDN to provide an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during late August 2021 and September 2021 and to share planned activities for October 2021. The CRDN responded on 29 September 2021 by email and outlined the CRDN's position with respect to participation in the CRDN / NexGen engagement process and stated the CRDN would be reaching out to discuss other Project matters soon.
5 October 2021	Email exchange	The CRDN and NexGen exchanged emails regarding a meeting to discuss 2022/2023 business opportunities.

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5 October 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and inquired if the socio-economic interviews had been delivered to the CRDN by the CRDN consultant.
3 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the EIS to the CNSC and the ENV. NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.
5 November 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided an engagement update letter and corresponding appendices summarizing engagement activities from August 2021 to October 2021 and to share a summary of the proposed activities for November 2021. The following appendices were included: ▪ July/August 2021 JWG presentation; ▪ July/August 2021 JWG summary; ▪ March 2021 JWG summary; and ▪ May 2021 JWG summary (re-issued).
5 November 2021	Letter, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen a letter and provided the final CRDN IKTLU Study.
19 November 2021	In-person meeting	NexGen hosted a meeting with leadership from local communities (i.e., the CRDN, the MN-S NR2, and La Loche) to discuss the Project training plan being advanced with training service providers (i.e., Northlands College, the Gabriel Dumont Institute, the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies, and the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification). Discussion was held around the challenges faced by local community members in pursuing post-secondary education or training (i.e., lack of resources in community, lack of access to computers/internet, lack of knowledge of potential careers, childcare and financial barriers for adult workers, and lack of delivery of training in communities).
6 December 2021	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the CRDN to discuss: ▪ proposed meeting time for a JWG meeting; ▪ the IKTLU Study, in which NexGen noted the open invitation for the CRDN to present the IKTLU Study as per the CRDN's request; and ▪ Benefit Agreements.
17 December 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and informed them that they were in the process of finalizing the EA results for the EIS and that they would like to present and discuss the results via discussions in a workshop format and proposed two workshops in early 2022. NexGen advised that the EA results workshops would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results and would be grouped by the themes of air, land, water, and people to be presented in multiple workshops.
21 December 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and advised of the attached engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in November 2021 and December 2021, summarized proposed activities for January 2022, and provided a copy of the community newsletter distributed to the local communities in November 2021.
7 January 2022	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the CRDN and confirmed availability for a meeting on 18 January 2022. NexGen offered to host the meeting in the Saskatoon office or an alternative location of the CRDN's preference. The CRDN emailed NexGen and advised that the upcoming meeting on 18 January 2022 would occur at an alternate location in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The CRDN noted the first part of the meeting would focus on action items related to the JWG, such as the Harvest Foods Study and the socio-economic survey, and that the second part of the meeting would focus on technical business areas for the Project.

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18 January 2022	Multiple methods	NexGen met with the CRDN to discuss topics and deliverables related to the EA and to plan the next series of JWG meetings for Q1 2022. Following the meeting, on 26 January 2022, NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked the CRDN for attending the planning meeting on 18 January 2021 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. NexGen provided a tentative schedule and highlights of the deliverables discussed.
26 January 2022	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the CRDN and requested clarification on the use of quotes from the CRDN IKTLU Study in the EIS. NexGen provided examples and advised that NexGen could follow up with a call to the CRDN on 31 January 2022 to confirm. On 27 January 2022, the CRDN emailed NexGen and advised of edits required in the IKTLU Study examples provided by NexGen via email on 26 January 2022. The CRDN noted that the CRDN would like to keep the details as original as possible and that they would reply back once confirmed.
3 February 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and inquired how the CRDN would like the IKTLU Study presented to the regulatory authorities as part of NexGen's EIS submission. NexGen noted that it had been mentioned at the meeting on 18 January 2022 and that the CRDN may have already discussed the matter with the CNSC. NexGen also provided the options outlined in the Study Agreement for how the CRDN may decide to present and submit the IKTLU Study with the EIS submission.
5 February 2022	Email exchange	The CRDN emailed NexGen and requested that the wording of quotes from the CRDN IKTLU Study be kept as written in NexGen's EIS. On 9 February 2022, NexGen emailed the CRDN and confirmed that NexGen would not modify the text of the quotes and would use the original wording from the CRDN Indigenous Rights and Knowledge Study in the EIS.
10 February 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and requested a meeting to connect regarding the planned EA Results workshops. NexGen noted that some of the scheduled workshops had been cancelled due to potential COVID-19 exposure. NexGen suggested meeting to discuss content, format, and timing for the workshops with the CRDN and asked that the CRDN provide availability for a one-hour meeting during the week of 21 February 2022.
11 March 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided an engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in January 2022 and February 2022 and outlining the upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached the March 2022 issue of the community newsletter as an appendix to the letter.
1 April 2022	Video conference	NexGen and the CRDN met to discuss planning for upcoming JWG meetings with respect to an results meeting, baseline data collection and monitoring programs for the Project, and the community foods study.
2 April 2022	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and expressed appreciation for NexGen's patience while the CRDN worked though the transition of the technical negotiation process. The CRDN noted they were on track to proceed and assist with outstanding Project criteria requirements going forward. The CRDN suggested that a meeting date be set in order to draft an agenda of items that would require immediate attention.
5 April 2022	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and expressed thanks for the discussion held on 1 April 2022. The CRDN listed the questions and items that were discussed, including arranging a meeting to discuss the EA results with Leadership, the upcoming baseline data collection and monitoring programs, and need for a community food study.
5 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and agreed with the CRDN's points regarding planning the EA results workshop. NexGen expressed interest in discussing the baseline programs for 2022 and requested guidance from other NexGen and CRDN members as to whom should be involved in those discussions. NexGen provided a summarized list of programs being considered for collaboration and additional points that should be considered for future discussions, including KP interviews and a perception study.
17 April 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen and the CRDN met for an Implementation Committee and business development meeting.

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16 May 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the May 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ a NexGen scholarship update; ▪ an introduction to a new NexGen team member; ▪ an update on the completed 2021 Rook I Field Program; ▪ information on Project jobs and opportunities; ▪ updates on Project advancement; ▪ contact information to learn more about the Project; and ▪ a word search.
23 June 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session in the CRDN to: ▪ update local communities on the Project and inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project; ▪ answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the Draft EIS submitted to the provincial and federal regulators; and ▪ provide information about the Draft EIS regulatory review process and how members of the local priority area can be involved in the review.
24 June 2022	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and expressed appreciation for participating in the CRDN's Industry and Government Informational gathering held on 23 June 2022.
13 July 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen and the CRDN met for an Implementation Committee meeting and engagement update meeting.
15 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and informed that the CNSC had completed the conformity review of NexGen's Draft EIS for the Project. NexGen advised that the CNSC would accept comments on the Draft EIS during a 90-day public comment period, which would provide Indigenous Nations and Communities, members of the public, and government departments and agencies an opportunity to submit their views in writing to the CNSC on the information presented in the Draft EIS. NexGen advised that the CNSC requested that all written comments must be submitted by 12 October 2022 and provided the website address where the CNSC public comment process for the Project could be found. NexGen expressed thanks to the CRDN leadership and community members for the collaborative approach that contributed to the development of the Draft EIS and noted NexGen looked forward to continued engagement throughout the lifespan of the Project.
18 July 2022	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and advised that the update regarding the CNSC conformity review of the Draft EIS for the Project would be shared with the CRDN Chief and the engagement team on 20 July 2022.
18 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN to thank them for their update and advised that the CRDN could reach out with any questions.
19 July 2022	Video conference	NexGen, the CNSC Federal-Indigenous Review Team, and the ENV met for a technical workshop to: ▪ provide an overview of NexGen, the Project, and the EA process and next steps; and ▪ provide an overview of the Project EIS structure and content to the federal and provincial review team.
20 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN requesting the invoice for technical capacity support that was discussed at a previous meeting. NexGen noted that the funding had been put aside to provide the CRDN with capacity funding for technical support to review the Draft EIS and was not a commitment in the Benefit Agreements. NexGen informed the CRDN that all Draft EIS documents from the CNSC website had also been uploaded to the CRDN-NexGen Benefit Agreements SharePoint site and indicated that any information requests should be directed to the NexGen Implementation and Engagement Team.
28 July 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming or proposed engagement activities. NexGen also noted the attachment of the poster booklet created for the June 2022 community information sessions and a copy of the May 2022 community newsletter.
1 August 2022	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and expressed thanks for the engagement update letter and suggested that additional discussions should occur about sharing information with the community. The CRDN also noted that joint NexGen/CRDN information could be included on the CRDN communication app once it was in place.

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10 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and advised that CanNorth had completed a Heritage Resource Impact Assessment survey proximal to the Patterson Lake bridge on the access road to the Rook I exploration camp this summer. NexGen advised that the survey was conducted proactively as part of a continued focus on the health, safety, and environmental aspects of activities related to current and future exploration activities. NexGen noted that during this survey, CanNorth found one site away from any disturbed area, and NexGen attached a PDF document to outline the survey area and test locations, and to provide photos, including a photo of the one endscraper tool that was found. NexGen also noted that CanNorth was working with the Heritage Conservation Board of the Government of Saskatchewan to submit a Saskatchewan Archaeological Resource Record to summarize the findings and to provide recommendations. NexGen informed the CRDN that a meeting with the Heritage Conservation Board had been held to discuss NexGen's commitment to engage with local Indigenous Groups and to sharing the survey results as well as the regulatory process associated with the finding. NexGen advised availability to discuss the survey findings, as well as any feedback or suggestions from the CRDN.
10 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and advised of the upcoming environmental monitoring work to be conducted at the Rook I site and to introduce new team members. NexGen informed the CRDN of the additional field work related to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial as well as the baseline gamma survey at the Rook I site that was planned to be completed during the summer and fall. NexGen indicated that Omnia would be at the Rook I site from 13 August 2022 to 27 August 2022 to complete a field program to conduct a natural regeneration assessment and noted that NexGen was interested in arranging a small tour while Omnia was on site to encourage discussion, knowledge sharing, and to answer questions. NexGen indicated that technical assistants were needed to assist in the field work and requested to be informed if there were any CRDN members who would be interested in participating. NexGen informed the CRDN of the baseline gamma radiation survey of the Project area that was planned to be completed in the fall. NexGen expressed interest in hiring four youth community members as technical assistants to support CanNorth with the survey and to invite an Elder to be present during the survey orientation. NexGen requested for the CRDN to confirm if there were interested members by 19 August 2022.
10 August 2022	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen confirming receipt of the email providing the update on the environmental monitoring and indicated that the community would discuss and define the CRDN's participation in the program.
18 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and advised that the Heritage Conservation Board had reviewed the report and recommendations submitted by CanNorth regarding the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment that was completed earlier in the summer. NexGen indicated that the Heritage Conservation Board had confirmed that the 30 m buffer around the site was acceptable and that the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment regulatory requirements have been satisfactorily completed. NexGen invited the CRDN to reach out with any questions or comments.
22 August 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the August 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the current Rook I site activities; ▪ a permitting status and update for the Project; ▪ information on the regulatory process for Project EA; ▪ a summary of how engagement activities informed the EA for the Project; and ▪ NexGen community program updates.
24 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and advised that the CNSC planned to hold a webinar on 13 September 2022 to present an overview on the CNSC review process for the proposed NexGen Rook I and Denison Wheeler River Projects as well as to provide Project updates. NexGen included the link to register for the webinar.

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7 September 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN and discussed the Benefit Agreement committee membership, the meeting scheduled on 20 September 2022 to discuss the 2022 Rook I site programs submitted for provincial approval, the Environmental Committee meeting tentatively scheduled on 12 October 2022 and 13 October 2022, to discuss the EA results, and the proposed CRDN Chief and Council Site tour.
10 September 2022	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and provided an attached letter with the CRDN comments on the Pre-Impact Heritage Resources Impact Assessment: Patterson Bridge Replacement Project document.
14 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN regarding a CRDN site tour tentatively scheduled on 11 October 2022 followed by the EA results workshop meeting. NexGen advised that an EA results presentation was being finalized and confirmed the focus of the workshop would be on the regulatory process and the results of the EA. NexGen offered to collaborate on the planning and logistics and requested for the CRDN to confirm their availability.
14 September 2022	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen regarding the CRDN site tour tentatively scheduled on 11 October 2022 and the EA results workshop meeting. The CRDN indicated that a confirmation date for the site tours would be discussed during the 15 September 2022 meeting and advised that the Chief of the CRDN would be confirming the proposed dates. The CRDN also informed NexGen of the CRDN contact to be updated with the EA results workshop planning.
14 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and acknowledged the update provided regarding the proposed site tour in October 2022 and thanked the CRDN for the additional information.
22 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN confirming receipt of the letter regarding the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment finding at Rook I dated 10 September 2022. NexGen noted the survey was a proactive measure to inform future work around the Patterson Lake bridge being evaluated as part of the continued focus on the health, safety, and environmental aspects of activities related to current and future exploration activities. NexGen attached a presentation summarizing the results of the survey and suggested to meet to discuss the CRDN's questions and requests as the next step.
22 September 2022	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen regarding the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment finding at Rook I. The CRDN thanked NexGen for the response to the letter sent on 10 September 2022 and requested additional information related to the permit. The CRDN indicated that arranging a meeting would work to discuss the information requests noted in the letter once the information was received.
29 September 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided an engagement update letter summarizing completed engagement activities and a summary of upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also provided a PDF copy of the August 2022 community newsletter.
11 October 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the October 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the 2022 Summer Student and Scholarship Programs; ▪ a summary of the June 2022 community information sessions; ▪ a Project status update; ▪ an introduction to the Project website; and ▪ an update on education, training, and employment initiatives.
11 October 2022	Email, outgoing	In response to the CRDN's follow-up questions emailed on 22 September 2022, NexGen emailed the CRDN and confirmed that a permit application had not submitted for the bridge upgrade work. NexGen indicated that a bridge upgrade was planned to be completed in the future and that the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment survey was initiated proactively in advance of the permit to complete the work. NexGen noted that additional information related to the 100-metre radius around the bridge, the site selections, and the chert endscraper analysis process has been requested from CanNorth and that NexGen would reach back out to the CRDN once the information has been received.
11 October 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided additional information on the Baseline Environmental Effects and the Traditional Foods Study Program that was planned to begin in 2023. NexGen requested for a single point of contact from the CRDN community to discuss and coordinate engagement for the program.

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11 October 2022	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen regarding the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment finding at Rook I. The CRDN thanked NexGen for the responses to the CRDN's follow-up questions and looked forward to hearing back with additional information.
19 October 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN Chief and Council and Environmental Committee and presented the results of the EA for the Project. The presentation focused on the Draft EIS and its four main themes of assessment and discussed the potential impacts to each, including atmosphere, water, land, and people.
1 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided a formal letter regarding the change to the Project Oversight Committee.
1 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN to follow up on the request for engagement on the baseline monitoring programs emailed on 11 October 2022. NexGen requested for confirmation on the CRDN contacts who would be involved and could assist in coordinating a meeting with CanNorth and NexGen to discuss the scopes.
2 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN in response to the CRDN's 11 October 2022 email and provided responses to the CRDN's follow-up questions related to the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment.
2 November 2022	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen regarding the responses to the follow-up questions related to the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment. The CRDN requested for additional information regarding the artifact.
4 November 2022	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and requested for the Borden number of the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment site that was recorded by CanNorth.
8 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and, in response to the CRDN's 4 November 2022 email, confirmed the Borden number of the site that was recorded by CanNorth. NexGen also informed the CRDN that the artifact was with CanNorth and that the anticipated submission to the Royal Saskatchewan Museum was in spring 2023. NexGen indicated that there were no plans for additional analysis to be conducted by the Royal Saskatchewan Museum and attached photographs of the artifacts for reference.
8 November 2022	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for providing the Borden number of the site recorded by CanNorth and the additional information regarding the artifact.
11 November 2022	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen forwarding the email that was sent to the CNSC with an attached letter of the CRDN Leadership's approved Information Requests.
22 December 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the December 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the education and training initiatives; ▪ an update on environmental monitoring programs; ▪ a summary of community updates and initiatives; ▪ a Project status update; and ▪ a Christmas message.
22 December 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN to provide an engagement update letter summarizing engagement activities completed in the fall of 2022 and a summary of proposed or upcoming engagement activities leading into 2023. NexGen also attached a copy of the EA Results presentation and copies of the October 2022 and December 2022 community newsletters. NexGen invited the CRDN to reach out if there were any questions or comments and expressed that NexGen looked forward to continued engagement with the CRDN in 2023.
30 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided the proposed agenda for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 31 January 2023. NexGen indicated that the meeting would be focusing on collaborating on the process to discuss and finalize responses to the CRDN's Federal-Indigenous Review Team comments on the Draft EIS as well as provide information on NexGen's baseline programs and the regional Traditional Foods Study. NexGen invited the CRDN to reach out if there were any questions and indicated that the agenda could be forwarded to others.

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31 January 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN for an Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen shared updates relating to the provincial and federal regulatory process for the Draft EIS, and NexGen and the CRDN discussed a collaborative process for discussing and resolving the CRDN's Federal-Indigenous Review Team comments submitted on the Draft EIS as part of the federal review of the Draft EIS. Additionally, CanNorth attended the Environmental Committee meeting to present on the upcoming regional Traditional Foods Study that NexGen was initiating in 2023.
24 February 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN as a follow up to the action item from the Environmental Committee meeting held on 31 January 2023 to formally connect CanNorth's employee leading the Patterson Lake Regional Traditional Foods Study with the CRDN's technical consultant and Environmental Committee member as well as the CRDN's Engagement Lead and Environmental Committee Regulatory Lead to continue the discussions regarding the CRDN's involvement in the Traditional Foods Study. NexGen advised that everyone's email addresses were included in the email chain to start the discussions and invited the CRDN to reach out if there were any questions.
13 March 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the CRDN regarding the meeting held on 31 January 2023 discussing NexGen's regional Traditional Foods Study. CanNorth inquired if the CRDN would be available to meet in April 2023 to continue the discussion on the details about the intent and design of the study, the potential synergies between NexGen's regional Traditional Foods Study and the CRDN's Harvest Study, data confidentiality, and potential concerns about the CRDN's participation in the study. CanNorth looked forward to meeting the CRDN to discuss the project and the potential to collaborate.
13 March 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed CanNorth and NexGen regarding CanNorth's request to meet in April 2023 to continue the discussion on NexGen's regional Traditional Foods Study. The CRDN advised that they would discuss the request internally.
20 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN to follow up on the Environmental Committee meeting held on 31 January 2023 and advised that the NexGen EA Team has been working on drafting responses to the CRDN submissions of the Federal-Indigenous Review Team and public comments on the Draft EIS. NexGen inquired if the CRDN would be available for a workshop to discuss and collaborate on the Federal-Indigenous Review Team responses during the week of 3 April 2023 or 10 April 2023.
20 March 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN to provide an engagement update letter summarizing engagement activities completed in the winter and to provide a summary of proposed or upcoming engagement activities for the spring. NexGen invited the CRDN to reach out if there were any questions or comments.
21 March 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen confirming that scheduling a workshop to discuss the Draft responses to the CRDN submissions of the Federal-Indigenous Review Team and public comments on the Draft EIS during the week of 3 April 2023 or 10 April 2023 would work. The CRDN noted that the table of draft responses that NexGen committed to providing during the last meeting would be required one week prior to the proposed workshop.
22 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked them for confirming that the week of 3 April 2023 or 10 April 2023 would work to schedule a workshop to discuss the draft responses to the CRDN submissions of the Federal-Indigenous Review Team and public comments on the Draft EIS. NexGen noted the workshop would be discussed internally and reach back out to the CRDN with proposed dates.
22 March 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed CanNorth and NexGen and requested for CanNorth to provide the interview questions related to NexGen's regional Traditional Foods Study for the CRDN's review prior to scheduling a meeting.
30 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN to propose scheduling the workshop to discuss the draft responses to the CRDN submissions of the Federal-Indigenous Review Team and public comments on the Draft EIS on 25 April 2023 or 26 April 2023. NexGen inquired if the proposed dates would work and indicated that pre-meeting materials would be provided for review one week prior to the meeting. NexGen requested for the CRDN to provide several options if the proposed dates do not work.
30 March 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that 25 April 2023 or 26 April 2023 to discuss the draft responses to the CRDN submissions of the Federal-Indigenous Review Team and public comments on the Draft EIS would work.

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4 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN a meeting invite for an Environmental Committee meeting on 25 April 2023 to discuss and workshop responses to the CRDN Federal-Indigenous Review Team and public comments on the Draft EIS. NexGen indicated that pre-meeting materials would be distributed one week prior to the meeting and proposed that the meeting be held in-person at the NexGen Saskatoon office. NexGen indicated that participants who would be unable to attend in-person could use the Microsoft Teams meeting link provided to join virtually.
18 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN informing of the meeting held with the CNSC during the week of 10 April 2023 and indicated there were a few action items that came from the meeting to keep progressing the Project. NexGen stated that the CNSC would need to connect with the CRDN to get resolution and direction as the implementation and mechanisms of the Benefit Agreement may have resolved some of the outstanding items. NexGen inquired if the CRDN could reach out to the CNSC to address the action items.
18 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN attaching the meeting materials for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 25 April 2023 for review. NexGen informed the CRDN of what was included in the presentation and indicated the CRDN issues and concerns summary that would be used to discuss the issues and concerns table had also been attached. NexGen proposed to discuss the CRDN Federal-Indigenous Review Team comments and responses first, followed by the summary of issues and concerns, and the public comments if there was time. NexGen stated that a follow up meeting could be arranged for items that do not get discussed during the workshop and invited the CRDN to reach out if there were any questions prior to the meeting.
18 April 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and thanked them for providing the meeting materials for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 25 April 2023.
21 April 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the April 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the education and training initiatives; ▪ regulatory process updates for the Project; and ▪ a summary of community engagement updates.
25 April 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN for an Environmental Committee meeting to discuss and workshop responses to the CRDN Federal-Indigenous Review Team comments and summary of issues and concerns on the Draft EIS.
10 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN providing the schedule of the community information sessions about the Project planned for 12 June 2023 to 16 June 2023 in the local priority area communities. NexGen indicated the community information sessions would be a drop-in format with a series of poster stations staffed by NexGen staff who would be available to share information and answers. NexGen also shared the objectives of the community information sessions and noted that the staff of the CNSC and the ENV would be in attendance to explain their roles as regulatory agencies and to answer any questions from community members. NexGen stated the community information sessions would be open to all community members and members of the public and would be advertised through monthly radio announcements. NexGen indicated that posters would be created to share and post in the communities and that invitation cards would be mailed out. NexGen thanked the CRDN for helping confirm the dates and venues and invited the CRDN to reach out if there were any questions or additional information needed.
14 May 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen confirming that the CRDN Treaty Days would occur on 16 June 2023 and stated the community information session on the Project could proceed. The CRDN indicated that a formal invitation would be sent to organizations and government affiliates to participate once the poster with the event details has been completed the CRDN indicated they assume that the opportunity would present a showcase similar to the 2022 participation Treaty Day celebrations (i.e., the 2022 community information sessions).
15 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked them for confirming the CRDN Treaty Days would occur on 16 June 2023 and that the NexGen community information session on the Project could proceed. NexGen invited the CRDN to reach out if there was anything that NexGen could assist with and noted that they would keep the CRDN informed as to the community information session planning.

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19 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN forwarding the email from the CNSC regarding capacity funding available to Indigenous Nations and communities.
24 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN to follow up regarding the regional Traditional Foods Study that NexGen has initiated for the Patterson Lake area. NexGen expressed they would like the CRDN's involvement in the study and invited the CRDN to reach out if there were any questions or would like to schedule a time to meet with CanNorth to continue the discussion on the next steps for the study. NexGen also invited the CRDN to reach out if there was any additional information the CRDN would like to review prior to arranging a meeting.
24 May 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen in response to NexGen's follow up on the regional Traditional Foods Study initiated for the Patterson Lake area. The CRDN indicated that they would check internally for advisory comments.
24 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked them for checking internally for advisory comments on the regional Traditional Foods Study initiated for the Patterson Lake area.
6 June 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and provided a file with the interview results regarding CRDN Traditional Foods use. The CRDN advised the names were withheld for confidentiality and noted that corrections were made. The CRDN indicated that NexGen could reach out if there were any questions or if additional information was required.
8 June 2023	Email, incoming	A CRDN member emailed NexGen regarding the Indigenous Monitor position and inquired about the day-to-day duties of the role and where the location of the position. The CRDN member indicated they would forward their resume.
8 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed a CRDN member and explained more about the Indigenous Monitor position. NexGen noted the requirements and listed some of the potential tasks of the role. NexGen informed the CRDN member that NexGen's Engagement Lead would connect them with the CRDN contact for the Environmental Committee for additional information and requested for the CRDN member to submit their resume.
9 June 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the June 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ information about the upcoming June 2023 community information sessions; ▪ education, training, and employment updates; and ▪ a summary of community updates and initiatives.
9 June 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also provided copies of NexGen's April 2023 and June 2023 community newsletters and digital copies of the brochure and application form for the 2023-2024 NexGen Scholarship Program. NexGen invited the CRDN to reach out if there were any questions and expressed that they hope to see the CRDN at the upcoming community information sessions.
9 June 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for sending the engagement update letter for the Project, copies of NexGen's April 2023 and June 2023 community newsletters, and the digital copies of the brochure and application form for the 2023-2024 NexGen Scholarship Program. The CRDN noted that they would review the documents during the week of 12 June 2023 and provide NexGen feedback.
9 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked the CRDN for confirming feedback on the engagement update letter for the Project would be provided.
13 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked them for sending the results regarding the CRDN's Traditional Foods use. NexGen inquired if the information could be shared with CanNorth for the regional Traditional Foods Study conducted for the Patterson Lake region and if the CRDN would be interested in taking part of anything further for the study.

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16 June 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session in CRDN to: ▪ update local communities on the Project and inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project; ▪ share information about the EIS review process including when and how members of the public have had and will continue to have opportunities for ongoing involvement in the regulatory process; ▪ share an overview of the licensing and permitting required for the Project; ▪ share information on environmental monitoring, employment opportunities, and education and training initiatives; and ▪ answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the EIS.
18 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN providing the updated CRDN Federal-Indigenous Review Team comment responses and issues and concerns table as a follow up to action items from the Environmental Committee meeting held on 25 April 2023. NexGen also included summary tables outlining modifications made to each table based on the workshop. NexGen confirmed that the next step would be to generate letters prepared by the CRDN to the CNSC confirming the items reflected in the responses for the purpose of the federal EA process. NexGen thanked the Environmental Committee members for the collaborative and transparent approach working through the regulatory process for the Project. NexGen indicated the next Environmental Committee meeting to work through the CRDN public comments submitted as part of the federal EA process would be scheduled after the Federal-Indigenous Review Team and issues and concerns letters had been finalized.
19 June 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and thanked them for the updated Federal-Indigenous Review Team comment responses and issues and Concerns tables. The CRDN informed NexGen that the CRDN's process requires full consultation with leadership in all developments proceeding in all environmental areas and noted that the CRDN would hold further internal discussion prior to presenting to the CRDN Chief. The CRDN indicated that they would discuss the commitments moving forward with NexGen.
19 June 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that the CRDN Traditional Foods use information could be shared with CanNorth. The CRDN indicated they would look into the additional study items and stated they were sure there would be sample donation for testing.
21 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked them for sending the CRDN food study information. NexGen indicated the information was shared with CanNorth and was advised that some of the information could be incorporated into the broader NexGen regional Traditional Foods Study. NexGen explained that one of the main goals of the broader Traditional Foods Study was to get the grams/per person/day to verify the assumptions in the EIS and inquired if the CRDN would be willing to share additional information around portion sizes, species-specific information, and harvest location mapping. NexGen indicated that CanNorth could assist with training the community interviewers and noted that there was also a concern with how the CRDN data could be shared while maintaining the CRDN's anonymity within the Regional Study. NexGen proposed to arrange a call between NexGen, the CRDN, and CanNorth to discuss options and next steps.
22 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and introduced a CRDN member who had questions regarding the Indigenous Monitor position. NexGen stated that some of the potential tasks for the position was shared with the CRDN member and indicated the purpose of the introduction was to allow the CRDN member to ask any questions directly to the CRDN Environmental Committee representatives. NexGen invited for the CRDN to reach out if there were any questions.
22 June 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and agreed with the proposed meeting to discuss next steps for the NexGen regional Traditional Foods Study. The CRDN also indicated that they would consult internally regarding the additional information around portion sizes.
23 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN regarding scheduling a meeting to discuss next steps for the NexGen regional Traditional Foods Study and requested for the CRDN to provide a time that would work.

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4 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and inquired if the CRDN had a chance to follow up on further participation on the regional Traditional Foods Study. NexGen indicated that they would be available for a meeting along with CanNorth in the afternoon of 11 July 2023 or anytime on 12 July 2023.
20 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and shared the public notice received from the ENV regarding the Notice of Provincial Review of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* and from the CNSC regarding the Notice of the CNSC Capacity Funding Availability. NexGen included a brief overview of the notices and included links for additional information.
27 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided a letter regarding the development of a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan for the Project and the formation of a Caribou Working Group. NexGen proposed a regional approach to set up a Caribou Working Group to include representation from the CRDN, the MN-S NR2, the BNDN, and the BRDN. NexGen also proposed to hold the first regional Caribou Working Group meeting on 29 August 2023 at the NexGen office in Saskatoon and encouraged the CRDN's participation. NexGen requested for confirmation of a CRDN representative to participate in the meeting and invited the CRDN to reach out if there were any questions.
9 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN as a follow up to NexGen's 27 July 2023 email and inquired if there was a CRDN representative to participate in the proposed 29 August 2023 meeting for the Caribou Working Group.
10 August 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and advised that they would get back to NexGen with a CRDN representative to participate in the proposed 29 August 2023 meeting for the Caribou Working Group.
10 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked them for confirming that the CRDN would get back with a CRDN representative to participate in the proposed 29 August 2023 meeting for the Caribou Working Group.
11 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN regarding the upcoming September 2023 edition of the NexGen Community Newsletter for the Project. NexGen informed the CRDN that the community contacts for each of the Indigenous Groups in the local priority area for the Project would be listed in the newsletter and inquired for the CRDN to confirm the CRDN Implementation Coordinator contact. NexGen included a screenshot of the June 2023 newsletter clip of the community contacts for reference.
14 August 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and requested for NexGen not to include the CRDN on any newsletters or information inclusive until direction from the Chief of the CRDN had been received. The CRDN informed NexGen that they have the exclusive rights alone for the release of any CRDN community information.
14 August 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities.
14 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked them for the update on including the CRDN community information in the NexGen newsletter. NexGen indicated that they would wait to hear back from the CRDN.
22 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and inquired if there was a CRDN representative available to join the Caribou Working Group meeting on 29 August 2023 either in-person or virtually. NexGen requested for confirmation as to who the meeting invite should be sent to and advised that representatives from the MN-S, the BNDN, and the BRDN had recently been confirmed.
22 August 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and indicated that they would confirm if the CRDN's consultant could participate on behalf of the CRDN in the Caribou Working Group meeting on 29 August 2023.
22 August 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that the CRDN's consultant would be participating in the Caribou Working Group meeting on 29 August 2023 on behalf of the CRDN.
22 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked them for confirming that the CRDN's consultant would be participating in the Caribou Working Group meeting on 29 August 2023 on behalf of the CRDN. NexGen noted the meeting invite would be forwarded to the CRDN's consultant.

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28 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and listed the next steps that the CNSC needed from the CRDN to progress the consultation process. NexGen invited the CRDN to reach out if there were any questions.
29 August 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the Project Woodland Caribou Working Group for a kick-off meeting to introduce the group members, establish a framework for how the Caribou Working Group would work together, and to provide an overview of caribou in the context of the Project and what work has been completed to date.
29 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN regarding the community-based regional Traditional Foods Study for the Project that NexGen was working with the local priority area Indigenous Groups to complete. NexGen informed the CRDN they had been working with CanNorth to discuss adjustments to the timeline to create a well-informed sampling program that was developed based on interviews from all participating communities. NexGen thanked the CRDN for sharing the results of previous interviews regarding the CRDN Traditional Foods use and for sharing the information with CanNorth to use in the regional Traditional Foods Study. NexGen stated they were interested in having the CRDN participate further by conducting supplementary interviews to collect more quantitative data as well as harvest location mapping and provided a revised timeline for the CRDN's involvement in the regional Traditional Foods Study. NexGen advised that CanNorth would use the new information gathered paired with the previous qualitative data provided by the CRDN to inform the 2024 sampling program once the community interviews were complete. NexGen informed the CRDN that CanNorth would produce a final report in the summer of 2024. NexGen invited the CRDN to reach out if there were any questions regarding the timeline or if there were any concerns about the CRDN being able to participate further in the regional Traditional Foods Study and obtain approval to proceed by 30 November 2023.
30 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN advising that the ENV has completed its EA Technical Review for the Project and that NexGen had submitted the provincial Final EIS to the ENV. NexGen informed of the next steps under the provincial EA process and noted it was different from the federal EA public review process that occurred for the Draft EIS. NexGen stated they would be happy to meet and discuss any questions regarding the provincial Final EIS or the provincial EA process with the CRDN. NexGen indicated the provincial Final EIS would be posted on the ENV's website for the commencement of the public review period and noted an updated link to the ENV website would be provided. NexGen also informed that a copy of the provincial Final EIS had been uploaded to the CRDN and NexGen Benefit Agreement SharePoint site and listed what was included in the upload. NexGen provided a progress update on the completion of responses to the federal technical and public review comments received on the Draft EIS through the federal EA review process with the CNSC. NexGen advised that they must also receive positive federal licensing and provincial permitting decisions for the Project to be fully approved and for Construction to begin. NexGen invited the CRDN to reach out if there were any questions and welcomed the opportunity to share further updates and information at a future Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen thanked the CRDN for the continued collaboration throughout the provincial EA process.
31 August 2023	Email, incoming	The ENV emailed the CRDN and copied NexGen on the correspondence providing an attached letter inviting the CRDN to review and confirm the Duty to Consult Record for the Project. The ENV also attached a copy of the Consultation Report that would be provided as part of the Final EIS by NexGen as well as a copy of the ENV's technical review comments summarizing the expected impacts of the Project, proposed mitigation measures and technical review findings, and information for applying for a Fast Track Grant. The ENV stated that a hard copy of the Notice of Review Period, technical review comments, and Fast Track Grant Fact sheet would also be couriered to the CRDN and requested for any comments to be submitted to the ENV by 3 October 2023.
31 August 2023	Email, incoming	The ENV emailed the CRDN and copied NexGen on the correspondence thanking the CRDN for pointing out the error in the previous email. The ENV stated that a corrected Notice of Review letter had been attached.
31 August 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed the ENV and copied NexGen on the correspondence thanking the ENV for the update on the Duty to Consult Record for the proposed Project. The CRDN stated they would discuss with the Chief of the CRDN along with the collective positioning of support for the Project.

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1 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and advised that NexGen was copied on the ENV correspondence to the Chief of the CRDN regarding the review and confirmation of the Provincial Duty to Consult Record for the Project. NexGen attached a copy of the correspondence for the CRDN Environmental Committee members and Implementation Coordinator. NexGen noted that all copied on the email have already received the correspondence and stated that NexGen was following up to remain consistent with the established Environmental and Implementation Committee communication processes.
1 September 2023	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the CRDN to confirm if the emails sent on 30 August 2023 and 1 September 2023 regarding the provincial Final EIS has been received, if the SharePoint access worked, and if there were any questions. The CRDN stated there were no concerns and noted that the CRDN would reach out to NexGen's Vice President, Community during the week of 3 September 2023 to discuss the letter of support. The CRDN also confirmed availability to meet in-person in Saskatoon during the week of 10 September 2023.
3 September 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and inquired if a meeting could be scheduled to discuss the next steps that the CNSC needed from the CRDN to progress the consultation process emailed on 28 August 2023.
5 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided a link to the notification regarding the public review period for NexGen's provincial Final EIS that has been posted on the ENV website. NexGen also included the link to the ENV website where the Final EIS and supporting documentation could be downloaded.
11 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Caribou Working Group and thanked the group for helping make the first meeting held on 29 August 2023 a success. NexGen attached the meeting minutes, presentation, and a visual charter for review, as well as provided a link to the requested resources as a follow up to some of the action items. NexGen informed the Caribou Working Group that a placeholder for the workshop on 16 October 2023 has been sent out and noted that NexGen would also be inviting regulators as guests to the workshop. NexGen advised that additional information would be sent out closer to the date.
11 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided an update that the CNSC has confirmed the final Licence Application to Prepare and Construct the Project was submitted on 1 September 2023 and in compliance with all applicable CNSC requirements. NexGen also informed the CRDN that they have recently submitted responses to the federal technical review comments received on the Draft EIS as well as continue to finalize responses to all public comments received through the federal EA review process. NexGen thanked the CRDN for the collaborative effort on developing responses to the federal technical review comments and expressed that NexGen looked forward to using a similar approach for the CRDN public comment submission as part of concluding the federal public review process. NexGen advised that the CNSC would be holding a public hearing prior to making an EA or licensing decision on the Project and noted that a hearing date has not yet been determined. NexGen invited the CRDN to reach out if there were any questions or concerns.
12 September 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen thanking NexGen for sharing the update that the CNSC has confirmed the final Licence Application to Prepare and Construct the Project was submitted on 1 September 2023 and in compliance with all applicable CNSC requirements. The CRDN stated that further discussion with the Chief of the CRDN would be held at the next internal meeting and noted that the CRDN would also be meeting with NexGen's Vice President, Community to review the technical project areas soon.
13 September 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen hosted the CRDN Chief and members of the CRDN Council at the Rook I site for a tour.
22 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN providing a draft letter for the CRDN to send to the CNSC to provide confirmation that the issues and concerns validation process has been completed by the CRDN-NexGen Environmental Committee to satisfy federal EA requirements for the Project. NexGen also attached the completed issues and concerns summary table to accompany the letter to the CNSC. NexGen expressed appreciation for the CRDN's collaboration and support of the Project and looked forward to continuing to work with the Environmental Committee throughout the regulatory process.

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6 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN regarding NexGen's visit to the high schools in the local priority area in October 2023 to conduct career information sessions with the students in Grades 10 to 12. NexGen indicated that three training institutions have been invited to share program information and welcomed the CRDN Leadership, Implementation Committee, and Environmental Committee to attend. NexGen provided the schedule of the visits for reference.
12 October 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN copied NexGen on an email to the CNSC providing a signed letter confirming community support for the Project.
13 October 2023	Email, incoming	The CNSC copied NexGen on an email to the CRDN acknowledging the letter confirming community support for the Project emailed on 12 October 2023. The CNSC indicated they were waiting on a resubmission from NexGen before undertaking the Federal-Indigenous Review Team technical review of NexGen's information requests' responses. The CNSC advised the letter from the CRDN would be posted to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project along with the results of the technical review of information requests' responses.
14 October 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN copied NexGen on an email to the CNSC thanking the CNSC for the 13 October 2023 email response to the CDRN letter confirming community support for the Project. The CRDN also informed the CNSC to include the CRDN Chief and the Environmental Advisor for the CRDN engagement team on Federal-Indigenous Review Team correspondence moving forward.
16 October 2023	Email, incoming	The CNSC copied NexGen on an email to the CRDN confirming the CRDN Chief and the Environmental Advisor for the CRDN engagement team would be included on all Federal-Indigenous Review Team correspondence moving forward as requested.
17 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN regarding scheduling the next Environmental Committee meeting to discuss updates on the regulatory process for the Project and share information about some of the environmental programs occurring or planned to occur at site. NexGen proposed to hold the Environmental Committee meeting on 6, 9, or 10 November 2023 and indicated that the CRDN could also provide alternative dates for consideration.
19 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN regarding the community-based Traditional Foods Study for the Project and inquired if the CRDN would be participating further and completing supplementary interviews and mapping.
30 October 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the Project Woodland Caribou Working Group and the provincial and federal regulators for a workshop. Stantec presented the caribou offset options and gathered feedback to inform the draft Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan for the Project.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the CRDN providing a letter informing that the Minister of Environment has given NexGen approval to proceed with the proposed Project. The ENV also attached the Decision and Reasons for Decision for reference and stated that a hard copy would be mailed to the CRDN.
8 November 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the October 2023 newsletter.
9 November 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the October issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ a summary of the June 2023 Community Information Sessions; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
10 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Chief of the CRDN providing a letter regarding the recent provincial Approval of the Project EA and thanked the CRDN for the support through the provincial EA process.
19 December 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDN copied NexGen in an email to the CNSC and provided the CRDN's Federal-Indigenous Review Team acceptance response to the October 2023 NexGen responses to information requests for the Draft EIS for the Project.

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20 December 2023	Letter, incoming	The CNSC emailed NexGen and copied the IAAC, ECCC, ENV, CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN, providing a letter requesting clarification regarding potential linkages between recent exploration activities at the Rook I site and the Project.
5 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CNSC and copied the IAAC, ECCC, ENV, CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN, providing a letter in response to CNSC's 20 December 2023 letter. The letter confirmed that Rook I site exploration activities in question were required to inform Project design but do not represent development of the Project. In addition, the letter included a summary of NexGen's engagement activities with Indigenous Groups and regulatory agencies prior to submission of the exploration program permit application. NexGen confirmed that all activities being undertaken at the Rook I site are compliant with the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. NexGen provided responses to each of the information requests from CNSC's letter.
10 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN Chief providing the monthly report delivered on the local radio stations to share updates on the Project EA, community engagement, business and contracting, employment and training, and Rook I site activities.
11 January 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen regarding the MLTC Client Engagement and Job Fair scheduled on 30 January 2024 that would be hosted in the CRDN community and inquired if NexGen would be available to attend.
15 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and proposed to schedule the next Environmental Committee meeting on 12 February 2024 to discuss regulatory updates, current and upcoming environmental initiatives and monitoring programs, and to flag key dates and opportunities for the year. NexGen inquired if the proposed date would work and stated the meeting could be held in-person or virtually. NexGen also proposed to schedule the quarterly Environmental Committee meetings for 2024 and listed potential dates for consideration.
15 January 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen regarding the proposed Environmental Committee meetings and suggested to not explore meeting dates beyond the proposed 12 February 2024 meeting. The CRDN stated the date would be discussed internally and a confirmation would be provided to NexGen. The CRDN indicated that a discussion regarding the CRDN's participation in the final approval process of the Project would be held with NexGen's Vice President, Community during the week of 22 January 2024.
15 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked the CRDN for looking into the proposed 12 February 2024 Environmental Committee meeting date. NexGen also invited the CRDN to provide alternative dates for consideration and acknowledged the CRDN's preference to hold off on scheduling any additional quarterly Environmental Committee meetings beyond February 2024.
24 January 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the CRDN met for an Implementation Committee meeting.
30 January 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen attended the career fair in the CRDN community, hosted by the CRDN and the MLTC.
30 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN regarding the proposed 12 February 2024 Environmental Committee meeting and inquired if the date would work for the CRDN Environmental Committee members or if an alternate date would be preferred.
30 January 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen regarding the proposed 12 February 2024 Environmental Committee meeting and indicated that there were some minor internal Environmental Committee process changes. The CRDN advised that a call would be made to NexGen's Vice President, Community to discuss.
31 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen noted that a 2023 'year-in-review' table summarizing the Project engagement activities between the CRDN and NexGen was also included in the letter. NexGen expressed looking forward to meeting with the CRDN soon.
8 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN regarding the proposed 12 February 2024 Environmental Committee meeting and followed up to confirm if the CRDN has connected with NexGen's Vice President, Community to discuss. NexGen inquired if the CRDN was interested in meeting on the proposed date or if a later date in February 2024 would work better.

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14 February 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and requested to discuss the results of the Federal-Indigenous Review Team review of NexGen's 31 October 2023 EIS submission for the proposed Project.
14 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and stated that NexGen would call to discuss the results of the Federal-Indigenous Review Team review of NexGen's 31 October 2023 EIS submission for the proposed Project as requested.
14 February 2024	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the CRDN to discuss the Federal-Indigenous Review Team review of NexGen's EIS. NexGen confirmed with CRDN that the CRDN Federal-Indigenous Review Team comments were considered complete with no further action required from the CRDN.
28 February 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the Training Committee members and discussed the following key topics: ▪ university requirements for secondary school math and science; ▪ progress of the Export database; ▪ training to employment needs; and ▪ update on the completed, current, and upcoming training programs.
1 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided the results of the Federal-Indigenous Review Team review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen advised that all the CRDN information requests and advice to proponent responses have been designated as accepted or conditionally accepted by the CNSC and included a link to the results of the Federal-Indigenous Review Team review on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry. NexGen indicated the comments from the Federal-Indigenous Review Team technical review was being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments. NexGen thanked the CRDN for participating in the Federal-Indigenous Review Team process and for working together on the responses to the CRDN comments.
3 March 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for providing an update on the results of the CNSC Federal-Indigenous Review Team review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process.
4 March 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed the location details for the meeting scheduled on 7 March 2024.
4 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN regarding the meeting scheduled on 7 March 2024 and thanked the CRDN for confirming the venue location. NexGen advised that a meeting room in which Microsoft Teams could be connected to would be required and noted there would be several NexGen team members joining the meeting virtually.
5 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the regional training committee members and provided the minutes from the Training Committee meeting held on 28 February 2024.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN providing the draft agenda and presentation for review for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 7 March 2024.
6 March 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for providing the draft agenda and presentation for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 7 March 2024.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided the table of NexGen's responses to the CRDN public comments submitted as part of the federal EA review process for the Project for review. NexGen indicated that a breakout Environmental Committee meeting could be arranged if there were any comment responses that CRDN would like to discuss further.
7 March 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the CRDN met for an Environmental Committee meeting. Key topics included: ▪ an update on the regulatory approvals and public comment processes for the Project; ▪ an overview of ongoing environmental monitoring programs; ▪ discussions on working in collaboration on federal licensing documents as well as end land use planning for the Project; and ▪ an overview of the 2024 exploration programs.

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14 March 2024	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the March 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
18 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and requested for the CRDN to confirm availability for an introductory meeting between 1 April 2024 and 4 April 2024 with Integral Ecology Group to present additional information on end land use planning for the Project as a follow up to an action item from the Environmental Committee meeting held on 7 March 2024. NexGen also inquired if the CRDN has reviewed NexGen's responses to the CRDN public comments submitted as part of the federal EA process.
19 March 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed availability for the introductory meeting with Integral Ecology Group to present additional information on end land use planning for the Project. The CRDN also indicated the review of the NexGen responses to the CRDN public comments was complete and advised that the CRDN would be providing comments during the week of 25 March 2024.
20 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN regarding scheduling an introductory meeting with Integral Ecology Group to present additional information on end land use planning for the Project and stated that NexGen would get back to the CRDN with several proposed meeting dates. NexGen also thanked CRDN for the status update on the review of the NexGen responses to the CRDN public comments.
21 March 2024	Email, incoming	The CNSC emailed NexGen and copied representatives from the Environmental Committee, ECCC, ENV, Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, CRDN, MN-S NR2, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN to provide a letter related to CNSC's response to NexGen's correspondences of 23 January 2024 and 24 January 2024, relating to a request to hold further meetings between NexGen and the CNSC senior executives. The CNSC noted that discussions on a Commission hearing date can only progress once NexGen has addressed the remaining information requests related to the technical review of the environmental assessment submissions.
22 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and inquired if 4 April 2024 would work for a call with Integral Ecology Group.
26 March 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that 4 April 2024 would work for a call with Integral Ecology Group.
26 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and thanked the CRDN for confirming availability for a call with Integral Ecology Group on 4 April 2024. NexGen stated a meeting invite would be sent out.
4 April 2024	Video conference	Representatives of NexGen, the CRDN, and Integral Ecology held a meeting to discuss end land use planning and reclamation for the Project.
5 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and followed up on the CRDN public comments and NexGen's responses. NexGen inquired if the CRDN has reviewed NexGen's responses to the CRDN public comments and if there were any questions.
8 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN to inform about the 2024 NexGen community information sessions. NexGen proposed to visit the CRDN with a team of experts on 29 May 2024 to discuss NexGen's initiatives and to answer any questions or concerns. NexGen indicated that CNSC, the province, and training institutes were anticipated to be available. NexGen attached the community information sessions schedule for the CRDN's review and reference.
9 April 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and requested for the minutes from the past Environmental Committee meetings. The CRDN also inquired when the next Environmental Committee meeting was scheduled.
14 April 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and followed up on the requested minutes from the past Environmental Committee meetings and when the next Environmental Committee meeting was scheduled.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
15 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and advised that the CRDN had access to the NexGen-CRDN SharePoint site to access all of the CRDN Environmental Committee documents. NexGen indicated the next Environmental Committee meeting was anticipated to be scheduled in June 2024 and inquired if there was a date that would work for the CRDN.
16 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and provided the link to the SharePoint site where the Environmental Committee meeting minutes and presentations were kept. NexGen noted the minutes from the 7 March 2024 Environmental Committee meeting still needed to be finalized and would be provided to the CRDN. NexGen inquired if there was a preferred meeting date for the next Environmental Committee meeting and if the CRDN had any feedback or questions on the public comment responses.
22 April 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and expressed thanks for the link to the SharePoint site where the Environmental Committee meeting minutes and presentations were kept. The CRDN informed NexGen that comments and responses on the public comments have been provided to the CRDN Chief.
25 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN providing details on the upcoming community information sessions about the Project from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024 in the local priority area. NexGen stated the CNSC and the ENV were invited to participate in the event to explain their roles as regulatory agencies and to answer questions from community members. NexGen indicated that advertising materials for the community information sessions were being prepared and attached copies of posters for distributions within the CRDN's network.
30 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN providing the formal update of the Benefit Agreement representatives for NexGen and attached a document for the CRDN to complete to formally notify of the community of the Benefit Agreement representatives.
1 May 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen providing the names of two contacts to be added in the Environmental Committee correspondences and stated they would be representing the CRDN's interests.
1 May 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen providing the names of two contacts to be added in the End Land Use Planning Committee for the Project.
1 May 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the March 2024 newsletter and a copy of the 2024 High School Summer Student Job Description for review.
1 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and acknowledged the two contacts to be added to the Environmental Committee correspondences and activities.
1 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and acknowledged the contacts to be added in the End Land Use Planning Committee for the Project.
9 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN providing the scholarship application and poster for distribution. NexGen provided the submission information and stated applications would have to be received by 30 June 2024.
14 May 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and inquired if the Environmental Monitoring Plan, Environmental Protection Program, Biodiversity Action Plan, Effluent Monitoring Plan, and Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan were available for review.
15 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN in response to the request for the Environmental Monitoring Plan, Environmental Protection Program, Biodiversity Action Plan, Effluent Monitoring Plan, and Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan emailed on 14 May 2024. NexGen informed the CRDN that the request would be discussed with the NexGen Environment team.
22 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN to follow up on the letter for the confirmation of the CRDN's representatives for the Implementation and Environmental Committees emailed on 30 April 2024. NexGen also proposed to schedule a quarterly Implementation Committee meeting and requested for the CRDN to provide a date that would work.

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23 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN listing the completed working draft environmental plan and program documents submitted to the CNSC and accepted as part of the licence application. NexGen informed the CRDN that the Biodiversity Action plan was still being developed. NexGen proposed to schedule an Environmental Committee meeting to review the drafts and to also discuss any CRDN questions on the public comment responses.
24 May 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and expressed thanks for the list of completed working draft environmental plan and program documents submitted to the CNSC and accepted as part of the license application. The CRDN inquired if the documents were available to review prior to the Environmental Committee meeting and requested for NexGen to propose meeting dates that would work.
27 May 2024	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the May 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the upcoming community information sessions; ▪ education and training updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Environmental Committee and Project regulatory process updates.
29 May 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen hosted community information sessions about the Project in the local priority area, including at CRDN on 29 May 2024. At the community information sessions, NexGen shared details about the Project, including information about the regulatory process for the Project, environmental protection and monitoring, community engagement and programs, and education, training, and employment opportunities.
5 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and expressed thanks for hosting the community information sessions for the Project on 29 May 2024. NexGen informed the CRDN of the 21 May 2024 submission of responses to the remaining information requests and advice to proponent comments received through the federal EA process. NexGen also indicated that a revised EIS was submitted to the CNSC. NexGen included an overview of the submission and the next steps in the federal EA process.
5 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and informed the working draft environmental plan and program documents submitted to the CNSC were still awaiting public dissemination. NexGen indicated that proposed dates for the next Environmental Committee meeting would be discussed with the NexGen Environmental Committee members and would reach back out to the CRDN.
6 June 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen expressing thanks for the update on the working draft environmental plan and program documents submitted to the CNSC and the potential dates for the next Environmental Committee meeting.
12 June 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the CRDN met for a Leadership meeting to discuss the CRDN-NexGen Benefit Agreement and ongoing engagement.
12 June 2024	Letter, incoming	The CRDN provided NexGen with a letter regarding CRDN's review of NexGen's responses to the CRDN's comment submission as part of the public comment process for the federal EA process.
14 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and inquired if scheduling an Environmental Committee meeting during the week of 15 July 2024 or 22 July 2024 would work for the CRDN. NexGen offered to send out a placeholder meeting invite and collaborate on the agenda.
16 June 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed the CNSC and copied NexGen, providing a copy of the CRDN letter of support that the community provided on the latest submission by NexGen as it related to the updates and responses regarding the EIS. The CRDN noted that the letter of support secured and identified the CRDN's full community support and recognition for the final EIS submission for the Project, also acknowledging NexGen and the CRDN's work in partnership of commitments in development of the Project.
18 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN inquiring if the Woodland Caribou Working Group meetings could be rescheduled from 24 June 2024 to 5 July 2024 or 8 July 2024 due to several communities not being available. NexGen also offered to also discuss the dates and agenda with the CRDN representatives and inquired if the CRDN members planned to attend the meeting in-person.
20 June 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed scheduling an Environmental Committee meeting during the first week of July 2024 would work best.

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20 June 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and informed the scheduling of an Environmental Committee meeting would have to be delayed until the CRDN has received direction with the new organization structure.
20 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN acknowledging the scheduling of an Environmental Committee meeting would need to be delayed until the CRDN has received direction with the new organization structure.
21 June 2024	Email, incoming	The CNSC copied NexGen in correspondence to the CRDN acknowledging receipt of the letter of community support for the Project. The CNSC noted an email would be sent to kick off the Federal-Indigenous Review Team technical review of NexGen's 22 May 2024 revised EIS submission and information request responses.
8 July 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with representatives of the Woodland Caribou Working Group to discuss the draft Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan, with a specific focus on Indigenous Stewardship components of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan.
17 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN informing of the contract signed with Export and indicated the web-based system would be used to share career opportunities with the community. NexGen included a list of benefits that Export would provide to the CRDN and the next steps to implement the system.
18 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN an invitation to participate in the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 24 July 2024 and provided the tentative agenda for review. NexGen stated that a presentation on the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan framework would be given and stated that the CRDN would be asked for feedback on what the Indigenous Stewardship component of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan could look like. NexGen informed that a formal invitation would be sent out soon and requested for confirmation if the CRDN would be attending in person or online.
18 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN an invitation to the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 24 July 2024. NexGen indicated that a presentation on the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan framework would be given and noted that community feedback on what the Indigenous Stewardship component of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan could look like would be asked. NexGen included a draft meeting agenda for review and requested for confirmation of attendance by 22 July 2024. NexGen advised that lunch and snacks would be provided and requested to be informed of any dietary restrictions. NexGen also included instructions on accessing the location of the meeting for in-person attendees.
18 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN and cancelled the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 24 July 2024 due to participant availability. NexGen noted the meeting would be rescheduled at a later date.
22 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN following up on the status of the CRDN Committee Membership and inquired if the Environmental Committee positions have been determined.
24 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN and provided 26 July 2024, 30 July 2024, or 2 August 2024 as proposed dates to schedule the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting. NexGen inquired if any of the dates would work and stated that participation would not be required if the community representatives attended the 8 July 2024 meeting.
25 July 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that 2 August 2024 would work to schedule the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting. The CRDN informed of two representatives who would be participating on behalf of the CRDN going forward.
25 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN and expressed thanks to the CRDN for confirming that 2 August 2024 would work to scheduled the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting.

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26 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN a Microsoft Teams meeting invitation to the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 2 August 2024. NexGen indicated that a presentation on the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan framework would be given and noted that community feedback on what the Indigenous Stewardship component of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan could look like would be asked. NexGen included a draft agenda for review and requested for confirmation of attendance by 31 July 2024. NexGen advised that lunch and snacks would be provided and requested to be informed of any dietary restrictions.
29 July 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and inquired if there were many in-person attendees for the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting on 2 August 2024. The CRDN expressed a desire to participate in person.
30 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and indicated that in-person participation in the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting on 2 August 2024 would be preferred. NexGen informed the CRDN the in-person attendees would be confirmed by 31 July 2024 and provided the current number of meeting participants.
30 July 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen acknowledging the update on the in-person participation for the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting on 2 August 2024 and confirmed the CRDN would attend in person.
1 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN and requested for confirmation of who was planning to attend the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 2 August 2024 in-person as well as if there were any dietary restrictions. NexGen included the phone numbers for the in-person attendees to call upon arrival at the NexGen office.
2 August 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with representatives of the Woodland Caribou Working Group who were unable to attend the 8 July 2024 meeting to discuss the draft Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan, with a specific focus on Indigenous Stewardship components of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan.
20 August 2024	Multiple/various methods	NexGen met with the Regional Training Working Group to discuss community training and employment programs. Presentations were provided by Lotus Learning Solutions, Gabriel Dumont Institute, Dumont Technical Institute, and Morris Interactive. Other topics of discussion included the status of Export, upcoming Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies programs, updates on the La Loche Shop, training program report, training funding, and assessment tool for hands on abilities.
20 August 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the CRDN to discuss the letter received by the CRDN on 12 June 2024 regarding the CRDN's review of NexGen's responses to the CRDN public comment submission as part of the public comment process for the federal EA process. The CRDN advised that they would send a letter to the CNSC regarding the acceptance of NexGen's responses and also noted they would like to discuss the next steps in the Rights Impact Assessment as part of the federal EA process. NexGen and the CRDN also discussed business and contracting opportunities.
26 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Regional Training Working Group and provided the minutes and materials from the meeting held on 20 August 2024.
30 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN Rook I Woodland Caribou Working Group and provided the completed version of the Project Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan, which has incorporated the feedback received from the CRDN Working Group surrounding Indigenous Stewardship. NexGen informed the Plan was currently not for public distribution and noted it could be shared with appropriate Environmental Committee or Working Group members. NexGen included a link to the Environmental Committee SharePoint where a copy would also be uploaded and requested for review comments to be submitted by 30 September 2024. NexGen stated a meeting would be planned for early October 2024 to review and discuss next steps.
6 September 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the May 2024 newsletter.

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6 September 2024	Email, incoming	The CRDN emailed NexGen and expressed thanks for the information provided through the engagement update letter for the Project. The CRDN requested for their environmental partner representative to be included in the engagement update letter distribution list going forward.
6 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN and confirmed the CRDN environmental partner representative would be included in the engagement update letter distribution list going forward as requested.

CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; IAAC = Impact Assessment Agency of Canada; ECCC = Environment and Climate Change Canada; Omnia = Omnia Ecological Services; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; JWG = Joint Working Group; KP = key person; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2; MLTC = Meadow Lake Tribal Council; BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; VC = valued component.

Table 2A-2: Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (including the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2)

Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
19 May 2013	In-person meeting	NexGen met with members of the La Loche Métis Local #39 and the N-19 Trappers Association to introduce NexGen and to discuss any concerns. Some concerns were noted by the La Loche Métis Local #39 and the N-19 Trappers, such as the potential effects of drilling and restricted land use. Additional discussions were focused on employment and business opportunities, as well as ongoing community engagement.
24 August 2015	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the newly elected President of the Buffalo Narrows Métis Local #62 in Buffalo Narrows for introductions and coffee.
12 October 2015	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the President of the Buffalo Narrows Métis Local #62 for an informal coffee to discuss ongoing work.
16 March 2016	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the Buffalo Narrows Métis Local #62 to provide an update on NexGen's 2016 winter drill program and the other upcoming programs scheduled for 2016, including the environmental and engagement plans. NexGen and the Buffalo Narrows Métis Local #62 discussed the Project, including the geology of the Arrow deposit, the status and future of the Project, and the employment, contracting, and training opportunities.
5 April 2016	In-person meeting	NexGen organized an information session to share information about the Project with the Chipewyan Prairie Industry Relations Corporation, the English River First Nation, the Métis Local 130 Métis Nation Region 1 #214, the Northern Settlement of Descharme Lake community council, and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations. NexGen introduced the Project and provided a summary of the work to date as well as an overview of the planned work to be completed in 2016. Community members raised concerns about the engagement and consultation processes to date. Additional discussions were focused on the safety of uranium mining, local employment and contracting, and traditional land use.
21 February 2017	Email exchange	A series of emails were exchanged between NexGen, the CRDN, and the MN-S NR2 regarding traditional territory and engagement.
27 February 2017	In-person meeting	NexGen provided an update presentation on exploration and Project development activities, including: ▪ overview and history of the Arrow deposit; ▪ highlights of metallurgical work; ▪ conceptual Project design; ▪ update on studies planned to support a future EA; and ▪ proposed 2017 activities including baseline studies and engagement planning.
6 September 2017	Letter, incoming	The MN-S NR2, the Northern Village of La Loche, the La Loche Métis Local #39, and the CRDN emailed NexGen an attached letter requesting an informal meeting to discuss upcoming issues in the uranium exploration industry and each organization's expectations and concerns.
12 October 2017	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the MN-S NR2, the La Loche Métis Local #39, the CRDN, and the Northern Village of La Loche to discuss the uranium exploration industry. Consultation and engagement were discussed as well as economic opportunities and partnerships. The meeting identified the close ties between the Northern Village of La Loche, the La Loche Métis Local #39, the MN-S NR2, and the CRDN and that they collectively want to ensure that La Loche and the CRDN are considered for economic opportunities that arise from NexGen's exploration and development activities.
10 July 2018	In-person meeting	NexGen provided a tour of the Rook I site for the La Loche Métis Local #39 President and Council. The following areas were visited: ▪ Rook I exploration camp; ▪ core processing and storage facilities; ▪ surface drill locations at the Arrow deposit; ▪ cuttings management facility; and ▪ weather station. This tour provided an opportunity for dialogue and an opportunity for the President and Council to increase their knowledge of activities at the Rook I site.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
5 October 2018	In-person meeting	NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities to the MN-S NR2. The topics included the following: ▪ company introduction and overview; ▪ description of the Project and Arrow deposit; ▪ Preliminary Economic Assessment highlights and the current Pre-Feasibility Study; ▪ environmental baseline summary; ▪ community commitment to training and procurement; and ▪ commitment to engagement.
21 February 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent the MN-S NR2 a letter with a meeting request to attend a workshop on the Rook I Project Description on 27 February 2019 in Saskatoon.
26 February 2019	Text exchange	The MN-S NR2 requested the workshop meeting dates be changed to later in March.
25 March 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the MN-S NR2 to present an overview of the information included in the Rook I Project Description, including the following: ▪ regulatory framework; ▪ Project information; ▪ existing environment; ▪ environmental interactions; and ▪ engagement.
29 March 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the MN-S NR2 to notify them that a letter from the ENV regarding the Rook I Technical Proposal application and the duty to consult would be sent to the La Loche Métis Local #39, the Turnor Lake Métis Local #40, and the Descharme Lake Métis Local #130. An MN-S NR2 representative explained that a letter should not be sent to the Descharme Lake Métis Local #130 as they do not have Métis Local status and should be considered part of the La Loche Métis Local #39. The MN-S NR2 noted that they would contact the ENV on this matter.
29 March 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the La Loche Métis Local #39 to notify them that a letter from the ENV would be sent to them regarding the Rook I Technical Proposal application and the duty to consult.
29 March 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the Turnor Lake Métis Local #40 to notify them that a letter from the ENV would be sent to them regarding the Rook I Technical Proposal application and the duty to consult.
4 April 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the MN-S NR2 to notify them that a letter from the CNSC would be sent to the MN-S President to state that NexGen has submitted the Project Description and that this letter was sent to the MN-S NR2 as the representatives of the Métis Locals.
5 April 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the MN-S to notify them that a letter from the CNSC would be sent to the MN-S to state that NexGen has submitted the Project Description and that a letter was sent to the MN-S NR2 as the representatives of the Métis Locals.
8 April 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the new President and Board Members of the Buffalo Narrows Métis Local #62 and provided a general overview of the status of the Project.
3 May 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to the MN-S to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
3 May 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to the MN-S NR2 to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
4 June 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called and left a message with the MN-S NR2 reception to confirm if the notification letter was received as registered mail confirmed delivery.
4 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent an invitation letter to the MN-S NR2 for a meeting on 18 June 2019 to: ▪ further define the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a JWG; ▪ collaboratively define the Terms of Reference and requirements necessary to complete an IKTLU Study in the area around the Project; ▪ collaboratively undertake a Traditional Foods Study; ▪ develop a protocol to address and protect the proprietary nature of the information collected and its use by NexGen in the EA and related regulatory processes; and ▪ discuss framework and timeline for a Benefit Agreement.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
18 June 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the MN-S NR2 to introduce the Study Agreement, which included capacity funding for a JWG, IKTLU Study, Community Coordinator, and dietary study.
20 June 2019	Letter, incoming	The MN-S NR2 sent NexGen a letter regarding the meeting on 18 June 2019 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan that stated their engagement considerations and proposed next steps.
20 June 2019	Phone call	NexGen and the MN-S NR2 discussed the letter that NexGen sent to the MN-S NR2 and the MN-S NR2's concerns regarding the proposed studies. NexGen stated that NexGen would provide the funding for the proposed studies but that the MN-S NR2 would conduct and retain ownership of the studies.
5 July 2019	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Study Agreement to the MN-S NR2.
26 July 2019	In-person meeting	An open-floor meeting where the leadership of the MN-S, the MN-S NR2, the Métis National President, and the community members from the respective communities met and discussed updates within the Métis Nation. NexGen was invited to attend the meeting and sponsored a traditional meal.
30 July 2019	Email exchange	The MN-S NR2 requested a Project area map. NexGen supplied a Project-specific map and a regional area map.
12 August 2019	Email exchange	NexGen and the MN-S NR2 exchanged emails with respect to setting up a meeting on 14 August 2019 with the consultants who will be completing the IKTLU Study for the MN-S NR2.
14 August 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with representatives for the MN-S to review administrative aspects the Study Agreement. The MN-S requested a map of the area in the vicinity of the Project that covers the wildlife study area for the baseline studies and the schedule for the Project as it refers to Construction, Operations, and Decommissioning and Reclamation (i.e., Closure).
16 August 2019	Email, outgoing	NexGen sent the MN-S NR2 a map of the area in the vicinity of the Project and a link to the Project Description and Project timeline.
20 August 2019	Email exchange	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen to request maps with different map scales and inquired if there was supposed to be another attachment in the previous email regarding the Project timeline. NexGen responded that the map that was provided shows the regional extent of the EA study areas and explained that with wildlife having the largest study area, the boundaries of the other disciplines (air, aquatics, terrestrial) are within the extent of the map. The scale (1:250K) of the map is such that it shows the extent of the information that was requested. There was discussion about setting up a follow-up conversation.
5 September 2019	Update meetings with leadership	The CNSC hosted a meeting for Indigenous leaders from northern Saskatchewan to provide an overview of the role of the CNSC and updates on CNSC regulated projects, including the Project.
5 September 2019	Letter, incoming	A letter was received by NexGen: Motion for Métis Local Delegation of duty to consult Responsibilities and Motion for Authorized Delegate to Accept Delegation Responsibilities of duty to consult, transferring responsibility to the MN-S from the MN-S NR2.
9 September 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen and the MN-S met to sign and execute the Study Agreement. The Study Agreement outlines a framework for working collaboratively to advance the EA for the Project and includes funding for an IKTLU Study, a dedicated Community Coordinator, and for establishing a JWG.
19 September 2019	Multiple methods	NexGen called the MN-S NR2 to arrange a meeting with the MN-S NR2, the CNSC, and the ENV on 8 October 2019. A follow-up email invitation was sent on 27 September 2019 to confirm the meeting details. The MN-S NR2 confirmed via text message on 27 September 2019 that the MN-S NR2 Council and legal counsel would be attending the meeting on 8 October 2019 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
8 October 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen, the CNSC, the MN-S, and the MN-S NR2 met for a presentation. The presentation was facilitated by NexGen but was led by the CNSC to provide an overview of the CNSC's EA review process.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
29 October 2019	In-person meeting	Introductory meeting for the JWG including: ▪ introductions and logistics; ▪ overview of the Project; ▪ EA overview; ▪ overview of baseline studies; ▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA; ▪ IKTLU Study; and ▪ human health risk assessment.
10 December 2019	In-person meeting	A JWG meeting was held and included the following topics: ▪ introductions and logistics; ▪ review of the Project; ▪ EA overview; ▪ overview of baseline studies; ▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA; ▪ IKTLU Study; ▪ human health risk assessment; ▪ water assessment and management; and ▪ air and water pathways.
21 January 2020	In-person meeting	The JWG met to tour the Rook I site, followed by a presentation and meeting to discuss: ▪ Mineral Surface Lease Agreements; ▪ underground tailings management; ▪ caribou – mitigation and management; ▪ traditional land use; and ▪ traffic studies.
26 February 2020	Email, incoming	The MN-S confirmed that the IKTLU Study can be used by WSP Canada Inc. (WSP; formerly Golder Associates Ltd.) and InterGroup to support the EA as per the Study Agreement.
27 February 2020	In-person meeting	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ socio-economic assessment: approach and methods; ▪ community well-being; ▪ employment and training opportunities; ▪ business opportunities; ▪ caribou mitigation and management; and ▪ IKTLU Studies. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were needed, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.
13 March 2020	Email exchange	A legal representative for the MN-S emailed NexGen to inform that travel restrictions had been put in place as a result of COVID-19 and that the upcoming meeting would need to be rescheduled or potentially moved to a teleconference.
18 March 2020	Email, incoming	The MN-S notified NexGen that the tour of La Loche and the Rook I site that was planned for 22 and 23 March 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19.
2 April 2020	Email exchange	NexGen created a JWG poster for community members. The MN-S reviewed the poster with minor edits requested.
1 May 2020	Email exchange	The MN-S emailed NexGen to ask how NexGen is supporting La Loche and the northern communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. NexGen replied that they are providing support through a community pandemic coordinator, food boxes for the students at home, and partnering with the Saskatchewan Mining Association to supply masks and cleaning supplies.
7 May 2020	In-person meeting	NexGen toured the MN-S around NexGen's office in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
14 May 2020	Email exchange	The MN-S emailed NexGen requesting dates for the next JWG meetings and to discuss a Benefit Agreement. NexGen replied on 15 May 2020 to share a meeting agenda to review the JWG plans, confirm that the IKTLU Study is finalized, and to continue Benefit Agreement discussions.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
21 May 2020	Email exchange	On 15 May 2020, NexGen sent a proposed meeting and agenda to discuss the path forward for the JWG and the Benefit Agreement. The MN-S responded on 21 May 2020 to request that all Benefit Agreement discussions proceed through legal counsel and that the JWG is placed on hold until Benefit Agreement discussions have advanced.
2 June 2020	Multiple methods	Following leaving a phone message, NexGen thanked the MN-S for their email on 21 May 2020. NexGen stated that they had hoped to discuss the email over the phone but unfortunately had not been able to connect. NexGen stated that they understand the requested path forward for the JWG and Benefit Agreements and stated that NexGen's objective is to continue and advance the respectful relationship with the MN-S and the local Métis leadership and communities. NexGen suggested a JWG meeting in the coming weeks and asked the MN-S to inform NexGen what dates would work best.
4 June 2020	Email, incoming	The Turnor Lake Métis Local #40 copied NexGen on an email to the MN-S NR2 regarding JWG membership.
23 July 2020	Email, outgoing	NexGen sent the MN-S an email to confirm the new JWG membership and to confirm if there has been a change in the Community Coordinator position. NexGen suggested a meeting in August 2020 to continue the engagement process for the EA.
20 August 2020	Email, incoming	The MN-S provided the most up to date IKTLU Study that incorporated edits from the former JWG members. The MN-S advised NexGen that all future JWG and engagement requests should be provided to the MN-S legal counsel.
6 November 2020	Email exchange	Email correspondence was exchanged between the MN-S and NexGen. NexGen emailed the MN-S on 6 November 2020 to request to meet to continue Benefit Agreement discussions and JWG and engagement meetings. The MN-S responded on 10 November 2020 with terms for participating in Benefit Agreement meetings. NexGen replied on 12 November 2020 to address the terms and to notify the MN-S that a NexGen representative would be reaching out to the designated MN-S representative to request a JWG meeting.
16 November 2020	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to provide a meeting agenda and list of NexGen attendees for the proposed JWG meeting on 8 December 2020. NexGen also attached a schedule of proposed JWG meeting dates for the remainder of 2020 and in 2021.
3 December 2020	Email exchange	The MN-S replied to NexGen's JWG meeting request to confirm the attendance for 8 December 2020. NexGen replied to the MN-S to request that the proposed JWG meeting be rescheduled to 16 December 2020 as NexGen’s availability had changed between 16 November 2020 and 3 December 2020. The MN-S replied to NexGen and proposed 17 or 18 December 2020 for the JWG meeting. NexGen replied and confirmed that meeting on 17 December 2020 would work.
17 December 2020	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ Project update; ▪ regulatory process update; ▪ review of JWG meetings; ▪ key actions and commitments; and ▪ topics for future JWG meetings. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting, revised per provided comments, and subsequently issued as final meeting minutes.
22 January 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and proposed a JWG meeting in February 2021. NexGen noted the attachment of a letter, which suggested a plan for the 2021 JWG / Engagement meetings. The letter addressed: ▪ a proposed JWG meeting schedule; ▪ a proposed list of topics for future JWG meetings; ▪ the recording and co-chairing of JWG meetings; ▪ the MN-S engagement of technical expertise; and ▪ a list of VCs for the Project.
6 March 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S a formal letter to reiterate their commitment to continuing meaningful engagement with the MN-S on behalf of the Locals within the MN-S NR2. NexGen invited the MN-S to meet to discuss MN-S feedback regarding the purpose and scope of the JWG and to collectively determine the path forward for the JWG. NexGen also confirmed capacity funding available as per the Study Agreement.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
8 March 2021	Email, incoming	The MN-S advised that they internally discussed the proposed meeting on 17 March 2021.
23 March 2021	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided the names of the JWG members that would be attending the next JWG meeting.
29 March 2021	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for the list of the JWG participants for the next JWG meeting. NexGen provided a draft agenda for the next JWG meeting to collectively discuss the path forward for the JWG. On 1 April 2021, the MN-S emailed NexGen and requested additional time to prepare for the next JWG meeting to discuss the path forward and indicated that they have just hired technical consultants to assist the MN-S.
9 April 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised of an attached letter regarding engagement on the EA for the Project to provide an update on NexGen's schedule for the EIS, provisions of the Study Agreement, and the proposed approach for continuing JWG discussions. NexGen also provided near-term steps to continue to support the EA process. The following appendices were included: ▪ completed JWG presentations, supplementary materials, and meeting minutes; and ▪ planned Q1 2021 JWG presentations for the following topics: models and the EA, Project design and alternatives assessed, and land use: past, present, and future.
5 May 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised of the attached letter regarding the EA and a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and provided details on the upcoming Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program with an invitation for the MN-S to participate.
5 May 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ the MN-S's expectations and desires for the JWG moving forward, reflecting the MN-S' recent decision to change the membership of the JWG, and suggested topics for future discussion, meeting frequency, and participants; ▪ timelines for the submission of the EIS and the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program; and ▪ interim communication protocol for communication between the MN-S and NexGen. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting, revised per provided comments, and subsequently issued as final meeting minutes.
5 May 2021	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided the MN-S proposed JWG plan that was discussed during the 5 May 2021 JWG meeting. The proposed plan outlined a tentative JWG process and schedule, which specified meeting topics, participants, materials, and information to be provided in advance of meeting and the proposed timing for the JWG meetings to occur.
7 May 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and acknowledged that based on the input received from the meeting on 5 May 2021, NexGen understood that providing an EIS schedule overview to the MN-S was an important task and provided a schedule table that provided context for many of the items contained within the draft MN-S proposed JWG plan. NexGen also provided a list of topics that were not included within the MN-S proposed JWG plan but to which NexGen was prepared to discuss at any time. NexGen added that if a breakout session to discuss any items in more detail would be beneficial, then NexGen would be happy to discuss.
12 May 2021	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for providing the EIS planning schedule. The MN-S advised that they need to connect internally about what could be completed given the election period and what may need to wait.

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14 May 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised that should a meeting to discuss the timing of EA tasks and how they related to milestones in planning schedule be required, that NexGen would gladly set up a meeting. NexGen also followed up on an action item and provided the timelines associated with the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program.
14 May 2021	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and thanked them for the clarification and information on the caribou-related items. The MN-S inquired if NexGen had any ideas about timing and activities related to opportunities for the MN-S' involvement in the caribou studies in the spring/summer. The MN-S noted that the MN-S could also give this some thought.
14 May 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and suggested an introductory call with NexGen's subject matter expert (Omnia) and a subset of the NexGen team to discuss the proposed caribou mitigation program details. NexGen provided a copy of the caribou mitigation and offsetting planning invitation letter sent to the MN-S on 5 May 2021 for reference and requested that the MN-S advise if there were times the MN-S may be available for a call. NexGen added that NexGen would like to include the MN-S and/or the MN-S Locals in the field part of the program tentatively scheduled for June 2021.
18 May 2021	Email exchange	The MN-S emailed NexGen and stated that connecting with Omnia sounded positive. The MN-S noted uncertainty around the timing that this meeting could occur as key members were out of the office. The MN-S stated that a meeting could still occur though the information would need to be taken back to the full MN-S team for discussion. NexGen emailed the MN-S and agreed that NexGen would be interested in hearing the thoughts of the other MN-S representatives about the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen stated that the planning and the field portion of Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program was scheduled for June 2021 and that setting a meeting within the following two weeks between Omnia and the MN-S representatives would be a great first step and requested that MN-S provide availability for the following week for a collaborative session. NexGen also added that in the letter sent to the MN-S representative on 5 May 2021 regarding caribou mitigation and offsetting planning, NexGen suggested that the MN-S identify local knowledge holders to collaborate on the initiative and suggested that perhaps an MN-S member could identify local community members with knowledge on both caribou and the Patterson Lake area. NexGen stated that should knowledge holders be unavailable to attend the first meeting, NexGen would be happy to meet again at a future date to identify opportunities to continue the conversation.
3 June 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and Two Worlds Consulting (consultant to the MN-S) and noted they had been reviewing the MN-S / NexGen JWG Plan document and would be finalizing a letter to the MN-S that would be sent before the end of that week. NexGen also inquired if the MN-S was still interested in setting up an introductory call with Omnia regarding the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program and if any of the MN-S or the MN-S NR2 Local members were interested in participating in the field program during the summer.
4 June 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and noted attachment of a response letter to provide context regarding engagement completed to date and proposed future agenda items, following NexGen's review of the MN-S / NexGen JWG plan document.
7 June 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and noted they were looking forward to hearing from the MN-S now that the election period had concluded.

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23 June 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to propose a JWG meeting during the week of 12 July 2021. NexGen noted the following topics for discussion: ▪ Project description (i.e., key Project design elements); ▪ Project interactions with the environment; ▪ proposed mitigations; and ▪ Project alternatives considered. NexGen confirmed they would draft a presentation and noted they would welcome input from the MN-S.
29 June 2021	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the MN-S and congratulated the successful election candidates. NexGen requested dates the MN-S would be available to meet post-election. NexGen also noted that they look forward to feedback from the MN-S team regarding the JWG process. NexGen noted they wanted to proactively propose topics of importance to be able to move forward collaboratively. The MN-S emailed NexGen thanking them for their email and saying that they will connect with the broader MN-S group and will follow up.
30 June 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent the MN-S an engagement update letter and attached appendices regarding engagement on the EA for the Project. NexGen stated that the intent of the letter was to confirm that information shared with some JWGs is made available to all JWGs and that any pending requests and information from the meetings and discussions are tracked and followed up on. The following appendices were included: ▪ April 2021 JWG presentation; ▪ hazard identification for the accidents and malfunctions assessment; ▪ regional highway maps of Highway 155 and Highway 955; ▪ May 2021 JWG presentation; and ▪ May 2021 JWG summary. NexGen stated that the intent of the letter is to ensure that information shared with some JWGs is made available to all JWGs and to ensure any pending requests and information that have come from the meetings and discussions are tracked and followed up upon.
7 July 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and noted NexGen had applied for a permit from the ENV to complete the work associated with the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen informed the MN-S that the ENV requested an engagement summary specific to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program and that NexGen will be providing a summary of when information about the program was presented to and discussed with the MN-S. It was also noted by NexGen that the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program is a proactive initiative to trial caribou reclamation and mitigation methods at the Rook I site and that work for the program was anticipated to commence in mid-July 2021.
9 July 2021	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the MN-S to follow up on the meeting request on 29 June 2021 to discuss the JWG relationship and outstanding action items or any Project-specific topics of interest. The MN-S emailed NexGen and noted they were working internally to respond to information regarding caribou. The MN-S noted that they were receiving requests from other proponents and requested additional support from NexGen and appreciation of the current capacity limitations. The MN-S stated that to move forward the caribou work would be prioritized and that further JWG work would therefore be delayed.

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14 July 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and agreed upon JWG meeting dates. NexGen stated they were preparing a presentation that would discuss outstanding issues and actions, a current description of the Project (reintroduction plus any added information), critical alternatives considered, Project/environment interactions, and proposed key mitigations. NexGen added that NexGen was prepared to proceed with JWGs on a regular schedule and noted the possibility of transitioning the JWG to a steering committee format with breakout groups to help ease some of the capacity constraints conveyed to NexGen by the MN-S team.
27 July 2021	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and suggested 19 August 2021 for the next JWG meeting. The MN-S requested that the CNSC participate in the conversation to gain context about the relationship and the issues.
28 July 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed the proposed JWG meeting date of 19 August 2021. NexGen requested a phone call prior to the meeting to discuss the structure and agenda for the meeting.
29 July 2021	Email, incoming	The CNSC emailed NexGen and the MN-S and confirmed they would be happy to meet to hear concerns and better understand the context around the issues raised and confirm that all parties were communicating well and engaging effectively. The CNSC suggested that the CNSC, the MN-S, and NexGen work to set up a separate tripartite meeting with a set agenda at an alternative date, as opposed to having the CNSC join the NexGen and MN-S JWG meeting.
29 July 2021	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and agreed to the proposed JWG meeting time on 19 August 2021. The MN-S also noted the following agenda items: ▪ clearing past action items; ▪ clarification of consultation protocols and parameters; and ▪ Project re-introduction and overview.
30 July 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and noted the following agenda items for the 19 August 2021 JWG meeting: ▪ review of outstanding issues and action items from previous JWG meetings; ▪ a discussion regarding the path forward for the JWG; and ▪ a current description of the Project (reintroduction plus any added information), critical alternatives considered, Project/environment interactions, and proposed key mitigations. NexGen noted that per the CNSC comments, NexGen would be happy to set up a tripartite meeting at a future date and suggested that ENV should be included as well.
3 August 2021	Email exchange	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the MN-S would connect with their team for next steps regarding the 19 August 2021 JWG meeting proposed by NexGen via email on 30 July 2021. NexGen emailed the MN-S to thank the MN-S for their response regarding scheduling the proposed 19 August 2021 JWG meeting and that they looked forward to hearing back soon.
6 August 2021	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the MN-S team was still working on a few logistical pieces related to the email sent by NexGen on 30 July 2021 regarding the proposed JWG meeting on 19 August 2021.
6 August 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised of an attached engagement update letter summarizing engagement activities for the Project during June to mid-July 2021 and to provide an outline for upcoming activities. The following appendices were included: ▪ list of questions to explore for the July 2021 JWG meeting; ▪ June 2021 JWG presentation; ▪ June 2021 JWG summary; and ▪ April 2021 JWG summary.
6 August 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for the update received from the MN-S on 6 August 2021 regarding the proposed JWG meeting on 19 August 2021.

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9 August 2021	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the MN-S would be happy to meet with the CNSC separately from the JWG process.
10 August 2021	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the MN-S and noted that they looked forward to meeting at the JWG meeting on 19 August 2021. The MN-S emailed and thanked NexGen for an email sent by NexGen on 10 August 2021 related to the 19 August 2021 JWG meeting.
12 August 2021	Email exchange	The MN-S emailed NexGen and requested a call on the same day or the next day to discuss some minor housekeeping issues related to the JWG meeting on 19 August 2021. NexGen emailed the MN-S and inquired if 12 August 2021 would work for a call to discuss the housekeeping items prior to the JWG on 19 August 2021, as requested by the MN-S via email on 12 August 2021. NexGen also provided alternative times for 13 August 2021.
16 August 2021	Video conference	Representatives from the NexGen and the MN-S JWG met for a JWG breakout meeting to discuss minor housekeeping items in advance of the 19 August 2021 JWG meeting.
16 August 2021	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the MN-S and reiterated their appreciation for the discussion that morning on 16 August 2021. NexGen proposed that two key WSP team members attend the JWG to discuss the Project and EA. NexGen added that NexGen wanted to confirm that the MN-S agreed with this approach before formally proceeding. NexGen added that NexGen's minute taker for the JWG does record voice pieces for transcription purposes and that NexGen does not receive a copy of the recording. NexGen clarified that the JWG meetings are not video recorded and requested confirmation, comments, or questions regarding this approach. The MN-S emailed NexGen regarding the call on 16 August 2021 to review the agenda ahead of the JWG meeting on 19 August 2021. The MN-S advised that the MN-S would prefer that WSP was not in attendance at this point as the desire was to focus on the relationship as a whole and setting a good foundation regarding process and trust. The MN-S also advised that the MN-S team provide feedback regarding the recording of the meeting.
17 August 2021	Email exchange	The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided the updated meeting invitation including an agenda in advance of the JWG meeting on 19 August 2021. NexGen emailed the MN-S and expressed thanks for meeting on 16 August 2021 to discuss the agenda for the JWG meeting on 19 August 2021. NexGen advised that they did not plan to invite legal counsel to attend the JWG.
19 August 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ processes and protocols for the JWG; ▪ housekeeping aspects of the JWG process; ▪ capacity funding; ▪ roundtable comments; and ▪ discussion of trust building, collaboration, and the introduction of more culturally appropriate ways of sharing, such as cultural values and Métis history shares. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting, revised per comments provided, and subsequently issued as final meeting minutes.
26 August 2021	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided potential dates and locations for the JWG subgroup to meet in late September 2021.

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27 August 2021	Multiple methods	NexGen emailed the MN-S and inquired if they would be available 27 August 2021 for a call to discuss meeting logistics for the late-September 2021 breakout JWG meeting. The MN-S emailed NexGen and confirmed availability for a call on 27 August 2021. NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised they would call on 27 August 2021 as requested by the MN-S to discuss meeting logistics for the late-September breakout JWG meeting. The call occurred later that day during which meeting dates later in the week of 20 September 2021 were proposed.
30 August 2021	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed availability on 23 and 24 September 2021 for the proposed JWG breakout group meeting(s). The MN-S emailed NexGen and thanked them for their message and agreed to wait to determine if the breakout meeting planned in late September 2021 would be in-person or virtual.
9 September 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and followed up on the JWG breakout group meeting format for 23 and 24 September 2021.
13 September 2021	Email exchange	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised they would have an answer soon regarding the format for the JWG breakout group meetings on 23 and 24 September 2021. NexGen emailed the MN-S to thank them for the email exchange about the format of the meetings on 23 and 24 September 2021.
20 September 2021	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and noted that they were looking forward to the upcoming JWG breakout group meetings.
23 September 2021 and 24 September 2021	Video conference	Representatives from the NexGen and the MN-S JWG met for a JWG breakout meeting to: ▪ review previous actions and discussion points from previous JWG meetings to create a centralized JWG meeting action tracker and discuss next steps; ▪ discuss the next formal JWG meeting and confirm the topics to be caribou and Project Description; ▪ identify VCs as a topic of importance to discuss further; ▪ discuss identifying and prioritizing the information from the EA for sharing with the MN-S; and ▪ discuss the existing mechanisms available under the Study Agreement for requests for technical support. Copies of meeting materials were provided after the meeting. NexGen placed a copy of the JWG break-out session spreadsheet on SharePoint for breakout group access.
29 September 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided meeting notes from the JWG breakout group meeting. NexGen requested that the MN-S confirm whether the list reflected the meeting discussion points and next steps.
1 October 2021	Email exchange	The MN-S emailed NexGen and confirmed that the summary of the September 2021 breakout group meeting looked accurate. The MN-S inquired if it would be possible for NexGen to provide the spreadsheet that had been worked on as part of the breakout session. NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided a copy of the break-out session spreadsheet.
5 October 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed attachment of an engagement update letter and July/August 2021 JWG presentation to summarize engagement activities for the Project for August 2021 and September 2021 and to provide insight into planned activities. The following appendix was included: ▪ July/August 2021 JWG presentation.

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18 October 2021	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the MN-S to follow up regarding the presentation for the upcoming JWG meeting. NexGen noted that comments on the 19 August 2021 JWG meeting minutes had been provided by the MN-S, though wanted to double check if a meeting was still required to resolve any additional items. The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised they believed the changes to the minutes were likely minor. The MN-S stated that they were looking forward to the JWG breakout group meeting on 22 October 2021. The MN-S noted that there was no proposed date for a full JWG meeting yet and that the MN-S would be in touch with feedback on that soon.
19 October 2021	Email exchange	The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided some suitable dates and times for the JWG meeting in November 2021 as well as a participant list. NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed a JWG meeting on 2 November 2021 would work for the NexGen team.
26 October 2021	Email exchange	The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided a spreadsheet that included Two Worlds Consulting's review of past JWG meeting minutes that identified some items that were not included in the group/collective spreadsheet. The MN-S emailed NexGen and requested that, if possible, NexGen should review the augmented details provided in the issues tracking table provided by the MN-S via email on 26 October 2021. NexGen emailed the MN-S and acknowledged receipt of the spreadsheet that included Two Worlds Consulting's review of past JWG meeting minutes.
2 November 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ the MN-S presentation on Métis history (Louis Riel); ▪ NexGen presentation on the Project; and ▪ NexGen's presentation on the Project and caribou. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting, revised per comments provided, and subsequently issued as final meeting minutes.
3 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the EIS to the CNSC and the ENV. NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.
3 November 2021	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen in response to an engagement update letter and expressed concern with the number of requests received from NexGen. The MN-S noted that they were working to provide a budget for additional resources and that they required time to review, consider, engage, and respond to NexGen. The MN-S noted they see value in the engagement opportunities suggested by NexGen but that COVID-19 presented a concern for their community and team members. The MN-S informed NexGen that a key MN-S member would be on personal leave until mid-January 2022, suggested that the JWG continues as scheduled for the remainder of the year, and that additional engagement opportunities are postponed and revisited in 2022. The MN-S stated they would share a budget to account for the additional work and participation and that NexGen can work with MN-S's counsel to restart Benefit Agreement negotiations.
3 November 2021	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and the MN-S and advised that the MN-S NR2 regional council wanted a meeting soon and was opposed to waiting for a later date. The MN-S NR2 noted that COVID-19 is a factor to consider when arranging meetings but that meeting attendees can be cautious.
8 November 2021	Email exchange	The MN-S emailed NexGen and requested a meeting to debrief on the 2 November 2021 JWG meeting. The MN-S provided a list of available dates and times for the proposed meeting. NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed availability for a JWG debrief meeting on 9 November 2021. NexGen advised that NexGen would send the meeting invite and inquired if there were any specific items to focus on for the meeting so that NexGen could prepare in advance.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
10 November 2021	Multiple methods	Representatives from the NexGen and MN-S JWG met for a JWG breakout meeting to discuss the next steps for the technical breakout group. The technical breakout group recommended meeting in December 2021 and to have a formal JWG meeting in early 2022. The MN-S confirmed that a communication regarding capacity funding and support was being drafted for NexGen and that the MN-S would be discussing preferred meeting schedules with JWG members. NexGen noted they will be drafting a Terms of Reference for the technical breakout group and that they would be reviewing the JWG meeting outline document provided by the MN-S in May 2021 in advance of the next meeting to share an update on available presentation materials. NexGen confirmed that the Study Agreements included capacity funding as well as mechanisms to request additional capacity funding if so required. NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for meeting on 10 November 2021 to debrief following the JWG meeting on 2 November 2021 and to discuss the next steps for the JWG subgroup. NexGen provided a summary of notes taken during the meeting. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting, revised per comments provided, and subsequently issued as final meeting minutes.
17 November 2021	Email exchange	The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided the technical working group, traditional land use, and caribou budget. NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed receipt of the budget information that was provided.
19 November 2021	In-person meeting	NexGen hosted a meeting with leadership from local communities (i.e., CRDN, MN-S NR2, and La Loche) to discuss the Project training plan being advanced with training service providers (i.e., Northlands College, the Gabriel Dumont Institute, the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies, and the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification). Discussion was held around the challenges faced by local community members in pursuing post-secondary education or training (i.e., lack of resources in community, lack of access to computers/internet, lack of knowledge of potential careers, childcare and financial barriers for adult workers, and lack of delivery of training in communities).
30 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and followed up on the JWG breakout meeting on 10 November 2021. NexGen inquired if the MN-S had considered when may be a suitable time to meet during the weeks of 6 December 2021 or 13 December 2021.
1 December 2021	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that Two Worlds Consulting would welcome another JWG breakout group meeting; however, there was no further budget to support the MN-S on technical items for NexGen.
13 December 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for the update provided on 1 December 2021 regarding the lack of remaining budget for technical funding. NexGen advised they had a chance to follow up on the technical expert funding and noted that there was a large amount of funding remaining under the Study Agreement for 2021 in addition to the 2022 amounts and offered to meet and further discuss, if required.
16 December 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked the MN-S for providing the budget summary on 17 November 2021 and inquired about a suitable time to meet and discuss further during the next week or early in 2022. NexGen advised their team had discussed internally and that they believed both parties are well-aligned in terms of capacity funding outlined by the MN-S and existing funding available.

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17 December 2021	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the MN-S and informed that they were in the process of finalizing the EA results for the EIS and that they would like to present and discuss the results via discussions in a workshop format and proposed two workshops in early 2022. NexGen advised that the EA results workshops would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results and would be grouped by the themes of Air, Land, Water, and People to be presented in multiple workshops. The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and advised they were looking forward to the environmental workshop meetings in January 2022.
21 December 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised of an attached engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in November and December 2021 and providing proposed activities for January 2022, a copy of the community newsletter distributed to the local communities in November 2021, and JWG summaries for March, May (re-issued), and July 2021.
12 January 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and confirmed receipt of the upcoming workshop information. The MN-S advised they would not be participating in-person due to rising COVID-19 numbers but would be interested in discussing the topics in a virtual format once the proposed budget had been finalized.
13 January 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S expressing thanks for the update regarding the budget progress and anticipation of further discussions in 2022 when NexGen and the MN-S could next meet.
11 February 2022	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided a meeting invitation for 14 February 2022 to discuss the budget for engagement activities in 2022. The MN-S emailed NexGen and thanked them for providing the meeting invitation for 14 February 2022 to discuss the budget for engagement activities in 2022.
14 February 2022	Video conference	NexGen and the MN-S met to discuss the proposed budget for engagement activities in 2022, including technical support funding and a Community Coordinator position, confirming that the requests outlined by the MN-S materially aligned with available funding from 2021 and 2022.
14 February 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for the meeting on 14 February 2022 to discuss the budget for engagement activities in 2022. NexGen summarized items discussed and actions. NexGen advised that NexGen would reach out to the MN-S to schedule the first two JWG meetings outlined in the budget plan.
15 February 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the MN-S would review the technical support requirements and connect with the MN-S team on future JWG meetings.
11 March 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided an engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in January 2022 and February 2022 and outlining the upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached the March 2022 issue of the community newsletter as an appendix to the letter.
15 March 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and provided an update that the MN-S was interested in progressing the JWG and proposed scheduling a technical meeting to determine how the next JWG meeting would proceed. The MN-S also requested an update on the status of the budget approvals in order to move forward with the digitization of the MN-S study and the JWG.
16 March 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and expressed thanks for the 15 March 2022 email update that the MN-S was interested in scheduling a technical meeting to determine how the next JWG meeting would proceed. NexGen noted that a team member would reach out to the MN-S regarding the logistics for the technical group meeting. NexGen also advised that the budget approval for the digitization of the MN-S was being worked on and that a call would be arranged with the MN-S to discuss.
16 March 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen regarding the updates on scheduling a technical group meeting and the pending budget approval for the digitization of the MN-S study. The MN-S thanked NexGen for the updates and noted they would be waiting to hear back on both items.

Table 2A-2: Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (including the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2)

Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
25 March 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and suggested to schedule a JWG technical group meeting during the week of 4 April 2022.
28 March 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and thanked them for reaching out to set up a JWG meeting for the technical group. The MN-S advised that one member would be away during the week of 4 April 2022; however, the MN-S indicated that if 7 April 2022 would work for NexGen, the meeting could proceed and the absent member could be briefed after the meeting.
31 March 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S thanking them for the update and confirming NexGen's availability on 7 April 2022. NexGen proposed meeting times and requested confirmation for the meeting content. NexGen also noted an action item from the previous meeting related to the administration fees charged for Two Worlds that were referenced in the 2022 budgets that would need to be discussed.
31 March 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen advising that 11:00 am to 12:00 pm on 7 April 2022 would work for a technical group meeting and confirmed that the purpose of the meeting was for general planning.
31 March 2022	Letter, outgoing	The MN-S emailed NexGen a letter in response to the engagement update letter sent by NexGen on 11 March 2022. The MN-S noted concerns regarding some of the content and timelines that were included in the engagement update letter. In particular, the MN-S informed NexGen that the delays in NexGen's response to the approval of the remaining funding from the Study Agreement has presented challenges to the MN-S on both the digitization of the MN-S study as well as continuing JWG discussions. The MN-S noted that they hoped to hear back from NexGen shortly regarding the budget to continue to move the items forward in a respectful and meaningful way.
31 March 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for providing the list of attendees that would attend the meeting on either 7 April 2022 or 8 April 2022 and advised that NexGen would reply to confirm the date and time as soon as possible.
7 April 2022	Video conference	The NexGen and MN-S JWG technical group met to plan the next JWG meeting. Some members were new to the JWG technical group, so the existing members provided an overview of the role of the JWG technical group and discussed the logistics and format of the JWG meetings. The MN-S provided feedback to NexGen on ways to make the JWG materials more accessible and understandable. A discussion occurred around choosing dates for the next JWG meeting, and NexGen and the MN-S agreed to have another JWG technical group meeting before the end of the month.
7 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and stated that NexGen and the MN-S team members had discussed the budget for engagement activities and technical capacity support funding and that one outstanding line item was going to be updated but confirmed that the scope was approved.
7 April 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and asked if NexGen would be comfortable receiving invoices related to the technical tasks in the engagement activities budget as both agreed on the updated line item.
7 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed that NexGen was comfortable receiving invoices as part of the engagement activities budget.
11 April 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen the revised Métis Knowledge Study budget and noted that the MN-S would begin the digitization of the study once NexGen approves the budget.
11 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to follow up regarding potential dates for the next JWG technical group and full JWG meetings. NexGen advised of their availability on 26 April 2022 through 28 April 2022 and indicated that if the dates were too late in the month for the MN-S something sooner could be arranged. NexGen also noted that during the 8 April 2022 meeting to discuss the 2022 Site Program, a full JWG meeting was suggested to occur in May 2022 and inquired what date ranges would work for the MN-S.

Table 2A-2: Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (including the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2)

Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
12 April 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for providing potential dates for an upcoming technical group and larger JWG meeting. The MN-S confirmed that the afternoon of 26 April 2022 would work for the next JWG technical group meeting and confirmed the four members who would attend. The MN-S noted that the next JWG meeting could be scheduled in May 2022 and that a confirmed date would be provided once discussed with the NR2 members.
14 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S acknowledging the confirmation of availability and attendees for the next JWG technical group meeting planned on 26 April 2022. NexGen indicated that the there would be two members that would be attending and confirmed the meeting time that would work. NexGen also thanked the MN-S for the update on the next JWG meeting in May 2022.
14 April 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen regarding the JWG technical group meeting scheduled on 26 April 2022 and advised that the meeting would need to be changed to 28 April 2022 due to a schedule conflict. The MN-S requested that NexGen update the meeting invitation that was sent if the newly requested time worked for the NexGen participants.
14 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed that NexGen was available to change the JWG technical group meeting to 28 April 2022 and indicated that the meeting invite would be updated.
14 April 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and inquired if 26 April 2022 between 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm would work to hold the JWG technical group meeting and if NexGen could send out the invite. The MN-S advised of an additional member who would be joining.
20 April 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen to follow up on the Métis food study that was previously discussed. The MN-S indicated interest in starting the Traditional Foods Study that was noted in the Study Agreement and confirmed that the budget for the Traditional Foods Study was not included in the MN-S budget that was sent to NexGen.
20 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed that the MN-S budget that was sent did not include the Traditional Foods Study. NexGen stated that they looked forward to receiving the MN-S budget to proceed through the approval process.
22 April 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the afternoon of 17 May 2022 or 18 May 2022 would work for the next JWG meeting. The MN-S requested that a meeting invite be sent out if either date worked for NexGen.
22 April 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and stated that they were not available to meet on 17 May 2022 for the JWG meeting and proposed to schedule the meeting on 18 May 2022 instead.
22 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and indicated that the afternoon of 18 May 2022 could work and that a JWG meeting invite would be sent out once the date and time have been confirmed internally with the NexGen team. NexGen also advised that alternative dates would be provided if needed.
22 April 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and thanked them for checking to see if 18 May 2022 would work for the next JWG meeting.
27 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed availability in the afternoon of 18 May 2022 for the JWG meeting. NexGen suggested that part of the JWG technical group planning meeting scheduled on 28 April 2022 be utilized to set an agenda for the 18 May 2022 JWG meeting that could be included in the invite that would be sent out.
28 April 2022	Video conference	The NexGen and MN-S JWG technical group met to plan the next JWG meeting. The MN-S shared a Métis value share on Michif language, followed by a recap of the last JWG technical group meeting. A discussion about education and mentorship programs occurred, followed by NexGen noting that baseline monitoring programs should be discussed at a later date of convenience to the MN-S. NexGen shared an update on the Draft EIS submission timeline, followed by a discussion about the regulatory review process and when the Draft EIS would be available to the MN-S to review. The JWG technical group determined that the next JWG would occur on 18 May 2022 and that the meeting topics would be focused on the regulatory process for the Project, what the EA and Draft EIS are, and the review process for the Draft EIS, including having the MN-S present on their involvement in the Federal-Indigenous Review Team

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
29 April 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised of unavailability to connect to discuss the MN-S' information needs related to a technical review of the Project EIS until the week of 2 May 2022.
29 April 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised of the attached letter in response to the MN-S' letter sent on 31 March 2022. NexGen clarified that their understanding was that NexGen had generally approved the budget to support the engagement activities and technical work during the 14 February 2022 meeting and that discussions and meetings would advance. NexGen also stated that as per the email correspondence on 7 April 2022, that NexGen had confirmed that NexGen was comfortable receiving invoices related to the tasks in the proposed budget. NexGen formally confirmed the budget amounts for the engagement and technical capacity funding budget. NexGen also noted that the digitization of the Métis Knowledge Study had not been included in the original scope of work and that NexGen agreed it was a valuable exercise to support ongoing engagement with the MN-S; therefore, NexGen confirmed that the digitization budget was also formally approved.
29 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked the MN-S for providing the timeline update regarding MN-S' information needs related to a technical review of the Project EIS.
3 May 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and thanked them for providing the letter confirming the budget amounts for the technical capacity funding and the MN-S digitization.
3 May 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that 9 May 2022 from 9:00 am to11:00 am would work for the JWG technical group meeting.
3 May 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised that the JWG technical group meeting scheduled for 9 May 2022 would need to be rescheduled due to a conflict. NexGen proposed alternative meeting times on 9 May 2022 and 10 May 2022.
3 May 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked the MN-S for agreeing to shift the JWG technical group meeting to 9 May 2022 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
9 May 2022	Video conference	The NexGen and MN-S JWG technical group met to continue planning the next JWG meeting and collaborate on the presentation materials.
11 May 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the MN-S NR2 would like to meet for an in-person JWG meeting on 18 May 2022 at 1:30 pm. The MN-S indicated that there would also be a virtual link to the meeting and noted that a board room at the MN-S head office has been booked. The MN-S requested for NexGen to confirm if the proposed meeting would work and indicated that both the invite and agenda could be updated.
12 May 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen regarding the imminent EIS submission and requested for a copy of the Project EIS during the 30-day conformity period to help the MN-S schedule consultants' reviews on behalf of the MN-S. The MN-S indicated that the CNSC has indicated to the MN-S that sharing the EIS during the 30-day conformity review period was NexGen's choice.
12 May 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed that the proposed in-person JWG meeting on 18 May 2022 would work. NexGen advised which team members would attend in-person and those who would attend virtually. NexGen inquired if there were any COVID-19 precautions that would need to be followed in the office.
16 May 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the May 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ a NexGen scholarship update; ▪ an introduction to a new NexGen team member; ▪ an update on the completed 2021 Rook I Field Program; ▪ information on Project jobs and opportunities; ▪ updates on Project advancement; ▪ contact information to learn more about the Project; and ▪ a word search.

Table 2A-2: Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (including the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2)

Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
17 May 2022	Email, outgoing	The MN-S emailed NexGen advising that the CNSC slides regarding the Federal-Indigenous Review Team would not be used at the JWG meeting scheduled on 18 May 2022 as the MN-S was not in a position to speak on CNSC's behalf regarding the topic. The MN-S noted that a quick high-level overview of the Federal-Indigenous Review Team and the MN-S' involvement would be provided and indicated that a separate call with CNSC could be arranged if the MN-S NR2 had further questions.
17 May 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to thank them for their recent update and provided a copy of the presentation for the upcoming meeting scheduled for 18 May 2022. NexGen advised that the presentation had been revised based on the comments from the previous subgroup meeting and offered to bring printed copies. NexGen also noted that they would provide a recorder to use for the meeting minutes process.
18 May 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and acknowledged receipt of the presentation for the 18 May 2022 JWG meeting that was emailed on 17 May 2022. The MN-S confirmed that a recorder should be brought to the meeting and indicated a time for NexGen to arrive to ensure proper set up.
18 May 2022	In-person meeting	The MN-S and NexGen JWG met to discuss the regulatory process for the Project. The following topics were discussed: ▪ the EA process undertaken by NexGen for the Project; ▪ an overview of the Draft EIS review process; ▪ the engagement pathways available for the JWG and community members to review the Draft EIS; and ▪ the MN-S' participation on the Federal Indigenous Review Team with the CNSC.
19 May 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S regarding the JWG meeting held on 18 May 2022. NexGen noted that MN-S provided valuable direction, insight, and guidance on how the JWG could collaboratively work together to create a focused Information Session to jointly deliver to the community. NexGen requested that the MN-S provide dates and times for the coming weeks that would work to collaborate on the development of material and planning purposes.
25 May 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and noted that the MN-S and NexGen could begin planning a joint information session in the next few weeks and requested dates and times that NexGen would be available to discuss the engagement opportunity.
25 May 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided a summary of the Draft EIS Sections, Technical Support Documents, and Baseline Reports that would form part of the submission for the Project as discussed in the JWG sub-group meeting. NexGen noted that the submission would include a Master Executive Summary, a master list of abbreviations and units, and a glossary. NexGen also indicated that the Technical Support Documents relating to Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Use Studies, and the Indigenous Engagement Report were not publicly facing documents.
26 May 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and inquired if an estimate could be provided on the number of pages in each document title contained in the Draft EIS Sections to determine the level of effort that would be required per topic.
30 May 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised that the JWG meeting on 18 May 2022 had not properly recorded and meeting notes could not be produced. NexGen advised that a record of action items, attendance, logistics and a high-level meeting summary could be provided and inquired if the MN-S had any detailed notes that could be shared.
30 May 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that notes that were taken by the MN-S at the JWG meeting on 18 May 2022 would be similar to that taken by NexGen. The MN-S advised NexGen to provide the information captured during the meeting and indicated that additional information could be added during the review.
31 May 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised that the notes from the 18 May 2022 JWG Meeting would be sent for the MN-S to review and make additions.
10 June 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S providing a high-level draft summary from the JWG meeting held on 18 May 2022. NexGen requested the MN-S fill in any missing member information and provide edits.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
13 June 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the MN-S team would review the 18 May 2022 JWG meeting notes and would inform NexGen if there was additional information to add.
14 June 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided the page counts per document title in the Draft EIS Sections, Technical Support Documents, and Baseline Reports that would form part of NexGen's submission for the Project.
20 June 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the MN-S and Two World Consulting reviewed and added to the 18 May 2022 JWG meeting notes and requested NexGen's feedback.
20 June 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised of the attached MN-S Métis Traditional Foods Study Budget for review and approval so that the MN-S team could proceed with the work.
28 June 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen to follow up on the request to receive the Draft EIS from NexGen during the conformity review period so that the MN-S technical team could start the review.
29 June 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised that copies of the Draft EIS would be provided to the MN-S once NexGen received confirmation from CNSC that the submissions were complete and concordant. NexGen noted that this process would ensure that the documents provided to the MN-S were the same as those subject to the technical reviews that will be conducted under the CNSC process. NexGen advised that based on discussion with the CNSC, that there may be an opportunity to share the Draft EIS with the MN-S team prior to the formal public review commencing once the concordance checks were complete.
5 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked the MN-S for returning the 18 May 2022 JWG meeting minutes and advised NexGen would share any comments once reviewed.
12 July 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and confirmed the MN-S would be holding Métis-specific meetings in September 2022 to gather information on the Draft EIS and noted the possibility to also discuss the Project and the Benefit Agreements negotiations. The MN-S noted the meetings would include one technical consultant, one legal counsel from the MN-S, and an MN-S representative and that NexGen would be invited to take part in a portion of the meetings.
12 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked the MN-S for reaching out regarding the Métis-specific EA results meetings planned for September 2022. NexGen agreed that it would be beneficial to review what the meetings would look like, the budget, and how both parties could jointly work to deliver information on the Project to the leadership and citizens of the MN-S NR2. NexGen inquired if the MN-S had a plan or budget that would be ready for review and offered assistance with posters or information flyers that might be needed.
15 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and informed that the CNSC has completed the conformity review of the Draft EIS for the Project. NexGen advised that the CNSC would accept comments on the Draft EIS during a 90-day public comment period, which provides Indigenous Nations and Communities, members of the public, and government departments and agencies an opportunity to submit their views in writing to the CNSC on the information presented in the Draft EIS. NexGen advised that CNSC had requested that all written comments be submitted by 12 October 2022 and provided the website address where the CNSC public comment process for the Project could be found. NexGen expressed thanks to the MN-S leadership and community members for the collaborative approach that contributed to the development of the Draft EIS and noted that NexGen looked forward to a continued engagement throughout the lifespan of the Project.
19 July 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and requested an update on the Traditional Foods Study budget that was submitted in June 2022 and noted that once approval was received the MN-S team could get started on the work.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
19 July 2022	Video conference	NexGen, the CNSC Federal-Indigenous Review Team, and the ENV met for a technical workshop to: ▪ provide an overview of NexGen, the Project, and the EA process and next steps; and ▪ provide an overview of the Rook I EIS structure and content to the federal and provincial review teams.
19 July 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and informed that the proposed budget information for the Métis-specific EA results meetings would be available in the month of August 2022 and indicated that the format had not been finalized yet, but the MN-S would like NexGen to be involved. The MN-S also confirmed availability to work with NexGen on the meeting posters.
20 July 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen delivered a USB consisting of the Draft EIS and supporting documents in-person to the front desk reception at the MN-S' office in Saskatoon.
28 July 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming or proposed engagement activities. NexGen also noted the attachment of the poster booklet created for the June 2022 community information sessions and a copy of the May 2022 community newsletter.
4 August 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and requested for an update on the status of the Métis Foods Study budget and noted that the MN-S member had accepted a new position outside of the MN-S.
4 August 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the email regarding the Métis Foods Study budget was being forwarded as they had received an out of office reply from the original NexGen member.
4 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked the MN-S for forwarding the email regarding the Métis Foods Study Budget and stated that a NexGen team member would return to the office the following week and that the budget would be discussed. NexGen congratulated the MN-S member on their new position and stated it had been a pleasure working together.
8 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and noted they had received resignation notices from the MN-S members and requested confirmation of who the main MN-S engagement contact for the Project would be going forward. NexGen also requested the contact information for the MN-S NR2 Community Coordinator.
10 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised that CanNorth had completed a Heritage Resource Impact Assessment survey proximal to the Patterson Lake bridge on the access road to the Rook I exploration camp this summer. NexGen advised that the survey was conducted proactively as part of a continued focus on the health, safety, and environmental aspects of activities related to current and future exploration activities. NexGen noted that during this survey, CanNorth found one site away from any disturbed area, and NexGen attached a PDF document to outline the survey are and test locations, and to provide photos, including a photo of the one endscraper tool that was found. NexGen also noted that CanNorth was working with the Heritage Conservation Board of the Government of Saskatchewan to submit a Saskatchewan Archaeological Resource Record to summarize the findings and to provide recommendations. NexGen informed the MN-S that a meeting with the Heritage Conservation Board had been held to discuss NexGen's commitment to engage with local Indigenous Groups and to sharing the survey results as well as the regulatory process associated with the finding. NexGen advised availability to discuss the survey findings, as well as any feedback or suggestions from the MN-S.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
10 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised of the upcoming environmental monitoring work to be conducted at the Rook I site and to introduce new team members. NexGen informed of the additional field work related to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial as well as the baseline gamma survey at the Rook I site that was planned to be completed during the summer and fall. NexGen indicated that Omnia would be at the Rook I site between 13 August 2022 and 27 August 2022 to complete a field program to conduct a natural regeneration assessment and noted that NexGen was interested in arranging a small tour while Omnia was on site to encourage discussion, knowledge sharing, and to answer questions. NexGen indicated that technical assistants were needed to assist in the field work and requested to be informed if there were the MN-S members who would be interested in participating. NexGen informed the MN-S of the baseline gamma radiation survey of the Project area that was planned to be completed in the fall. NexGen expressed interest in hiring four youth community members as technical assistants to support CanNorth with the survey and to invite an Elder to be present during the survey orientation. NexGen requested for the MN-S to confirm if there were interested members by 19 August 2022.
11 August 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen to advise that the MN-S member has accepted a new position outside of the MN-S and provided the contact information for the MN-S members who would be responsible for future Lands and Consultation inquiries.
16 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and requested an update on the Métis-specific EA results meetings with the MN-S NR2 membership that was tentatively being planned for September 2022. NexGen attached the previous email correspondence with the MN-S regarding the Métis-specific EA results meetings for reference.
16 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S welcoming a member back to the team and noted they were available for a call or meeting to help support bringing the MN-S member up to speed on NexGen's file.
16 August 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and inquired if a meeting to discuss the next steps regarding the Métis-specific EA results meetings should be scheduled in response to NexGen's email.
17 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and agreed that an in-person meeting should be scheduled to discuss the planning of the next JWG meeting and the MN-S NR2 Métis-specific EA results meetings in response to the MN-S 16 August 2022 email.
17 August 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S replied to NexGen and another MN-S member to confirm that the week of 22 August 2022 would work for an in-person meeting to discuss the planning of the next JWG meeting and the MN-S NR2 Métis-specific EA results meetings. The MN-S requested for NexGen to propose dates and times for consideration.
17 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised that 23 August 2022 would work for an in-person JWG meeting and inquired if the date would work for the MN-S.
18 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S R2 and advised that the Heritage Conservation Board had reviewed the report and recommendations submitted by CanNorth regarding the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment that was completed earlier in the summer. NexGen indicated that the Heritage Conservation Board had confirmed that the 30 m buffer around the site was acceptable and that the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment regulatory requirements had been satisfactorily completed. NexGen invited the MN-S R2 to reach out with any questions or comments.
22 August 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the August 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the current Rook I site activities; ▪ a permitting status and update for the Project; ▪ information on the regulatory process for Project EA; ▪ a summary of how engagement activities informed the EA for the Project; and ▪ NexGen community program updates.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
23 August 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the MN-S for a Project update meeting following the restructuring of the MN-S Lands and Consultation department. The meeting focused on planning upcoming JWG meetings and Métis-specific EA results community information sessions. The MN-S and NexGen also shared updates on approved budgets for ongoing work, such as the MN-S NR2 Métis Knowledge Study digitization, the Métis Food Study, and the JWG and technical capacity support.
24 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and advised that the CNSC planned to hold a webinar on 13 September 2022 to present an overview on the CNSC review process for the proposed NexGen Rook I and Denison Wheeler River Projects as well as to provide Project updates. NexGen included the link to register for the webinar.
31 August 2022	Video conference	NexGen and the MN-S JWG subgroup met to begin planning the September 2022 MN-S NR2 Board Meeting, the October 2022 Métis-specific EA results community information sessions, and the next JWG meeting. Additionally, the MN-S and NexGen shared updates on the existing work scopes (including budgeting and invoicing), the MN-S' review of the Draft EIS, and the 2022 Site Program.
2 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed that NexGen has set aside additional capacity funding support for the MN-S' review of the Draft EIS and requested that an invoice be sent to NexGen for the additional funding.
2 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided a summary of the Project update meeting held on 23 August 2022 and the subsequent JWG technical group meeting held on 31 August 2022. NexGen noted the key points for the 23 August 2022 Project Update Meeting were related to: ▪ Métis Food Study and the digitization of the IKTLU; ▪ topics for the next formal JWG meeting to be transportation, traffic, and road safety; ▪ the MN-S Community Coordinator position funded by NexGen; ▪ the MN-S proposal for NexGen to present to the NR2 Board Members prior to conducting the in-community Métis community information session; ▪ the Métis-specific EA results community information session that was tentatively scheduled for a day during the week of 3 October 2022 to 7 October 2022; and ▪ the scheduling of the JWG subgroup meeting to continue the planning of the upcoming meetings in September 2022 and October 2022. NexGen noted the key points for the 31 August 2022 JWG technical group meeting were related to: ▪ no additional updates on the existing work scopes for the digitization of the IKTLU and Traditional Foods Study; ▪ the MN-S Community Coordinator position was still unfilled; ▪ the MN-S invoicing; ▪ the status of the Draft EIS review by Two Worlds Consulting; ▪ additional capacity support funding for review of the Draft EIS; ▪ confirmation that the MN-S NR2 Board meeting would be scheduled on 30 September 2022 and that NexGen would no longer be included in the meeting; ▪ Métis-specific EA results community information session planned for the week of 3 October to 7 October 2022; and ▪ the topic and timing of the next formal JWG meeting that would be discussed during the next JWG technical group meeting scheduled on 16 September 2022.
8 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided the minutes from the Project Update Meeting held on 23 August 2022 for review and comments.
8 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S providing the notes from the JWG technical group meeting held on 31 August 2022 as an attachment for review and comments.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
8 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S following up on the action items from the JWG technical meeting held on 31 August 2022. NexGen provided the posters, invitation materials and sign-in sheet that were used for the June 2022 community information sessions as attachments to help with the planning of the Métis-specific EA results community information session. NexGen also attached a photo of the general layout of the sessions for reference and indicated that the sessions were advertised through monthly radio updates.
26 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to provide information on the upcoming Project EA/EIS overview presentation for the MN-S NR2 Leadership and Board members, scheduled on 30 September 2022. NexGen included details on the presentation content and presenters and indicated that questions regarding both the EIS and the EA would be answered during the meeting.
27 September 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and acknowledged the information on the upcoming Project EA/EIS Overview presentation for the MN-S NR2 Leadership and Board members, as emailed on 26 September 2022. The MN-S indicated that internal approval was required prior to sending the agenda, poster, and budget to NexGen.
27 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked the MN-S for confirming that internal MN-S approval was required before the upcoming Project EA/EIS Overview presentation agenda, poster, and budget could be sent out.
28 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked the MN-S for confirming that internal MN-S approval was required before the agenda, poster and budget could be sent out for the upcoming Project EA/EIS Overview presentation for the MN-S NR2 Leadership and Board members.
28 September 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen providing the 30 September 2022 Project Métis-specific EA results community information session agenda and budget as well as the 5 October 2022 to 6 October 2022 community information session poster and agenda.
29 September 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided an engagement update letter summarizing completed engagement activities and a summary of upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also provided a PDF copy of the August 2022 community newsletter.
30 September 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the MN-S NR2 Leadership and Board members to present on the Project EA and Draft EIS. At the request of the MN-S NR2 Leadership, NexGen delivered the EIS submission overview presentation that had been presented to the CNSC, ENV, and Federal-Indigenous Review Team in July 2022.
2 October 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and requested for clarification on NexGen's position on having Two Worlds Consulting the (MN-S consultants) attend the Métis-specific EA results community information sessions. The MN-S expressed the importance in having the community third party consultant present at the information sessions.
3 October 2022	Multiple methods	NexGen emailed the MN-S to confirm it would be beneficial for Two Worlds Consulting (the MN-S consultant) to be present at the Métis-specific EA results community information sessions as discussed on 3 October 2022 and in response to the MN-S 2 October 2022 email. NexGen provided the approved agenda for the 5 October 2022 and 6 October 2022 MNS NR2 community information sessions.
5 October 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen attended the MN-S NR2 Métis-specific EA results community information session in La Loche, Saskatchewan to present the results of the environmental assessment for the Project.
6 October 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen attended the MN-S NR2 Métis-specific EA results community information session in Buffalo Narrows, Saskatchewan to present the results of the environmental assessment for the Project.
11 October 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the October 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the 2022 Summer Student and Scholarship Programs; ▪ a summary of the June 2022 community information sessions; ▪ a Project status update; ▪ an introduction to the Project website; and ▪ an update on education, training, and employment initiatives.

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11 October 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided additional information on the Baseline Environmental Effects and the Traditional Foods Study Program that was planned to begin in 2023. NexGen requested for a single point of contact from the MN-S community to discuss and coordinate engagement for the program.
20 October 2022	Letter, incoming	NexGen received a letter from the MN-S expressing concerns related to NexGen's efforts to build a meaningful and respectful relationship with the MN-S in respect to its proposal to develop the Project on the MN-S Land Claim. The MN-S outlined NexGen's approach to the Draft EIS and indicated that the opportunity for the MN-S to review the Draft EIS prior to its filing was refused. The MN-S indicated that the community would like to engage in a collaborative problem-solving to build trust in NexGen as a partner and meet with NexGen decision-makers. The MN-S informed NexGen that responding to the EIS and engaging with the communities were the MN-S' priority.
1 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to follow up on the request for engagement on the baseline monitoring programs emailed on 11 October 2022. NexGen requested for confirmation on the MN-S contacts who would be involved and could assist in coordinating a meeting with CanNorth and NexGen to discuss the scopes.
1 November 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen regarding the follow up on the request for engagement on the baseline monitoring programs. The MN-S confirmed the community members who would be available to meet and discuss in response to NexGen's email.
2 November 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and noted they would be available to meet on 22 November 2022 or 23 November 2022 to discuss the baseline monitoring programs.
4 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and acknowledged the dates that the MN-S would be able to meet to discuss the baseline monitoring programs and stated they would follow up with CanNorth to confirm availability to meet and reach back out to the MN-S.
8 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to follow-up and confirm interest in planning the next JWG meeting and inquired if there were any topics of interest for discussion. NexGen offered to plan a JWG technical group meeting to discuss further.
9 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S informing of the Baseline Environmental Effects and Traditional Foods Study baseline monitoring programs that NexGen would be conducting in 2023 that would be led by CanNorth. NexGen provided the contact information for the CanNorth representative who would be arranging a scoping meeting and the NexGen team members who would be involved in the program.
14 November 2022	Video conference	NexGen and the MN-S met to discuss the 2022 budget for engagement activities, and to plan 2023 engagement activities.
15 November 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and attached a letter responding to the MN-S NR2 letter dated 20 October 2022 to address the issues raised. NexGen noted that they fully recognize and acknowledge the Aboriginal Rights and title of the Métis Nation, and that it is on this basis that NexGen has been engaging with the leadership of the NR2 for nearly 10 years in connection with the Project. NexGen stated their approach to consultation, engagement, and disclosures, including the timing thereof, has been in complete compliance with the established federal and provincial regulatory processes incorporating consistency, fairness, and transparency to all Indigenous Nations, including the MN-S. NexGen noted that they have worked productively with the MN-S representatives and technical advisors on the JWG established under the Study Agreement.
22 November 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen introducing a new member of the MN-S Environment/Duty to Consult team who would be assisting in coordinating the meeting with CanNorth as a follow up to NexGen's 9 November 2022 email.
22 November 2022	Email exchange	The MN-S emailed NexGen and indicated that the MN-S was looking at scheduling the next JWG meeting in January 2023 in response to NexGen's 8 November 2022 email. The MN-S confirmed the members to correspond with regarding the meeting.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
24 November 2022	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed NexGen and the MN-S to schedule a kick-off meeting in December 2022 to discuss the Traditional Foods Study and requested for the MN-S to confirm if an in-person or virtual meeting was preferred and for dates that would work.
24 November 2022	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed NexGen and the MN-S advising that a phone call with the MN-S Regional Director was held to discuss the upcoming kick-off meeting. CanNorth proposed to schedule a virtual meeting on 6 December 2022 and requested for confirmation of availability. CanNorth also indicated that the engagement session in the New Year would be a more in-depth in-person meeting about the Métis Food Study.
24 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and clarified the proper contacts for the Traditional Foods Study. NexGen inquired if the MN-S could confirm that the listed MN-S contacts for coordinating the engagement for the study was correct and that MN-S would work with the MN-S NR2 members. NexGen advised that any information provided to CanNorth directly would be forwarded to NexGen to address with the MN-S.
25 November 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and acknowledged the communication process clarification on the Traditional Foods Study sessions emailed on 24 November 2022. The MN-S confirmed the proper MN-S contacts responsible for meeting coordination, working with the Regional Leadership, and for completing an engagement plan for each session.
1 December 2022	Video conference	NexGen met with the MN-S to discuss the budget and engagement plans for the upcoming 2023 year.
1 December 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen to confirm the JWG meeting planned for 20 December 2022 and listed the MN-S community members who would be attending.
12 December 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to provide the proposed agenda and logistical details for the JWG meeting planned for 20 December 2022. NexGen acknowledged the MN-S community members who would be attending and listed the agenda discussion items based on the discussions held on 1 December 2022 for review and comments. NexGen requested for the MN-S to confirm the timing and location of the meeting that would work or if a call would need to be scheduled to discuss further. NexGen informed the MN-S of the NexGen and CanNorth team members who would be joining the meeting and invited the MN-S to reach out if there were any questions or comments.
14 December 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen regarding the JWG meeting planned for 20 December 2022. The MN-S noted that edits to the agenda would be sent in the afternoon of 14 December 2022 and confirmed the meeting location and time.
14 December 2022	Phone call, incoming	The MN-S called NexGen to confirm the logistics for the JWG meeting planned for 20 December 2022. NexGen confirmed that they would provide lunch.
19 December 2022	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen to provide a copy of the agenda for the JWG meeting planned on 20 December 2022. The MN-S asked NexGen to provide any edits.
19 December 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S noting there was one requested edit to the agenda for the 20 December 2022 JWG meeting. NexGen confirmed that lunch would be delivered to the MN-S office for the meeting.
20 December 2022	In-person meeting	The JWG, consisting of members from NexGen and the MN-S NR2 met to discuss and plan upcoming engagement activities that will begin taking place in Q1 2023. These activities include a community information session and environmental baseline monitoring programs, including a regional Traditional Foods Study.
22 December 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to provide an engagement update letter summarizing engagement activities completed in the fall of 2022 and a summary of proposed or upcoming engagement activities leading into 2023. NexGen also attached a copy of the EA Results presentation and copies of the October 2022 and December 2022 community newsletters. NexGen invited the MN-S to reach out if there were any questions or comments and expressed that NexGen looked forward to continued engagement with the MN-S in 2023.
4 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to follow up on the status of the proposed meeting to have NexGen and CanNorth present to the MN-S NR2 Local Presidents and Board Members on 11 January 2023 about the baseline environmental monitoring programs and the regional Traditional Foods Study. NexGen inquired if the meeting date was confirmed in order to organize travel arrangements.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
5 January 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the proposed meeting to have NexGen and CanNorth present to the MN-S NR2 Local Presidents and Board Members on 11 January 2023 would need to be postponed to a later date. The MN-S informed NexGen that they would be working on the schedule during the week of 9 January 2023.
5 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked the MN-S for informing that the proposed meeting to have NexGen and CanNorth present to the MN-S NR2 Local Presidents and Board Members on 11 January 2023 would need to be postponed to a later date. NexGen indicated that they could discuss further during the week of 9 January 2023.
10 January 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and inquired if NexGen would be available to meet on 11 January 2023 to discuss the planning of the proposed meeting to have NexGen and CanNorth present to the MN-S NR2 Local Presidents and Board Members.
10 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed availability to meet on 11 January 2023 at 2:00 pm to discuss the planning of the proposed meeting to have NexGen and CanNorth present to the MN-S NR2 Local Presidents and Board Members.
11 January 2023	Video conference	NexGen and the MN-S met to discuss the updates for 2023 engagement planning. Topics discussed included: ▪ the MN-S proposed date of 23 January 2023 for NexGen to meet with the MN-S regional council and board members to discuss Traditional Foods Study/baseline monitoring programs; ▪ the MN-S proposed dates for the Draft EIS-focused community meetings/information sessions in La Loche and Buffalo Narrows; ▪ baseline environmental monitoring program presentation that would be prepared by NexGen for the 23 January 2023 meeting; ▪ invoice examples that would need to be provided to the MN-S for honorariums; and ▪ the MN-S NR2 community contact for NexGen's next quarterly public newsletter.
11 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and expressed thanks for the meeting held on 11 January 2023 to discuss the updates for the 2023 engagement planning. NexGen provided a summary of the updates and action items for the MN-S review.
12 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S providing the proposed agenda points for the meeting planned for 23 January 2023 for review and comments. NexGen indicated that they would continue working on the one-page summary for the baseline monitoring programs as discussed on 11 January 2023.
17 January 2023	Video conference	NexGen and the MN-S met to discuss the logistics for the upcoming meeting on 23 January 2023 and to discuss the timing of the MN-S NR2 community meetings for NexGen to present on the Draft EIS.
18 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and expressed thanks for the meeting held on 17 January 2023 to discuss the planning of upcoming meetings and events. NexGen provided a summary and update on the action items related to the 23 January 2023 meeting and the MN-S NR2 Community EIS presentations for review. NexGen requested for the MN-S to confirm a preferred date in March 2023 to reschedule the community meetings.
18 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to request rescheduling the community meeting that was recently planned for 23 January 2023 to a different date. NexGen noted that the meeting date falls on a civic holiday and indicated that they attempted to call the MN-S on 18 January 2023 to discuss.
23 January 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the MN-S NR2 Local Presidents and Board Members in La Loche and presented an overview of the environmental baseline monitoring programs that would be taking place in 2023, along with the regional Traditional Foods Study, which would be led by the environmental consulting company CanNorth. There were 19 members in attendance and questions were posed during the presentation.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
14 February 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and requested for the MN-S' availability for a phone call during the week of 13 February 2023 or 21 February 2023 to discuss upcoming engagement activities, planning for the next JWG meeting, and priorities for the MN-S and NexGen over the next couple of months. NexGen shared their thoughts related to the date of the next JWG meeting and the priorities for Q1 2023 and Q2 2023. NexGen also followed up on the community liaison contact for the regional Traditional Foods Study as a well the MN-S community contact that could be included in the next NexGen community newsletter.
17 February 2023	Phone call, incoming	The MN-S called NexGen to discuss the email on 14 February 2023 from NexGen requesting to schedule a meeting to discuss the JWG, EIS comment review/collaborative process for discussing and resolving comments, and planning previously discussed community meetings. The MN-S apologized for not responding to NexGen's email earlier and noted that they had been away for a community meeting. The MN-S inquired if NexGen could schedule a meeting during the week of 6 March 2023 and NexGen confirmed that the proposed week would work well. NexGen indicated that a meeting invitation would be sent out. NexGen noted that previous discussions with the MN-S included planning for community meetings in mid-March 2023 and suggested that this be discussed further at the early March meeting. NexGen stated that dates have not yet been confirmed and that community meetings in mid-March may be too rushed to plan and have everyone attend. The MN-S agreed and indicated that community members may not want another meeting right away. The MN-S thanked NexGen for understanding the MN-S' competing priorities and for being willing to re-schedule meetings.
17 February 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen to thank them for touching base on 17 February 2023 and to confirm that the MN-S has accepted the meeting invite. The MN-S requested for NexGen to remove an MN-S staff member from all correspondence moving forward and add the new MN-S Duty to Consult coordinator.
23 February 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to thank them for the introduction to the new MN-S Duty to Consult coordinator and indicated that NexGen was looking forward to meeting them in person. NexGen proposed to turn the planned meeting scheduled for 9 March 2023 to a JWG meeting and inquired if other MN-S members would be able to attend. NexGen indicated that updates, upcoming priorities, and setting up the next meeting dates could be discussed. NexGen noted that the planned meeting could be extended a couple of hours if the proposed approach worked for the MN-S and that a specific agenda could also be provided later in the week of 20 February 2023.
24 February 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided the proposed list of topics to discuss at the meeting planned for 9 March 2023. NexGen informed the MN-S of the NexGen team members that would be available to answer any questions while NexGen's Engagement Lead was out of the office from 25 February 2023 to 5 March 2023.
7 March 2023	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the MN-S regarding JWG meeting planning and there was no answer.
8 March 2023	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the MN-S regarding JWG meeting planning and there was no answer.
8 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to confirm if the meeting planned for 9 March 2023 would still proceed and noted that they attempted to call MN-S on 7 March 2023 and 8 March 2023. NexGen indicated that they had previously suggested that the meeting on 9 March 2023 be turned into a JWG meeting and indicated that there was no response received. NexGen informed the MN-S that they assume the meeting on 9 March 2023 would be to discuss the topics emailed on 24 February 2023 via Microsoft Teams.
9 March 2023	Text, incoming	The MN-S sent a text to NexGen regarding the meeting scheduled on 9 March 2023 and advised the meeting would need to be cancelled due to illness.
9 March 2023	Text, outgoing	NexGen sent a text to the MN-S and acknowledged that the MN-S would need to cancel the meeting scheduled on 9 March 2023. NexGen offered to re-schedule to a new time once the MN-S was back in the office.
17 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to follow up regarding re-scheduling the last meeting and inquired if the MN-S had availability in the next several weeks that would work for a JWG meeting.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
21 March 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to provide an engagement update letter summarizing engagement activities completed in the winter and to provide a summary of proposed or upcoming engagement activities for the spring. NexGen also requested for the MN-S to confirm a date that would work to re-schedule the 9 March 2023 JWG meeting and invited the MN-S to reach out if there were any questions or comments.
27 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to follow up on the MN-S' outreach to CanNorth to set up a meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study. NexGen inquired if the MN-S would be available on 27 March 2023 to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study as well as any other MN-S and NexGen engagement activities. NexGen provided a phone number for the MN-S to call directly.
27 March 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen regarding the proposed meeting on 27 March 2023 to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study and other engagement activities. The MN-S indicated that they were waiting for the MN-S Director of Environment to confirm availability to meet at 3:30 pm on 27 March 2023 and inquired if the time would work for NexGen. The MN-S also stated that they would reach out to CanNorth to confirm if they could attend the meeting.
27 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to confirm that meeting at 3:30 pm on 27 March 2023 would work and thanked the MN-S for sending the meeting invite.
27 March 2023	Video conference	NexGen, the MN-S, and CanNorth met to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study that NexGen would be initiating in 2023. The MN-S noted the main contact for this study was on leave until 3 April 2023 but that the MN-S was interested in progressing the work. CanNorth provided an overview of the next steps for the study, including receiving approval from leadership, meeting with and training the community liaison, and having the community liaison conduct interviews for the regional Traditional Foods Study. NexGen shared that information about the study had been presented to the MN-S JWG in December 2022, and to the MN-S NR2 leadership in January 2023. The MN-S stated they would proceed with obtaining approval from leadership, and that CanNorth and the MN-S could schedule a training meeting in April 2023.
29 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided the regional Traditional Foods Study presentation that CanNorth shared with the MN-S JWG and MN-S NR2 leadership. NexGen invited the MN-S to reach out if there were any questions.
5 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to follow up on the engagement update letter sent on 21 March 2023 and inquired if the MN-S had any questions. NexGen also inquired if the MN-S would be available for a JWG meeting in April 2023 and requested for the MN-S to provide a date and time that would work.
5 April 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the previous Duty to Consult Liaison Officer had moved to a different department within the MN-S and that a different MN-S employee would be taking over. The MN-S inquired what the agenda would look like for the next JWG meeting.
5 April 2023	Text, outgoing	NexGen sent a text to the MN-S to express that it was a pleasure to have worked and collaborated with the MN-S Duty to Consult Liaison Officer. NexGen wished them the best in the new position within the MN-S.
5 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S Lands and Consultation Coordinator and welcomed them. NexGen indicated that they would be happy to share information about the collaboration with the MN-S and attached the most recent copy of the engagement update letter that was sent on 21 March 2023. NexGen stated the letter provided updates on the EA process for the Project, shares a summary of recent engagement activities completed, and outlines a list of proposed activities, including the next JWG meeting. NexGen also advised the letter addressed additional scopes that were underway, including the regional Traditional Foods Study. NexGen inquired if the MN-S Lands and Consultation Coordinator would be available for a meeting on 6 April 2023 or during the week of 10 April 2023 for a formal introduction, to discuss the items in the engagement letter, and to discuss planning the next JWG meetings. NexGen requested for the MN-S Lands and Consultation Coordinator to confirm a time that would work.
5 April 2023	Text, incoming	The MN-S sent a text to NexGen and thanked them for the kind words. The MN-S indicated that they appreciated the collaboration on the last EIS session and stated that NexGen has been fantastic to work with.

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5 April 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and requested that the MN-S Director of Environment be the primary contact for the MN-S communications going forward with the MN-S Lands and Consultation Coordinator and the MN-S Environmental Program Planner copied. The MN-S acknowledged that NexGen has been experiencing difficulty in communications with the MN-S and indicated that there have been staffing changes.
6 April 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for providing the most recent copy of the engagement update letter. The MN-S indicated that it would take a few days to catch up and go through the previous meeting notes. The MN-S also confirmed availability on 12 April 2023 for a call and inquired if NexGen could send a meeting invite.
6 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and indicated that a meeting invite for 12 April 2023 would be sent out. NexGen invited the MN-S to reach out if there were any questions prior to the meeting.
10 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to acknowledge that the MN-S Director of Environment would be NexGen's primary contact and indicated that the MN-S Lands and Consultation Coordinator and the MN-S Environmental Program Planner would be copied on all communications. NexGen also inquired if the MN-S Director of Environment would like to join the catch-up meeting with the MN-S Lands and Consultation Coordinator scheduled on 12 April 2023.
12 April 2023	Video conference	NexGen met with the new MN-S engagement contact for an introductory meeting. NexGen and the MN-S discussed a brief history of the MN-S JWG meetings and scheduled the next JWG meeting on 26 May 2023 to discuss the MN-S comments on NexGen's Draft EIS, including the Federal-Indigenous Review Team comments and public comments. The MN-S also shared a status update on the Traditional Foods Study, Métis-specific Food Study, digitization of the MN-S Traditional Land Use Study, and potential for a Rook I site tour in the summer. The MN-S noted they were familiar with the Study Agreement, and NexGen reiterated the capacity funding and mechanisms available under the Study Agreement. NexGen offered to send the MN-S JWG meeting minutes to the MN-S and also offered that the MN-S could reach out at anytime with questions or for additional information.
12 April 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and indicated that the MN-S had ran into complications with the Traditional Foods Study that would postpone the planning of a JWG meeting. The MN-S stated that the ownership of the data that was being collected required clarification and informed NexGen that the MN-S had turned to the MN-S legal department to confirm how to proceed. The MN-S indicated that NexGen would be updated accordingly.
12 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked the MN-S for the update regarding the Traditional Foods Study data. NexGen informed the MN-S that CanNorth had as offered to share additional information about their data confidentiality processes for the regional Traditional Foods Study and inquired if the MN-S would like to have a meeting arranged with CanNorth to discuss. NexGen also inquired if the planned JWG meeting focusing on the Federal-Indigenous Review Team comments planned for 26 April 2023 would still proceed. NexGen stated that conversations regarding the Food Study outside of the JWG meeting could still be held and expressed that NexGen would like to meet and advance the discussions on the Federal-Indigenous Review Team comments with the MN-S.
12 April 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen regarding the discussions on the regional Traditional Foods Study and Federal-Indigenous Review Team comments and stated that further planning would be put on hold until the MN-S legal department had provided comments. The MN-S received indicated that NexGen would be updated as soon as the MN-S receives direction on how to proceed. The MN-S thanked NexGen for the meeting held on 12 April 2023 and expressed that it had motivated internal MN-S discussions that would result in forward progress.
12 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to thank them for the update regarding the need to postpone the planning of a JWG meeting. NexGen requested to be kept updated and invited the MN-S to reach out if there was information that NexGen could provide to assist.
13 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S the previous JWG meeting minutes and information. NexGen advised that all the related documentation had been collated into a USB drive and offered to drop it off or meet up on 14 April 2023 or 15 April 2023. NexGen provided the MN-S Lands and Consultation Coordinator a phone number to call directly.

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14 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S providing the draft meeting notes from the JWG meeting held on 20 December 2022 and the NR2 Board meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study held on 23 January 2023 that had not yet been sent to the MN-S. NexGen inquired if the MN-S JWG attendees could review the draft notes and confirm if there were any edits required. NexGen indicated the notes would be finalized upon hearing back from the MN-S, or if a response was not received, on 12 May 2023. NexGen stated the meetings held were focused on planning and that Aurora Communications was not present to record and transcribe full verbatim meeting minutes. NexGen invited the MN-S to reach out if there were any questions on the JWG presentations and meeting minutes on the USB drive that NexGen would be dropping off to the MN-S.
14 April 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen to confirm that the draft meeting notes from the JWG meeting held on 20 December 2022 and the NR2 Board meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study held on 23 January 2023 would be distributed to the MN-S JWG for review. The MN-S indicated that comments would be provided if required.
18 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to provide the Rook I Visitor Checklist sent to visitors staying at camp for extended periods. NexGen noted that they would call the MN-S to coordinate their pick-up.
19 April 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with members from the BNDN and the MN-S for a Rook I site tour and to locate a spot for the ceremonial sweat with Elders from all local priority areas Nations. The core logging facilities and the Arrow site were toured. A safe location for the ceremonial sweat was confirmed.
24 April 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen to thank them for the site visit and to provide an update on the regional Traditional Foods Study. The MN-S stated that the MN-S legal department has suggested that the MN-S assume the ownership of the contract between NexGen and CanNorth for the regional Traditional Foods Study and noted that this would eliminate the need for a data sharing agreement. The MN-S confirmed that the MN-S legal department was agreeable with NexGen and CanNorth to proceed with tissue sampling as long as the data would be provided without caveats. The MN-S attached the budget for the NexGen regional Traditional Foods Study prepared by Two Worlds Consulting that had already been approved by NexGen. The MN-S requested for NexGen to notify CanNorth if they agreed with the resolution and indicated that the MN-S would then proceed with implementation planning.
25 April 2023	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the MN-S to discuss the MN-S' email dated 24 April 2023 regarding the regional Traditional Foods Study. The MN-S explained the feedback provided by the MN-S legal department. NexGen reiterated that there were two Traditional Foods Study scopes of work in progress with the MN-S and suggested that there may be some confusion. NexGen asked if it would be helpful if NexGen sent an email to clarify the difference between the MN-S-specific Traditional Foods Study, and the regional Traditional Foods Study that CanNorth was leading for NexGen. The MN-S agreed that the clarification was needed and would help to advance the discussions.
25 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to thank them for the email and brief call to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study further. NexGen noted that NexGen and the MN-S have two separate Traditional Foods Study scopes of work underway and provided additional information on the MN-S-specific Traditional Foods Study and the NexGen regional Traditional Foods Study. NexGen stated that the possibility of the MN-S interviewing the same people for both studies to reduce duplication of efforts had been discussed in previous meetings. NexGen indicated that with this approach, the MN-S would work with CanNorth on the CanNorth interview questionnaire, and that the MN-S would also ask their own questions as part of the MN-S-specific Traditional Foods Study. NexGen informed the MN-S that CanNorth would require only the data from the CanNorth interview questions and would not request access to additional MN-S-specific Traditional Foods Study interview data or questions. NexGen expressed that they hoped the information provided would assist with conversations for the regional Traditional Foods Study and a potential information sharing agreement. NexGen invited the MN-S to reach out if there were any questions or if a phone call would need to be arranged between the MN-S, NexGen, and CanNorth.
27 April 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen requesting to start discussion around the next JWG meeting. The MN-S requested for NexGen to provide the agenda topics, anticipated outcomes, and any additional information.

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27 April 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the MN-S providing the regional Traditional Foods Study program summary, a summary of the questions that would be asked during the interviews, and a copy of the PowerPoint that was presented to the MN-S in December 2022 and again in January 2023. CanNorth informed the MN-S that they had completed similar studies with communities in the Athabasca Region and provided a link to additional information on the community-based programs. CanNorth stated they would reach out to the MN-S during the week of 1 May 2023 to discuss scheduling training in May 2023.
2 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S thanking the MN-S for the email dated 27 April 2023 regarding the next JWG meeting. NexGen advised the MN-S Director of Environment and the MN-S Environmental Program Planner had been copied in the response and provided the proposed topics and agenda for the JWG meeting. NexGen requested that the MN-S advise if there were any comments on the proposed topics and outcomes and stated that 26 May 2023 was still blocked off in the NexGen calendar should the MN-S confirm the date would work for the JWG meeting.
2 May 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen thanking NexGen for providing the outlined agenda for the JWG meeting. The MN-S indicated the information would advance the planning discussion with their team and noted that the MN-S would reach out to NexGen once there was direction.
2 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S thanking the MN-S for acknowledging the proposed outlined agenda for the JWG meeting and informing that the information would advance the planning discussion with the MN-S team. NexGen invited the MN-S to reach out if there were any additional information required during the MN-S' discussions.
5 May 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and indicated they have booked a placeholder for the MN-S NR2 to be in Saskatoon on 5 June 2023 and 6 June 2023. The MN-S offered for NexGen to choose which date would work best to schedule the JWG. The MN-S inquired if NexGen would want an event budget and if NexGen would cover associated costs if the MN-S NR2 requests their legal counsel be present. The MN-S also inquired if NexGen would prefer to host the meeting at the NexGen office. The MN-S stated they would start making arrangements and copy the MN-S Director of Environment in correspondences once the preliminary planning has been completed.
5 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S regarding the upcoming NexGen newsletter planned to be distributed at the end of May 2023 or first week of June 2023 and attached the April 2023 issue of the newsletter for reference. NexGen requested for the MN-S to confirm if the MN-S Community Liaison contact for the regional Traditional Foods Study and the contact for the MN-S NR2 Community Coordinator that would be listed in the June 2023 newsletter were correct. NexGen also inquired if there was an alternative or additional contact for the regional Traditional Foods Study and the Community Coordinator that the MN-S would like shared in the newsletter. NexGen indicated that the information would need to be confirmed by the end of the week of 8 May 2023.
5 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked the MN-S for the information regarding the JWG meeting. NexGen indicated they would discuss internally to confirm availability and would reach back out with responses to the MN-S questions. NexGen stated they could host the JWG meeting at the NexGen office.
5 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed unavailability on 5 June 2023 and 6 June 2023 for the JWG meeting. NexGen inquired if 8 June 2023 or 9 June 2023 would work for the MN-S. NexGen also provided responses to the MN-S questions related to the JWG meeting. NexGen stated a budget was not needed and that only a list of attendees was required. NexGen also informed the MN-S that it was been previously agreed on that legal would no longer be participating in the JWG meetings. NexGen indicated they would be happy to host the meeting and requested that the MN-S confirm if the date change would work or if alternate dates would need to be considered.
5 May 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and indicated the proposed 8 June 2023 or 9 June 2023 JWG meeting dates would not work. The MN-S inquired if 4 June 2023 would work for NexGen.
5 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed that scheduling the JWG meeting on 4 June 2023 would not work. NexGen proposed to hold the meeting on 29 May 2023, 30 May 2023, or 31 May 2023 and inquired if one of the dates would work for the MN-S. NexGen noted that 12 June 2023 to 16 June 2023 would also not work due to the community information sessions that NexGen would be hosting in the local priority area communities.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
5 May 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen indicating that scheduling the JWG meeting on 29 May 2023 should work and stated that they were waiting for a confirmation from the MN-S Regional Director's assistant.
8 May 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that scheduling the JWG meeting on 29 May 2023 would not work for the MN-S NR2. The MN-S indicated that 19 June 2023 could be an option and noted the MN-S Regional Director's assistant was confirming with the MN-S NR2 leadership. The MN-S inquired if 19 June 2023 would work for NexGen.
8 May 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that scheduling the JWG meeting on 19 June 2023 in Saskatoon would work for the MN-S NR2. The MN-S indicated the MN-S NR2 legal counsel and the MN-S technical consultants would be attending the meeting virtually. The MN-S noted that a budget would be forwarded to NexGen as per the Terms of Reference Framework for the JWG and that the MN-S Director of Environment has been copied in the email.
9 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S regarding scheduling the JWG meeting on 19 June 2023 in Saskatoon and indicated that they would confirm with the team if the proposed date would work. NexGen advised they would get back to the MN-S as soon as possible.
10 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S, the MN-S NR2, the Métis Local 39 – La Loche, and the Métis Local 62 – Buffalo Narrows providing the schedule of the community information sessions for the Project planned for 12 June 2023 to 16 June 2023 in the local priority area communities. NexGen indicated the community information sessions would be a drop-in format with a series of poster stations staffed by NexGen staff who would be available to share information and answers. NexGen also shared the objectives of the community information sessions and noted that the staff of the CNSC and ENV would be in attendance to explain their roles as regulatory agencies and to answer any questions from community members. NexGen stated the community information sessions would be open to all community members and members of the public and would be advertised through monthly radio announcements. NexGen indicated that posters would be created to share and post in the communities and that invitation cards would be mailed out. NexGen thanked the MN-S, the MN-S NR2, the Métis Local 39 – La Loche, and the Métis Local 62 – Buffalo Narrows for helping confirm the dates and venues and invited them to reach out if there were any questions or additional information needed.
15 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S confirming that 19 June 2023 would work to schedule the JWG meeting and informed the MN-S that the NexGen JWG members, EA team members, and legal counsel would be joining. NexGen indicated that the majority of the team would be attending in person and that the others would be participating virtually. NexGen confirmed that they would be providing lunch and snacks at the meeting. NexGen also informed the MN-S that NexGen has reached out to Aurora Communications to confirm if they could record and transcribe the meeting notes. NexGen stated the presentation would be compiled based on the agenda provided in the email dated 5 May 2023 and that NexGen would be in touch with the MN-S regarding the meeting details.
15 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S to confirm if the MN-S Community Coordinator could be identified and shared in the upcoming NexGen newsletter.
19 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S forwarding the email from the CNSC regarding capacity funding available to Indigenous Nations and communities.
9 June 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also provided copies of NexGen's April 2023 and June 2023 community newsletters and a digital copy of the brochure and application form for the 2023-2024 NexGen Scholarship Program. NexGen invited the MN-S to reach out if there were any questions.
9 June 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the June 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ information about the upcoming June 2023 community information sessions; ▪ education, training, and employment updates; and ▪ a summary of community updates and initiatives.

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12 June 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session in Buffalo Narrows to: ▪ update local communities on the Project and inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project; ▪ share information about the EIS review process including when and how members of the public have had and will continue to have opportunities for ongoing involvement in the regulatory process; ▪ share an overview of the licensing and permitting required for the Project; ▪ share information on environmental monitoring, employment opportunities, and education and training initiatives; and ▪ answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the EIS.
13 June 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session in La Loche to: ▪ update local communities on the Project and inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project; ▪ share information about the EIS review process including when and how members of the public have had and will continue to have opportunities for ongoing involvement in the regulatory process; ▪ share an overview of the licensing and permitting required for the Project; ▪ share information on environmental monitoring, employment opportunities, and education and training initiatives; and ▪ answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the EIS.
14 June 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session in Turnor Lake and the BNDN to: ▪ update local communities on the Project and inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project; ▪ share information about the EIS review process including when and how members of the public have had and will continue to have opportunities for ongoing involvement in the regulatory process; ▪ share an overview of the licensing and permitting required for the Project; ▪ share information on environmental monitoring, employment opportunities, and education and training initiatives; and ▪ answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the EIS.
15 June 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen, the MN-S, and the MN-S NR2 met to sign an Benefit Agreement with respect to the Project.
19 June 2023	In-person meeting	The NexGen and MN-S JWG met to discuss: ▪ status updates for the EA process for the Project; ▪ a collaborative approach to the regulatory process for the Project, including validating the issues, interests, and concerns identified for the MN-S; and ▪ next steps for the JWG. The MN-S agreed to review the issues and concerns table and confirm a meeting date for the JWG to meet to discuss.
23 June 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen to confirm the appointed the MN-S members and main contacts for the joint committees established under the Benefit Agreement.
27 June 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and requested for an update as to when the responses to the EIS comments would be provided. The MN-S indicated that they would review the responses and would forward items that need further discussion to the MN-S and NexGen Environmental Committee for review.
27 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and MN-S NR2 and thanked the MN-S for the follow up on the responses to the EIS. NexGen stated they would follow up internally regarding the status of the issues and concerns table from the Draft EIS that were previously discussed and would advise when it would be ready to send to the MN-S.
27 June 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for the update on the Métis-specific issues and concerns table. The MN-S NR2 looked forward to finalizing the process.

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27 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S advising they have followed up internally regarding the issues and concerns table and stated the materials were prepared and would be sent to the MN-S soon. NexGen provided confirmation that the communication protocol that NexGen was waiting for was received from the MN-S on 23 June 2023 and stated the issues and concerns table would be sent to the contacts specified by the MN-S NR2.
27 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S thanking them for the collaborative JWG meeting held on 19 June 2023. NexGen attached the Métis-specific issues and concerns table prepared as part of the requirements for the federal EA process as a follow up to the action item from the JWG meeting and stated the issues and concerns reflect the information provided by representatives of the MN-S NR2 to NexGen. NexGen explained the information in the table was included in Appendix 2B of the Draft EIS with the exception of the key mitigations and accommodations column and noted the minor updates made to the table. NexGen advised that both the MN-S and NexGen were required to review together the information and confirm that the table appropriately captures and addresses the issues and concerns. NexGen stated the next step was for the MN-S NR2 team to review the table, provide feedback, and identify any items that would require further discussion. NexGen advised that a workshop would be arranged to discuss any items flagged by the MN-S and that any remaining items would be worked through the MN-S NR2 and NexGen Environmental Committee. NexGen informed the MN-S that the CNSC would then be advised of the outcome of the collaborative validation process. NexGen invited the MN-S to reach out if there were any questions regarding the issues and concerns table.
28 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for identifying the interim MN-S Benefit Agreement committee representatives. NexGen attached the notification of NexGen's representatives to implement the Benefit Agreement.
30 June 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen following up on the information for the MN-S Facebook pages in the region and stated they would need images to be uploaded to the social media sites.
4 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked the MN-S for the 30 June 2023 email. NexGen inquired if a copy of the most recent NexGen newsletter as well as the image of the Implementation and Community Coordinator contact information for the MN-S, CRDN, BNDN, and BRDN was what the MN-S needed.
4 July 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and confirmed that the most recent NexGen newsletter as well as the image of the Implementation and Community Coordinator contact information for the MN-S, CRDN, BNDN, and BRDN was the information that the MN-S needed.
5 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S providing a copy of the June 2023 NexGen newsletter and a screenshot of the list of Implementation and Community Coordinators.
12 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and inquired if there were any questions regarding the Métis-specific issues and concerns table that was prepared for the federal EA process as a follow up to NexGen's 27 June 2023 email. NexGen requested for the MN-S to advise as to when they would be ready for a meeting to workshop any items that warranted further discussion. NexGen looked forward to meeting soon to review and validate the information as part of the continued collaboration on the Project.
12 July 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and indicated that August 2023 would be better to workshop any items from the Métis-specific issues and concerns table that warrant further discussion.
20 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and shared the public notice received from the ENV regarding the Notice of Provincial Review of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* and from the CNSC regarding the Notice of the CNSC Capacity Funding Availability. NexGen included a brief overview of the notices and included links for additional information.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
27 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided a letter regarding the development of a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan for the Project and the formation of a Caribou Working Group. NexGen proposed a regional approach to set up a Caribou Working Group to include representation from the MN-S NR2, the CRDN, the BNDN, and the BRDN. NexGen also proposed to hold the first regional Caribou Working Group meeting on 29 August 2023 at the NexGen office in Saskatoon and encouraged the MN-S NR2's participation. NexGen requested for confirmation of an MN-S NR2 representative to participate in the meeting and invited the MN-S NR2 to reach out if there were any questions.
27 July 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen regarding the coordination of an MN-S NR2 representative to participate in the proposed regional Caribou Working Group. The MN-S NR2 informed NexGen they were reaching out to someone to sit on the committee.
2 August 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen as a follow up to NexGen's 27 July 2023 email and requested for clarification if NexGen wanted a single MN-S NR2 representative to participate in the Caribou Working Group.
2 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and clarified that the request was for a single representative from the MN-S NR2 to participate in the Caribou Working Group. NexGen stated that the MN-S NR2 representative could then share updates to the MN-S/NexGen Environmental Committee, as required.
2 August 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for clarifying that the request was for a single representative from the MN-S NR2 to participate in the Caribou Working Group. The MN-S stated that the MN-S NR2 Regional Director would be informed.
2 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and followed up on the review status of the Métis-specific Issues and concerns table prepared for the federal EA process and shared with the Environmental Committee in June 2023. NexGen requested for confirmation that the table accurately captured and addressed the MN-S-specific issues and concerns or if there were any items that would need to be discussed.
2 August 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and stated that their technical consultants had reviewed the Métis-specific issues and concerns table and have provided comments to the MN-S. The MN-S indicated that there were gaps that would be filled in with the Environmental Committee and inquired if there was a draft Terms of Reference for the Environmental Committee. The MN-S noted that it would assist to clarify and create a list for the MN-S NR2 to review as well as help build up the Environmental Committee Terms of Reference.
4 August 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that feedback on the Métis-specific issues and concerns table has been received from the MN-S consultants. The MN-S stated there were questions that would need to be discussed further with NexGen and inquired if NexGen would be available on 17 August 2023 for a meeting. The MN-S indicated that a list of questions was being compiled and noted the list would be provided to NexGen as soon as possible.
9 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and inquired if the MN-S NR2 has confirmed a representative would be participating in the proposed 29 August 2023 meeting for the Caribou Working Group as a follow up to the MN-S NR2's 27 July 2023 email.
9 August 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and confirmed the MN-S NR2 representative who would be participating in the proposed 29 August 2023 meeting for the Caribou Working Group.
9 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for confirming the MN-S NR2 representative who would be participating in the proposed 29 August 2023 meeting for the Caribou Working Group. NexGen requested for the contact information of the MN-S NR2 Caribou Working Group representative so the meeting information could be sent.
9 August 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and confirmed the best way to contact the MN-S NR2 Caribou Working Group representative.
9 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for confirming the best way to contact the MN-S NR2 Caribou Working Group representative. NexGen noted that the NexGen Environmental Lead who would be coordinating the meeting on 29 August 2023 was copied on the email.

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10 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for the review update on the Métis-specific issues and concerns table. NexGen advised that there were Terms of Reference for the Environmental Committee established in the Benefit Agreement as well as additional information regarding the mandate of the Environmental Committee in the Benefit Agreement. NexGen proposed to review the sections and then add a collaborative review to the agenda of a future Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen requested for the MN-S feedback on the proposed approach and inquired if there was a date that would work best for an Environmental Committee meeting.
10 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and listed several Environmental Committee processes to ensure alignment with the MN-S. NexGen inquired if the Environmental Committee process items noted should be confirmed during the planned Implementation Committee meeting scheduled on 14 August 2023 to ensure that both NexGen and the MN-S were advancing in line with respective expectations under the Environmental Committee.
11 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S regarding the NexGen community newsletter for the Project. NexGen indicated the contact information for each of the Indigenous Groups in the local priority area was included and noted that the MN-S NR2 Community Coordinator's contact information was listed in the last edition. NexGen informed the MN-S NR2 that another community newsletter was planned for September 2023 and explained they would like to include the contact information again. NexGen stated that the MN-S was aligned with providing contact information to help community members know who to talk to about some of the initiatives as discussed at the last JWG/Environmental Committee meeting held in June 2023. NexGen inquired if the MN-S NR2 contact in the newsletter should be updated to the Implementation Coordinator or continue to list the MN-S NR2 Community Coordinator. NexGen included a screenshot of the community contacts included in the June 2023 newsletter for reference.
11 August 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen advising there would be two positions advertised as coordinators and confirmed the interim MN-S NR2 Implementation Coordinator as the community contact to be included in the next NexGen Community Newsletter.
11 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked them for confirming the interim MN-S NR2 Implementation Coordinator to be included in the next NexGen Community Newsletter. NexGen noted the information would be updated in the newsletter and inquired if the email address and phone number could also be included.
14 August 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen and the MN-S met for their first Implementation Committee meeting to discuss an overview of the role of the Implementation Committee and to review and share updates relating to all articles under the Benefit Agreement.
14 August 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities.
14 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S regarding the Implementation Committee kick-off meeting held on 14 August 2023. NexGen listed the designated interim MN-S Benefit Agreement members discussed during the meeting and requested for the MN-S to confirm the list. NexGen also attached the meeting agenda, attendance, and actions for review and comments.
18 August 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and apologized for the delay in the response to NexGen's Environmental Committee process questions emailed on 10 August 2023. The MN-S inquired if a virtual meeting could be arranged during the week of 21 August 2023 to the clarify some of the MN-S' questions. The MN-S advised that the comments have not yet been resolved and stated that some of the comments could be confirmed with clarification from NexGen.
22 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked the MN-S for the follow-up on the questions related to the Environmental Committee process. NexGen stated that they had a debrief after the MN-S/NexGen Implementation Committee meeting held on 14 August 2023 and noted that there was confirmation that the interim Implementation Committee representatives would also serve as the interim Environmental Committee meeting members. NexGen confirmed that 25 September 2023 for an update meeting would work and indicated that a Teams meeting invite could be sent out.
24 August 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and confirmed the interim designated representatives for the MN-S NR2 as listed were correct in response to NexGen's 14 August 2023 email.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
29 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S regarding the community-based regional Traditional Foods Study for the Project that NexGen was working with the local priority area Indigenous Groups to complete. NexGen stated the study would provide regional food data to compare or augment the assumptions used in the modelling for the Project EA. NexGen indicated they have been working with CanNorth to discuss adjustments to the timeline to create a well-informed sampling program that was developed based on interviews from all participating communities. NexGen also acknowledged that the MN-S NR2 interview training was complete, community interviews have recently been completed, and that the data entry was also nearly complete. NexGen informed the MN-S the goal was to have all community interviews completed by 15 December 2023 and advised that CanNorth would use the information gathered by the MN-S NR2 to inform the 2024 sampling program. NexGen indicated that a final report would be produced by CanNorth in the summer of 2024. NexGen invited the MN-S to reach out if there were any questions or concerns regarding the revised timeline.
29 August 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the Project Woodland Caribou Working Group for a kick-off meeting to introduce the group members, establish a framework for how the Caribou Working Group would work together, and to provide an overview of caribou in the context of the Project and what work has been completed to date.
30 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S advising that the ENV has completed its EA Technical Review for the Project and that NexGen has submitted the provincial Final EIS to the ENV. NexGen informed of the next steps under the provincial EA process and noted it was different from the federal EA public review process that occurred for the Draft EIS. NexGen stated they would be happy to meet and discuss any questions regarding the provincial Final EIS or the provincial EA process with the MN-S. NexGen indicated the provincial Final EIS would be posted on the ENV's website for the commencement of the public review period and noted an updated link to the ENV website would be provided. NexGen also informed that a copy of the provincial Final EIS has been uploaded to the MN-S and NexGen Benefit Agreement SharePoint site and listed what was included in the upload. NexGen provided a progress update on the completion of responses to the federal technical and public review comments received on the Draft EIS through the federal EA review process with the CNSC. NexGen advised that they must also receive positive federal licensing and provincial permitting decisions for the Project to be fully approved and for Construction to begin. NexGen invited the MN-S to reach out if there were any questions and welcomed the opportunity to share further updates and information at a future Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen thanked the MN-S for the continued collaboration throughout the provincial EA process.
31 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and provided the draft meeting minutes from the JWG held on 19 June 2023 for review and comment. NexGen noted for the MN-S to make any edits in track change and send back to NexGen once completed or confirm that there were no edits required.
31 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S thanking them for the check-in meeting held on 25 August 2023 and for the work the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 has conducted on reviewing the issues and concerns table. NexGen attached a PDF copy of the table provided to the MN-S NR2 Environmental Committee that included a listing of the key mitigations and accommodations identified by NexGen through the development of the table. NexGen also attached a Word version of the table with a column for the MN-S to insert the results of their review. NexGen listed the proposed next steps discussed at the meeting and invited the MN-S to reach out if there were any questions. NexGen stated that they looked forward to the continued collaboration with the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 and stated that they would be reaching out in a separate cover regarding the MN-S technical and public comments provided as part of the federal EA process. NexGen stated that it would be important to establish a process of working through the comments for endorsement by the Environmental Committee.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
31 August 2023	Email, incoming	The ENV emailed the MN-S and copied NexGen on the correspondence providing an attached letter inviting the MN-S to review and confirm the Duty to Consult Record for the proposed Project. The ENV also attached a copy of the Consultation Report that would be provided as part of the final EIS by NexGen as well as a copy of the ENV's technical review comments summarizing the expected impacts of the Project, proposed mitigation measures and technical review findings, and information for applying for a Fast Track Grant. The ENV stated that a hard copy of the Notice of Review Period, technical review comments, and Fast Track Grant Fact sheet would also be couriered to the MN-S and requested for any comments to be submitted to the ENV by 3 October 2023.
31 August 2023	Email, incoming	The ENV emailed the MN-S and copied NexGen on the correspondence and stated that the ENV's previous email contained the notification letter for the Turnor Lake Métis Local #40 instead of the La Loche Métis Local #39. The ENV attached the correct letter inviting the MN-S to review and confirm the Duty to Consult Record for the proposed Project. The ENV also attached a copy of the Consultation Report that would be provided as part of the final EIS by NexGen as well as a copy of the ENV's technical review comments summarizing the expected impacts of the Project, proposed mitigation measures, and technical review findings and information for applying for a Fast Track Grant. The ENV stated that a hard copy of the Notice of Review Period, technical review comments, and Fast Track Grant Fact sheet would also be couriered to the MN-S and requested for any comments by 3 October 2023.
1 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 and advised that NexGen was copied on the ENV correspondence to the President of the MN-S regarding the review and confirmation of the Provincial Duty to Consult Record for the Project. NexGen attached a copy of the correspondence for the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 Environmental Committee members and Implementation Coordinator in alignment with the terms of reference for the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 Benefit Agreement and as part of the ongoing discussions regarding collaboration on the regulatory process for the Project.
1 September 2023	Phone call, incoming	The MN-S and the MN-S NR2 called NexGen and confirmed receipt of the emails sent on 30 August 2023 and 1 September 2023 regarding the provincial Final EIS. The MN-S NR2 stated they would look into the emails and the SharePoint site further on 4 September 2023 and informed NexGen that there were currently no questions.
5 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and the MN-S and provided a link to the notification regarding the public review period for NexGen's provincial Final EIS that has been posted on the ENV website. NexGen also included the link to the ENV website where the Final EIS and supporting documentation could be downloaded.
11 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Caribou Working Group and thanked the group for helping make the first meeting held on 29 August 2023 a success. NexGen attached the meeting minutes, presentation, and a visual charter for review as well as provided a link to the requested resources as a follow up to some of the action items. NexGen informed the Caribou Working Group that a placeholder for the workshop on 16 October 2023 has been sent out and noted that NexGen would also be inviting regulators as guests to the workshop. NexGen advised that additional information would be sent out closer to the date.
11 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 and provided an update that the CNSC has confirmed the final Licence Application to Prepare and Construct the Project was submitted on 1 September 2023 and in compliance with all applicable CNSC requirements. NexGen informed the MN-S NR2 that they have recently submitted responses to the federal technical review comments received on the Draft EIS and continue to finalize responses to all public comments received through the federal EA review process. NexGen expressed they looked forward to collaborating with the MN-S NR2 Environmental Committee to review the responses NexGen submitted to the CNSC on the MN-S NR2 federal technical comment submission. NexGen stated they also looked forward to the review in parallel to the CNSC-led technical review process in which the MN-S NR2 would be participating and to a collaborative approach in responding to the MN-S NR2 public comments submitted as part of the federal public review process. NexGen advised that the CNSC would be holding a public hearing prior to making an EA or licensing decision on the Project and noted that a hearing date has not yet been determined. NexGen thanked the MN-S NR2 for the continued engagement throughout the federal EA and licensing processes and invited the MN-S NR2 to reach out if there were any questions or concerns.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
13 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and the MN-S regarding the seed collection program that NexGen was working with Integral Ecology Group to conduct at the Rook I site for reclamation research for the Project. NexGen informed the MN-S NR2 and the MN-S that both NexGen's Environmental Team and Integral Ecology Group would be on site from 2 October 2023 and 5 October 2023 for the program and inquired if the MN-S Environmental Committee Regulatory Lead or if a member of the Caribou Working Group would be interested in participating. NexGen stated that a day trip could be accommodated and requested for the MN-S NR2 to confirm a preferred date. NexGen noted the costs for involvement would be paid as per the Environmental Committee funding and advised that NexGen would be reaching out to the Environmental Committees with other Nations to confirm interest in participation. NexGen also indicated that an Elder was welcome to join.
18 September 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and advised that the MN-S would be unavailable for the seed collection program that would be conducted at the Rook I site for reclamation research for the Project on 2 October 2023 to 5 October 2023 in response to NexGen's 13 September 2023 email. The MN-S thanked NexGen for the opportunity.
18 September 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed the ENV and NexGen attaching a letter in support of the Project.
22 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 and acknowledged the MN-S 18 September 2023 email confirming unavailability for the seed collection program that would be conducted at the Rook I site for reclamation research for the Project on 2 October 2023 to 5 October 2023. NexGen stated that the Environmental Committee would be updated on the initiative and inquired if another MN-S NR2 member was interested in joining the seed collection program for one day.
24 September 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the MNS-NR2 Regional Director has requested that the MN-S assist in organizing a virtual meeting with NexGen to discuss the provincial Final EIS. The MN-S noted they have requested if a Regional Council meeting has been scheduled for early October and stated that NexGen would be updated on the confirmed date. The MN-S inquired if NexGen had a presentation that they would like to present to the MN-S NR2.
25 September 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen hosted the MN-S NR2 Leadership at the Rook I site for a tour.
26 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and inquired if the meeting request from the MN-S NR2 Regional Director was for NexGen to share additional context as to the progress of the provincial EA, as well as the next steps as a follow up to the MN-S 24 September 2023 email. NexGen also inquired if there was additional information as to when the MN-S NR2 Regional Council meeting would occur.
26 September 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and attached the issues and concerns validation table for review. The MN-S advised that an MN-S NR2 President had instructed to hold off submitting the table to NexGen as a workshop to address the issues and concerns was being arranged. The MN-S stated that it has been two weeks and a meeting has not been established. The MN-S noted that the MN-S Director of Environment has directed that the issues and concerns validation table be sent to NexGen to continue with progress.
26 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 and advised that NexGen has inquired with the MN-S NR2 Regional Director regarding organizing a meeting to discuss the provincial Final EIS. NexGen informed the MN-S that the MN-S NR2 Regional Director stated that they did not require a meeting. NexGen proposed to meet at the next Implementation Committee meeting and stated that provincial Final EIS information could be prepared for the meeting.
4 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and thanked the MN-S for the feedback on the issues and concerns table. NexGen informed of the path forward discussed between the NexGen Vice President, Community and the MN-S NR2 leadership. NexGen attached the updated issues and concerns table and provided further context. NexGen expressed appreciation for the collaborative approach on the process and looked forward to presenting the issues and concerns table to the broader Environmental Committee.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
6 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and the MN-S regarding NexGen's visit to the high schools in the local priority area in October 2023 to conduct career information sessions with the students in Grades 10-12. NexGen indicated that three training institutions have been invited to share program information and welcomed the MN-S NR2 Leadership, Implementation Committee, and Environmental Committee to attend. NexGen provided the schedule of the visits for reference.
10 October 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen to follow up if NexGen was agreeable with the MN-S using the NexGen Regional Foods Study data that was collected by the MN-S to inform the NexGen Métis Foods Study. The MN-S also requested for NexGen to confirm the Métis Foods Study budget.
11 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed the budget for the MN-S led Traditional Foods Study, as requested. NexGen indicated they would confirm the request for the shared data from the Regional Foods Study.
18 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and confirmed there were no concerns with the MN-S using data collected as part of the regional Traditional Foods study to support the Métis Foods Study.
18 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 regarding scheduling the next Environmental Committee meeting to share respective updates, as well as discuss priorities and planning for 2024. NexGen proposed to have steering level Environmental Committee meetings quarterly and hold ad-hoc or sub-committee meetings outside of the quarterly meetings for specific topics. NexGen requested for the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 to provide feedback on the proposed approach. NexGen confirmed availability for an Environmental Committee meeting on 6, 9, or 10 November 2023 and inquired if any of the dates would work.
19 October 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and provided a list of the interim MN-S NR2 Implementation and Environmental Committee member assignments.
30 October 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the Project Woodland Caribou Working Group and the provincial and federal regulators for a workshop. Stantec presented the caribou offset options and gathered feedback to inform the draft Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan for the Project.
2 November 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen regarding the proposed meetings to discuss and finalize the Issues and concerns validation table, as well as the Steering Committee / quarterly Environmental Committee meeting to share respective updates and discuss priorities and planning for 2024. The MN-S requested for NexGen to provide dates for consideration.
2 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and followed up regarding the next steps for the MN-S NR2 issues and concerns validation process. NexGen proposed to arrange a brief Technical Working Group meeting to discuss and then schedule an Environmental Committee meeting to finalize the issues and concerns validation table. NexGen requested for the MN-S to provide available dates for the proposed meetings. NexGen also expressed wanting to arrange a Steering Committee / quarterly Environmental Committee meeting to share respective updates and discuss priorities and planning for 2024. NexGen suggested the Environmental Committee meeting and workshop focus on the finalization of the issues and concerns validation table and stated that both meetings could be planned in a two day span to help the MN-S NR2 members travel to Saskatoon.
3 November 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen and the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 Implementation Committee met for a meeting to discuss roles, share updates on education and training, and options for sharing information and reports with the MN-S NR2 communities.
3 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and proposed dates for the Technical Working Group meeting, Environmental Committee meeting, and Steering Committee / quarterly Environmental Committee meeting for consideration. NexGen inquired which date would work for the MN-S.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	The ENV emailed the MN-S and copied NexGen to provide a letter noting that the Minister of Environment has given NexGen Energy Ltd. approval to proceed with the proposed Project and attached the decision notification and ministerial approval.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
8 November 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the October 2023 newsletter.
9 November 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the October issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ a summary of the June 2023 Community Information Sessions; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
10 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 providing a letter regarding the recent provincial approval of the Project EA and thanked the MN-S NR2 for the support through the provincial EA process.
24 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 a Microsoft Teams meeting invite for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 15 December 2023. NexGen stated that lunch would be provided and noted the agenda, as well as the meeting materials would be provided in advance of the meeting.
27 November 2023	Video conference	The NexGen and the MN-S Technical Working Group, a subgroup formed under the Environment Committee, met to discuss the next steps for the issues and concerns validation. The Technical Working Group confirmed the Environmental Committee would meet on 15 December 2023 to review the issues and concerns validation table and collaborate on its finalization.
28 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S providing copies of the signed files that the MN-S has signed off as the Federal-Indigenous Review Team representatives for NexGen's responses to their information requests. NexGen requested to be copied on the email from the MN-S to the CNSC confirming the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 acceptance of the responses.
28 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 providing an update on the activities that have been conducted related to the issues and concerns validation activities required as part of the federal EA process since the last Environmental Committee meeting held on 19 June 2023 in preparation for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 15 December 2023. NexGen attached the finalized Issues and concerns validation table that was confirmed ready to be presented to the Environmental Committee for final sign off as discussed during the Technical Working Group meeting held on 27 November 2023. NexGen also provided specific notes on the attached table for review and invited the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 to reach out if there were any questions.
1 December 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 expressing thanks for the meeting held on 27 November 2023 to discuss the Environmental Committee next steps, as well as the Issues and concerns validation table. NexGen attached an updated draft letter template prepared to assist the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 in sending to the CNSC to provide confirmation that the issues and concerns validation process has been completed by the MN-S/MN-S NR2/NexGen Environmental Committee to satisfy federal EA requirements for the Project. NexGen advised of the NexGen team members copied in the email and requested that all be copied on the MN-S correspondence to the CNSC providing the letter. NexGen also followed up regarding scheduling a meeting to discuss the MN-S comments and responses and requested for preferred dates for consideration.
5 December 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and inquired if the MN-S has sent the signed Federal-Indigenous Review Team documents to the CNSC as a follow up to NexGen's 28 November 2023 email.
5 December 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen regarding the signed Federal-Indigenous Review Team documents and indicated that the MN-S met with the CNSC on 4 December 2023 to discuss. The MN-S informed NexGen the response letter would be added to the MN-S workplan for the week of 4 December 2023.
5 December 2023	Email, incoming	The MN-S copied NexGen in an email to the CNSC thanking the CNSC for the meeting held on 4 December 2023 and attached the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 acceptance of the responses to the Federal-Indigenous Review Team's information requests for the NexGen Project.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
14 December 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 and provided the agenda, presentation, and a copy of the issues and concerns validation table for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 15 December 2023.
15 December 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 for an Environmental Committee meeting. Key topics included an update on the regulatory approval process for the Project, an overview of environmental monitoring programs and initiatives, and completion of the validation of issues and concerns process for the MN-S NR2 as part of the EA.
20 December 2023	Letter, incoming	The CNSC emailed NexGen and copied the IAAC, ECCC, ENV, CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN, providing a letter requesting clarification regarding potential linkages between recent exploration activities at the Rook I site and the Project.
5 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CNSC and copied the IAAC, ECCC, ENV, CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN, providing a letter in response to CNSC's 20 December 2023 letter. The letter confirmed that Rook I site exploration activities in question were required to inform Project design but do not represent development of the Project. In addition, the letter included a summary of NexGen's engagement activities with Indigenous Groups and regulatory agencies prior to submission of the exploration program permit application. NexGen confirmed that all activities being undertaken at the Rook I site are compliant with the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. NexGen provided responses to each of the information requests from CNSC's letter.
10 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 providing the monthly report delivered on the local radio stations to share updates on the Project EA, community engagement, business and contracting, employment and training, and Rook I site activities.
12 January 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen, the MN-S NR2 and the MN-S met for an Implementation Committee meeting.
15 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 and followed up regarding the status of the issues and concerns table. NexGen inquired if the table could be considered final and if MN-S and MN-S NR2 would be sending the confirmation letter to the CNSC on 15 January 2024.
15 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 regarding scheduling the quarterly Environmental Committee meetings in advance and proposed the dates for 2024. NexGen inquired if the dates would work and stated that meeting invites could be sent out to the Environmental Committee members to hold the dates.
15 January 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen regarding the proposed dates for the 2024 quarterly Environmental Committee meetings and confirmed the dates would work.
23 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 and attached the draft letter regarding the MN-S NR2 issues and concerns validation. NexGen inquired if MN-S would be sending the confirmation letter to the CNSC during the week of 22 January 2024.
23 January 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S copied NexGen in an email correspondence to the CNSC confirming that the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 have validated the issues and concerns for the Project and attached the acceptance letter.
23 January 2024	Email, incoming	The CNSC copied NexGen in an email correspondence to the MN-S thanking the MN-S for the acceptance letter regarding issues and concerns validation for the Project.
31 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen noted that a 2023 'year-in-review' table summarizing the Project engagement activities between the MN-S NR2 and NexGen was also included in the letter. NexGen expressed looking forward to meeting at the upcoming Environmental Committee meeting in February 2024.
31 January 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen, thanking NexGen for the engagement update letter for the Project.
9 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 providing the agenda and presentation for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 16 February 2024. NexGen also listed the proposed discussion items for review.
9 February 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen regarding the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 16 February 2024 and requested that the Buffalo Narrows Métis Local #62 President be included back on the Environmental Committee.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
14 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and confirmed that the invitation and information for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 16 February 2024 would be sent to the Buffalo Narrows Métis Local #62 President.
16 February 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen, the MN-S NR2, and the MN-S met for an Environmental Committee meeting. Key topics included the following: ▪ an update on the regulatory approvals and public comment processes for the Project; ▪ an overview of ongoing environmental monitoring programs; ▪ a discussion on working in collaboration on federal licensing documents as well as end land use planning for the Project; and ▪ an overview of the 2024 exploration programs.
21 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 a meeting invite for the next Implementation Committee meeting on 4 March 2024.
26 February 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the MN-S NR2 Leadership. The MN-S NR2 introduced their new Implementation Coordinator and Human Resources Coordinator, per the Benefit Agreement. NexGen and the MN-S NR2 had additional discussions on communication processes, information sharing with community members, and business and contracting.
28 February 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the Training Committee members and discussed the following key topics: ▪ university requirements for secondary school math and science; ▪ progress of the Export database; ▪ training to employment needs; and ▪ update on the completed, current, and upcoming training programs.
1 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 providing the results of the CNSC Federal-Indigenous Review Team review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen advised that all the MN-S NR2 information requests and advice to proponent responses have been designated as accepted or conditionally accepted by the CNSC and included a link to the results of the Federal-Indigenous Review Team review on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry. NexGen indicated the comments from the Federal-Indigenous Review Team technical review was being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments. NexGen thanked the MN-S NR2 for participating in the Federal-Indigenous Review Team process and for working together on the responses to the MN-S NR2 comments.
2 March 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and confirmed that Fridays would work best for the Implementation Committee meetings.
4 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 and proposed to schedule the next Implementation Committee meeting on 15 March 2024. NexGen inquired if the proposed date would work.
5 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the regional training committee members and provided the minutes from the Training Committee meeting held on 28 February 2024.
8 March 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the MN-S NR2 and the MN-S met for an Implementation Committee meeting.
14 March 2024	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the March 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
15 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and the MN-S providing the draft engagement timeline of key milestone dates for the MN-S NR2 and the MN-S and NexGen from 2013 to the end of 2023 for review. NexGen invited the MN-S NR2 and the MN-S to reach out if a meeting to discuss feedback was needed and inquired if there were any photos that the MN-S NR2 and the MN-S would like to be included.
15 March 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and confirmed a meeting could be arranged to discuss the draft engagement timeline of key milestone dates for the MN-S NR2 and the MN-S and NexGen from 2013 to the end of 2023.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
21 March 2024	Email, incoming	The CNSC emailed NexGen and copied representatives from the Environmental Committee, ECCC, ENV, Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, CRDN, MN-S NR2, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN to provide a letter related to CNSC's response to NexGen's correspondences of 23 January 2024 and 24 January 2024, relating to a request to hold further meetings between NexGen and CNSC senior executives. The CNSC noted that discussions on a Commission hearing date can only progress once NexGen has addressed the remaining information requests related to the technical review of the environmental assessment submissions.
26 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 providing the March 2024 edition of the Community Newsletter and noted some of the information related to the status of the regulatory processes could be found on the last page.
8 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 to inform about the 2024 NexGen community information sessions. NexGen advised they plan to be in Buffalo Narrows on 28 May 2024 as well as in La Loche on 29 May 2024 and proposed to visit the MN-S NR2 with a team of experts to discuss NexGen's initiatives and to answer any questions or concerns. NexGen indicated that the CNSC, the ENV, and training institutes were anticipated to be available. NexGen attached the community information sessions schedule for review and reference.
24 April 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the MN-S NR2 Human Resources Committee met to discuss the following agenda topics: ▪ education and training; ▪ employment opportunities; and ▪ Socio-economic Study.
25 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 providing details on the upcoming community information sessions about the Project from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024 in the local priority area. NexGen stated the CNSC and the ENV were invited to participate in the event to explain their roles as regulatory agencies and to answer questions from community members. NexGen indicated that advertising materials for the community information sessions were being prepared and attached copies of posters for distributions within the MN-S NR2's network.
29 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 to schedule the Rook I site tour as discussed during the Human Resources Committee meeting and inquired if 4 June 2024 would work.
30 April 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen regarding the proposed Rook I site tour on 4 June 2024 and indicated that 5 June 2024 would work better.
30 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 advising that the Rook I site tour would be scheduled on 5 June 2024 as preferred by the MN-S NR2 and noted that NexGen would start working on the logistics. NexGen indicated there would be two team members who could provided rides from Saskatoon or Buffalo Narrows.
1 May 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the March 2024 newsletter and a copy of the 2024 High School Summer Student Job Description for review.
2 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 regarding the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 16 May 2024 and inquired if the date and time would still work. NexGen indicated the meeting agenda and presentation materials would be sent during the week of 6 May 2024.
2 May 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen and confirmed the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 16 May 2024 would work.
6 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 regarding the Rook I site tour scheduled for 5 June 2024 and inquired if rescheduling to 13 June 2024 would work.
6 May 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen confirming that rescheduling the Rook I site tour to 13 June 2024 would work.
6 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and expressed thanks for confirming that rescheduling the Rook I site tour to 13 June 2024 would work.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
9 May 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the May 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the environmental assessment for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
14 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 providing the agenda and presentation for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 16 May 2024. NexGen indicated printed copies would be available for the in-person meeting attendees and informed that lunch would be provided after the meeting.
16 May 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 for an Environment Committee meeting; key topics included an update on the regulatory approvals for the Project, a discussion on ongoing environmental monitoring programs and end land use Planning for the Project, as well as working in collaboration on federal licensing documents, such as the Emergency Preparedness and Response Program.
16 May 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and inquired if a date for the Rook I site tour was finalized. The MN-S NR2 noted that 13 June 2024 would work.
17 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and confirmed that a float plane has been booked on 13 June 2024 from Buffalo Narrows for the Rook I site tour. NexGen included the draft itinerary for review and requested to be informed of any food sensitivities or allergies.
21 May 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen expressing thanks for arranging the Rook I site tour on 13 June 2024 and for providing the itinerary. The MN-S NR2 informed NexGen of a food allergy as requested.
27 May 2024	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the May 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the upcoming community information sessions; ▪ education and training updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Environmental Committee and Project regulatory process updates.
4 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 advising that the Rook I site tour scheduled for 13 June 2024 would need to be rescheduled and inquired if 18 June 2024 or 20 June 2024 would work.
4 June 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and confirmed that rescheduling the Rook I site tour to 18 June 2024 or 20 June 2024 as proposed would work.
5 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and expressed thanks for confirming that rescheduling the Rook I site tour to 18 June 2024 or 20 June 2024 would work. NexGen indicated arrangements would be made for a visit on 20 June 2024.
5 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and expressed thanks for hosting the community information sessions for the Project held on 28 May 2024 and 29 May 2024 in Buffalo Narrows and La Loche. NexGen informed of the 21 May 2024 submission of responses to the remaining information requests and advice to proponent comments received through the federal EA process. NexGen also indicated that a revised EIS was submitted to the CNSC. NexGen included a submission overview and the next steps in the federal EA process.
5 June 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and acknowledged the update surrounding the 21 May 2024 submission of responses to the remaining information requests and the revised EIS to the CNSC as part of the federal EA process. The MN-S NR2 looked forward to continue working with NexGen on the CNSC approval.
14 June 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 copied NexGen in correspondence to the CNSC providing a letter of support for the final submission of the EIS for the Project.
14 June 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S emailed NexGen providing the Métis Food Study report conducted under funding honoured by NexGen from the Study Agreement.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
17 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S acknowledging the Métis Food Study report emailed on 14 June 2024 and indicated the report would be shared with the appropriate team members to review. NexGen requested for the MN-S to send an invoice for the work completed to process for payment.
17 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 regarding rescheduling the Rook I site tour to accommodate extra guests as discussed. NexGen inquired if the week of 8 July 2024 would work.
17 June 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen confirming that rescheduling the Rook I site tour to the week of 8 July 2024 would work and expressed thanks for accommodating additional guests. The MN-S NR2 provided the names of the two additional tour attendees who have not yet been to the site.
20 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 providing the draft agenda for the Implementation Committee meeting on 24 June 2024 for review and comments.
24 June 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the MN-S NR2 and the MN-S met for an Implementation Committee meeting. Discussion topics included: ▪ A review of the action items from the 8 March 2024 Implementation Committee meeting ▪ Implementation Committee 2024 invoices. ▪ Environmental Committee actions for the Implementation Committee including advancing the discussions about highways with the Province, Export issues and concerns, and firefighting training partnership and equipment for communities. ▪ Community engagement updates which included event sponsorship, scholarships, the Summer Student Program, planned site tours, and the proposed flag raising ceremony for the Rook I site. ▪ Training funding and human resources updates. ▪ Business opportunities.
25 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 confirming that a plane would be available on 8 July 2024 or 10 July 2024 for the Rook I site tour and inquired which date the MN-S NR2 preferred. NexGen also offered to drive to the site on another day during the week of 8 July 2024.
26 June 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and confirmed availability on 10 July 2024 for the Rook I site tour.
28 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and stated that a return flight from Patterson Lake would not be available until 8:00 pm on 10 July 2024 after the Rook I site tour. NexGen informed that a flight back in the afternoon would be available on 9 July 2024 or 11 July 2024 and noted that keeping the site tour on the original date would involve driving to and from the site. NexGen inquired what the MN-S NR2 would prefer.
28 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 and requested for high resolution logos to be used for the flags at the Rook I site.
28 June 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and indicated that 11 July 2024 would work for the Rook I site tour. The MN-S NR2 inquired if there was an extra seat on the plane for the MN-S NR2 Regional Director to join the tour.
28 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 confirming the plane for the Rook I site tour on 11 July 2024 could seat nine people and confirmed there was room for the MN-S NR2 Regional Director to join the tour. NexGen listed the attendees and requested for the MN-S NR2 to confirm if there was another the MN-S NR2 representative joining the tour.
28 June 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and expressed thanks for confirming there was room for the MN-S NR2 Regional Director to join the Rook I site tour on 11 July 2024. The MN-S NR2 requested for NexGen to also include another MN-S NR2 representative tentatively.
3 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 providing the tentative itinerary for the Rook I site tour on 11 July 2024 and inquired if there was another MN-S NR2 representative joining. NexGen requested to be informed of any food sensitivities or allergies and if there was anyone requiring transportation from La Loche to Buffalo Narrows.
3 July 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen acknowledging the tentative itinerary for the Rook I site tour on 11 July 2024 and indicated the MN-S NR2 would confirm if another representative would be joining.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
5 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and advised the Rook I site tour on 11 July 2024 would need to be postponed. NexGen apologized for needing to reschedule and inquired if there was a date later in July 2024 that would work for the MN-S NR2.
8 July 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with representatives of the Woodland Caribou Working Group to discuss the draft Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan, with a specific focus on Indigenous Stewardship components of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan.
9 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 providing the minutes from the Implementation Committee meeting held on 24 June 2024 for review.
11 July 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and provided a list of confirmed attendees for the 25 July 2024 Rook I site tour.
17 July 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the MN-S NR2 met for a Human Resources Committee meeting. Discussion topics included: ▪ site tour planning; ▪ Export database; and ▪ education and training.
18 July 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and informed that the MN-S NR2 Regional Director would be unable to attend the 25 July 2024 Rook I site tour. The MN-S NR2 requested for NexGen to provide the itinerary.
18 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN an invitation to the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 24 July 2024. NexGen indicated that a presentation on the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan framework would be given and noted that community feedback on what the Indigenous Stewardship component of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan could look like would be asked. NexGen included a draft meeting agenda for review and requested for confirmation of attendance by 22 July 2024. NexGen advised that lunch and snacks would be provided and requested to be informed of any dietary restrictions. NexGen also included instructions on accessing the location of the meeting for in-person attendees.
18 July 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen accepting the Teams meeting invite for the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting on 24 July 2024.
18 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and expressed thanks for accepting the Microsoft Teams meeting invite for the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting on 24 July 2024. NexGen requested for the invite to be extended to another the MN-S NR2 representative and indicated that the same information would be presented for those who could not attend on 8 July 2024.
18 July 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and inquired if it would be beneficial for the MN-S NR2 to attend the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 24 July 2024 again.
18 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and stated that the Woodland Caribou Working Group session on 24 July 2024 would be a repeat of the 8 July 2024 meeting. NexGen suggested for the MN-S NR2 to attend again if the MN-S NR2 wanted to further review the presentation or had additional questions and noted it would also be an opportunity to hear and share perspectives from communities who were not in attendance in the first session.
18 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN and cancelled the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 24 July 2024 due to participant availability. NexGen noted the meeting would be rescheduled at a later date.
22 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and advised the Rook I site tour scheduled for 25 July 2024 would need to be postponed until further notice due to a fire across the road to site. NexGen stated the site has requested for only essential personnel to travel and noted that NexGen would work with the MN-S NR2 to reschedule in August 2024.
24 July 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and stated that rescheduling the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting on 26 July 2024 would not work.
24 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and acknowledged that scheduling the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting on 26 July 2024 would not work for the MN-S NR2. NexGen requested for the MN-S NR2 to confirm planning to attend the meeting again.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
24 July 2024	Email, incoming	The MN-S NR2 emailed NexGen and confirmed that the MN-S NR2 was planning to attend the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting again.
24 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN and provided 26 July 2024, 30 July 2024, or 2 August 2024 as proposed dates to schedule the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting. NexGen inquired if any of the dates would work and stated that participation would not be required if the community representatives attended the 8 July 2024 meeting.
26 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN a Teams meeting invitation to the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 2 August 2024. NexGen indicated that a presentation on the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan framework would be given and noted that community feedback on what the Indigenous Stewardship component of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan could look like would be asked. NexGen included a draft agenda for review and requested for confirmation of attendance by 31 July 2024. NexGen advised that lunch and snacks would be provided and requested to be informed of any dietary restrictions.
30 July 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen hosted members of the MN-S NR2 at the Rook I site for a tour. Activities included a safety orientation and a tour of the future Project footprint. Project-related discussion topics focused on the Arrow deposit, geology of the area, groundwater movement, water intake and discharge locations, the underground tailings management facility, surface footprint, shaft sinking and freeze holes, road maintenance, trail clearing, the future camp location, and proximity to other uranium projects in the area.
30 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and inquired if the 15 August 2024 Environmental Committee meeting at 9:00 am would still work. NexGen offered to host the meeting at the NexGen office and arrange for lunch afterwards.
1 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN and requested for confirmation of who was planning to attend the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 2 August 2024 in-person as well as if there were any dietary restrictions. NexGen included the phone numbers for the in-person attendees to call upon arrival at the NexGen office.
14 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and provided the agenda and presentation for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 15 August 2024 in Saskatoon. NexGen noted that lunch would be provided and requested for the MN-S NR2 to reach out if there were any questions.
15 August 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 for an Environmental Committee meeting; key topics included an update on the regulatory approvals for the Project, a discussion on ongoing environmental monitoring programs and end land use Planning for the Project, and updates pertaining to the 2024 exploration program. NexGen also provided the slides of a separate presentation about the Rook I site baseline conditions for the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 Environmental Committee members to review.
16 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Métis Local #62 President and requested for confirmation of availability to discuss the question surrounding the Pathways to Your Future: Career Development in Uranium Mining Program.
20 August 2024	Multiple/various methods	NexGen met with the Regional Training Working Group to discuss community training and employment programs. Presentations were provided by Lotus Learning Solutions, Gabriel Dumont Institute, Dumont Technical Institute, and Morris Interactive. Other topics of discussion included the status of Export, upcoming Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies programs, updates on the La Loche Shop, training program report, training funding, and assessment tool for hands on abilities.
26 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Regional Training Working Group and provided the minutes and materials from the meeting held on 20 August 2024.
30 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S and requested for availability during the week of 2 September 2024 to discuss next steps surrounding NexGen's responses to the MN-S NR2 public comment submission as part of the federal EA review for the Project. NexGen proposed three meeting dates in September 2024 for considerations.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
30 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 Rook I Woodland Caribou Working Group and provided the completed version of the Rook I Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan, which has incorporated the feedback received from the MN-S NR2 Working Group surrounding Indigenous Stewardship. NexGen informed the Plan was currently not for public distribution and noted it could be shared with appropriate Environmental Committee or Working Group members. NexGen included a link to the Environmental Committee SharePoint where a copy would also be uploaded and requested for review comments to be submitted by 30 September 2024. NexGen stated a meeting would be planned for early October 2024 to review and discuss next steps.
5 September 2024	Video conference	NexGen met with the MN-S to discuss the process for collaborating on responses to the MN-S and the MN-S NR2's submission as part of the federal EA public comment process. NexGen provided a summary presentation of examples of comments received and NexGen's responses, which were organized into various themes. NexGen and the MN-S reviewed and discussed the provided examples. NexGen noted that they would provide their responses to the MN-S' public comments the following day so that the MN-S could commence their review. The MN-S noted that they would review the responses and provide a formal response back to NexGen before the end of the month. NexGen and the MN-S confirmed that they could both reach out to one another at any time if there were any questions or updates.
6 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the May 2024 newsletter.
6 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S providing the MN-S public comment response table in PDF and word formats, with the latter format available should the MN-S provide any comments to NexGen for consideration. NexGen stated that they are also incorporating text changes within the Final EIS that are needed as a result of NexGen's review of the MN-S public comments. NexGen stated that they will forward snapshots of the applicable document subsections that will show how these changes will be represented in the Final EIS as the Final EIS is currently still being developed. NexGen stated that they will send these snapshots before the middle of next week.
9 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S providing snapshots of changes made in the applicable Final EIS documents as a result of NexGen's responses to MN-S public comments.
25 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MN-S NR2 and provided the agenda for the Implementation Committee meeting scheduled for 26 September 2024 for review and comments.

BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ECCC = Environment and Climate Change Canada; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; JWG = Joint Working Group; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2; VC = valued component.

Table 2A-3: Birch Narrows Dene Nation

Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
1 February 2017	In-person meeting	NexGen provided an update presentation on exploration and Project development activities, including: ▪ overview and history of the Arrow deposit; ▪ highlights of metallurgical work; ▪ conceptual Project design; ▪ update on studies planned to support a future EA; and ▪ proposed 2017 activities, including baseline studies and engagement planning. Copies of meeting materials were provided after the meeting.
30 October 2018	In-person meeting	NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities to begin dialogue on the Project. The topics included the following: ▪ company introduction and overview; ▪ description of the Project and Arrow deposit; ▪ Preliminary Economic Assessment highlights and the current Pre-Feasibility Study; ▪ environmental baseline summary; ▪ community commitment to training and procurement; and ▪ commitment to engagement.
20 December 2018	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the BNDN to discuss community initiatives (such as the Driller Helper Training Program), community meetings and workshops for 2019, and to wish Season's Greetings.
11 March 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent the BNDN a letter to invite the BNDN Chief and Council to a workshop on 27 March 2019 to review the information provided in the Project Description prepared for the Project.
12 March 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BNDN and provided a tour of the new NexGen office in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and had an informal discussion around employment opportunities and the BNDN school.
29 March 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the BNDN to advise that there will be a letter sent to the BNDN from the ENV regarding the Rook I Technical Proposal application and the duty to consult.
4 April 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the BNDN to advise that the BNDN will be receiving a letter from the CNSC that states that NexGen has submitted the Project Description.
9 April 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BNDN to present an overview of the information included in the Project Description, including the following: ▪ regulatory framework; ▪ Project information; ▪ existing environment; ▪ environmental interactions; and ▪ engagement.
3 May 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to the BNDN to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
4 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent an invitation letter to the BNDN regarding a meeting to be held on 18 June 2019 to: ▪ further define the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a JWG; ▪ collaboratively define the Terms of Reference and requirements necessary to complete an IKTLU Study for the area around the Project; ▪ collaboratively undertake a Traditional Foods Study; ▪ develop a protocol to address and protect the proprietary nature of the information collected and its use by NexGen in the EA and related regulatory processes; and ▪ discuss a framework and timeline for a Benefit Agreement.
25 June 2019	Letter, incoming	The BNDN sent NexGen a letter requesting a meeting to further discuss details regarding a Benefit Agreement.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
25 June 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session in the BNDN to: ▪ inform local communities of the nature of proposed activities at Rook I; ▪ answer questions and receive initial feedback specific to the Project for consideration during the EA; ▪ initially identify VCs and local land use by community members in attendance; ▪ provide information about the EA process; and ▪ introduce NexGen and the Project to the broader community.
25 June 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BNDN to introduce the Study Agreement. The Study Agreement outlines a framework for working collaboratively to advance the EA of the Project and includes funding for an IKTLU Study, a dedicated Community Coordinator, and for establishing a JWG.
19 September 2019	Multiple methods	NexGen called the BNDN to arrange a meeting with the BNDN Chief and council, CNSC, and the ENV. A follow-up email was sent on 27 September 2019 to confirm the meeting details. The BNDN confirmed that the meeting on 8 October 2019 in Saskatoon would work and confirmed the participants from the BNDN.
30 September 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BNDN met to sign and execute the Study Agreement.
8 October 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen, the CNSC, the ENV, the Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence, and the BNDN met for a presentation. The presentation was facilitated by NexGen but was led by the CNSC to provide an overview of the CNSC's EA review process.
25 October 2019	In-person meeting	Introductory meeting for the JWG including: ▪ introductions and logistics; ▪ overview of the Project; ▪ EA overview; ▪ overview of baseline studies; ▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA; ▪ IKTLU Study; and ▪ human health risk assessment.
4 December 2019	In-person meeting	A JWG meeting was held, including: ▪ introductions and logistics; ▪ review of the Project; ▪ EA overview; ▪ overview of baseline studies; ▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA; ▪ IKTLU Study; ▪ human health risk assessment; ▪ water assessment and management; and ▪ air and water pathways. This second JWG meeting included a review of the material presented in the first meeting as there were new members in the JWG.
31 December 2019	Email, incoming	The BNDN submitted the final draft of the IKTLU Study, as per the Study Agreement.
22 January 2020	In-person meeting	The JWG had a tour of the Rook I site, followed by a presentation and meeting to discuss: ▪ Mineral Surface Lease Agreements; ▪ underground tailings management; ▪ caribou mitigation and management; ▪ traditional land use; and ▪ traffic studies.
2 March 2020	In-person meeting	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ socio-economic assessment: approach and methods; ▪ community well-being; ▪ employment and training opportunities; ▪ business opportunities; and ▪ caribou mitigation and management.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
22 April 2020	Text, incoming	The BNDN shared information in a Zoom meeting held on 16 April 2020, where a Saskatchewan-based doctor presented to the BNDN leadership and the JWG on the health of employees that work in uranium mining.
1 May 2020	Phone call	NexGen conducted a phone call with the BNDN to provide updates on the EA, the community, and the Project.
26 August 2020	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ Project update; ▪ regulatory process update; ▪ review of JWG meetings; and ▪ key actions and commitments.
9 September 2020	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen to state that the BNDN will work with NexGen as the Project moves forward.
11 December 2020	Video conference	The CNSC presented to the JWG on the following topics: ▪ overview of CNSC functions as a regulator; ▪ role in Indigenous engagement; ▪ EA; and ▪ radiation protection and compliance.
27 January 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ modelling and the EA process; ▪ air quality model; ▪ surface water quality model; ▪ environmental risk assessment model; and ▪ future meeting topics.
24 February 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ NexGen's approach to alternatives assessment; ▪ tailings alternatives assessment; ▪ waste rock alternatives assessment; ▪ site water management alternatives assessment; and ▪ site layout optimization.
25 March 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ land stewardship through all Project phases; ▪ informing the path forward; and ▪ EA updates. Additionally, the BNDN JWG members presented to NexGen regarding the BNDN's Nuh Nene department and approach to consultation. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were requested, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.
7 April 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and outlined three topics to be discussed as an outcome of the 25 March 2021 JWG meeting. The topics were as follows: ▪ a proposed revised approach to the women's workshop; ▪ how NexGen can best incorporate the Dene language into the EIS; and ▪ the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program that is part of a broader Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan. NexGen indicated to the BNDN that individual emails would be sent to the BNDN outlining how NexGen intended to approach each topic.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
8 April 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided information about the proposed revised approach to the women's workshop as it was postponed due to COVID-19. NexGen proposed that a virtual interview program led by InterGroup be completed, if the BNDN agreed with the approach, to please help identify interviewees. NexGen also asked if there were other subsets of the community that the BNDN felt may be otherwise underrepresented that NexGen should also consider an interview program to better understand their unique perspectives. NexGen added that if this initiative is supported by the BNDN, NexGen would like to commence interviews in late April 2021 / early May 2021 and would like to provide an honorarium to the participants to thank them for their time.
8 April 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and asked for feedback about how best to incorporate the Dene language into the EIS. NexGen also asked for recommendations regarding local translators.
13 April 2021	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen to plan a technical breakout meeting to discuss the Multiple Accounts Analysis for mine waste as previously discussed in the 24 February 2021 JWG Meeting. The BNDN stated the preference would be to review the alternatives assessment and supporting documents in advance of the proposed meeting and proposed dates to meet.
14 April 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to propose a technical breakout meeting on 29 April 2021. NexGen stated that the Multiple Accounts Analysis report was still being finalized and proposed a workshop-style meeting and that the presentation slides and any supporting information could be shared prior to the meeting. NexGen informed the BNDN that internal subject matter experts from NexGen and WSP would be invited to the meeting.
15 April 2021	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen to confirm the timing of the technical breakout meeting scheduled for 29 April 2021. The BNDN confirmed that NexGen's approach to the meeting was a good place to start and asked that once documents were available if they could be shared as the BNDN would like to have a more detailed review.
16 April 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided a draft presentation related to the planned 22 April 2021 JWG meeting. NexGen requested that the BNDN share the presentation with the other JWG members prior to the meeting. NexGen also provided a letter regarding the EA and a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and provided details on the upcoming Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program with an invitation for the BNDN to participate.
22 April 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ information on the traffic study and accidents and malfunctions evaluation, and to review the bounding scenarios used in the evaluation; ▪ an overview of the EA methodology, focusing on pathway analysis and initiating discussions on how the Project could affect community well-being; and ▪ information on the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were required, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.
26 April 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and followed up on an action item from the 22 April 2021 JWG meeting. NexGen requested a time to connect the BNDN with NexGen's subject matter expert (Omnia) to discuss the background information to the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen suggested 7 May 2021 as the meeting date.
28 April 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to provide a slide deck that details the process conducted in support of the alternative assessments for tailings, gypsum, and waste rock in advance of the technical breakout meeting planned on 29 April 2021. NexGen noted that the content is in working draft form and invited the BNDN to ask questions or provide comments.
28 April 2021	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen to thank them for sharing the presentation in advance of the meeting scheduled on 29 April 2021. The BNDN noted that only one representative would be attending on behalf of the BNDN but that an additional member from the Turnor Lake Métis Local #40 might join as well.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
28 April 2021	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed availability to meet on 7 May 2021 to discuss the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program.
29 April 2021	Video conference	Representatives from the JWG, NexGen, and WSP met to discuss the inputs and considerations for the mine waste Multiple Accounts Analysis. Discussions focused on the identification of mine waste, tailings, and gypsum as the waste streams and Multiple Accounts Analysis the selection of options for mine waste.
29 April 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and followed up on the participants for the women's interviews. NexGen noted that InterGroup team members had been copied in the email as they would be coordinating the interviews.
29 April 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and thanked the BNDN for confirming their availability to meet on 7 May 2021 to discuss the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program and advised that a meeting link had been provided.
7 May 2021	Video conference	Members from the JWG met with NexGen and Omnia to discuss the Caribou Reclamation Trial Program. Discussions included reviewing the proposed program and reviewing background information. The participants also discussed the BNDN's participation in the upcoming field portion of the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were required, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.
19 May 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided a letter to summarize the JWG engagement activities and noted that NexGen would provide a similar letter to the JWG at or near the start of each month. The following appendix was included: ▪ List of questions to explore prior to the May 2021 JWG meeting.
20 May 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen representatives (InterGroup) emailed the BNDN and advised that InterGroup would be coordinating the women's interviews. Intergroup asked if the BNDN had any individuals in mind to participate and noted that NexGen hoped to start on interviewing the women within the following week or two.
25 May 2021	Email, outgoing	InterGroup emailed the BNDN and requested an update on the participants for the women's interviews.
28 May 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to: ▪ share information on EA methods, including a focus on pathway analysis related to the VCs and intermediate components; ▪ discuss pathways for how the Project could affect Indigenous land and resource; and ▪ continue discussions on community well-being. Meeting minutes were provided after the meeting.
2 June 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted they had been working with the WSP team to finalize the Mine Waste Alternatives Assessment Report. NexGen thanked the BNDN member for the meeting and noted that the attached Mine Waste Alternatives Assessment Report was still in working draft form. NexGen noted updates that happened since the previous meeting, including changes to the gypsum alternatives assessment and the waste rock alternatives assessment.
2 June 2021	Email, incoming	Intergroup emailed the BNDN and inquired about the progress of the participant selection for the women's interviews.
4 June 2021	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen to thank them for sharing the Mine Waste Alternatives Assessment Report and stated that the technical breakout meeting was valuable and that the BNDN appreciated the opportunity for input on the Multiple Accounts Analysis.
15 June 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted attachment of an engagement update letter for review. NexGen also noted attachment of the May 2021 JWG summary document and noted this could be a useful communication tool to share with the local community.
21 June 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted the tentative planning of the June 2021 JWG meeting. NexGen advised that presentation materials were attached for review prior to the meeting.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
22 June 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to follow up on an action item from the 28 May 2021 JWG meeting and confirmed that spawning habitat for multiple fish species exists at or near the Clearwater River bridge crossing immediately east of Patterson Lake. NexGen provided a brief summary of the surveys. NexGen noted that figures were attached to show the spring and fall spawning survey locations and that the figures will form part of the aquatic baseline report.
28 June 2021	Email, outgoing	InterGroup emailed the BNDN and confirmed that the workshop was planned for 27 July 2021 and that NexGen was seeking two participants from the community who work in health or social services to attend the workshop.
30 June 2021	Email, outgoing	InterGroup emailed the BNDN to ask for an update on potential interview candidates for the women's interviews and noted that the desire is to have the interviews complete by 16 July 2021.
2 July 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted NexGen had applied for a permit from the ENV to complete the work associated with the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen informed the BNDN that the ENV requested an engagement summary specific to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program and that a summary of when information about the program was presented to and discussed with the BNDN would also be provided. It was also noted by NexGen that the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program is a proactive initiative to trial caribou reclamation and mitigation methods at Rook I and that work for the program was anticipated to commence in mid-July 2021.
7 July 2021	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BNDN and discussed the 2021 summer student program.
8 July 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ information on determining significance of residual adverse effects; ▪ information on confidence and uncertainty in predicting future conditions as a result of the Project; ▪ information on monitoring and follow-up programs using the examples of socio-economics and land use; and ▪ how to present material in plain language. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were requested, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.
20 July 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and requested feedback on the Accidents and Malfunctions topic that was reviewed in the April 2021 JWG meeting and the corresponding maps for potential environmentally sensitive areas along Highway 155 and Highway 955.
20 July 2021	Email, outgoing	InterGroup emailed the BNDN and noted the workshop for service providers to support the EIS for the Project was cancelled due to the wildfire situation in northern Saskatchewan. InterGroup noted they would consider planning another workshop in the fall.
21 July 2021	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that the 28 May 2021 JWG minutes were accurate and could be finalized.
22 July 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided a draft working copy of a presentation in response to the BNDN's request to provide clarity on the EA process, including opportunities for the BNDN to collaborate with either or both government agencies and NexGen. NexGen requested that the BNDN review the presentation and provide feedback.
26 July 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted they would send a meeting invite to discuss the EA process.
27 July 2021	Video conference	NexGen and the BNDN met to review a draft presentation created by NexGen to describe the EA process anticipated for the Project. Contained within the presentation was an identification of specific opportunities where the BNDN would be included as part of both the federal and provincial regulatory processes as well as during key milestones during the development of the EA and during the EA review process.

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27 July 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted attachment of a July engagement update letter for review, which summarized the JWG engagement activities in June and provided an outline for the upcoming activities. June and April JWG summary documents were also noted to be attached.
4 August 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to share information about traditional and wage economies and discuss community engagement opportunities, including a community information session planned for September 2021. Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were requested, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.
5 August 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to outline the ways in which the BNDN IKTLU Study could be shared with the regulators as part of the EIS and asked if the BNDN could clarify how they would like to proceed. NexGen requested that the BNDN confirm if any changes were required.
9 August 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to confirm that NexGen would like to plan a trip to search for the Dene Gathering (i.e., historical cultural) site for 1 September 2021.
11 August 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and inquired if the BNDN JWG would prefer a site tour on 31 August 2021, rather than the previously proposed JWG meeting.
18 August 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and advised that they were working to reschedule the community information sessions to a different week to accommodate scheduling conflicts (i.e., moose hunting season). NexGen advised that the sessions would no longer take place the week of 20 September 2021.
30 August 2021	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and requested an update on the timing for the community information sessions.
31 August 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and advised that NexGen was planning to hold the community information sessions during the week of 4 October 2021. NexGen asked if the BNDN had a preferred date.
31 August 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during July to mid-August 2021 and to share what was planned for EA engagement in September 2021. The following appendix was included: ▪ List of themes being considered for the community information sessions.
1 September 2021	In-person meeting	NexGen team members met with the BNDN to search for the historical cultural site.
1 September 2021	Video conference	NexGen met with the BNDN to discuss how the BNDN would like to file the IKTLU Study as part of the EIS.
2 September 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to ask if the BNDN had any questions about the options for sharing the IKTLU Study.
9 September 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted that Omnia would be at the Rock I site for the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen asked if there was an Elder from the BNDN that could collaborate on the program.
13 September 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted a planned date for the community information sessions. NexGen informed the BNDN that additional meetings would be occurring to discuss the status of COVID-19 and whether the event would still be possible and that another update would be sent later in the week.
16 September 2021	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the BNDN and inquired if they would be available for a meeting on 17 September 2021 to discuss the inclusion of the IKTLU Study into the EIS. The BNDN subsequently confirmed that date would work.
17 September 2021	Video conference	NexGen met with the BNDN to discuss how the BNDN would like to file the IKTLU Study as part of the EIS.
20 September 2021	Email exchange	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that they would like to share the IKTLU Study with the CNSC as a confidential document. The BNDN asked if a meeting could be arranged with the CNSC to discuss how the data would be protected. NexGen emailed the BNDN and confirmed they would advise on the CNSC's availability for a meeting to discuss the BNDN's questions on how the CNSC would use and protect data from the IKTLU Study.

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27 September 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted attachment of an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during late August 2021 and September 2021 and to share planned activities for October 2021.
14 October 2021	Site visit	NexGen and representatives from the BNDN and Birch Narrows Dene Development Inc. completed a tour of the Rook I site. The site visit included a tour of the main camp facilities, the core logging facilities, and the Arrow drilling sites and a focus was placed on the proposed infrastructure locations for the Project. Positive comments were received regarding the small footprint size of the Rook I exploration camp and Arrow site. Additional discussion was focused on business and employment opportunities.
3 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the EIS to the CNSC and the ENV. NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.
5 November 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided an engagement update letter and corresponding appendices summarizing engagement activities from August to October 2021 and to share a summary of the proposed activities for November 2021. The following appendices were included: ▪ July/August 2021 JWG summary; ▪ March 2021 JWG summary; and ▪ May 2021 JWG summary (re-issued).
14 December 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and advised that NexGen had discussed scheduling a meeting with the CNSC and the ENV to discuss the BNDN IKTLU Study being filed as a confidential document as part of the EIS submission. NexGen inquired if there would be a time in early January 2022 that would work for the BNDN to meet.
17 December 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and informed that they were in the process of finalizing the EA results for the EIS and that they would like to present and discuss the results via discussions in a workshop format and proposed two workshops in early 2022. NexGen advised that the EA results workshops would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results and would be grouped by the themes of Air, Land, Water, and People to be presented over multiple workshops.
17 December 2021	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and advised that the week of 24 January 2022 would not work for the BNDN to attend the EA results workshop as they had already had meetings scheduled during those days.
21 December 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and advised of an attached engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in November and December 2021 and providing proposed activities for January 2022. A copy of the community newsletter distributed to the local communities in November 2021 was also provided.
13 January 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and extended an invitation to the upcoming EA results workshop planned for 31 January 2022. NexGen advised that this first workshop would be on air and land and would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results. NexGen also confirmed the proposal to schedule an Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee meeting on 1 February 2022 and that NexGen would follow up with more details.
18 January 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen, the BNDN, the CNSC, and the ENV met to discuss the inclusion of the BNDN's IKTLU Study as a confidential document as part of the EIS submission.
26 January 2022	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the BNDN and informed the BNDN that NexGen must postpone the EA results workshop that was scheduled for 31 January 2022 due to COVID-19. NexGen informed the BNDN that they would call back next week to discuss rescheduling and the BNDN provided an update on election dates that will need to be considered when rescheduling.

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26 January 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and requested clarification on the use of quotes from the BNDN IKTLU Study in the EIS. NexGen provided examples and advised that NexGen could follow up with a call to the BNDN on 31 January 2022 to confirm.
3 February 2022	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the BNDN and inquired if there was any feedback regarding how the BNDN would prefer the quotes from the IKTLU Study to be included in the EIS, specifically regarding potential edits to quotes. Through a subsequent exchange of emails, the BNDN advised that the sample edited quote from the IKTLU Study would suffice for inclusion in the EIS and provided approval for NexGen to proceed with editing quotes in the EIS, where required.
1 March 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN regarding the CNSC meeting invitation for 4 March 2022 to discuss the BNDN's Traditional Land Use Study and a Confidentiality Agreement. NexGen requested the BNDN to confirm if the BNDN would like NexGen to attend the meeting.
3 March 2022	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that NexGen would not need to attend the 4 March 2022 meeting with CNSC but were still welcome to join if interested.
4 March 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and acknowledged the email confirmation that NexGen would not need to attend the 4 March 2022 meeting with the BNDN and the CNSC.
11 March 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided an engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in January 2022 and February 2022 and outlined the upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached the March 2022 issue of the community newsletter as an appendix to the letter.
21 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided an attached letter with the changes to the NexGen Implementation Coordinator, and the Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee members. NexGen indicated that an Implementation Committee meeting would be scheduled and an introduction to the new NexGen team members would be made. NexGen also listed four BNDN roles and requested for confirmation of active members.
22 April 2022	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and acknowledged the changes to the Benefit Agreement representatives as noted in the 21 April 2022 email. The BNDN also indicated that there were no BNDN/ Birch Narrows Dene Nation Development Inc. team members changes to report and listed the summary of team members.
22 April 2022	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that 29 April 2022 would work for the next JWG meeting to review the Draft EIS results. The BNDN requested that NexGen send the meeting invite or provide alternative dates.
26 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and advised unavailability to meet on 29 April 2022 but would provide alternative dates in May 2022 once it was confirmed that the NexGen EA team could attend. NexGen advised that the EA results materials were being updated as the submission had been delayed.
26 April 2022	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed the notification to delay the EA results meeting on 29 April 2022 and requested NexGen provide alternative dates. The BNDN provided availability on 9 May 2022, 10 May 2022, or 11 May 2022.
26 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and noted that NexGen would be in touch with potential dates for an EA results meeting in May 2022.
16 May 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the May 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the BNDN and local priority area. Topics included: ▪ a NexGen scholarship update; ▪ an introduction to a new NexGen team member; ▪ an update on the completed 2021 Rook I Field Program; ▪ information on Project jobs and opportunities; ▪ updates on Project advancement; ▪ contact information to learn more about the Project; and ▪ a word search.

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7 June 2022	In-person meeting	The NexGen and BNDN Environmental Committee met to discuss: ▪ communication; ▪ the Environmental Committee's mandate, roles, and responsibilities; ▪ the BNDN First Nation Monitor Technician (i.e., independent Indigenous Monitor) position; ▪ ways and means to promote and facilitate the involvement of youth in environmental activities; and ▪ current and future environmental activities and potential future engagement opportunities.
24 June 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session in Turnor Lake, Saskatchewan and the BNDN to: ▪ update local communities on the Project and inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project; ▪ answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the Draft EIS submitted to the provincial and federal regulators; and ▪ provide information about the Draft EIS regulatory review process and how members of the local priority area can be involved in the review.
15 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and informed that the CNSC has completed the conformity review of the Draft EIS for the Project. NexGen advised that the CNSC would accept comments on the Draft EIS during a 90-day public comment period which provides Indigenous Nations and Communities, members of the public, and government departments and agencies an opportunity to submit their views in writing to the CNSC on the information presented in the Draft EIS. NexGen advised that the CNSC has requested that all written comments be submitted by 12 October 2022 and provided the website address where the CNSC public comment process for the Project could be found. NexGen expressed thanks to the BNDN leadership and community members for the collaborative approach that contributed to the development of the Draft EIS and noted that NexGen looked forward to continued engagement throughout the lifespan of the Project.
18 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and requested the invoice for BNDN technical capacity support. NexGen advised that the funding had been put aside to provide the BNDN with capacity funding for technical support for the review of the Draft EIS and noted that the funding was not a commitment in the Benefit Agreements but was in good faith to support the EA process.
20 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and advised that the Draft EIS documents from the CNSC had been uploaded to the BNDN-NexGen Benefit Agreement SharePoint site to provide the BNDN's technical team easier access to the documents. NexGen identified the team members who should be contacted should there be any information requests.
28 July 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming or proposed engagement activities. NexGen also noted the attachment of the poster booklet created for the June 2022 community information sessions and a copy of the May 2022 community newsletter.
8 August 2022	In-person meeting	The BNDN, the BRDN, and NexGen met for a joint Environmental Committee meeting to discuss logistics for the 2022 engagement activities related to the gamma radiation survey, the woodland caribou field work, and the transition from JWG to the Environmental Committee.

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10 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and the BRDN regarding the field portion of the Linear Feature Regeneration Assessment that would be completed by Omnia at the Rook I site from 13 August 2022 to 27 August 2022 as discussed during the Environmental Committee meeting held on 8 August 2022. NexGen expressed interest in arranging a tour to encourage discussion surrounding woodland caribou, the mitigation trials, and the field survey. NexGen noted that technical assistants were needed to assist in the field survey and requested to be informed if there were community members who would be interested in participating. NexGen also informed the BNDN and the BRDN of the baseline gamma radiation survey of the Project area that was planned to be completed in the fall and advised that NexGen would be hiring four youth community members as technical assistants to support CanNorth with the survey and would be inviting an Elder to be present during the survey orientation. NexGen requested for the BNDN and the BRDN to confirm if there were interested community members by 19 August 2022 and noted that a potential date range for the survey would be confirmed by 12 August 2022 or during the week of 15 August 2022. NexGen requested for the BNDN and the BRDN to relay NexGen's COVID-19 policy when recruiting community members for the field programs.
10 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and advised that CanNorth had completed a Heritage Resource Impact Assessment survey proximal to the Patterson Lake bridge on the access road to the Rook I exploration camp this summer. NexGen advised that the survey was conducted proactively as part of a continued focus on the health, safety, and environmental aspects of activities related to current and future exploration activities. NexGen noted that during this survey, CanNorth found one site away from any disturbed area, and NexGen attached a PDF document to outline the survey are and test locations, and to provide photos, including a photo of the one endscraper tool that was found. NexGen also noted that CanNorth was working with the Heritage Conservation Board of the Government of Saskatchewan to submit a Saskatchewan Archaeological Resource Record to summarize the findings and to provide recommendations. NexGen informed the BNDN that a meeting with the Heritage Conservation Board had been held to discuss NexGen's commitment to engage with local Indigenous Groups and to sharing the survey results as well as the regulatory process associated with the finding. NexGen advised availability to discuss the survey findings, as well as any feedback or suggestions from the BNDN.
12 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and the BRDN providing the draft minutes from the joint Environmental Committee meeting held on 8 August 2022 for review and comments. NexGen also included the draft action items from the meeting and requested for the contacts and availability for the 2022 engagement opportunities.
16 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN following the Environmental Committee meeting on 8 August 2022. NexGen provided a 2021 presentation from a consultant that provides a high-level overview of certain completed wildlife surveys and the species located. NexGen indicated that a meeting could be arranged to review any questions on the content. NexGen informed the BNDN that a broader discussion with the Environmental Committee / JWG on the EA results was being planned and that some specific information on the wildlife surveys could be included in the meeting.
18 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and advised that the Heritage Conservation Board has reviewed the report and recommendations submitted by CanNorth regarding the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment that was completed earlier in the summer. NexGen indicated that the Heritage Conservation Board had confirmed that the 30 m buffer around the site was acceptable and that the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment regulatory requirements have been satisfactorily completed. NexGen invited the BNDN to reach out with any questions or comments.

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22 August 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the August 2022 issue of the community newsletter to thelocal priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the current Rook I site activities; ▪ a permitting status and update for the Project; ▪ information on the regulatory process for the Project EA; ▪ a summary of how engagement activities informed the EA for the Project; and ▪ NexGen community program updates.
24 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and advised that the CNSC planned to hold a webinar on 13 September 2022 to present an overview on the CNSC review process for the proposed NexGen Rook I and Denison Wheeler River Projects as well as to provide Project updates. NexGen included the link to register for the webinar.
30 August 2022	In-person meeting	The NexGen and the BNDN Environmental Committee met to: ▪ finalize the Environmental Committee Terms of Reference and discuss the First Nation Monitor Technician position; ▪ review and discuss the meeting summary template; ▪ discuss engagement updates and upcoming engagement opportunities for environmental programs at Rook I; ▪ discuss the importance of education, training, and employment; ▪ discuss the importance of cultural practices and sharing information equally; and ▪ plan the Q4 / year-end Environmental Committee meeting.
8 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to provide potential dates for an Environmental Committee site tour of the Rook I site on 27 September 2022 or 28 September 2022. NexGen also suggested scheduling a meeting on 3 October 2022 or 4 October 2022 to discuss the EA results.
14 September 2022	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed availability to coordinate an Environmental Committee site tour of the Rook I site on 27 September 2022 or 28 September 2022 in response to NexGen's 8 September 2022 email.
14 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and thanked the BNDN for the offer to assist in coordinating the site tour and meetings.
14 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided a bullet point list of information requested regarding public access for hunters as it relates to the proposed Project and the current Rook I exploration site, as discussed during the last Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen indicated that the BNDN could reach out if there was a desire to discuss further.
14 September 2022	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen regarding scheduling an Environmental Committee site tour of the Rook I site on 27 September 2022 or 28 September 2022. The Regulatory Lead of the BNDN confirmed unavailability during the proposed dates and indicated that the Chief and Council of the BNDN might be available for the site tour.
16 September 2022	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen regarding a request for a plain language Project fact sheet on the Project EA that could be distributed at the community meeting scheduled on 20 September 2022.
16 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided a copy of the booklets that were created for the community information sessions held in June 2022 in the local priority area for review and to assist with the BNDN's upcoming community meeting. NexGen also provided links to NexGen's website for additional details on the community information sessions held, JWG summaries, and general Project overview information for reference.
16 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and requested assistance in finding field assistants to work on a baseline gamma survey at the Rook I site. NexGen confirmed the physical requirements for the program and provided the hourly rates for the work.
16 September 2022	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and advised there were three community members interested in being field assistants for the baseline gamma survey.
16 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and thanked the BNDN for confirming that there were currently three interested members for the field assistant roles for the baseline gamma survey. NexGen proposed to touch base during the week of 19 September 2022 to discuss further.

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19 September 2022	Email exchange	The BNDN and NexGen exchanged emails regarding planning for the baseline gamma survey.
23 September 2022	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen to request a baseline geochemistry document for the Project EIS.
26 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN regarding the request for the baseline geochemistry document for the Rook I EIS. NexGen advised that the EA/EIS team has been contacted with the request for the document in response to the BNDN's 23 September 2022 email.
26 September 2022	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen regarding the baseline geochemistry document for the Rook I EIS and thanked NexGen for looking into the document request. The BNDN informed NexGen that the community sessions went very well.
26 September 2022	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen regarding the proposed EA Meeting / Workshop planned for 3 October 2022 or 4 October 2022 and suggested to postpone the meeting to late October 2022 or November 2022 to allow for better community attendance and to allow for discussion on the EIS review comments. The BNDN indicated that several dates for consideration would be provided during the week of 3 October 2022.
27 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and acknowledged the 26 September 2022 email suggesting to postpone the EA Meeting / Workshop planned for 3 October 2022 or 4 October 2022 to late October 2022 or November 2022. NexGen confirmed availability for the proposed later date and looked forward to following up during the week of 3 October 2022.
29 September 2022	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided a status update on the baseline geochemistry document for the Project EIS requested on 26 September 2022. NexGen indicated that the two primary documents available were the waste and wall rock source terms and the tailings source terms that the BNDN had already accessed. NexGen informed the BNDN that they would follow up with the EA team for the baseline geochemistry document and keep the BNDN posted.
29 September 2022	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and acknowledged the status update on the baseline geochemistry document for the Project EIS. The BNDN thanked NexGen for following up on the request and indicated that it was important to review the data collected which the source term predictions were based upon.
29 September 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided an engagement update letter summarizing completed engagement activities in the summer of 2022 and a summary of upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also provided a PDF of the August 2022 community newsletter.
5 October 2022	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen regarding a request for the Project shapefiles and other associated claims for the BNDN IKTLU Study.
7 October 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN in response to the BNDN's 5 October 2022 email and indicated that the Project shapefiles and other associated claims could be provided to the BNDN during the week of 10 October 2022.
7 October 2022	Email, outgoing	The BNDN emailed NexGen and acknowledged that the Project shapefiles and other associated claims information requested would be provided by NexGen during the week of 10 October 2022.
11 October 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the October 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the 2022 Summer Student and Scholarship Programs; ▪ a summary of the June 2022 community information sessions; ▪ a Project status update; ▪ an introduction to the Project website; and ▪ an update on education, training, and employment initiatives.
11 October 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided additional information on the Baseline Environmental Effects and the Traditional Foods Study Program planned to begin in 2023 that was discussed during the recent Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen requested for a single point of contact from the BNDN community to discuss and coordinate engagement for the program.
14 October 2022	Email, outgoing	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that the week of 24 October 2022 for a community meeting would work and requested proposed dates for the meeting in response to NexGen's 27 September 2022 email.

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14 October 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to acknowledge the BNDN's availability for a community meeting during the week of 24 October 2022 and noted that NexGen would reach back out with proposed dates for the meeting.
18 October 2022	Email, outgoing	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed the contacts at the BNDN for the engagement on the baseline monitoring programs in response to NexGen's 11 October 2022 email. The BNDN also expressed interest in arranging a meeting with CanNorth to discuss the planned programs.
18 October 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided the shapefiles for NexGen's mineral dispositions (SW1, SW2, and SW3 properties) as an attachment and included the UTM coordinates for the Rook I camp as a follow up to the BNDN's 7 October 2022 email.
18 October 2022	Email exchange	NexGen exchanged emails with the BNDN and acknowledged the contacts at the BNDN for the engagement on the baseline monitoring programs and advised that NexGen would get back to the BNDN with CanNorth's availability for a meeting to discuss the programs.
18 October 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and confirmed availability on 27 October 2022 for a community meeting in response to the BNDN's 14 October 2022 email.
19 October 2022	Email, outgoing	The BNDN emailed NexGen and acknowledged the NexGen shapefiles for the mineral dispositions (SW1, SW2, and SW3 properties) and UTM coordinates for the Rook I camp emailed on 18 October 2022.
19 October 2022	Email, outgoing	The BNDN emailed NexGen and acknowledged that the BNDN would be contacted with CanNorth's availability for a meeting to discuss the baseline monitoring programs in response to NexGen's 18 October 2022 email.
19 October 2022	Email, outgoing	The BNDN emailed NexGen and acknowledged NexGen's 18 October 2022 email confirming availability on 27 October 2022 for a community meeting. The BNDN indicated that the proposed date and time would be discussed internally and inquired if the meeting could be held during the evening for better attendance.
19 October 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN regarding scheduling a community meeting on 27 October 2022. NexGen indicated that the BNDN request to hold the meeting in the evening would be discussed internally and noted that NexGen would get back to the BNDN on 20 October 2022.
20 October 2022	Email, outgoing	The BNDN emailed NexGen and acknowledged the 19 October 2022 email indicating that the BNDN's request for the community meeting to be held in the evening of 27 October 2022 would be discussed internally within the NexGen team. The BNDN also listed the four comments that included recommendations from the BNDN's review of the Project Draft EIS that would be best discussed during the community meeting. The BNDN noted that a discussion could be held to confirm which of the comments could be discussed at the upcoming community meeting.
21 October 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN advising that the proposed date of 27 October 2022 for a community meeting no longer worked for the entire team and requested for the BNDN to propose new dates.
24 October 2022	Email, outgoing	The BNDN emailed NexGen and acknowledged receipt of the notification advising 27 October 2022 for a potential community meeting would not work and confirmed they would provide alternative dates.
1 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided the formal notification of the NexGen committee member changes to the Benefit Agreement Implementation Committee as a follow up to the BNDN's 22 April 2022 email.
8 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to follow-up on the proposed EA results meeting and expressed interest in still presenting the EA results to the BNDN Environmental Committee, Chief and Council, and community members. NexGen also advised that the proposed agenda for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 22 November 2022 would be sent out.
22 November 2022	In-person meeting	The NexGen and the BNDN Environmental Committee met to: ▪ Discuss the EA results for the Project; ▪ Share an update on the BNDN Implementation Committee activities; ▪ Review the Environmental Committee activities in 2022, including the Environmental committee Mandate; and ▪ Discuss logistics and planning for 2023.

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24 November 2022	Phone call, incoming	The BNDN Chief called NexGen to reiterate and confirm that the community of BNDN fully supports the Project and the Benefit Agreement and noted how positive the engagement experience has been for the community.
2 December 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and attached the presentation and summary from the Environmental Committee meeting held on 22 November 2022 for review and comments. NexGen indicated that the documents have been placed on the Environmental Committee SharePoint site and noted that the list of action items have also been included in the email. NexGen thanked the BNDN for a great meeting and looked forward to seeing everyone during the week of 5 December 2022.
7 December 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen presented the results of the EA to the BNDN Environmental Committee, Chief and Council, and technical consultants. Following the EA results presentation, NexGen and the BNDN discussed the comments that were submitted to the CNSC by the BNDN as part of the federal public review period for the Project Draft EIS and the next steps for discussing the comments.
22 December 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the December 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the education and training initiatives; ▪ an update on environmental monitoring programs; ▪ a summary of community updates and initiatives; ▪ a Project status update; and ▪ a Christmas message.
22 December 2022	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen regarding the comments and questions submitted by the BNDN related to the Project Draft EIS. The BNDN indicated that some of the comments were addressed during the meeting held on 7 December 2022 and thanked NexGen for the EA workshop presentation. The BNDN expressed that the best path forward on the remaining items would be a joint discussion with NexGen in order to learn more about NexGen's approach on certain topics and to hold a constructive discussion to resolve remaining items that needed clarification or resolution. The BNDN attached an updated spreadsheet of the questions and comments for NexGen's review. The BNDN indicated that the spreadsheet was intended to be used as a guide for upcoming meetings and listed the topics that could be discussed specifically. The BNDN noted that there was a lot to learn from NexGen on the approach taken, and by meeting to discuss the topics, the BNDN was confident that the open items could be addressed or resolved by collaboration between the BNDN and NexGen. The BNDN informed NexGen that the BNDN could be available to meet during the first week of January 2023 and that two BNDN members could arrange to attend in person on 9 January or 13 January 2023. The BNDN thanked NexGen for the support and partnership during 2022 and looked forward to working together in 2023.
22 December 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to provide an engagement update letter summarizing engagement activities completed in the fall of 2022 and a summary of proposed or upcoming engagement in 2023. NexGen also attached a copy of the EA Results presentation and copies of the October 2022 and December 2022 community newsletters. NexGen invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any questions or comments and expressed that NexGen looked forward to continued engagement with the BNDN in 2023.
5 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to thank the BNDN for sending the reviewed, revised, and grouped list of comments and information requests submitted prior to Christmas. NexGen acknowledged that the BNDN has spoken with NexGen's Vice President, Community to arrange a meeting to discuss further and looked forward to the discussion. NexGen proposed to also hold a smaller discussion about the federal and provincial regulatory processes, to share NexGen's understanding of the guidance provided to date by the CNSC about the technical and public comments, and the path forward to submitting a final EIS to the ENV and CNSC.

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19 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to inform about a regional Traditional Foods Study that NexGen would be completing in 2023. NexGen advised that CanNorth has been engaged to complete the study in northwest Saskatchewan and work with the communities to further understand the type, quantity, and location of Traditional Foods consumed and analyze key food types. NexGen indicated that the regional Traditional Foods Study would add to the work already done by communities in support of NexGen's EA and noted that the BNDN, CRDN, MN-S, and BRDN have been approached to engage on the program and to help inform the study design. NexGen indicated that an overview of the regional Traditional Foods Study was discussed with the BNDN Environmental Committee during a meeting held in 2022 and it was determined that identifying a community liaison for the program would be the next step. NexGen proposed to have CanNorth present a regional Traditional Foods Study overview and indicated that a similar meeting was being arranged with CanNorth and the BRDN. NexGen inquired if the BNDN would be interested in attending a joint meeting with the BRDN and hoped to arrange the presentation in late January 2023 or mid-February 2023. NexGen inquired if there was a date that would work best for the BNDN.
27 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and thanked the BNDN for a recent phone call confirming availability during the week of 20 February 2023 for a meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study. NexGen proposed to include the regional Traditional Foods Study on the agenda for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 21 February 2023 and have CanNorth present. NexGen indicated that others who were interested in the presentation could also attend or call-in. NexGen requested for the BNDN to confirm if the proposed approach to include the regional Traditional Foods Study discussion in the upcoming Environmental Committee meeting would work or if there were any concerns.
31 January 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen to inquire if the written response to the BNDN's outstanding EIS public comments would be provided in advance of the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 13 February 2023 to streamline the process. The BNDN indicated that many of the comments could be resolved with NexGen's response.
7 February 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen to follow-up on the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 13 February 2023. The BNDN advised that Tamarack team members would need to join the meeting virtually and provided a proposed agenda for review. The BNDN also inquired if the comment responses from NexGen to the BNDN's outstanding EIS public comments would be available for review prior to the meeting.
7 February 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to thank the BNDN for the emails following up on the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 13 February 2023. NexGen advised that there were updates regarding the EA process that would take 1-2 hours of time in the morning to discuss. NexGen informed the BNDN that NexGen has reached out to NexGen's Vice President, Permitting & Licensing and EA team regarding the responses to the BNDN's outstanding EIS public comments and recommendations for the meeting agenda. NexGen noted that the BNDN's proposed draft agenda was also forwarded and that NexGen would reach back out as soon as possible.
7 February 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for the update regarding the upcoming Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 13 February 2023 and the status of the responses to the BNDN's outstanding EIS public comments.
10 February 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to provide the presentation prepared for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 13 February 2023 to discuss NexGen's Draft EIS and the BNDN's comments on the Draft EIS. NexGen proposed that the meeting begin with NexGen providing updates on the EA process, followed by a discussion on the collaborative approach to the federal review of the Draft EIS, which would include the public comments submitted by the BNDN and the summary of issues and concerns identified for the BNDN from the Draft EIS. NexGen stated that there would be an opportunity to workshop the issues and concerns from the EIS and the BNDN public comment table afterwards and advised that the NexGen EA team would be attending to discuss the comments. NexGen invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any questions or concerns with the proposed agenda and presentation. NexGen indicated that lunch would be provided for the in-person attendees and expressed that NexGen looked forward to the meeting.

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10 February 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN as a follow up to the email sent to the Environmental Committee earlier on 10 February 2023 regarding the proposed agenda and presentation for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 13 February 2023. NexGen confirmed that they would not have prepared responses available for the BNDN's public comment submission in the meeting and indicated that NexGen would be happy to begin workshopping the comments to continue to discuss the process and next steps. NexGen stated that the meeting presentation included a summary of issues and concerns identified for the BNDN from the Draft EIS and noted that the NexGen EA team, Environmental Committee members, and Community Engagement team would be attending the meeting. NexGen invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any questions or concerns.
13 February 2023	In-person meeting	The NexGen and BNDN Environmental Committee met to discuss the BNDN public comments on the Draft EIS submitted as part of the federal public review process. The NexGen and BNDN Environmental Committee discussed a collaborative method, through the Environmental Committee, to workshopping and resolving these comments. NexGen agreed to provide draft responses to the BNDN's public comments at a later date for the BNDN's review, and it was agreed that a follow-up Environmental Committee workshop would be scheduled at a later date.
15 February 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided the proposed draft agenda for the quarterly Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 21 February 2023 for review. NexGen indicated that the agenda and presentation materials were aligned with the 2023 Environmental Committee priorities identified during the last quarterly meeting. NexGen stated that the presentation slide deck would be provided during the week of 13 February 2023 for review prior to the meeting. NexGen reminded the BNDN that the meeting would be hosted at the NexGen office and that lunch would be provided after the meeting.
16 February 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided the presentation for the quarterly Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 21 February 2023 for review. NexGen invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any questions or concerns and indicated that they looked forward to the meeting.
21 February 2023	In-person meeting	The NexGen and BNDN Environmental Committee met to discuss updates on the 2023 Environmental Committee priorities, including: ▪ the regulatory review of the EA; ▪ ongoing monitoring programs (specifically, the regional Traditional Foods Study); ▪ collaboration on licence documents (specifically, the Environmental Protection Program and the Wildlife and Human Interactions Procedure); ▪ community awareness; and ▪ end land use planning.
21 February 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BNDN met for an Implementation Committee meeting.
24 February 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN regarding the Northern Technical Assistant that CanNorth was seeking for the upcoming winter water sampling program that was discussed during the Environmental Committee meeting recently held. NexGen indicated that they would provide accommodations and meals for the duration of the program at the Rook I site camp and that CanNorth would be providing compensation. NexGen indicated the program was tentatively scheduled to be conducted from 21 March 2023 to 28 March 2023 and requested to be informed by 10 March 2023 if the BNDN knew anyone who would be interested and qualify for the role. NexGen invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any questions regarding the sampling program.
1 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and confirmed that the Northern Technical position had been filled.
13 March 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the BNDN as a follow up to the Environmental Committee meeting held on 21 February 2023 and indicated that CanNorth would like to arrange a meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study in more detail. CanNorth stated that the BNDN could invite any representatives to attend who could help guide the design of the program and inquired if the BNDN would be available to meet early April 2023.

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14 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided the presentation and summary from the Environmental Committee meeting held on 21 February 2023 for review. NexGen invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any clarifications or corrections required and advised that all documents have been uploaded to the Environmental Committee SharePoint site. NexGen also included a table of the action items as well as a table indicating the groupings of the Environmental Committee topics/priorities that require a lead to be identified from the BNDN.
16 March 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the BNDN as a follow up to the 13 March 2023 email and advised that another CanNorth team member could assist in arranging the meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study once the BNDN confirmed a date that would work.
20 March 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to provide an engagement update letter summarizing engagement activities completed in the winter and to provide a summary of proposed or upcoming engagement activities for the spring. NexGen invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any questions or comments.
21 March 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed CanNorth and NexGen to confirm availability during the first week of April 2023 for a meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study. The BNDN inquired if the meeting would be held via Zoom or a phone call.
22 March 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the BNDN to confirm availability on 5 April 2023, 6 April 2023, or 7 April 2023 for a virtual meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study and requested for the BNDN to confirm which date would work.
22 March 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed CanNorth and NexGen and confirmed that 5 April 2023 at 1:30 pm would work for a meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study.
11 April 2023	Videoconference	The BNDN and CanNorth met to discuss the NexGen regional Traditional Food Study in more detail, including the program's goals, study design, community involvement, data considerations, and next steps.
14 April 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the BNDN as a follow up to the meeting held on 11 April 2023. CanNorth provided the NexGen regional Traditional Foods Study summary for the BNDN Chief and Council as well as examples of the questions for review that would be asked during the interviews. CanNorth stated they were comfortable with the BNDN's process to receive permission from Chief and Council to proceed with the regional Traditional Foods Study and noted that a Band Council Resolution was a process that they had seen previously. CanNorth provided a sample of Band Council Resolution wording and indicated that further particulars would be up to the BNDN and could be taken from the regional Traditional Foods Study summary. CanNorth provided the proposed compensation rates for the interviewers, interviewees, and the community liaison for the project and advised that all payments would go through CanNorth. CanNorth invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any questions or concerns.
19 April 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the BNDN providing the list of foods that would be included in the NexGen regional Traditional Foods Study questionnaire. CanNorth indicated they are providing the list for review and in advance of the training sessions.
19 April 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with members from the BNDN and the MN-S for a Rook I site tour and to locate a spot for the ceremonial sweat with Elders from all local priority area Nations. The core logging facilities and the Arrow site were toured. A safe location for the ceremonial sweat was confirmed.
21 April 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the April 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on education and training initiatives; ▪ regulatory process updates for the Project; and ▪ a summary of community engagement updates.
26 April 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the BNDN to follow-up and confirm if there has been any progress on getting a Band Council Resolution or agreement to move forward with the NexGen regional Traditional Foods Study.

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26 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN informing of the meeting held with the CNSC and indicated there were a few action items that came from the meeting to keep progressing the Project. NexGen stated that the CNSC would need to connect with the BNDN to try and close off the action items. NexGen noted that the implementation and mechanisms of the Benefit Agreement may have already resolved some of the outstanding items that the CNSC would like to address and requested for the BNDN to reach out to the CNSC.
4 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN providing the draft agenda for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 16 May 2023 for review. NexGen informed the BNDN the agenda and presentation materials were aligned with the 2023 Environmental Committee priorities identified for 2023 and indicated the slide deck would be provided for review prior to the meeting. NexGen proposed that the issues and concerns from Section 2 (Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement) of the Draft EIS be reviewed and discussed during the meeting. NexGen indicated the issues and concerns validation process had been scheduled near the beginning of the meeting agenda and proposed the detailed discussion and workshop occur near the end of the meeting after all other updates on the priority topics have been shared. NexGen inquired if the BNDN would be agreeable with the proposed approach and invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any questions or proposed additions to the agenda.
8 May 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the BNDN to follow-up regarding the NexGen regional Traditional Foods Study and inquired if training could be arranged in the next few weeks.
10 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN providing the schedule of the community information sessions about the Project planned for 12 June 2023 to 16 June 2023 in the local priority area communities. NexGen indicated the community information sessions would be a drop-in format with a series of poster stations staffed by NexGen staff who would be available to share information and answers. NexGen also shared the objectives of the community information sessions and noted that the staff of the CNSC and ENV would be in attendance to explain their roles as regulatory agencies and to answer any questions from community members. NexGen stated the community information sessions would be open to all community members and members of the public and would be advertised through monthly radio announcements. NexGen indicated that posters would be created to share and post in the communities and that invitation cards would be mailed out. NexGen thanked the BNDN for helping confirm the dates and venues and invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any questions or additional information needed.
12 May 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed CanNorth and NexGen regarding arranging training for the NexGen regional Traditional Foods Study. The BNDN inquired if scheduling the training could be extended.
15 May 2023	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the BNDN to discuss postponing the 16 May 2023 Environmental Committee meeting due to the ongoing wildfires affecting the northern communities. NexGen and the BNDN agreed to postpone the meeting to a later date.
17 May 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the BNDN acknowledging the BNDN's request to extend the scheduling of the training for the NexGen regional Traditional Foods Study. CanNorth inquired if the last week of May 2023 or first week of June 2023 would be feasible.
19 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN forwarding the email from the CNSC regarding capacity funding available to Indigenous Nations and communities.
19 May 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed CanNorth and NexGen regarding scheduling the training for the NexGen regional Traditional Foods Study. The BNDN inquired if everything could be rescheduled due to the impact of the forest fires in the area.
19 May 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the BNDN acknowledging the BNDN's request to reschedule the training for the NexGen regional Traditional Foods Study. CanNorth advised they would reach out to the BNDN at the end of May 2023 to touch base.
24 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN thanking them for the understanding about postponing the May 2023 Environmental Committee meeting and proposed to reschedule the meeting in late June 2023. NexGen inquired if the morning of 27 June 2023 would work for the BNDN and stated the agenda would remain as previously proposed. NexGen requested for the BNDN to confirm if the proposed date would work or if there was an alternative date the BNDN would like to suggest. NexGen also reminded the BNDN that they were continuing to plan for the community information sessions in the local priority area and expressed they were looking forward to being in BNDN/Turnor Lake on 14 June 2023.

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25 May 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen confirming availability for the proposed Environmental Committee meeting on 27 June 2023 and indicated that they would confirm availability of two other BNDN members.
25 May 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and indicated that they were not available for the proposed Environmental Committee meeting on 27 June 2023 and informed NexGen that they would be available any other day during the week of 26 June 2023.
25 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN thanking them for confirming their availability for the Environmental Committee meeting and indicated that 28 June 2023 or 29 June 2023 could also work.
25 May 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that scheduling the Environmental Committee meeting on 28 June 2023 would work best for them.
25 May 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen confirming that scheduling the Environmental Committee meeting on 28 June 2023 would work; however, the BNDN informed NexGen that the BNDN Community Planner/Lands Manager would be away during the proposed week of the meeting and returning to work on 4 July 2023. The BNDN member suggested that if moving the Environmental Committee meeting date to the week of 3 July 2023 was difficult then the group should go with the majority that could attend.
25 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN regarding scheduling the Environmental Committee meeting and stated that 28 June 2023 or the week of 4 July 2023 would still work. NexGen also proposed to consider 20 June 2023 to 22 June 2023 if the dates would work better for attendance.
26 May 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen regarding scheduling the Environmental Committee meeting and proposed 5 July 2023 so that the BNDN Community Planner/Lands Manager could also attend. The BNDN informed NexGen that scheduling during the week of 21 June 2023 would be a challenge due to the community Summer Festivals.
31 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN confirming that scheduling the Environmental Committee meeting on 5 July 2023 would work and that NexGen could send out a calendar invite. NexGen informed the BNDN that the issues and concerns that had been identified for the BNDN for the Draft EIS (Appendix 2B of Section 2) would be workshopped during the meeting and requested for the BNDN to inform of any concerns with the approach. NexGen also acknowledged that the community was on evacuation notice due to the fire at the BNDN/Turnor Lake and hoped that everyone stays safe. NexGen stated they would keep in contact regarding the Environmental Committee meeting and noted that everyone's safety was priority and the meeting could be rescheduled, if required.
1 June 2023	Email, outgoing	The BNDN emailed NexGen confirming that scheduling the Environmental Committee meeting on 5 July 2023 would work and suggested to lock the date in the calendar. The BNDN also thanked NexGen for the concern and note on the community fire situation and indicated the situation was stable with partial evacuation in place.
5 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN the meeting invite for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 5 July 2023 in Saskatoon. NexGen attached the agenda for review and requested to be informed if there were any questions or if there were additional proposed topics.
9 June 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the June 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ information about the upcoming June 2023 community information sessions; ▪ education, training, and employment updates; and ▪ a summary of community updates and initiatives.
9 June 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also provided copies of NexGen's April 2023 and June 2023 community newsletters and a digital copy of the brochure and application form for the 2023-2024 NexGen Scholarship Program. NexGen invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any questions and expressed they hope to see the BNDN at the upcoming community information sessions.

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14 June 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and commented that the engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities was well done. The BNDN also confirmed that they would be attending the community information session scheduled on 14 June 2023.
14 June 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session in Turnor Lake and BNDN to: ▪ update local communities on the Project and inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project; ▪ share information about the EIS review process including when and how members of the public have had and will continue to have opportunities for ongoing involvement in the regulatory process; ▪ share an overview of the licensing and permitting required for the Project; ▪ share information on environmental monitoring, employment opportunities, and education and training initiatives; and ▪ answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the Draft EIS.
28 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided the presentation for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 5 July 2023 as well as the issues and concerns table that would be workshopped during the meeting for review. NexGen also attached the updated copy of the draft Environmental Committee Mandate and invited the BNDN to let NexGen know if there were any questions, concerns, or additional suggested edits.
5 July 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BNDN met for an Environmental Committee meeting. Key topics included a discussion of Implementation Committee updates and the Environmental Committee's 2023 priorities, such as: ▪ ongoing environmental monitoring programs (specifically, seed collection); ▪ collaboration on licensing documents; ▪ community awareness updates; and ▪ key updates relating to the EA process.
5 July 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BNDN met for an Implementation Committee meeting.
12 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and thanked the BNDN for the discussion at the Environmental Committee meeting held on 5 July 2023. NexGen inquired if the BNDN would be available between 31 July 2023 and 11 August 2023 for a breakout Environmental Committee meeting to review and validate the BNDN issues and concerns table. NexGen also proposed to complete the issues and concerns validation during the next quarterly Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 15 August 2023. NexGen stated they would be happy to host the meeting at the NexGen Saskatoon office and indicated that Environmental Committee members could also call into the meeting. NexGen requested for the BNDN to provide a preferred date and time that would work and re-attached the issues and concerns table for reference.
12 July 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and indicated that they would prefer to review and validate the BNDN issues and concerns table during the 15 August 2023 Environmental Committee meeting. The BNDN requested for the minutes and agenda from the Implementation Committee meeting held during the week of 3 July 2023 for review and inquired how the committees would be proceeding in light of the personnel changes within the Birch Narrows Dene Nation Development Inc.
12 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and thanked them for the email confirming preference to review and validate the BNDN issues and concerns table during the 15 August 2023 Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen informed the BNDN that the Implementation Committee meeting held during the week of 3 July 2023 was to review the annual reports and stated that NexGen was currently completing the report. NexGen noted the report would be reviewed during the next Implementation Committee meeting and that NexGen would also be sharing some of the meeting action items. NexGen stated it would be appreciated if the BNDN could send out a notification as to who would be the Implementation Coordinator, Implementation Committee members, and Environmental Committee members to reflect any recent changes.

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12 July 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for the information regarding the proposed breakout Environmental Committee meeting and the Implementation Committee meeting held during the week of 3 July 2023. The BNDN informed NexGen that they were working on the replacements and notifications for the Implementation Coordinator, Implementation Committee members and Environmental Committee members and would get back to NexGen as soon as possible. The BNDN advised that a separate reply related to the breakout Environmental Committee Meeting would be sent.
20 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and shared the public notice received from the ENV regarding the Notice of Provincial Review of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* and from the CNSC regarding the Notice of the CNSC Capacity Funding Availability. NexGen included a brief overview of the notices and included links for additional information.
21 July 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for sharing the public notice from the ENV regarding the Notice of Provincial Review of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* and from the CNSC regarding the Notice of the CNSC Capacity Funding Availability. The BNDN indicated the information would be forwarded to the appropriate contacts.
21 July 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and provided an update that the BNDN would be onboarding a new consultant to assist in navigating all environmental aspects. The BNDN stated they would also reach back out with proposed meeting dates to workshop the BNDN comments and indicated that NexGen could provide materials for the BNDN team to review in advance or wait for the meeting if preferred.
21 July 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and provided a letter with the change in the BNDN representation for the roles as defined in the Benefit Agreement between the BNDN and NexGen.
24 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and thanked the BNDN for the updates regarding the BNDN technical consultants and potential dates for a workshop to discuss the BNDN issues and concerns identified for the Draft EIS. NexGen explained the materials for the workshop would be the same as the slides that were included in the Environmental Committee meeting held on 5 July 2023 and the additional PDF sent out with the key mitigation and accommodation columns included. NexGen offered to resend the materials to the BNDN. NexGen noted the first workshop would be to discuss the issues and concerns table from Section 2 of the Draft EIS and advised that a subsequent workshop would be scheduled at a later date to discuss the comments submitted by the BNDN as part of the federal public review on the Draft EIS.
24 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and acknowledged receipt of the notice of change in the BNDN representation.
27 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided a letter regarding the development of a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan for the Project and the formation of a Caribou Working Group. NexGen proposed a regional approach to set up a Caribou Working Group to include representation from the BNDN, the CRDN, the MN-S NR2, and the BRDN. NexGen also proposed to hold the first regional Caribou Working Group meeting on 29 August 2023 at the NexGen office in Saskatoon and encouraged the BNDN's participation. NexGen requested for confirmation of a BNDN representative to participate in the meeting and invited BNDN to reach out if there were any questions.
28 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided the presentation, meeting summary, and the issues and concerns table to the BNDN from the Environmental Committee meeting held on 5 July 2023 for review. NexGen informed BNDN that all the documents have been uploaded to the Environmental Committee SharePoint site and also included a table of the action items. NexGen invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any clarifications or corrections required or if there were any questions.
2 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and inquired if it was still preferred to complete the issues and concerns workshop during the Environmental Committee meeting planned for 15 August 2023. NexGen offered to extend the meeting to allow additional time to discuss other Environmental Committee updates, if needed. NexGen informed the BNDN that they were not yet in a position to workshop the BNDN public comment submission and NexGen's responses and indicated that this could be discussed further at the upcoming meeting. NexGen invited the BNDN to reach out of there were any questions or concerns.

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2 August 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed preference to complete the issues and concerns workshop during the Environmental Committee meeting planned for 15 August 2023 in response to NexGen's email. The BNDN indicated the appropriate the BNDN representatives would be present and informed. The BNDN also noted that the potential the BNDN candidate for the Caribou Workshop Group could potentially be finalized at the meeting and reminded NexGen of the change in the BNDN representation.
3 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and thanked the BNDN for the 2 August 2023 email confirming preference to complete the issues and concerns workshop during the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 15 August 2023. NexGen noted the meeting would be extended to allow enough time to discuss everything and indicated the draft agenda would be circulated during the week of 7 August 2023. NexGen informed the BNDN that two WSP members would be joining the meeting to assist with the issues and concerns workshop. NexGen informed the BNDN it had been a pleasure working with the current BNDN representative and wished them the best.
9 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN as a follow up to NexGen's 27 July 2023 email and inquired if there was a BNDN representative who would be participating in the proposed 29 August 2023 meeting for the Caribou Working Group. NexGen stated they were informed that there were a few suggested candidates and indicated that this could be discussed during the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 15 August 2023 if the BNDN required more time.
9 August 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and stated they would reach out to a potential the BNDN representative who would be participating in the proposed 29 August 2023 meeting for the Caribou Working Group and confirm their interest.
9 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and thanked them for confirming that the BNDN would reach out to the potential BNDN representative who would be participating in the proposed 29 August 2023 meeting for the Caribou Working Group.
11 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN providing the draft agenda for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 15 August 2023. NexGen stated a main priority for the Environmental Committee meeting would be to collaboratively review the issues and concerns table specific for the BNDN as part of the regulatory process for the Project. NexGen attached a copy of the issues and concerns table for reference and review. NexGen proposed that the Environmental Committee continue to meet to share any updates related to ongoing 2023 priorities after the issues and concerns workshop and advised the meeting has been extended to ensure there would be enough time. NexGen expressed they looked forward to the meeting.
14 August 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen advising that one representative would not be able to attend the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 15 August 2023.
14 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and acknowledged that one of the BNDN representatives would not be able to attend the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 15 August 2023. NexGen stated that the meeting summary, actions, and presentation to the Environmental Committee members would be sent out after the meeting.
14 August 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities.
14 August 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BNDN met for an Environmental Committee meeting. Key topics included a review of 2023 Environmental Committee priorities and a workshop of the issues and concerns identified for the BNDN as part of the Draft EIS for the Project.
29 August 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the Project Woodland Caribou Working Group for a kick-off meeting to introduce the group members, establish a framework for how the Project Woodland Caribou Working Group would work together, and to provide an overview of caribou in the context of the Project and what work has been completed to date.

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29 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN regarding the community-based regional Traditional Foods Study for the Project that NexGen was working with the local priority area Indigenous Groups to complete. NexGen stated the study would provide regional food data to compare or augment the assumptions used in the modelling for the Project EIS. NexGen indicated they have been working with CanNorth to discuss adjustments to the timeline to create a well-informed sampling program that was developed based on interviews from all participating communities. NexGen acknowledged that the BNDN had a job posting out to recruit interviewers to assist with the regional Traditional Foods Study and that two interviewers have recently been recruited. NexGen noted the next step would be for the BNDN to schedule interview training with CanNorth, and once the training was complete, the interviews with community members would begin. NexGen informed the BNDN the goal was to have all community interviews completed by 15 December 2023 and advised that CanNorth would use the information gathered by the BNDN to inform the 2024 sampling program. NexGen indicated that a final report would be produced by CanNorth in the summer of 2024. NexGen invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any questions or concerns about being able to complete the interview training and community interviews by 15 December 2023.
30 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN advising that the ENV has completed its EA Technical Review for the Project and that NexGen has submitted the provincial Final EIS to the ENV. NexGen informed of the next steps under the provincial EA process and noted it was different from the federal EA public review process that occurred for the Draft EIS. NexGen stated they would be happy to meet and discuss any questions regarding the provincial Final EIS or the provincial EA process with the BNDN. NexGen indicated the provincial Final EIS would be posted on the ENV's website for the commencement of the public review period and noted an updated link to the ENV website would be provided. NexGen also informed that a copy of the provincial Final EIS had been uploaded to the BNDN and NexGen Benefit Agreement SharePoint site and listed what was included in the upload. NexGen provided a progress update on the completion of responses to the federal technical and public review comments received on the Draft EIS through the federal EA review process with the CNSC. NexGen advised that they must also receive positive federal licensing and provincial permitting decisions for the Project to be fully approved and for Construction to begin. NexGen invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any questions and welcomed the opportunity to share further updates and information at a future Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen thanked the BNDN for the continued collaboration throughout the provincial EA process.
31 August 2023	Email, incoming	The ENV emailed the BNDN and copied NexGen on the correspondence providing an attached letter inviting the BNDN to review and confirm the Duty to Consult Record for the proposed Project. The ENV also attached a copy of the Consultation Report that would be provided as part of the Final EIS by NexGen as well as a copy of the ENV's technical review comments summarizing the expected impacts of the Project, proposed mitigation measures and technical review findings and information for applying for a Fast Track Grant. The ENV stated that a hard copy of the Notice of Review Period, technical review comments, and Fast Track Grant Fact sheet would also be couriered to the BNDN and requested for any comments to be submitted to the ENV by 3 October 2023.
1 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and advised that NexGen was copied on the ENV correspondence to the Chief of the BNDN regarding the review and confirmation of the Provincial Duty to Consult Record for the Project. NexGen attached a copy of the correspondence for the BNDN Environmental Committee members and Implementation Coordinator as per the terms of reference for the BNDN Benefit Agreement and as part of the ongoing discussions regarding collaboration on the regulatory process for the Project.
1 September 2023	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the BNDN to confirm receipt of the emails regarding the provincial Final EIS and if the SharePoint access was working as well as if there were any questions. The BNDN member was away and unavailable to take the call.
1 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to follow up on all of the correspondence that NexGen has been sending out regarding the provincial Final EIS. NexGen stated they wanted to confirm that all emails have been received and that the BNDN's SharePoint access to download a copy of the EIS and supporting documents worked. NexGen inquired if there were any questions prior to the public review period that would begin on 2 September 2023 and invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any questions or concerns.

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4 September 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and indicated they have not yet checked the SharePoint access to download the provincial Final EIS and supporting documentation and would reach back out to confirm in response to NexGen's 1 September 2023 email. The BNDN inquired if there were deliverables expected from the BNDN related to the provincial review period.
5 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and thanked the BNDN for informing that they have not yet accessed the SharePoint site. NexGen requested for the BNDN to advise if they encounter any errors downloading a copy of the EIS and supporting documentation. NexGen also indicated the NexGen Vice President - Community would be reaching out to the BNDN later in the week of 4 September 2023 or during the week of 11 September 2023 to discuss deliverables from the BNDN for the provincial public review period. NexGen inquired if the timing would work for the BNDN.
5 September 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed they have accessed the SharePoint site. The BNDN stated they have not yet reviewed the EIS and indicated the week of 11 September 2023 would work to discuss the deliverables from the BNDN for the provincial public review period.
5 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and acknowledged the week of 11 September 2023 would work better for the BNDN to discuss the deliverables from the BNDN for the provincial public review period.
5 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided a link to the notification regarding the public review period for NexGen's provincial Final EIS that has been posted on the ENV website. NexGen also included the link to the ENV website where the EIS and supporting documentation could be downloaded.
11 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Caribou Working Group and thanked the group for helping make the first meeting held on 29 August 2023 a success. NexGen attached the meeting minutes, presentation, and a visual charter for review, as well as provided a link to the requested resources as a follow up to some of the action items. NexGen informed the Caribou Working Group that a placeholder for the workshop on 16 October 2023 had been sent out and noted that NexGen would also be inviting regulators as guests to the workshop. NexGen advised that additional information would be sent out closer to the date.
11 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided an update that the CNSC has confirmed the final Licence Application to Prepare and Construct the Project was submitted on 1 September 2023 and in compliance with all applicable CNSC requirements. NexGen also informed the BNDN that NexGen has recently submitted responses to the federal technical review comments received on the Draft EIS, as well as continue to finalize responses to all public comments received through the federal EA review process. NexGen expressed they looked forward to collaborating with the BNDN Environmental Committee to address the BNDN public comments submitted as part of the federal public review process. NexGen advised that the CNSC would be holding a public hearing prior to making an EA or licensing decision on the Project and noted that a hearing date has not yet been determined. NexGen thanked the BNDN for the continued engagement throughout the federal EA and licensing processes for the Project and invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any questions or concerns.
13 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN regarding the seed collection program that NexGen was working with Integral Ecology Group to conduct at the Rook I site for reclamation research for the Project that have been discussed in the Environmental Committee meetings. NexGen informed the BNDN that both NexGen's Environmental Team and Integral Ecology Group would be at the Rook I site between 2 October 2023 and 5 October 2023 for the program and inquired if a BNDN member would be interested in participating. NexGen stated that a day trip could be accommodated and requested for the BNDN to confirm a preferred date. NexGen noted the costs for involvement would be paid as per the Environmental Committee funding and advised that NexGen would be reaching out to Environmental Committees with other Nations to confirm interest in participation. NexGen also indicated that an Elder was welcome to join a BNDN member.

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15 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN providing the issues and concerns table that has been updated to reflect the workshopping conducted during the Environmental Committee meeting held on 15 August 2023 and included a table outlining the changes made for reference. NexGen informed of the next steps for the BNDN and NexGen to prepare letters to the CNSC to endorse the responses and confirm the items have been agreed upon. NexGen stated that a draft letter documenting the process undertaken would be circulated for Environmental Committee review. NexGen thanked the BNDN for the collaborative and transparent approach with working through the regulatory processes for the Project and advised that an Environmental Committee subgroup meeting to continue the review of the BNDN public comments submitted as part of the federal EA process would be organized once the issues and concerns letter has been finalized.
5 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and attached a draft letter prepared for the BNDN to send to the CNSC to provide confirmation that the issues and concerns validation process has been completed by the BNDN-NexGen Environmental Committee. NexGen also attached a copy of the completed issues and concerns summary table to accompany the letter to CNSC. NexGen welcomed any adjustments to the letterhead and invited the BNDN to reach out if there were any questions or clarification required.
5 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN regarding the next quarterly Environmental Committee meeting and inquired if the BNDN would be available to meet on 7 November 2023 instead of 21 November 2023. NexGen also proposed for a longer meeting to review all of the updates and priorities going into 2024.
6 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN regarding NexGen's visit to the high schools in the local priority area in October 2023 to conduct career information sessions with the students in Grades 10 to 12. NexGen indicated that three training institutions have been invited to share program information and welcomed the BNDN Leadership, Implementation Committee, and Environmental Committee to attend. NexGen provided the schedule of the visits for reference.
6 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN providing the documents from the Environmental Committee meeting held on 15 August 2023 and indicated that the documents have also been uploaded to the Environmental Committee SharePoint site. NexGen included a table of the action items for review and noted the next quarterly Environmental Committee meeting was proposed to be scheduled on 7 November 2023.
30 October 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and requested to discuss questions regarding NexGen's proposed exploration drilling programs on 31 October 2023. The BNDN indicated the questions were surrounding the process for the new projects, the Environmental Committee letter for the CNSC from the Chief of the BNDN, and the communication process.
30 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and confirmed availability on 31 October 2023 to discuss the BNDN's questions. NexGen inquired if there was a time between 10:30 am and 12:00 pm that would work for the BNDN.
31 October 2023	Video conference	NexGen and the BNDN met to discuss NexGen's proposed exploration programs for 2024, as well as to discuss several topics relating to the BNDN Environmental Committee, including the letter regarding the issues and concerns validation process, the communication and funding processes, and education and training initiatives.
31 October 2023	Email, incoming	The BNDN copied NexGen in an email to the CNSC providing a letter that confirms the issues and concerns identified by the BNDN in regard to the Project that could be addressed at this time have been resolved. The BNDN also informed the CNSC that processes have been developed to resolve concerns in the future.
2 November 2023	Email, incoming	The CNSC copied NexGen in an email to the BNDN thanking the BNDN for providing a support letter confirming that NexGen has satisfactorily addressed all of the BNDN's issues and concerns in relation to the Project as part of federal EA requirements. The CNSC informed the BNDN that the CNSC would be in contact regarding next steps in the EA process and noted the letter would be posted to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry once the Federal-Indigenous Review Team technical review was complete.
6 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN providing the proposed high-level agenda for the Q4 Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 7 November 2023 for review. NexGen indicated a copy of the presentation would also be distributed later on 6 November 2023 and stated that lunch would be provided for in-person attendees.

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6 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN providing the presentation for the Q4 Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 7 November 2023 and noted printed copies would be available at the meeting.
7 November 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BNDN for an Environmental Committee meeting. Key topics included a discussion of Implementation Committee updates and the Environmental Committee's 2023 priorities, such as: ▪ ongoing environmental monitoring programs; ▪ collaboration on licensing documents; ▪ community awareness updates; ▪ end land use planning; and ▪ key updates relating to the EA process.
7 November 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BNDN met for an Implementation Committee meeting. The key topics discussed were: ▪ procedures for Indigenous knowledge; ▪ logistics for both the Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee; ▪ education and training initiatives; ▪ planning for a site tour; and ▪ economic development and business opportunities.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the BNDN providing a letter informing that the Minister of Environment has given NexGen approval to proceed with the proposed Project. The ENV also attached the Decision and Reasons for Decision for reference and stated that a hard copy would be mailed to the BNDN.
8 November 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the October 2023 newsletter.
9 November 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the October issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ a summary of the June 2023 Community Information Sessions; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
10 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Chief of the BNDN providing a letter regarding the recent provincial Approval of the Project EA and thanked the BNDN for the support through the provincial EA process.
20 December 2023	Letter, incoming	The CNSC emailed NexGen and copied the IAAC, ECCC, ENV, CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN, providing a letter requesting clarification regarding potential linkages between recent exploration activities at the Rook I site and the Project.
5 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CNSC and copied the IAAC, ECCC, ENV, CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN, providing a letter in response to CNSC's 20 December 2023 letter. The letter confirmed that Rook I site exploration activities in question were required to inform Project design but do not represent development of the Project. In addition, the letter included a summary of NexGen's engagement activities with Indigenous Groups and regulatory agencies prior to submission of the exploration program permit application. NexGen confirmed that all activities being undertaken at the Rook I site are compliant with the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. NexGen provided responses to each of the information requests from CNSC's letter.
10 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN Chief providing the monthly report delivered on the local radio stations to share updates on the Project EA, community engagement, business and contracting, employment and training, and Rook I site activities.
16 January 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BNDN met for an Implementation Committee meeting.

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31 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen noted that a 2023 'year-in-review' table summarizing the Project engagement activities between the BNDN and NexGen was also included in the letter. NexGen expressed looking forward to meeting at the upcoming Environmental Committee meeting in February 2024.
31 January 2024	Email, incoming	Birch Narrows Dene Development Inc. emailed NexGen regarding the engagement update letter for the Project provided to the BNDN. The Birch Narrows Dene Development Inc. requested to be included in the distribution list moving forward and thanked NexGen for the work being done for impacted communities.
31 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Birch Narrows Dene Development Inc. and thanked the Birch Narrows Dene Development Inc. for the comments on the recent update letter for the Project. NexGen stated that Birch Narrows Dene Development Inc. would be included in the distribution list moving forward.
8 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN providing the agenda and presentation for the quarterly Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 13 February 2024 and listed the discussion items for review.
9 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN providing the presentation and meeting summary from the Environmental Committee meeting held on 7 November 2023 and indicated that all the documents have been uploaded to the BNDN–NexGen Environmental Committee SharePoint site. NexGen also included a table of the action items, which was also available in the presentation.
12 February 2024	Email, incoming	A BNDN Environmental Committee member emailed NexGen and advised that they would not be attending the quarterly Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 13 February 2024. The BNDN Environmental Committee member stated it was a pleasure working with NexGen and noted they have learned from being involved in engagements, Benefit Agreement negotiations, and implementation processes.
12 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN Chief expressing thanks for the meeting held during the week of 5 February 2024 to review the business and employment stats for 2023 for the BNDN and attached the 2023 Local Priority Area Contract Award Summary slide deck. NexGen requested for the BNDN Chief to confirm the community representatives who would be attending the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 13 February 2024.
13 February 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BNDN met for an Environmental Committee meeting. Key topics included the following topics: ▪ an update on the regulatory approvals and public comment processes for the Project; ▪ an overview of ongoing environmental monitoring programs; ▪ a discussion on working in collaboration on federal licensing documents as well as end land use planning for the Project; and ▪ an overview of the 2024 exploration programs.
28 February 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the Training Committee members and discussed the following key topics: ▪ university requirements for secondary school math and science; ▪ progress of the Export database; ▪ training to employment needs; and ▪ update on the completed, current, and upcoming training programs.
1 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided the results of the CNSC Federal-Indigenous Review Team review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice comments to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen also included a link to the results on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project. NexGen informed the BNDN that the comments from the Federal-Indigenous Review Team technical review were being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments.
5 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the regional training committee members and provided the minutes from the Training Committee meeting held on 28 February 2024.
12 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN regarding the Rook I site tour planned for 19 March 2024 and provided the proposed itinerary. NexGen attached the Visitor Checklist and the Vehicle Travel Guideline for review.

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14 March 2024	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the March 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
19 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN providing the updated confirmation of NexGen's representatives for the positions under the Benefit Agreement. NexGen also attached a document for the BNDN to complete to confirm the BNDN representatives for each area to ensure all was up to date for the Q2 Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee meetings.
19 March 2024	Implementation Committee	NexGen and the BNDN held an Implementation Committee meeting at the Rook I site. A site tour followed the meeting.
21 March 2024	Email, incoming	The CNSC emailed NexGen and copied representatives from the Environmental Committee, ECCC, ENV, Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, CRDN, MN-S NR2, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN to provide a letter related to CNSC's response to NexGen's correspondences of 23 January 2024 and 24 January 2024, relating to a request to hold further meetings between NexGen and the CNSC senior executives. The CNSC noted that discussions on a Commission hearing date can only progress once NexGen has addressed the remaining information requests related to the technical review of the environmental assessment submissions.
3 April 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN environmental consultant emailed NexGen and advised that the BNDN Chief has requested that they be included on all Environmental Committee meetings going forward. The BNDN environmental consultant confirmed the contacts to be included on all relevant communications and invites.
22 April 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN's environmental consultant emailed NexGen as a follow-up to the 3 April 2024 email stating that the BNDN Chief has requested that the environmental consultant be included on all matters related to environment and regulatory processes for the Project. The BNDN environmental consultant informed NexGen that the BNDN was advertising the Project Benefit Agreement Implementation Coordinator position in the community and expected the role to be filled in the near future. The BNDN environmental consultant indicated they would be supporting the new Implementation Coordinator and proposed to arrange a meeting as next steps.
22 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and acknowledged the request for the BNDN environmental consultants to be included on all matters related to environment and regulatory processes for the Project. NexGen stated the BNDN environmental consultants would be included on the upcoming meeting invites.
22 April 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and stated that an invite would be sent out for a meeting as proposed, to discuss next steps.
22 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and indicated that the proposed meeting times would be discussed with the Implementation Committee team. NexGen noted that the BNDN would be informed when a preferred date has been determined.
22 April 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and acknowledged that NexGen would discuss the proposed meeting dates with the Implementation Committee team.
25 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN providing details on the upcoming community information sessions about the Project from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024 in the local priority area. NexGen stated the CNSC and the ENV were invited to participate in the event to explain their roles as regulatory agencies and to answer questions from community members. NexGen indicated that advertising materials for the community information sessions were being prepared and attached copies of posters for distributions within the BNDN's network.
1 May 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the March 2024 newsletter and a copy of the 2024 High School Summer Student Job Description for review.

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2 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and inquired if a BNDN consultant's contact information could be used in the NexGen community information sessions and newsletters for the BNDN Implementation Committee information. NexGen stated the BNDN Band Office contact information could also be used if it was preferred.
2 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN regarding the upcoming Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 14 May 2024 and inquired if the date and time would still work for the BNDN. NexGen stated the meeting agenda and presentation materials would be sent out during the week of 6 May 2024 for review. NexGen inquired if an invite could be sent to the BNDN's Community Planner/Lands Manager and proposed that the BNDN forward the meeting invite to the technical consultants that they wished to join.
9 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and inquired if the Nuh Nene Department for BNDN was still operational and if the consultation protocol and drafts terms of reference have been finalized. NexGen explained there was a section in the EIS that speaks to the primary Indigenous Groups that had their own formalized engagement protocols and stated the Nuh Nene documents were still being developed at the time of the Draft EIS.
9 May 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and informed that the BNDN Land Manager would be the appropriate contact to discuss NexGen's inquiries surrounding the Nuh Nene Department and the status of the consultation protocol. The BNDN indicated the Land Manger was copied in the correspondence and suggested that arranging a phone call would be best.
9 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN expressing thanks for confirming that the BNDN's Land Manager was the appropriate contact to discuss the inquiries surrounding the Nuh Nene Department and the status of the consultation protocol. NexGen inquired if the BNDN Land Manager wanted to hold a phone call on 9 May 2024 or 10 May 2024 to discuss.
13 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN Chief to follow up on a tour of the Rook I site for the Chief and Council in the summer as discussed in the last Implementation Committee meeting. NexGen indicated the availability of a float plane from Buffalo Narrows on 9 July 2024 or 10 July 2024 would be looked into and inquired if the proposed dates would work.
14 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN providing the agenda and presentation for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 14 May 2024.
14 May 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BNDN for an Environment Committee meeting; key topics included an update on the regulatory approvals for the Project, a discussion on ongoing environmental monitoring programs and end land use Planning for the Project, as well as working in collaboration on federal licensing documents, such as the Emergency Preparedness and Response Program.
21 May 2024	Letter, incoming	The BNDN and the BRDN legal counsel emailed NexGen providing a letter on behalf of the BNDN and the BRDN with concerns surrounding the Benefit Agreements for the Project and related concerns with environmental risks. The letter stated an in-person meeting was being requested with NexGen decision makers and legal counsel on 31 May 2024 or 14 June 2024 to discuss the concerns.
24 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and BRDN Chiefs a meeting invite for 5 June 2024 in Saskatoon as requested and informed of the NexGen representatives who would be attending the meeting.
27 May 2024	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the May 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the upcoming community information sessions; ▪ education and training updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Environmental Committee and Project regulatory process updates.
27 May 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN Chief emailed NexGen declining the meeting for 5 June 2024 and indicated that the BNDN would wait for a response with regards to setting a meeting date with NexGen's CEO.
28 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN Chief acknowledging the cancellation of the meeting for 5 June 2024. NexGen informed that a response to the BNDN letter would be provided and indicated that NexGen could make the proposed 14 June 2024 meeting date work to discuss the BNDN's concerns.

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29 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and BRDN Chiefs providing a letter responding to the Chiefs' letter with concerns surrounding agreements and the environmental risks received on 21 May 2024. NexGen informed them that they plan to meet with the BNDN and the BRDN on 14 June 2024 as requested and expressed looking forward to the clarification on the new concerns prior to the meeting. NexGen stated a follow-up would be made with a meeting invite and details for 14 June 2024.
30 May 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen hosted community information sessions about the Project in the local priority area, including at the BNDN on 30 May 2024. At the community information sessions, NexGen shared details about the Project, including information about the regulatory process for the Project, environmental protection and monitoring, community engagement and programs, and education, training, and employment opportunities.
5 June 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and requested for copies of the minutes from the last Environmental Committee meetings that were held.
5 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and expressed thanks for hosting the community information session for the Project on 30 May 2024. NexGen informed of the 21 May 2024 submission of responses to the remaining information requests and advice to proponent comments received through the federal EA process. NexGen also indicated that a revised EIS was submitted to the CNSC. NexGen included a submission overview and the next steps in the federal EA process.
6 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN providing a link to the NexGen-BNDN SharePoint site with the requested Environmental Committee meetings minutes.
14 June 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BNDN met to discuss matters relating to the letter sent by the BNDN on 21 May 2024.
14 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN acknowledging the notices made regarding the previous Implementation Agreement. NexGen informed of the changes to the NexGen personnel in relation to the current working committees and requested for confirmation of the BNDN membership representatives in the working committee roles. NexGen also requested to be informed of other BNDN members who should be added to future correspondences.
18 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN following up on rescheduling the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting from 24 June 2024 to 8 July 2024 in Saskatoon. NexGen advised that an updated meeting invite would be sent out once the date has been confirmed. NexGen also included the original Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting invite for additional context and as per the new communication protocols.
18 June 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen providing the list of interim representatives for the working committees as requested. The BNDN noted that keeping the 27 June 2024 Implementation Committee meeting would work and requested for a virtual option for participants who would be unable to join in person.
18 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN following up on the list of new member representatives for the working committees. NexGen indicated that an Implementation Committee meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 27 June 2024 and noted the BNDN members have not been determined for the meeting. NexGen offered to postpone the Implementation Committee meeting until new membership have been confirmed.
18 June 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen confirming that the BNDN was in a transition period regarding the Benefit Agreement implementation but provided interim representatives for the positions required under the Benefit Agreement. The BNDN confirmed that the 27 June 2024 Implementation Committee meeting would still work, and requested that a virtual option be included.
19 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN acknowledging the list of interim representatives for the working committees and indicated the 27 June 2024 Implementation Committee meeting invite would be sent to the new members with the option of attending in person or virtually.
19 June 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen providing and update on the Environmental Committee representative who would be the BNDN Elder Advisor and that all activities would be paused until a formal response was provided to the BNDN on the proposed amendments to the Benefit Agreement.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
19 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN acknowledging the update surrounding the BNDN Environmental Committee representative and inquired if the BNDN request to pause all activities would include the Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee meetings.
19 June 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed the BNDN request to pause all activities would include the Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee meetings.
24 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen's legal counsel emailed the BNDN's legal counsel providing a letter in response to the BNDN letter sent on 21 May 2024 and the subsequent meeting on 14 June 2024.
24 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN Chief forwarding the email and letter from NexGen's legal counsel. NexGen requested for the BNDN Chief to reach out if the letter needed to be discussed.
27 June 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen requesting to hold a virtual Implementation Committee meeting on 3 July 2024 and noted the invitation would be extended to the entire BNDN Council. The BNDN also stated that legal counsel would not be present at the meeting and listed the items for discussion.
27 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and expressed that NexGen was pleased that the BNDN would like to continue working collaboratively through the Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee. NexGen acknowledged the BNDN's request for an Implementation Committee meeting on 3 July 2024 and informed that the proposed date would not work. NexGen inquired if the BNDN would be available on 9 July 2024, 11 July 2024, or 12 July 2024 and noted the BNDN discussion topics would be used to create the meeting agenda which would be shared for BNDN review.
27 June 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed preference to hold the Implementation Committee during the week of 2 July 2024 noting that the BNDN Chief would be out on the land on 5 July 2024.
28 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and indicated scheduling an Implementation Committee meeting during the week of 2 July 2024 would not work due to standing meetings with other communities. NexGen requested for the BNDN to provide dates during the week of 15 July 2024 if the earlier proposed dates does not work.
4 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed to schedule the Implementation Committee meeting on 11 July 2024. The BNDN stated legal counsel would not be attending and provided the list of key topics for discussion.
5 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and shared the previously established Woodland Caribou Working Group subcommittee meeting invite scheduled on 8 July 2024 to the new BNDN Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee members. NexGen listed the BNDN members who planned to attend and inquired if there were others wanting to attend online or in-person. NexGen provided historical information surrounding the Project Woodland Caribou Working Group meetings and stated that NexGen was at the stage of requesting input on the draft Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan from the Woodland Caribou Working Group with a specific focus on Indigenous Stewardship components. NexGen noted the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan offset approach was developed with three components and listed the two inquiries that would be the primarily discussed during the meeting.
5 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and indicated the BNDN wildlife biologist and other members may be unable to attend the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan subcommittee meeting scheduled on 8 July 2024 due to the short notice. The BNDN requested for the meeting invite to be sent for online participation and inquired if the agenda along with the draft Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan could be shared.
5 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and inquired if the invite for the Implementation Committee meeting on 11 July 2024 would be sent out.
5 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and confirmed that an Implementation Committee meeting on 11 July 2024 would work. NexGen indicated a meeting invite would be sent out to the Implementation Committee team as well as the BNDN Chief and Council and noted the meeting agenda would follow.

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5 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and confirmed the requested BNDN members were added to the invite for the Woodland Caribou Working Group subcommittee meeting scheduled on 8 July 2024. NexGen indicated the meeting invite contained the agenda and advised the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan was still in draft form. NexGen informed the BNDN the purpose of the meeting was to introduce the offset approach, framework, and delivery strategy and to focus discussion on the Indigenous Stewardship component, which would assist to update the document for a working group review.
5 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed receipt of the meeting invite for the Woodland Caribou Working Group subcommittee meeting scheduled on 8 July 2024. The BNDN informed there was insufficient time for members to change schedules to attend the meeting and stated that more than a one business day notice was required. The BNDN requested for the meeting to be postponed at lease one week to allow for adequate representation.
6 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and acknowledged the request to postpone the Woodland Caribou Working Group subcommittee meeting scheduled on 8 July 2024. NexGen informed that another meeting would be scheduled to accommodate the BNDN schedules and requested for proposed available dates that would work.
8 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided the agenda for the Implementation Committee meeting on 11 July 2024.
9 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed availability on 7 August 2024 to 9 August 2024 for a Woodland Caribou Working Group subcommittee meeting online or in-person. The BNDN requested for NexGen to send a meeting invite for any of the proposed dates and listed the members who should receive the invite. The BNDN inquired if the session on 8 July 2024 was held and inquired if notes or meeting materials could be shared.
10 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and expressed thanks to the BNDN for providing available dates in August 2024 for a Woodland Caribou Working Group subcommittee meeting. NexGen informed he proposed dates would not work and stated the NexGen team was unavailable during the first two weeks of August 2024. NexGen listed four alternative dates in July 2024 for consideration and requested for the BNDN to confirm if of any of the dates would work. NexGen noted the 8 July 2024 Woodland Caribou Working Group subcommittee meeting presentation has been placed in the BNDN Environmental Committee SharePoint site for review.
11 July 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BNDN met for a quarterly Implementation Committee meeting. Discussions focused on the following topics: ▪ review of action items; ▪ Implementation Committee updates; ▪ Environmental Committee updates; ▪ culture, traditional values, and community engagement; and ▪ economic development and business opportunities.
15 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN to remind the BNDN to submit the invoice for all the attendees to the Implementation Committee meeting held on 11 July 2024 and for the BNDN Chief and Elder Advisor's participation in the 8 July 2024 Woodland Caribou Working Group subcommittee meeting. NexGen requested for the BNDN to include the engagement team in the correspondence when submitting invoices.
17 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN a Microsoft Teams meeting invite for 23 July 2024 to walk through and discuss the SharePoint Site with the BNDN Implementation Coordinators and Committee members.
17 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and indicated unavailability for the proposed meeting on 23 July 2024 to walk through and discuss the SharePoint site. The BNDN requested for NexGen to schedule the meeting during the week of 29 July 2024.
17 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN acknowledging the BNDN's unavailability for the proposed meeting on 23 July 2024 to walk through and discuss the SharePoint site. NexGen indicated they would look into scheduling the meeting during the week of 29 July 2024 as requested.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
17 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN informing of the contract signed with Export and indicated the web-based system would be used to share career opportunities with the community. NexGen included a list of benefits that Export would provide to the BNDN and the next steps to implement the system.
17 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed availability on 24 July 2024 for a Woodland Caribou Working Group subcommittee meeting. The BNDN requested for NexGen to send out the meeting invite and noted it would be circulated to appropriate members.
17 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen requesting to schedule an Environmental Committee meeting to introduce the new BNDN Environmental Committee team and to develop a plan for working together. The BNDN proposed several dates in July 2024 and August 2024 for consideration and listed the agenda discussion items.
18 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and inquired if the BNDN members could be granted access to the SharePoint site.
18 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN regarding the proposed meeting invite to walk through and discuss the SharePoint Site. NexGen inquired if the meeting should proceed as originally proposed on 23 July 2024 or should NexGen look into scheduling during the week of 29 July 2024.
18 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and expressed thanks for confirming availability on 24 July 2024 for a Woodland Caribou Working Group subcommittee meeting. NexGen requested the BNDN to confirm who would be attending in person or online.
18 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed who the invite for the 24 July 2024 Woodland Caribou Working Group subcommittee meeting should be sent to.
18 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and acknowledged the request to schedule an Environmental Committee meeting in July 2024 or August 2024. NexGen informed that a meeting in August would be preferred and noted that NexGen would reach back out during the week of 22 July 2024 to confirm dates and agenda topics.
18 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and expressed thanks for the update regarding scheduling the Environmental Committee meeting. The BNDN indicated they would look out for NexGen's response as to which dates would work and the agenda topics.
18 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN an invitation to the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 24 July 2024. NexGen indicated that a presentation on the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan framework would be given and noted that community feedback on what the Indigenous Stewardship component of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan could look like would be asked. NexGen included a draft meeting agenda for review and requested for confirmation of attendance by 22 July 2024. NexGen advised that lunch and snacks would be provided and requested to be informed of any dietary restrictions. NexGen also included instructions on accessing the location of the meeting for in-person attendees.
18 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and confirmed the meeting to discuss the SharePoint site would be kept for 23 July 2024. NexGen indicated that the BNDN would be granted access to the SharePoint site.
18 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed unavailability for the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 24 July 2024. The BNDN requested for NexGen to reschedule the meeting.
18 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN to cancel the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 24 July 2024 due to participant availability. NexGen noted the meeting would be rescheduled at a later date.
22 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen regarding rescheduling the 24 July 2024 Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting and indicated that the BNDN would be discussing alternative dates.
22 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and acknowledged that the BNDN would be unable to attend the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 24 July 2024. NexGen advised the meeting has been cancelled and informed the BNDN that the NexGen team would be unavailable during the week of 22 July 2024. NexGen indicated that they would look into rescheduling later in August 2024.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
23 July 2024	Video conference	NexGen met with the BNDN and walked through the BNDN SharePoint Site to demonstrate to the new Implementation Committee members on how to access the communal SharePoint site, the layout of the folder structure, how to edit documents on the Site as live documents, and where certain files were located.
24 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided the minutes from the Implementation Committee meeting held on 11 July 2024. NexGen indicated the minutes would be placed in the BNDN - NexGen SharePoint site once reviewed and any necessary edits are made.
24 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN and provided 26 July 2024, 30 July 2024, or 2 August 2024 as proposed dates to schedule the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting. NexGen inquired if any of the dates would work and stated that participation would not be required if the community representatives attended the 8 July 2024 meeting.
25 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and confirmed availability 13 August 2024, 16 August 2024, and 19 August 2024 for an Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen indicated that a draft agenda would be provided in advance of the meeting and noted the BNDN suggested topics in the email sent on 17 July 2024 would be added. NexGen offered to host the meeting in Saskatoon or virtually and requested for the BNDN to provide alternative dates if the proposed dates does not work.
26 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed availability on 2 August 2024 for the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting. The BNDN informed that not all the BNDN representatives would be attending and stated that a morning meeting was preferred.
26 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN a Microsoft Teams meeting invitation to the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 2 August 2024. NexGen indicated that a presentation on the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan framework would be given and that community feedback on what the Indigenous Stewardship component of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan could look like would be asked. NexGen included a draft agenda for review and requested for confirmation of attendance by 31 July 2024. NexGen advised that lunch and snacks would be provided and requested to be informed of any dietary restrictions.
26 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed availability on 13 August 2024 for an Environmental Committee meeting.
26 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and informed that an invite for 2 August 2024 for the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting was circulated. NexGen requested for confirmation as to which BNDN representatives would be attending in person and online.
26 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and acknowledged the BNDN's availability on 13 August 2024 for an Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen requested for the BNDN to confirm who to send the meeting invite to.
26 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed the BNDN representatives who would need to be included on the invite for the 13 August 2024 Environmental Committee meeting.
29 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and stated the invite for the 13 August 2024 Environmental Committee meeting would be updated to include the requested BNDN representatives. NexGen requested for the BNDN to confirm if anyone was planning to attend in person or if the preference was still to conduct the meeting virtually.
31 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen accepting the Microsoft Teams invite for the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 2 August 2024.
1 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN and requested for confirmation of who was planning to attend the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 2 August 2024 in-person as well as if there were any dietary restrictions. NexGen included the phone numbers for the in-person attendees to call upon arrival at the NexGen office.
1 August 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed plans to virtually attend the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 2 August 2024.
1 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and acknowledged the BNDN would virtually attend the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 2 August 2024.

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1 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN consultant and expressed thanks for confirming plans to virtually attend the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 2 August 2024.
1 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN regarding the implementation of Export Data and inquired if the BNDN required assistance or if there were any questions as a follow up to NexGen's 17 July 2024 email.
2 August 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with representatives of the Woodland Caribou Working Group who were unable to attend the 8 July 2024 meeting to discuss the draft Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan, with a specific focus on Indigenous Stewardship components of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan.
6 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided the draft agenda for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 13 August 2024 for review. NexGen inquired if there were any BNDN Environmental Committee representatives who were planning to join the meeting in-person and noted that lunch would be provided to in-person attendees. NexGen informed that the presentation would be provided in advance of the meeting.
12 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided the presentation for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 13 August 2024. NexGen noted hard copies would be provided to the in-person attendees and requested to be contacted if any issues getting to the NexGen office or joining the meeting using the Teams link.
13 August 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BNDN for an Environmental Committee meeting; key topics included an update on the regulatory approvals and public comment processes for the Project, an overview of ongoing environmental monitoring programs, discussions on working in collaboration on federal licensing documents and end land use planning for the Project, and an overview of the 2024 exploration programs.
19 August 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and listed three action items on the Implementation Committee/Environmental Committee that required attention. The items included NexGen's responses to the BNDN comments submitted on the Draft EIS from 2022, the comments and edits on the revised Benefit Agreement, and a request for two copies of meeting minutes.
20 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and confirmed that the responses on the action items listed in BNDN's email dated 19 August 2024 would be provided by the noted timelines. NexGen expressed it was anticipated that the actions assigned to the BNDN Implementation Committee would also be completed in a timely manner.
26 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and provided a list of outstanding invoices of meeting honorariums and travel that have not been submitted to NexGen for processing. NexGen also provided SharePoint links to the meeting expense forms to assist with invoicing calculations.
26 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Regional Training Working Group and provided the minutes and materials from the meeting held on 20 August 2024.
30 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN Rook I Project Woodland Caribou Working Group members and provided the completed version of the Project Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan, which has incorporated the feedback received from the BNDN Working Group members regarding Indigenous Stewardship. NexGen informed the Plan was currently not for public distribution and noted it could be shared with appropriate Environmental Committee or Working Group members. NexGen included a link to the Environmental Committee SharePoint where a copy would also be uploaded and requested for review comments to be submitted by 30 September 2024. NexGen stated a meeting would be planned for early October 2024 to review and discuss next steps.
3 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and inquired regarding dates in September or early October 2024 for the Implementation Committee Environmental Committee, and Chief/Council Rook I site tour. NexGen indicated transportation as well as accommodations would be arranged and noted the float plane could seat nine total passengers.
4 September 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen acknowledging receipt of the Rook I Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan emailed on 30 August 2024 and indicated any review comments would be provided.

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6 September 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the May 2024 newsletter.
9 September 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen to introduce the new BNDN Implementation Coordinator and provide the email address for any Implementation Committee related matters.
9 September 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and provided the corrected email address for the new BNDN Implementation Coordinator.
9 September 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN Implementation Coordinator emailed NexGen as a follow up to the introduction made by the BNDN Community Planner/Lands Manager and expressed excitement in their new role.
9 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN Implementation Coordinator and welcomed them in their new role and noted NexGen looked forward to collaborating on implementing the Benefit Agreement in future activities.
9 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN Environmental Committee members and provided a PDF and Word version of the BNDN EIS public comment response table as committed during the 13 August 2024 Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen also listed additional public comment responses to be noted and indicated the responses to the BNDN public comments would be submitted with the Final EIS. NexGen stated they would continue to work with the Environmental Committee to review the BNDN public comments and advised that additional topics that need to be discussed after the submission of the Final EIS could be done through the Environmental Committee. NexGen also inquired if there were preferred September dates and times for the meeting requested by BNDN.
10 September 2024	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen held a phone call with the BNDN and discussed the status of the NexGen responses to the BNDN public comment table, clarification on the items that would be covered through the Implementation Committee, and updates on further BNDN Benefit Agreement discussion.
11 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and informed of the planned annual Career Day that NexGen would be hosting at the schools in the local priority area on 22 October 2024 to provide students with insights into various career paths and potential employment opportunities. NexGen expressed interest in having a few BNDN business partners present at the event and provided the agenda. NexGen requested for the BNDN to advise if there was interest in participating or if there were any questions.
11 September 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen regarding the planned annual Career Day that NexGen would be hosting at the schools in the local priority area on 22 October 2024. The BNDN stated the proposed event would need to be confirmed with the BNDN Chief and Council.
12 September 2024	Video conference	NexGen met with the BNDN for an introductory meeting with the new BNDN Implementation Coordinator and to show the locations of the old meeting minutes and forms on the BNDN SharePoint site. Other topics of discussion included Employment and Training initiatives, Export Database setup and execution, Environmental Responsibility for NexGen on the Project relating to water, and confirming meeting dates for the Implementation Committee and Environmental Committees.
12 September 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed receipt of the BNDN EIS public comment response table emailed on 9 September 2024. The BNDN stated the table would be discussed internally and noted written response would be shared. The BNDN also indicated that a meeting could be held to discuss issue resolution further and advised that the BNDN require all comments be addressed prior to submission of the final EIS or have a mutually agreeable path identified for addressing the comments in the future. The BNDN informed NexGen that the new BNDN Implementation Coordinator has started and could be copied in all correspondence.
17 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN a Microsoft Teams meeting invite for the proposed Implementation Committee meeting on 16 October 2024.
18 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and acknowledged the request for a BNDN Councillor and the new BNDN Implementation Coordinator to attend a Rook I site tour. NexGen suggested to schedule the Implementation Committee along with a site visit on 15 October 2024 or 16 October 2024 and inquired if the proposed approach would work.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
20 September 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed 15 October 2024 or 16 October 2024 would work for an Implementation Committee meeting and site visit.
23 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN Implementation Coordinator and expressed thanks for confirming that 15 October 2024 or 16 October 2024 would work for an Implementation Committee meeting and site visit. NexGen stated the availability of the other representatives interested in joining would need to also be confirmed to start working on the logistics.
23 September 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN Implementation Coordinator included NexGen in a correspondence forwarding the NexGen email surrounding scheduling an Implementation Committee meeting and site visit on 15 October 2024 or 16 October 2024.
23 September 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and requested to schedule the next Implementation Committee meeting and site visit during the week of 21 October 2024.
23 September 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed unavailability on 15 October 2024 for an Implementation Committee meeting and site visit.
23 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and inquired if 24 October 2024 or 25 October 2024 or the week of 28 October 2024 would work to schedule the next Implementation Committee meeting and site visit.
23 September 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed 24 October 2024 or 25 October 2024 or the week of 28 October 2024 would work to schedule the next Implementation Committee meeting and site visit.
24 September 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that 23 October 2024 or 24 October 2024 would work better to schedule the next Implementation Committee meeting and site visit.
24 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and confirmed the next Implementation Committee meeting and site visit would be scheduled on 24 October 2024 based on confirmed availability.
24 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN Environmental Committee meeting providing the University of Saskatchewan eco-restoration research study participation request letter and interview questions. NexGen indicated the University of Saskatchewan was seeking participants with eco-restoration experience on the Project and requested for the BNDN to confirm interest in participating in the study.
26 September 2024	Email, incoming	The BNDN emailed NexGen and inquired if NexGen would be flying in for the next Implementation Committee meeting and site visit on 24 October 2024. The BNDN inquired if they could fly with NexGen in Saskatoon.
26 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN regarding the logistics to the Implementation Committee meeting and site visit on 24 October 2024 and informed that NexGen was waiting for a response from Voyage Air as to whether float planes would be available. NexGen stated that the BNDN could join in on the flight or the drive from Buffalo Narrows to the site.

BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ECCC = Environment and Climate Change Canada; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; JWG = Joint Working Group; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2; UTM = Universal Transverse Mercator; VC = valued component.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
12 December 2016	Email exchange	NexGen and the BRDN exchanged emails to find a suitable time to meet in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
1 February 2017	In-person meeting	Following an exchange of e-mails, a meeting was held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. NexGen provided an update presentation on exploration and Project development activities, including the following: ▪ overview and history of the Arrow deposit; ▪ highlights of metallurgical work; ▪ conceptual Project design; ▪ update on studies planned to support a future EA; and ▪ proposed 2017 activities, including baseline studies and engagement planning. Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.
3 February 2017	Email exchange	NexGen and the BRDN exchanged emails expressing thanks for the meeting held on 1 February 2017. NexGen and the BRDN expressed hope that the meeting was the first of positive experiences to come. NexGen shared a copy of the presentation from the 1 February 2017 meeting and asked if there were any questions. The BRDN sent NexGen an email indicating interest in pursuing upcoming economic opportunities and outlined the BRDN's capabilities. NexGen thanked the BRDN for the email and suggested a visit in the BRDN in February 2017 or March 2017.
16 October 2018	In-person meeting	NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities. The topics included: ▪ company introduction and overview; ▪ description of the Project and the Arrow deposit; ▪ Preliminary Economic Assessment highlights and the current Pre-Feasibility Study; ▪ environmental baseline summary; ▪ community commitment to training and procurement; and ▪ commitment to engagement.
11 March 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent the BRDN a letter with a meeting request to the BRDN Chief and Council to attend a workshop on the Project Description on 27 March 2019 at the BRDN.
22 March 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the BRDN to confirm that the Project workshop invitation was received. No response was received. A follow-up call was made on 25 March 2019 by NexGen with no response.
26 March 2019	Phone call, incoming	The BRDN called NexGen and explained that they had not received the Project workshop invitation but that the BRDN was excited to meet and continue to work with NexGen. The BRDN requested that the workshop be rescheduled to 8 April 2019, which NexGen confirmed would work.
4 April 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the BRDN to notify them that a letter from the CNSC would be sent to the BRDN to state that NexGen has submitted the Project Description.
8 April 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BRDN to present an overview of the information included in the Project Description, including: ▪ regulatory framework; ▪ Project information; ▪ existing environment; ▪ environmental interactions; and ▪ engagement.
3 May 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
30 May 2019	Multiple methods	NexGen called the BRDN and left a message with reception to confirm if the notification letter had been received as registered mail confirmed delivery. The BRDN later confirmed receipt via text message.

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4 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent an invitation letter to a meeting on 18 June 2019 to: ▪ further define the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a JWG; ▪ collaboratively define the Terms of Reference and requirements necessary to complete an IKTLU Study in the area around the Project; ▪ collaboratively undertake a Traditional Foods Study; ▪ develop a protocol to address and protect the proprietary nature of the information collected and its use by NexGen in the EA and related regulatory processes; and ▪ discuss framework and timeline for a Benefit Agreement.
26 June 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session at the BRDN to: ▪ inform local communities of the nature of proposed activities for the Project; ▪ answer questions and receive initial feedback specific to the Project for consideration during the EA; ▪ initially identify VCs and local land use by community members in attendance; ▪ provide information about the EA process; and ▪ introduce NexGen and the Project to the broader community.
14 August 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BRDN met to discuss the Study Agreement, which includes capacity funding for a JWG, an IKTLU Study, and a Community Coordinator.
28 August 2019	Email, outgoing	NexGen sent the Study Agreement to the BRDN.
12 September 2019	Text exchange	NexGen and the BRDN exchanged text messages regarding the review of the Study Agreement. The BRDN directed NexGen to contact a representative from the BRDN who will be executing the IKTLU Study and acting as the Community Coordinator.
19 September 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BRDN met to sign and execute the Study Agreement. The Study Agreement outlines a framework for working collaboratively to advance the EA of the Project and includes funding for an IKTLU Study, a dedicated Community Coordinator, and establishing a JWG.
19 September 2019	Multiple methods	NexGen and the BRDN exchanged text messages regarding arranging a meeting with the BRDN Chief and Council, the CNSC, and the ENV. The BRDN confirmed that meeting on 9 October 2019 in Meadow Lake would work. A follow-up email invitation was sent on 27 September 2019 to confirm the meeting details.
9 October 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen, the CNSC, and the BRDN met for a presentation. The presentation was facilitated by NexGen but was led by the CNSC to provide an overview of the CNSC's EA review process.
1 November 2019	In-person meeting	An introductory meeting for the JWG was held, including: ▪ introductions and logistics; ▪ overview of the Project; ▪ EA overview; ▪ overview of baseline studies; ▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA; ▪ IKTLU Study; and ▪ human health risk assessment.
5 December 2019	In-person meeting	A JWG meeting was held, including: ▪ introductions and logistics; ▪ review of the Project; ▪ EA overview; ▪ overview of baseline studies; ▪ Indigenous Knowledge in the EA; ▪ IKTLU Study; ▪ human health risk assessment; ▪ water assessment and management; and ▪ air and water pathways. The meeting was held at Vermette Lake, Saskatchewan. After the meeting, Elders joined in the evening for supper and a discussion of the Project that included maps and images.

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19 December 2019	Email, incoming	The BRDN submitted the final draft of the BRDN IKTLU Study for the Project, as per the Study Agreement.
23 January 2020	In-person meeting	A tour of the Rook I site was held, followed by a presentation and meeting to discuss: ▪ Mineral Surface Lease Agreements; ▪ underground tailings management; ▪ caribou mitigation and management; ▪ Traditional Land Use; and ▪ traffic studies.
21 February 2020	In-person meeting	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ socio-economic assessment: approach and methods; ▪ community well-being; ▪ employment and training opportunities; ▪ business opportunities; ▪ caribou mitigation and management; and ▪ IKTLU Studies.
28 August 2020	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ Project update; ▪ regulatory process update; ▪ review of JWG meetings; and ▪ key actions and commitment.
16 November 2020	Multiple methods	The BRDN emailed NexGen to notify that the planned community presentation for the Benefit Agreement on 19 November and 20 November 2020 was postponed due to COVID-19 cases in the community. The BRDN also called NexGen to discuss other options of presenting to the community.
11 December 2020	Video conference	The CNSC presented to the JWG on the following topics: ▪ overview of CNSC functions as a regulator; ▪ role in Indigenous engagement; ▪ EA; and ▪ radiation protection and compliance.
12 January 2021	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and noted a lockdown due to COVID-19 cases. The BRDN noted they would follow up to reschedule the next JWG meeting.
26 January 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted a revised date of 10 February 2021 for a JWG meeting.
10 February 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ modelling and the EA process; ▪ air quality model; ▪ surface water quality model; ▪ environmental risk assessment model; and ▪ future meeting topics. Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.
24 February 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ approach to alternative assessments; ▪ tailings alternatives; ▪ waste rock alternatives; ▪ site water management alternatives; and ▪ site layout optimization.

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31 March 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ land stewardship through all Project phases; ▪ informing the path forward; and ▪ EA updates. Additionally, the BRDN JWG members presented to NexGen about the BRDN's history and current conditions and services, needs, and issues. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were requested, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.
16 April 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided a letter regarding the EA and a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and provided details on the upcoming Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program with an invitation for the BRDN to participate.
26 April 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided the meeting minutes from the 31 March 2021 JWG meeting and requested that the BRDN share the minutes with the JWG members who participated in the meeting and circulate back to NexGen by 11 May 2021. NexGen requested that the BRDN confirm if any changes were required. NexGen also noted that as per an action item from the 31 March 2021 JWG meeting, NexGen had made updates to the presentation and provided the updated presentation as an attachment.
29 April 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ information on the traffic study and accidents and malfunctions evaluation, including to review the bounding scenarios used in the evaluation; ▪ an overview of the EA methodology, focusing on pathway analysis and initiating discussions on how the Project could affect community well-being; and ▪ information and request for feedback on the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting.
29 April 2021	Email exchange	NexGen exchanged emails with the BRDN regarding the BRDN identifying individuals to participate in the women's interviews. NexGen noted that representatives from InterGroup would be coordinating interviews. The BRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that the BRDN would reach out to the potential interviewees and notify NexGen to confirm once complete.
19 May 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided a letter to summarize the JWG engagement activities and noted that NexGen would provide similar letters moving forward. The following appendix was included: ▪ List of questions to explore prior to the May 2021 JWG meeting.
20 May 2021	Email exchange	Representatives of NexGen and the BRDN exchanged emails regarding planning for the women's interviews. InterGroup emailed the BRDN and advised that InterGroup would be leading the coordination for the women's interviews. Intergroup asked if the BRDN had any individuals in mind to participate and noted that NexGen hoped to start interviewing the following week. The BRDN emailed InterGroup and advised that the BRDN would get the names for the women's interviews as soon as possible and added that previous participants were no longer available.
27 May 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ information on EA methods, including a focus on pathway analysis related to the VCs and intermediate components; ▪ pathways for Indigenous land and resource use in the area of the Project and how the Project could affect Indigenous land and resource use; and ▪ continued discussions on community well-being. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting.

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1 June 2021	Email exchange	Representatives of NexGen and the BRDN exchanged emails regarding the women's interviews. InterGroup emailed the BRDN and inquired about the progress of the women's interviews. The BRDN responded on 8 June 2021 and noted there were too many names listed for the women's interviews. The BRDN highlighted certain people who would want to understand more about the proposed Project.
15 June 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted that an action item from the 31 March 2021 JWG meeting was to contact the Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee to find out their proposed meeting schedule. NexGen confirmed they had been in contact with a member and that the Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee had not yet received the required Order in Council in Regina. NexGen confirmed that the Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee did have an approved budget for 2021/2022 and would arrange a meeting later in the year.
15 June 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted the attachment of an engagement update letter for review. The following appendices were included: ▪ list of questions to explore prior to the June 2021 JWG meeting; and ▪ May 2021 JWG summary.
23 June 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to discuss: ▪ information on determining significance of residual adverse effects; ▪ information on confidence and uncertainty in predicting future conditions due to effects from the Project; ▪ information on monitoring and follow-up programs using the examples of socio-economics and land use; and ▪ how to present material in plain language. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting.
28 June 2021	Email, outgoing	Representatives of NexGen emailed the BRDN and confirmed that the health and social services workshop was planned for 27 July 2021 and that NexGen was seeking two participants from the community who work in health or social services to attend the workshop.
30 June 2021	Email, outgoing	InterGroup emailed the BRDN to ask for an update on potential interview candidates for the women's interviews and noted that the desire is to have the interviews complete by 16 July 2021.
2 July 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted that NexGen had applied for a permit from the ENV to complete the work associated with the proposed Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen informed the BRDN that the ENV requested an engagement summary specific to the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program and that NexGen would be providing a summary of when information about the program was presented to and discussed with the BRDN. It was also noted by NexGen that the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program is a proactive initiative to trial caribou reclamation and mitigation methods at the Rook I site and that work for the program was anticipated to commence in mid-July 2021.
5 July 2021	Email, incoming	InterGroup emailed the BRDN and requested a meeting to schedule women's interviews for Project.
5 July 2021	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BRDN and discussed the summer student program, had a tour of Dillon and Michel Village, Saskatchewan, and received an update on the fire proximal to Dillon.
9 July 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and suggested 21 July 2021 for the next JWG meeting over Zoom. NexGen advised that the results from the EA were still being reviewed and suggested that the agenda for the next meeting would be the following topics: ▪ update on EA activities; ▪ traditional and wage economies; and ▪ opportunities for community engagement.

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12 July 2021	Email, outgoing	Representatives of NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted a date for the planned virtual workshop to discuss health and social services in the communities closest to the Project and outlined the objectives. InterGroup requested two participants from the community to attend the workshop, if possible.
20 July 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and requested feedback on the accidents and malfunctions topic that was reviewed in the April 2021 JWG meeting, including the BRDN-edited maps showing potential environmentally sensitive areas along Highway 155 and Highway 955.
20 July 2021	Email, outgoing	InterGroup emailed the BRDN and noted the workshop for service providers to support the EIS for the Project was cancelled due to the wildfire situation in northern Saskatchewan. InterGroup noted they would consider planning another workshop in the fall.
20 July 2021	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen to clarify how to proceed to identify any environmentally sensitive areas along Highway 155 and Highway 955 and asked if data collection and monitoring was required.
20 July 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted that the BRDN did not need to complete any data collection or monitoring for the accidents and malfunctions information request; the purpose of the maps was to provide the BRDN an opportunity to show any additional sensitive areas known to the BRDN that should be considered as part of the traffic assessment.
21 July 2021	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and noted that the highway north of Green Lake is damaged, including over the bridges where the road is rough, and vehicles must slow down so as to not get damaged. The BRDN followed up on 23 July 2021 with the suggestion that more pullouts and safety stops be considered for Highway 155.
27 July 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted attachment of a July 2021 engagement update letter for review to summarize the JWG engagement activities in June 2021 and to provide an outline for the upcoming activities. The following appendices were included: ▪ list of questions to explore prior to the July 2021 JWG meeting; ▪ June 2021 BRDN JWG meeting minutes; ▪ June 2021 JWG summary; and ▪ April 2021 JWG summary.
5 August 2021	Video conference	The JWG met to share information about traditional and wage economies and discuss community engagement opportunities, including a community information session in September 2021. Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were required, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.
11 August 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and inquired if the BRDN would prefer a site tour on 31 August 2021, rather than the previously proposed JWG meeting on 30 August 2021.
23 August 2021	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed that the JWG would like to visit the site on 30 August 2021.
30 August 2021	In-person meeting	The JWG met for a tour of the Rook I site. The main camp facilities and core processing facilities were toured as well as two drill rigs at the Arrow site. Additionally, the mine plan and Arrow deposit resource model were viewed in 3D software. Discussions during the tour focused on employment and contracting opportunities.
31 August 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during July 2021 to mid-August 2021 and to share what was planned for engagement in September 2021. The following appendix was included: ▪ List of themes being considered for the community information sessions.
1 September 2021	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the BRDN and requested contact details for the statistical researcher mentioned by the BRDN during the August 2021 JWG meeting. The information was subsequently provided by the BRDN.

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9 September 2021	Email exchange	NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted Omnia would be at the Rock I site for the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. NexGen asked if there was an Elder from the BRDN that could collaborate on the program. The BRDN subsequently expressed interest in learning more about the proposed program.
13 September 2021	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and provided the BRDN culture and customs presentation as requested by NexGen.
13 September 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and acknowledged receipt of the culture and customs presentation and advised that confirmation would be provided about whether 24 September 2021 would work for the team to schedule a JWG meeting.
14 September 2021	Text exchange	NexGen texted the BRDN that 24 September 2021 would not work for the next JWG meeting and asked if there was an alternative date. The BRDN suggested the meeting could be rescheduled to the following week.
17 September 2021	Video conference	Representatives from the BRDN, NexGen, and NexGen's subject matter expert (Omnia) met to discuss the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program. Omnia provided background information as to why and how the Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation and Mitigation Trial Program would be conducted at the Rook I site. Overall, a collaborative discussion about caribou occurred and, as an outcome of the meeting, the BRDN indicated they would be contacting a member about participating in the on-site portion of the program.
21 September 2021	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and requested clarification on what the BRDN would be presenting at the JWG meeting on 27 September 2021.
22 September 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and responded to the request for clarification from the BRDN on what the BRDN would be presenting at the JWG meeting on 27 September 2021. NexGen stated that the BRDN was welcome to present on any topic and suggested the BRDN culture, history, language, and Traditional Foods as possible topics.
23 September 2021	Multiple methods	The BRDN called NexGen and advised that the 27 September 2021 JWG meeting would need to be rescheduled. A series of emails were subsequently exchanged, and a meeting date of 21 October 2021 was selected.
27 September 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and noted attachment of an engagement update letter to summarize engagement activities during late August 2021 and September 2021 and to share planned activities for October 2021.
21 October 2021	In-person meeting	The BRDN JWG members presented to NexGen on the BRDN history, culture, tradition, and spirituality and shared Traditional Foods, furs, crafts, knowledge, and stories. Draft meeting minutes were sent out after the meeting. No changes were required, and NexGen subsequently issued them as final meeting minutes.
26 October 2021	Email exchange	The BRDN emailed NexGen and requested a copy of the 5 August 2021 JWG meeting minutes. A copy of the minutes was subsequently provided by NexGen.
3 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the EIS to the CNSC and the ENV. NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.
5 November 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided an engagement update letter and corresponding appendices summarizing engagement activities from August 2021 to October 2021 and to share a summary of the proposed activities for November 2021. The following appendices were included: ▪ July/August 2021 JWG summary; ▪ March 2021 JWG summary; and ▪ May 2021 JWG summary (re-issued).

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17 December 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and informed them that they were in the process of finalizing the EA results for the EIS and that they would like to present and discuss the results via discussions in a workshop format and proposed two workshops in early 2022. NexGen advised that the EA results workshops would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results and would be grouped by the themes of air, land, water, and people to be presented over multiple workshops.
21 December 2021	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided an engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in November 2021 and December 2021 and stating proposed activities for January 2022. A copy of the community newsletter distributed to the local communities in November 2021 was also provided.
13 January 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and extended an invitation to the upcoming workshop planned for 3 February 2022 to present and discuss the EA results. NexGen advised this first workshop would be on air and land and would provide a high-level review of the VCs from baseline through to results. NexGen also confirmed the proposal to schedule an Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee meeting on 4 February 2022 and that NexGen would follow up with more details.
26 January 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and advised that the workshop scheduled for 3 February 2022 would need to be postponed due to recent positive COVID-19 cases and noted that an update would be provided regarding rescheduling. NexGen proposed that the Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 4 February 2022 would be moved to a virtual platform.
26 January 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and requested clarification on the use of quotes from the BRDN IKTLU Study in the EIS. NexGen provided examples and advised that NexGen could follow up with a call to the BRDN on 31 January 2022 to confirm.
4 February 2022	Multiple methods	Following an exchange of emails, NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided additional examples as to how quotes from the BRDN's IKTLU Study would be edited for use in the EIS. Following a further exchange of phone calls and emails, the BRDN confirmed on 9 February 2022 that NexGen could use edited quotes from the BRDN IKTLU in the EIS, where required.
4 February 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and requested confirmation regarding how the BRDN would like to present the IKTLU Study to the regulators as part of NexGen's EIS submission. NexGen outlined options for the BRDN to consider and advised that NexGen would be available to answer any questions and co-ordinate a meeting with the CNSC and/or the ENV if the BRDN had any questions about their policies and confidentiality processes.
1 March 2022	Email, exchange	The BRDN and NexGen exchanged emails to 'confirm dates for the next Environmental Committee meeting.
11 March 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided an engagement update letter summarizing the engagement activities completed in January 2022 and February 2022 and outlining the upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached the March 2022 issue of the community newsletter as an appendix to the letter.
11 March 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen presented to the newly elected BRDN Chief and Council members to provide: ▪ an overview of NexGen; ▪ an overview of the Study Agreement signed with the BRDN in 2019; ▪ an overview of the Benefit Agreement signed with the BRDN in 2020; and ▪ an overview of and status update on the Project.
21 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Chief of the BRDN and provided an attached letter describing changes to the NexGen Implementation Coordinator and the Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee members. NexGen indicated that an Implementation Committee meeting would be scheduled and an introduction to the new NexGen team members would be made. NexGen also listed four BRDN roles and requested for confirmation of active members.

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16 May 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the May 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ a NexGen scholarship update; ▪ an introduction to a new NexGen team member; ▪ an update on the completed 2021 Rook I Field Program; ▪ information on Project jobs and opportunities; ▪ updates on Project advancement; ▪ contact information to learn more about the Project; and ▪ a word search.
25 June 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session in the BRDN to: ▪ update local communities on the Project and inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project; ▪ answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the Draft EIS submitted to the provincial and federal regulators; and ▪ provide information about the Draft EIS regulatory review process and how members of the local priority area can be involved in the review.
4 July 2022	In-person meeting	The NexGen and BRDN Environmental Committee met to: ▪ share an overview of the Environmental Committee and its status; ▪ review the Terms of Reference and First Nation Monitor Technician (role description; ▪ discuss utilizing subcommittees in the Environmental Committee; ▪ discuss the Environmental Committee initiative application; ▪ determine a meeting schedule and cadence for the Environmental Committee ▪ discuss a status update on the transition from the JWG to the Environmental Committee and planning for an EA Results meeting; ▪ discuss the engagement opportunities for 2022 programs; and ▪ discuss future engagement opportunities for other upcoming work and programs.
15 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and informed that the CNSC has completed the conformity review of the Draft EIS for the Project. NexGen advised that the CNSC would accept comments on the Draft EIS during a 90-day public comment period which provides Indigenous Nations and Communities, members of the public, and government departments and agencies an opportunity to submit their views in writing to the CNSC on the information presented in the Draft EIS. NexGen advised that the CNSC has requested that all written comments be submitted by 12 October 2022 and provided the website address where the CNSC public comment process for the Project could be found. NexGen expressed thanks to the BRDN leadership and community members for the collaborative approach that contributed to the development of the Draft EIS and noted that NexGen looked forward to continued engagement throughout the lifespan of the Project.
18 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and requested the BRDN invoice for technical capacity support. NexGen advised that the funding had been put aside to provide the BRDN with capacity funding for technical support for the review of the Draft EIS and noted that the funding was not a commitment in the Benefit Agreement but was in good faith to support the EA process.
20 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and advised that the Draft EIS documents from the CNSC had been uploaded to the BRDN-NexGen Benefit Agreement SharePoint site to provide the BRDN's technical team easier access to the documents. NexGen identified the NexGen team members who could be contacted should there be any information requests.
28 July 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming or proposed engagement activities. NexGen also noted the attachment of the poster booklet created for the June 2022 community information sessions and a copy of the May 2022 community newsletter.

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8 August 2022	In-person meeting	The BNDN, the BRDN, and NexGen met for a joint Environmental Committee meeting to discuss logistics for the 2022 engagement activities related to the baseline gamma survey, the woodland caribou field work, and the transition from JWGs to the Environmental Committee.
8 August 2022	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen following an Environmental Committee meeting and requested more information and a photo of the artifact found onsite near the Rook I camp.
10 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and the BRDN regarding the field portion of the Linear Feature Regeneration Assessment that would be completed by Omnia at the Rook I site from 13 August 2022 to 27 August 2022 as discussed during the Environmental Committee meeting held on 8 August 2022. NexGen expressed interest in arranging a tour to encourage discussion surrounding woodland caribou, the mitigation trials, and the field survey. NexGen noted that technical assistants were needed to assist in the field survey and requested to be informed if there were community members who would be interested in participating. NexGen also informed the BNDN and the BRDN of the baseline gamma survey of the Project area that was planned to be completed in the fall and advised that NexGen would be hiring four community members as technical assistants to support CanNorth with the survey and would be inviting an Elder to be present during the survey orientation. NexGen requested for the BNDN and the BRDN to confirm if there were interested community members by 19 August 2022 and noted that a potential date range for the survey would be confirmed by 12 August 2022 or during the week of 15 August 2022. NexGen requested for the BNDN and the BRDN to relay NexGen's COVID-19 policy when recruiting community members for the field programs.
10 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and advised that CanNorth had completed a Heritage Resource Impact Assessment survey proximal to the Patterson Lake bridge on the access road to the Rook I exploration camp this summer. NexGen advised that the survey was conducted proactively as part of a continued focus on the health, safety, and environmental aspects of activities related to current and future exploration activities. NexGen noted that during this survey, CanNorth found one site away from any disturbed area, and NexGen attached a PDF document to outline the survey are and test locations, and to provide photos, including a photo of the one endscraper tool that was found. NexGen also noted that CanNorth was working with the Heritage Conservation Board of the Government of Saskatchewan to submit a Saskatchewan Archaeological Resource Record to summarize the findings and to provide recommendations. NexGen informed the BRDN that a meeting with the Heritage Conservation Board had been held to discuss NexGen’s commitment to engage with local Indigenous Groups and to sharing the survey results as well as the regulatory process associated with the finding. NexGen advised availability to discuss the survey findings, as well as any feedback or suggestions from the BRDN.
10 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and advised that an email with additional details regarding the artifact found at the Rook I site had just been sent and welcomed questions or a meeting to discuss further.
11 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and advised that Omnia had delayed the trip to begin the linear disturbance regeneration assessment until 16 August 2022. NexGen advised that there was an opportunity for a community member to assist with the field survey, if interested.
12 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and the BRDN providing the draft minutes from the joint Environmental Committee meeting held on 8 August 2022 for review and comments. NexGen also included the draft action items from the meeting and requested for the contacts and availability for the 2022 engagement opportunities.

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18 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and advised that the Heritage Conservation Board had reviewed the report and recommendations submitted by CanNorth regarding the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment that was completed earlier in the summer. NexGen indicated that the Heritage Conservation Board had confirmed that the 30 m buffer around the site was acceptable and that the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment regulatory requirements have been satisfactorily completed. NexGen invited the BRDN to reach out with any questions or comments.
22 August 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the August 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the current Rook I site activities; ▪ a permitting status and update for the Project; ▪ information on the regulatory process for Project EA; ▪ a summary of how engagement activities informed the EA for the Project; and ▪ NexGen community program updates.
24 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and advised that the CNSC planned to hold a webinar on 13 September 2022 to present an overview on the CNSC review process for the proposed NexGen Rook I and Denison Wheeler River Projects as well as to provide Project updates. NexGen included the link to register for the webinar.
1 September 2022	In-person meeting	The NexGen and BRDN Environmental Committee met to: ▪ share a status update on the First Nation Monitor Technician (i.e., Independent Indigenous Monitor) role; ▪ discuss the meeting summary template; ▪ discuss engagement updates and upcoming engagement opportunities for environmental programs at Rook I; and ▪ plan the Q4 / year-end Environmental Committee meeting.
8 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Chief of the BRDN to confirm availability to meet at the NexGen office on 21 September 2022 and advised that the Chief of the BNDN would also be contacted to confirm availability to join the meeting.
8 September 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN to provide potential dates for an Environmental Committee site tour of the Rook I site on 27 September 2022 or 28 September 2022. NexGen also suggested scheduling a meeting on 3 October 2022 or 4 October 2022 to discuss the EA results.
29 September 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided an engagement update letter summarizing completed engagement activities and a summary of upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also provided a PDF of the August 2022 community newsletter.
6 October 2022	Letter, incoming	NexGen received an email from the BRDN providing a letter of support to be included in the formal federal Draft EIS public review for NexGen's Project.
11 October 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the October 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the 2022 Summer Student and Scholarship Programs; ▪ a summary of the June 2022 community information sessions; ▪ a Project status update; ▪ an introduction to the Project website; and ▪ an update on education, training, and employment initiatives.
11 October 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided additional information on the Baseline Environmental Effects and the Traditional Foods Study Program planned to begin in 2023 that was discussed during the recent Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen requested for a single point of contact from the BRDN community to discuss and coordinate engagement for the program.
1 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN to follow up on the request for engagement on the baseline monitoring programs emailed on 11 October 2022. NexGen requested for confirmation on the BRDN contacts who would be involved and could assist in coordinating a meeting with CanNorth and NexGen to discuss the scopes.

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8 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN to follow-up on the proposed EA results meeting and expressed interest in still presenting the EA results to the BRDN Environmental Committee, Chief and Council, and community members. NexGen indicated that the meeting could be held virtually or in-person and requested for the BRDN to provide available meeting dates in early December 2022.
8 November 2022	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and indicated that the proposed NexGen-BRDN EA results meeting would be discussed with the Chief of the BRDN. The BRDN advised that they would reach back out to NexGen with a meeting date.
23 November 2022	In-person meeting	The NexGen and BRDN Environmental Committee met to: ▪ discuss a Project update; ▪ share an update on the BRDN Implementation Committee activities; ▪ review the Environmental Committee's activities in 2022, including the Environmental Committee mandate; and ▪ discuss logistics and planning for 2023.
2 December 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and attached the presentation and summary from the Environmental Committee meeting held on 23 November 2022 for review and comments. NexGen indicated that the documents have been placed on the Environmental Committee SharePoint site and noted that the list of action items have also been included in the email. NexGen thanked the BRDN for a great meeting and looked forward to seeing everyone during the week of 5 December 2022.
6 December 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BRDN Environmental Committee and Chief and presented the results of the EA for the Project. The presentation focused on the Draft EIS and its four main themes of assessment and discussed the potential impacts to each, including: atmosphere, water, land, and people.
22 December 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the December 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the education and training initiatives; ▪ an update on environmental monitoring programs; ▪ a summary of community updates and initiatives; ▪ a Project status update; and ▪ a Christmas message.
22 December 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN to provide an engagement update letter summarizing engagement activities completed in the fall of 2022 and a summary of proposed or upcoming engagement activities leading into 2023. NexGen also attached a copy of the EA Results presentation and copies of the October 2022 and December 2022 community newsletters. NexGen invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions or comments and expressed that NexGen looked forward to continued engagement with the BRDN in 2023.
22 February 2023	In-person meeting	The NexGen and the BRDN Environmental Committee met to discuss: ▪ a Project update; ▪ an overview of the baseline monitoring programs; and ▪ an introduction to the regional Traditional Foods Study.
22 February 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BRDN met for an Implementation Committee meeting.
24 February 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN regarding the Northern Technical Assistant that CanNorth was seeking for the upcoming winter water sampling program that was discussed during the Environmental Committee meeting held on 22 February 2023. NexGen indicated that they would provide accommodations and meals for the duration of the program at the Rook I camp and that CanNorth would be providing compensation. NexGen indicated the program was tentatively scheduled to be conducted between 21 March 2023 and 28 March 2023 and requested to be informed by 10 March 2023 if the BRDN knew anyone who would be interested and qualify for the role. NexGen invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions regarding the sampling program.

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24 February 2023	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen regarding the Northern Technical Assistant that CanNorth was seeking for the upcoming winter water sampling program and indicated that they have shared the information with a BRDN councillor. The BRDN noted that they would look for an applicant best suited for the job opportunity and have the individual contact NexGen.
1 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and thanked them for sharing the posting for a Northern Technical Assistant. NexGen confirmed that the position has been filled and noted that the new Northern Technical Assistant would be assisting CanNorth with the upcoming March trip.
1 March 2023	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen regarding the position for the Northern Technical Assistant and indicated that the candidate NexGen has hired was not from the BRDN. The BRDN inquired if NexGen required someone from the BRDN community and stated that they had someone for consideration.
3 March 2023	Email, incoming	NexGen emailed the BRDN to advise that NexGen could use the candidate that the BRDN would like to propose for the Northern Technical Assistant position for the Spring sampling trip occurring in late May 2023 or first week of June 2023. NexGen informed the BRDN that they hope to utilize Northern Technical Assistants from the entire local priority area throughout the year and would be alternating between communities. NexGen noted that these opportunities were brought forward to all primary Indigenous Groups and advised that another Indigenous Group happened to respond back on 27 February 2023. NexGen thanked the BRDN for their response.
13 March 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the BRDN as a follow up to the Environmental Committee meeting held on 22 February 2023 and indicated that CanNorth would like to arrange a meeting to discuss the Traditional Foods Study in more detail. CanNorth stated that the BRDN could invite any representatives to attend who could help guide the design of the program and inquired if the BRDN would be available to meet early April 2023.
14 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided the presentation and summary from the Environmental Committee meeting held on 22 February 2023. NexGen invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any clarifications or corrections required and advised that all documents have been uploaded to the Environmental Committee SharePoint site. NexGen stated that there was not enough time to review the entire presentation during the meeting and proposed to arrange a time for a follow-up breakout Environmental Committee meeting to discuss the issues and concerns validation for the Draft EIS. NexGen inquired when would work best for the BRDN to meet. NexGen also included a table of the action items for review.
16 March 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the BRDN as a follow up to the 13 March 2023 email and informed the BRDN of the CanNorth team member who could assist with setting up the meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study when the BRDN is able to confirm a date.
16 March 2023	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed CanNorth and NexGen and indicated that the BRDN would be in touch once a date has been confirmed for the meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study.
16 March 2023	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed CanNorth and NexGen and inquired if the week of 4 April 2023 would work to schedule the meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study.
16 March 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the BRDN and confirmed availability on 5 April 2023 or 6 April 2023 for a meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study. CanNorth inquired if the BRDN would prefer to meet in person or online.
16 March 2023	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed CanNorth and NexGen to confirm that an in person or online meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study on 5 April 2023 or 6 April 2023 would work. The BRDN also offered to go to CanNorth for the meeting.
16 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and indicated the meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study could be virtual and noted that the BRDN could organize the meeting with another CanNorth team member during the week of 20 March 2023.

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20 March 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN to provide an engagement update letter summarizing engagement activities completed in the winter and to provide a summary of proposed or upcoming engagement activities for the spring. NexGen invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions or comments.
22 March 2023	Email, incoming	CanNorth emailed the BRDN to confirm availability between 4 April 2023 and 7 April 2023 for a virtual meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Food Study and requested for the BRDN to confirm which date would work.
22 March 2023	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed CanNorth and NexGen to confirm that any day from 4 April to 7 April 2023 for a meeting to discuss the regional Traditional Foods Study would work in response to CanNorth's email.
27 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN to follow up on several BRDN invoices and to schedule an Environmental Committee breakout meeting. NexGen listed the invoices being requested from the BRDN to submit and indicated that NexGen would like to schedule a meeting to continue the discussion regarding NexGen's EA and EIS that was not covered during the 22 February 2023 Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen stated the focus of the meeting would be on the information included in the last Environmental Committee meeting presentation, the issues and concerns validation for the BRDN for the federal EA process, and to workshop and collaborate on the issues and concerns table with the BRDN. NexGen inquired when the BRDN would be available and proposed to arrange the meeting in mid-April 2023.
4 April 2023	Phone call	CanNorth and the BRDN had a phone call to discuss next steps for the regional Traditional Foods Study. It was agreed that the BRDN and CanNorth would draft a document for the BRDN Chief and Council to review and approve, and that the BRDN Community Liaison for the Study would be recruiting community members to join the interview team. The BRDN and CanNorth agreed that they would try to host the training at the end of April 2023 or beginning of May 2023.
11 April 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the BRDN regarding the NexGen regional Traditional Foods Study and provided a summary of the questions that would be asked during the food study interview as a follow up to the discussion held during the week of 3 April 2023. CanNorth noted the questions may change based on community feedback.
11 April 2023	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed CanNorth and NexGen acknowledging the summary of questions that would be asked during the regional Traditional Foods Study interview and the update on the Band Council Resolution wording.
14 April 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the BRDN attaching the NexGen Traditional Foods Study. CanNorth indicated that the regional Traditional Foods Study summary could also be sent to the BRDN Chief and Council for review and stated that they would be happy to present to them. CanNorth provided the proposed compensation rates for the interviewers, interviewees, and the community liaison for the Project and advised that all payments would go through CanNorth. CanNorth invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions or concerns.
19 April 2023	Email, outgoing	CanNorth emailed the BRDN providing the list of foods that would be included in the regional Traditional Foods Study questionnaire. CanNorth indicated they are providing the list for review and in advance of the training sessions.
19 April 2023	Email, outgoing	The BRDN emailed CanNorth and NexGen confirming satisfaction with the list of foods that would be included in the regional Foods Study questionnaire. The BRDN stated that they would advise if there were additional Dene food items that could be added to the list.
19 April 2023	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed CanNorth and NexGen and indicated that elk and buffalo could be added to the list of foods for the regional Traditional Foods Study questionnaire.
21 April 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the April 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the education and training initiatives; ▪ regulatory process updates for the Project; and ▪ a summary of community engagement updates.

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27 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN to connect the provincial and federal contacts from the CNSC and the ENV. NexGen indicated that they want to ensure that the BRDN, CNSC, and ENV stay connected to take advantage of opportunities to meet and engage on the Project as well as keep each other up to date on community events and opportunities. NexGen indicated that the BRDN could reach out to the CNSC and the ENV for an introduction.
4 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN, providing the proposed draft agenda for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 17 May 2023. NexGen indicated the agenda and presentation materials were aligned with the 2023 Environmental Committee priorities that have been identified for 2023 and indicated the slide deck would be provided for review prior to the meeting. NexGen invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions or proposed additions to the agenda.
4 May 2023	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen thanking them for providing the proposed draft agenda for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 17 May 2023.
10 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN providing the schedule of the community information sessions about the Project planned for 12 June 2023 to 16 June 2023 in the local priority area communities. NexGen indicated the community information sessions would be a drop-in format with a series of poster stations staffed by NexGen staff who would be available to share information and answers. NexGen also shared the objectives of the community information sessions and noted that the staff of the CNSC and ENV would be in attendance to explain their roles as regulatory agencies and to answer any questions from community members. NexGen stated the community information sessions would be open to all community members and members of the public and would be advertised through monthly radio announcements. NexGen indicated that posters would be created to share and post in the communities and that invitation cards would be mailed out. NexGen thanked the BRDN for helping confirm the dates and venues and invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions or additional information needed.
15 May 2023	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the BRDN to discuss postponing the 17 May 2023 Environmental Committee meeting due to the ongoing wildfires affecting the northern communities. NexGen and the BRDN agreed to postpone the meeting to a later date.
19 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN forwarding the email from the CNSC regarding capacity funding available to Indigenous Groups and communities.
24 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN thanking them for the understanding about postponing the May 2023 Environmental Committee meeting and proposed to reschedule the meeting in late June 2023. NexGen inquired if the morning of 28 June 2023 would work for the BRDN and stated the agenda would remain as previously proposed. NexGen indicated that they would also like to discuss the issues and concerns table from the EIS in more detail and work with the Environmental Committee to validate responses for the federal EA process. NexGen stated they would also welcome any additional inputs or suggestions from the BRDN members. NexGen requested for the BRDN to confirm if the proposed date would work or suggest if there was an alternative date the BRDN would prefer. NexGen also reminded the BRDN that they were continuing to plan for the community information sessions in the local priority area and expressed they were looking forward to being in BRDN/Dillon on 15 June 2023.
9 June 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the June 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ information about the upcoming June 2023 community information sessions; ▪ education, training, and employment updates; and ▪ a summary of community updates and initiatives.
9 June 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also provided copies of NexGen's April 2023 and June 2023 community newsletters and a digital copy of the brochure and application form for the 2023 to 2024 NexGen Scholarship Program. NexGen invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions and expressed that they hope to see the BRDN at the upcoming community information sessions.

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15 June 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session in Dillon and BRDN to: ▪ update local communities on the Project and inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project; ▪ share information about the EIS review process including when and how members of the public have had and will continue to have opportunities for ongoing involvement in the regulatory process; ▪ share an overview of the licensing and permitting required for the Project; ▪ share information on environmental monitoring, employment opportunities, and education and training initiatives; and ▪ answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the EIS.
14 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided a copy of the presentation for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 18 July 2023 for review. NexGen also attached a copy of the BRDN issues and concerns table summarizing the concerns identified for the BRDN as part of the Draft EIS and associated key mitigations and accommodations. NexGen stated they looked forward to the Environmental Committee meeting and invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions or concerns.
18 July 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BRDN for an Environmental Committee meeting. Key topics included: ▪ a discussion of Implementation Committee updates; ▪ ongoing environmental monitoring programs (specifically, a seed collection program); ▪ collaboration on licensing documents and other documents such as the Environment Protection Program and the Wildlife and Human Interactions Procedure; ▪ community awareness updates and information about learning on the land; and ▪ key updates on provincial approvals and the EA process.
18 July 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BRDN met for an Implementation Committee meeting.
20 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and shared the public notice received from the ENV regarding the Notice of Provincial Review of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* and from the CNSC regarding the Notice of the CNSC Capacity Funding Availability. NexGen included a brief overview of the notices and included links for additional information.
27 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided a letter regarding the development of a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan for the Project and the formation of a Caribou Working Group. NexGen proposed a regional approach to set up a Caribou Working Group to include representation from the BRDN, CRDN, MN-S NR2, and BNDN. NexGen also proposed to hold the first regional Caribou Working Group meeting on 29 August 2023 at the NexGen office in Saskatoon and encouraged the BRDN's participation. NexGen requested for confirmation of a BRDN representative to participate in the meeting and invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions.
11 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN regarding the BRDN's interest in assisting NexGen with the fall groundwater sampling at the Project as discussed during the last Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen explained the sampling dates for the fall has been changed due to limited vehicle availability. NexGen informed the BRDN that NexGen would be heading to the Site on 21 August 2023 and begin groundwater sampling around 24 August 2023 returning to Saskatoon on 1 September 2023. NexGen noted that it would be unlikely that the sampling of the wells would be completed during the trip and provided three options for the BRDN to go to the site for consideration. NexGen apologized for the short notice on the change of schedule and indicated that the BRDN would need to come to site in a NexGen vehicle as per travel protocols. NexGen invited the BRDN to reach out to discuss the groundwater sampling when the BRDN was in the Saskatoon office during the week of 14 August 2023 and advised that the BRDN would be compensated for their time through the Environmental Committee.

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11 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN providing the draft agenda for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 16 August 2023. NexGen stated that a main priority for the Environmental Committee meeting would be to collaboratively review the issues and concerns table specific for the BRDN as part of the regulatory process for the Project. NexGen attached a copy of the issues and concerns table for reference and review. NexGen proposed that the Environmental Committee continue to meet to share any updates related to ongoing 2023 priorities following the issues and concerns workshop and advised the meeting has been extended to ensure enough time. NexGen expressed they looked forward to the meeting.
14 August 2023	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed availability between 21 August 2023 and 24 August 2023 to assist NexGen with groundwater sampling at the Project. The BRDN requested for NexGen to provide the details.
14 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and acknowledged the BRDN's availability between 21 August 2023 and 24 August 2023 to assist with groundwater sampling for the Project. NexGen informed the BRDN that the air quality maintenance would be held between 21 August 2023 and 24 August 2023 and noted the groundwater sampling would occur from 24 August 2023 onwards. NexGen inquired if it would work better for the BRDN to arrive at camp on 24 August 2023 and leave on either 30 August 2023 or 1 September 2023. NexGen also advised that they would likely be back on site to finish sampling between 11 September 2023 and 15 September 2023 should the dates would work better for the BRDN. NexGen noted the required travel and camp stay information would be provided once the dates have been finalized.
14 August 2023	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and stated that they would not be available between 24 August 2023 and 1 September 2023 to assist with groundwater sampling at the Project.
14 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and acknowledged that the BRDN would not be available between 14 August 2023 and 1 September 2023 to assist with groundwater sampling at the Project. NexGen indicated that the BRDN was welcome to come to site to help with the weather station setup and maintenance. NexGen stated they could pick up the BRDN on the way to site and that the BRDN should be able to travel home on 24 August 2023 with WSP. NexGen invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions.
14 August 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions and expressed that NexGen looked forward to the Environmental Committee meeting on 16 August 2023.
15 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and thanked the BRDN for the time to meet for the last Environmental Committee meeting held on 18 July 2023. NexGen attached the final presentation, meeting summary, Draft EIS issues and concerns table, and the request for funds form for the Environmental Committee. NexGen informed the BRDN that all of the documents have been uploaded to the Environmental Committee SharePoint site. NexGen also included a table of the action items for review and invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions or clarifications needed. NexGen looked forward to the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 16 August 2023.
16 August 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BRDN for an Environmental Committee meeting; key topics included a review of 2023 Environmental Committee priorities and a workshop of the issues and concerns identified for the BRDN as part of the Draft EIS for the Project.
29 August 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the Rook I Project Woodland Caribou Working Group for a kick-off meeting to introduce the group members, establish a framework for how the Caribou Working Group would work together, and to provide an overview of Caribou in the context of the Project and what work has been completed to date.

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29 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN regarding the community-based regional Traditional Foods Study that NexGen was working with the local priority area Indigenous Groups to complete. NexGen stated the study would provide regional food data to compare or augment the assumptions used in the modelling for the Project EIS. NexGen indicated they have been working with CanNorth to discuss adjustments to the timeline to create a well-informed sampling program that was developed based on interviews from all participating communities. NexGen acknowledged that the BRDN interview training was complete and that the community member interviews were progressing and were almost complete. NexGen informed the BRDN the goal was to have all community interviews completed by 15 December 2023 and advised that CanNorth would use the information gathered by the BRDN to inform the 2024 sampling program. NexGen indicated that a final report would be produced by CanNorth in the summer of 2024. NexGen advised that community liaisons could still encourage community members to submit fall hunting samples and noted that CanNorth would be providing additional information regarding the sample submission process and cost reimbursement. NexGen invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions or concerns.
29 August 2023	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for providing an update on the community-based regional Traditional Foods Study for the Project.
30 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN advising that the ENV has completed its EA Technical Review for the Project and that NexGen has submitted the provincial Final EIS to the ENV. NexGen informed of the next steps under the provincial EA process and noted it was different from the federal EA public review process that occurred for the Draft EIS. NexGen stated they would be happy to meet and discuss any questions regarding the provincial Final EIS or the provincial EA process with the BRDN. NexGen indicated the provincial Final EIS would be posted on the ENV's website for the commencement of the public review period and noted an updated link to the ENV website would be provided. NexGen also informed that a copy of the provincial Final EIS has been uploaded to the BRDN and NexGen Benefit Agreement SharePoint site and listed what was included in the upload. NexGen provided a progress update on the completion of responses to the federal technical and public review comments received on the Draft EIS through the federal EA review process with the CNSC. NexGen advised that they must also receive positive federal licensing and provincial permitting decisions for the Project to be fully approved and for Construction to begin. NexGen invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions and welcomed the opportunity to share further updates and information at a future Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen thanked the BRDN for the continued collaboration throughout the provincial EA process.
31 August 2023	Email, incoming	The ENV emailed the BRDN and copied NexGen on the correspondence providing an attached letter inviting the BRDN to review and confirm the Duty to Consult Record for the proposed Project. The ENV also attached a copy of the Consultation Report that would be provided as part of the final EIS by NexGen as well as a copy of the ENV's technical review comments summarizing the expected impacts of the Project, proposed mitigation measures, and technical review findings and information for applying for a Fast Track Grant. The ENV stated that a hard copy of the Notice of Review Period, technical review comments, and Fast Track Grant Fact sheet would also be couriered to the BRDN and requested for any comments to be submitted to the ENV by 3 October 2023.
1 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and advised that NexGen was copied on the ENV correspondence to the Chief of the BRDN regarding the review and confirmation of the Provincial Duty to Consult Record for the Project. NexGen attached a copy of the correspondence for the BRDN Environmental Committee members and Implementation Coordinator in alignment with the terms of reference for the BRDN Benefit Agreement and as part of the ongoing discussions regarding collaboration on the regulatory process for the Project.
1 September 2023	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called and left a voicemail for the BRDN to follow up on the emails regarding the provincial Final EIS and if the SharePoint access was working, as well as if there were any questions.
5 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided a link to the notification regarding the public review period for NexGen's provincial Final EIS that has been posted on the ENV website. NexGen also included the link to the ENV website, where the EIS and supporting documentation could be downloaded.

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11 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Caribou Working Group and thanked the group for helping make the first meeting held on 29 August 2023 a success. NexGen attached the meeting minutes, presentation, and a visual charter for review as well as provided a link to the requested resources as a follow up to some of the action items. NexGen informed the Caribou Working Group that a placeholder for the workshop on 16 October 2023 has been sent out and noted that NexGen would also be inviting regulators as guests to the workshop. NexGen advised that additional information would be sent out closer to the date.
11 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided an update that the CNSC has confirmed the final Licence Application to Prepare and Construct the Project was submitted on 1 September 2023 and in compliance with all applicable CNSC requirements. NexGen also informed the BRDN that they have recently submitted responses to the federal technical review comments received on the Draft EIS, as well as continue to finalize responses to all public comments received through the federal EA review process. NexGen advised that the CNSC would be holding a public hearing prior to making an EA or licensing decision on the Project and noted that a hearing date has not yet been determined. NexGen thanked the BRDN for the continued engagement throughout the federal EA and licensing processes for the Project and invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions or concerns.
13 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN regarding the seed collection program that NexGen was working with Integral Ecology Group to conduct at the Rook I site for reclamation research for the Project that have been discussed in the Environmental Committee meetings. NexGen informed the BRDN that both NexGen's Environmental Team and Integral Ecology Group would be at the Rook I site between 2 October 2023 and 5 October 2023 for the program and inquired if a BRDN member would be interested in participating. NexGen stated that a day trip could be accommodated and requested for the BRDN to confirm a preferred date. NexGen noted the costs for involvement would be paid as per the Environmental Committee funding and advised that NexGen would be reaching out to Environmental Committees with other Nations to confirm interest in participation. NexGen also indicated that an Elder was welcome to join a BRDN member.
14 September 2023	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for the update that the CNSC has confirmed the final Licence Application to Prepare and Construct the Project was submitted on 1 September 2023 and in compliance with all applicable CNSC requirements.
15 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN providing the Issues and concerns table that has been updated to reflect the workshopping conducted during the Environmental Committee meeting held on 16 August 2023 and included a table outlining the changes made for reference. NexGen informed of the next steps for the BRDN and NexGen to prepare letters to the CNSC to endorse the responses and confirm the items have been agreed upon. NexGen stated that a draft letter documenting the process undertaken would be circulated for Environmental Committee review. NexGen thanked the BRDN for the collaborative and transparent approach with working through the regulatory processes and looked forward to continuing working with the BRDN on initiatives for the Project.
27 September 2023	Text exchange	NexGen exchanged text messages with the BRDN regarding the seed collection program that would be conducted at the Rook I site for reclamation research for the Project between 2 October 2023 and 5 October 2023. NexGen inquired if the BRDN wanted to participate and the BRDN member confirmed unavailability to join. The BRDN suggested for NexGen to contact another BRDN member who may be available and provided the member's phone number to contact.
27 September 2023	Text exchange	NexGen exchanged text messages with a BRDN member regarding the seed collection program that would be conducted at the Rook I site for reclamation research for the Project between 2 October 2023 and 5 October 2023. NexGen noted that another BRDN member had recommended them and inquired if they wanted to participate and stated that NexGen could arrange travel to and from the site. The BRDN member confirmed unavailability to participate due to a conflict in schedule and thanked NexGen for the offer.

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5 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and attached a draft letter prepared for the BRDN to send to the CNSC to provide confirmation that the issues and concerns validation process has been completed by the BNDN-NexGen Environmental Committee. NexGen also attached a copy of the completed issues and concerns summary table to accompany the letter to the CNSC. NexGen welcomed any adjustments to the letterhead and invited the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions or clarification required.
5 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN regarding the next quarterly Environmental Committee meeting and inquired if the BRDN would be available to meet on 8 November 2023 instead of 15 November 2023. NexGen also proposed for a longer meeting to review all of the updates and priorities going into 2024.
6 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN regarding NexGen's visit to the high schools in the local priority area in October 2023 to conduct career information sessions with the students in Grades 10-12. NexGen indicated that three training institutions have been invited to share program information and welcomed the BRDN Leadership, Implementation Committee, and Environmental Committee to attend. NexGen provided the schedule of the visits for reference.
6 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN providing the documents from the Environmental Committee meeting held on 16 August 2023 and indicated that the documents have also been uploaded to the Environmental Committee SharePoint site. NexGen included a table of the action items for review and noted the next quarterly Environmental Committee meeting was proposed to be scheduled on 9 November 2023.
30 October 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the Project Woodland Caribou Working Group and the provincial and federal regulators for a workshop. Stantec presented the caribou offset options and gathered feedback to inform the draft Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan for the Project.
1 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN to follow up on the draft letter prepared for the BRDN to send to the CNSC emailed on 5 October 2023. NexGen inquired it there were any questions or if the BRDN Chief has signed the letter.
2 November 2023	Email, incoming	The BRDN copied NexGen in a correspondence to the ENV providing a letter of support for the Project.
2 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN Chief providing the draft letter prepared for the BRDN to send to the CNSC to provide confirmation that the issues and concerns validation process has been completed by the BRDN-NexGen Environmental Committee. NexGen invited the BRDN Chief to reach out if there were any questions.
3 November 2023	Email, incoming	The BRDN copied NexGen in an email to the CNSC providing a support letter confirming that NexGen has satisfactorily addressed all of the BRDN's issues and concerns in relation to the Project as part of federal EA requirements.
3 November 2023	Email, incoming	The CNSC copied NexGen in an email to the BRDN thanking the BRDN for providing a support letter confirming that NexGen has satisfactorily addressed all of the BRDN's issues and concerns in relation to the Project as part of federal EA requirements. The CNSC informed the BRDN that the CNSC would be in contact regarding next steps in the EA process and noted the letter would be posted to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry once the Federal-Indigenous Review Team technical review was complete.
6 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN providing the high-level agenda for review for the Q4 Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 8 November 2023. NexGen indicated a copy of the presentation would also be distributed later on 6 November 2023 and noted lunch would be provided for in-person attendees.
6 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN providing the presentation for the Q4 Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 8 November 2023 for review and noted printed copies would be available at the meeting.

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8 November 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BRDN for an Environmental Committee meeting. Key topics included a discussion of Implementation Committee updates and the EC's 2023 priorities, such as: ▪ ongoing environmental monitoring programs; ▪ collaboration on licensing documents; ▪ community awareness updates; ▪ end land use planning; and ▪ key updates relating to the EA process.
8 November 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BRDN met for an Implementation Committee meeting. The key topics discussed were: ▪ procedures for Indigenous knowledge; ▪ logistics for both the Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee; ▪ education and training initiatives; ▪ planning for a site tour; and ▪ economic development and business opportunities.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the BRDN providing a letter informing that the Minister of Environment has given NexGen approval to proceed with the proposed Project. The ENV also attached the Decision and Reasons for Decision for reference and stated that a hard copy would be mailed to the BRDN.
8 November 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the October 2023 newsletter.
9 November 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the October issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ a summary of the June 2023 Community Information Sessions; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
10 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Chief of the BRDN providing a letter regarding the recent provincial Approval of the Project EA and thanked the BRDN for the support through the provincial EA process.
20 December 2023	Letter, incoming	The CNSC emailed NexGen and copied the IAAC, ECCC, ENV, CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN, providing a letter requesting clarification regarding potential linkages between recent exploration activities at the Rook I site and the Project.
5 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CNSC and copied the IAAC, ECCC, ENV, CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN, providing a letter in response to CNSC's 20 December 2023 letter. The letter confirmed that Rook I site exploration activities in question were required to inform Project design but do not represent development of the Project. In addition, the letter included a summary of NexGen's engagement activities with Indigenous Groups and regulatory agencies prior to submission of the exploration program permit application. NexGen confirmed that all activities being undertaken at the Rook I site are compliant with the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. NexGen provided responses to each of the information requests from CNSC's letter.
10 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN Chief providing the monthly report delivered on the local radio stations to share updates on the Project EA, community engagement, business and contracting, employment and training, and Rook I site activities.
10 January 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BRDN met for an Implementation Committee meeting.
22 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN regarding the proposed overnight tour of the Rook I site on 6 to 7 February 2024 discussed during the Implementation Committee meeting held on 10 January 2024. NexGen requested confirmation of how many BRDN members would be attending and if there were any food sensitivities to be aware of. NexGen also informed the BRDN of the logistics on 6 February 2024.

Table 2A-4: Buffalo River Dene Nation

Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
29 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided the proposed itinerary for the Rook I Project site tour planned for 6 to 7 February 2024. NexGen also attached the visitor checklist for items that tour participants would need to bring.
30 January 2024	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen regarding the Rook I site tour planned for 6 to 7 February 2024 and informed NexGen of a BRDN member who would be attending with two other potential members.
31 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen noted that a 2023 'year-in-review' table summarizing the Project engagement activities between the BRDN and NexGen was also included in the letter. NexGen expressed looking forward to meeting at the upcoming Environmental Committee meeting in February 2024.
1 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN regarding the Rook I site tour planned for 6 to 7 February 2024 and inquired if the two other potential members noted in the BRDN's 30 January 2024 email would be attending.
1 February 2024	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen regarding the Rook I site tour planned for 6 to 7 February 2024 and indicated that the BRDN was waiting for one member to confirm attendance to the tour.
1 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and attached presentation slides summarizing the existing baseline conditions at the Rook I site as a follow-up to an outstanding action item from a previous Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen requested for the BRDN to reach out if there were any questions or additional discussion needed. NexGen provided an update that the potential Environmental Committee meeting planned for 20 February 2024 was being looked into to confirm NexGen Environmental Committee members' availability.
1 February 2024	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen regarding the presentation slides summarizing the existing baseline conditions at the Rook I site and requested to discuss the information further. The BRDN inquired if there was a time that would work for NexGen.
1 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN regarding the presentation slides summarizing the existing baseline conditions at the Rook I site and stated the information could potentially be discussed at the upcoming Environmental Committee meeting if there was time. NexGen indicated that a future date to meet could also be discussed during the Environmental Committee meeting.
5 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and indicated that NexGen's Vice President, Community has recommended postponing the Rook I site tour planned for 6 February 2024 to 7 February 2024 due to poor road conditions. NexGen stated the tour would be rescheduled soon.
9 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN providing the presentation and meeting summary from the Environmental Committee meeting held on 8 November 2023 and indicated that all the documents have been uploaded to the BRDN-NexGen Environmental Committee SharePoint site. NexGen included a table of the action items which was also available in the presentation. NexGen looked forward to the Environmental Committee meeting on 20 February 2024 and stated the agenda and the presentation would be sent out early in the week of 19 February 2024.
20 February 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BRDN met for an Environmental Committee meeting. Key topics included the following: ▪ an update on the regulatory approvals for the Project; ▪ an overview of ongoing environmental monitoring programs; ▪ a discussion on working in collaboration on federal licensing documents as well as end land use planning for the Project; and ▪ an overview of the 2024 exploration programs.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
1 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided the results of the CNSC Federal-Indigenous Review Team review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen also included a link to the results on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project. NexGen informed the BRDN that the comments from the Federal-Indigenous Review Team technical review were being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments.
5 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the regional training committee members and provided the minutes from the Training Committee meeting held on 28 February 2024.
14 March 2024	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the March 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
19 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN Chief providing the updated confirmation of the NexGen Benefit Agreement representatives. NexGen also attached a document for the BRDN to complete to confirm the BRDN representatives for each area to ensure all was up to date for the Q2 Implementation Committee and Environmental Committee meetings.
19 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN Chief providing the notes from the monthly meeting held on 13 February 2024 and attached the slide deck presented for review and comments.
21 March 2024	Email, incoming	The CNSC emailed NexGen and copied representatives from the Environmental Committee, ECCC, ENV, Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, CRDN, MN-S NR2, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN to provide a letter related to CNSC's response to NexGen's correspondences of 23 January 2024 and 24 January 2024, relating to a request to hold further meetings between NexGen and the CNSC senior executives. The CNSC noted that discussions on a Commission hearing date can only progress once NexGen has addressed the remaining information requests related to the technical review of the environmental assessment submissions.
19 April 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BRDN met for an Implementation Committee meeting. Agenda topics included: ▪ Implementation Committee updates; ▪ Environmental Committee updates; ▪ culture, traditional values, and community engagement; ▪ SharePoint presentation; and ▪ employment and training updates.
22 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN providing flight information for the proposed site tour on 17 June 2024 and requested for the BRDN to confirm if the flight times would work.
25 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN providing details on the upcoming community information sessions about the Project from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024 in the local priority area. NexGen stated the CNSC and ENV were invited to participate in the event to explain their roles as regulatory agencies and to answer questions from community members. NexGen indicated that advertising materials for the community information sessions were being prepared and attached copies of posters for distributions within the BRDN's network.
1 May 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the March 2024 newsletter and a copy of the 2024 High School Summer Student Job Description for review.
1 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and advised the proposed Rook I site tour on 17 June 2024 would need to be rescheduled due to a conflict with the NexGen Vice President, Community's schedule. NexGen inquired if rescheduling to 3 July 2024 or 4 July 2024 would work for the BRDN.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
2 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN regarding the upcoming Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 15 May 2024 and inquired if the date and time would still work. NexGen also acknowledged a recent change in the BRDN Environmental Committee membership and inquired if the meeting invite should be updated.
2 May 2024	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen regarding the upcoming Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 15 May 2024 and confirmed unavailability to attend. The BRDN suggested for the meeting to proceed if a BRDN Councillor could attend the meeting.
6 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN regarding the upcoming Environmental Committee meeting scheduled for 15 May 2024 and acknowledged that the BRDN member would be unable to attend. NexGen inquired if a BRDN Councillor could attend the meeting or if it was preferred to reschedule.
8 May 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the May 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the environmental assessment for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
13 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and followed up regarding scheduling the proposed site tour for the Chief and Council. NexGen inquired if early July would work and noted that float plane availability would be looked into.
14 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN providing the agenda and presentation for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 15 May 2024. NexGen advised that printed copies would be available, and lunch would be provided following the meeting.
15 May 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BRDN for an Environment Committee meeting; key topics included an update on the regulatory approvals for the Project, a discussion on ongoing environmental monitoring programs and end land use planning for the Project, and working in collaboration on federal licensing documents, such as the Emergency Preparedness and Response Program.
21 May 2024	Letter, incoming	The BNDN and BRDN legal counsel emailed NexGen providing a letter on behalf of the BNDN and the BRDN with concerns surrounding the Benefit Agreements for the Project and related concerns with environmental risks. The letter stated an in-person meeting was being requested with NexGen decision makers and legal counsel on 31 May 2024 or 14 June 2024 to discuss the concerns.
21 May 2024	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and proposed to schedule a virtual meeting for NexGen to provide the BRDN Chief and Council the remaining technical questions and answers from the CNSC. The BRDN requested for NexGen to suggest several times that would work.
24 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and BRDN Chiefs a meeting invite for 5 June 2024 in Saskatoon as requested and informed of the NexGen representatives who would be attending the meeting.
27 May 2024	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the May 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the local priority area. Topics included: ▪ an update on the upcoming community information sessions; ▪ education and training updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Environmental Committee and Project regulatory process updates.
28 May 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen hosted community information sessions about the Project in the local priority area, including at BRDN on 28 May 2024. At the community information sessions, NexGen shared details about the Project, including information about the regulatory process for the Project, environmental protection and monitoring, community engagement and programs, and education, training, and employment opportunities.

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29 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNDN and BRDN Chiefs providing a letter responding to the Chiefs' letter with concerns surrounding agreements and the environmental risks received on 21 May 2024. NexGen informed them that they plan to meet with the BNDN and the BRDN on 14 June 2024 as requested and expressed looking forward to the clarification on the new concerns prior to the meeting. NexGen stated a follow-up would be made with a meeting invite and details for 14 June 2024.
5 June 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BRDN met for a Leadership meeting to discuss the BRDN-NexGen Benefit Agreement as outlined in the letter received by the BRDN on 21 May 2024 and to discuss ongoing engagement.
5 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and expressed thanks for hosting the community information session for the Project on 28 May 2024. NexGen informed of the 21 May 2024 submission of responses to the remaining information requests and advice to proponent comments received through the federal EA process. NexGen also indicated that a revised EIS was submitted to the CNSC. NexGen included a submission overview and the next steps in the federal EA process.
6 June 2024	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and proposed to schedule the next Implementation Committee meeting on 25 June 2024. The BRDN requested for NexGen to send a calendar invite if the date worked.
7 June 2024	Letter, incoming	The BRDN emailed a letter to NexGen thanking NexGen for the 5 June 2024 meeting and noting the BRDN's alignment with NexGen to working together collaboratively and respectfully on issues that may arise in the future. The BRDN acknowledged that they would not longer be attending the proposed meeting on 14 June 2024 as outlined in the 21 May 2024 letter.
7 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN confirming availability from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on 25 June 2024 for the proposed Implementation Committee meeting and inquired if the time would work for the BRDN. NexGen also indicated availability on 26 June 2024.
13 June 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the BRDN met for a Leadership meeting to continue discussions about the BRDN-NexGen Benefit Agreement and ongoing engagement.
20 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN Chief providing the draft agenda for the Implementation Committee meeting on 25 June 2024 for review and comments.
25 June 2024	Video conference	NexGen met with the BRDN for an Implementation Committee meeting and topics discussed included: ▪ review of the action items from the Implementation Committee meeting held on 19 April 2024; ▪ Letter of Confirmation on the Implementation Committee membership; ▪ Environmental Committee action items for the Implementation Committee, including procurement processes and legacy actions; ▪ community engagement, which includes the sponsorship of events, invoicing of previous community initiatives, and planning of a site tour for the Chief and Council; and ▪ updates on the drilling safety video and the Summer Student Program.
27 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN confirming that Voyage Air confirmed availability for a float plane on 22 August 2024 and requested for the BRDN to provide a passenger list for the interested site tour attendees. NexGen advised the plane could fit nine passengers.
28 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and requested for a high-resolution image to use for the BRDN flag at the Rook I site. NexGen attached a copy of the BRDN logo from the Benefit Agreement Annual Report and inquired if it would suffice.
3 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and requested for several proposed dates to discuss the remaining technical questions and answers from the CNSC as a follow up to the BRDN's 21 May 2024 email.
3 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and informed the EA team has been contacted to confirm availability to discuss the remaining technical questions and answers from the CNSC as well to prepare meeting materials. NexGen inquired if there were dates that would work best for the BRDN Chief and Council.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
8 July 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with representatives of the Woodland Caribou Working Group to discuss the draft Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan, with a specific focus on Indigenous Stewardship components of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan.
9 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN providing the draft minutes from the Implementation Committee meeting held on 25 June 2024 for review.
11 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BRDN Chief emailed NexGen and requested a list of summer students who would be employed at the site.
11 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN Chief and provided the list of BRDN summer students who would be employed at the site, as requested.
17 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN informing of the contract signed with Export and indicated the web-based system would be used to share career opportunities with the community. NexGen included a list of benefits that Export would provide to the BRDN and the next steps to implement the system.
18 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN an invitation to the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 24 July 2024. NexGen indicated that a presentation on the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan framework would be given and noted that community feedback on what the Indigenous Stewardship component of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan could look like would be asked. NexGen included a draft meeting agenda for review and requested for confirmation of attendance by 22 July 2024. NexGen advised that lunch and snacks would be provided and requested to be informed of any dietary restrictions. NexGen also included instructions on accessing the location of the meeting for in-person attendees.
18 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN and cancelled the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 24 July 2024 due to participant availability. NexGen noted the meeting would be rescheduled at a later date.
23 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and inquired if there was an update on dates to discuss the remaining technical questions and answers from the CNSC.
24 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN and provided 26 July 2024, 30 July 2024, or 2 August 2024 as proposed dates to schedule the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting. NexGen inquired if any of the dates would work and stated that participation would not be required if the community representatives attended the 8 July 2024 meeting.
25 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and informed the NexGen EA team was currently working on the comments and responses to the remaining technical questions and answers from the CNSC. NexGen indicated the draft presentation would be sent for review and would be ready to be presented during the week of 12 August 2024. NexGen proposed to add the presentation after the Environmental Committee meeting if that worked for the BRDN and inquired if the BRDN Chief and Council wanted to attend in-person in Saskatoon or virtual.
25 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed the presentation on the technical comments could be held the same day as the Environmental Committee meeting. The BRDN proposed for a one-hour Environmental Committee meeting, two hours for the presentation, and one hour of lunch and discussion.
26 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN a Microsoft Teams meeting invitation to the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 2 August 2024. NexGen indicated that a presentation on the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan framework would be given and noted that community feedback on what the Indigenous Stewardship component of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan could look like would be asked. NexGen included a draft agenda for review and requested for confirmation of attendance by 31 July 2024. NexGen advised that lunch and snacks would be provided and requested to be informed of any dietary restrictions.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
26 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and stated one hour for an Environmental Committee meeting as proposed in the BRDN's 25 July 2024 email may not be enough time. NexGen indicated an agenda still needed to be drafted which would include a review of the last meeting, review of action items, environmental monitoring program updates, and exploration program updates. NexGen informed the BRDN there was also a request to discuss the baseline conditions / baseline monitoring results for the Project and proposed to discuss the topic at the next Environmental Committee meeting or schedule a virtual ad-hoc meeting. NexGen indicated a copy of the baseline conditions slides was sent out in 2023 and suggested the presentation could be provided to the Environmental Committee members again in lieu of discussing the topic at the next meeting. NexGen acknowledged the information session on the technical comments was also important and stated things could be moved around to accommodate the BRDN Chief and Council's schedules.
29 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and inquired if it would work to host the information session on the technical comments from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and then the Environmental Committee meeting immediately after. NexGen advised the Environmental Committee meeting would consist of respective updates and not the baseline conditions presentation if BRDN was comfortable with moving the topic to the next Environmental Committee meeting. NexGen inquired if the BRDN was agreeable with the proposed approach and noted the meeting invites would be adjusted and sent out.
29 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and inquired if the proposed approach related to the information session on the technical comments and the Environmental Committee could be used as ‘plan B’. The BRDN inquired if the Environmental Committee meeting could be kept as is and hold the EA presentation on 15 August 2024.
29 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and indicated 15 August 2024 would not work for the EA presentation due to a schedule conflict. NexGen proposed to present in the afternoon of 13 August 2024 or 14 August 2024.
29 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed to proceed with NexGen's proposed earlier approach to host the information session on the technical comments and hold the Environmental Committee meeting immediately after.
29 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and acknowledged the BRDN's agreement to hold the Environmental Committee meeting immediately after hosting the information session on the technical comments. NexGen requested the BRDN to confirm who to send the Environmental Committee meeting invite to.
29 July 2024	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen and confirmed who the meeting invite for review of technical comments should be sent to. The BRDN requested for NexGen to send out a Teams link for the meeting.
29 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and expressed thanks for the confirmation on the BRDN representatives to send the Technical Comment meeting invite to.
30 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN a Teams meeting invite for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 14 August 2024. NexGen indicated a presentation related to 49 remaining federal technical comments on the NexGen EA and Draft EIS for the Project would be provided to the BRDN Chief and Council. NexGen informed that responses to the outstanding technical comments were submitted on 22 May 2024 and provided a link to additional information posted by the CNSC on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry.
1 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN and requested for confirmation of who was planning to attend the Woodland Caribou Working Group meeting scheduled on 2 August 2024 in-person as well as if there were any dietary restrictions. NexGen included the phone numbers for the in-person attendees to call upon arrival at the NexGen office.
1 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN regarding the implementation of Export Data and inquired if BNDN required assistance or if there were any questions as a follow up to NexGen's 17 July 2024 email.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
7 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided a copy of the presentation for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 14 August 2024 to discuss the 49 remaining federal technical comments / information requests related to NexGen's EA and Draft EIS for the Project.
13 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided the agenda and presentation for the Environmental Committee meeting scheduled on 14 August 2024. NexGen also reminded that lunch would be provided.
14 August 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen's EA team presented information to the BRDN Leadership regarding EA process updates, as well as presented a summary of the Federal-Indigenous Review Team requests grouped by themes of atmosphere, water, land, and people.
14 August 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BRDN for an Environmental Committee meeting; key topics included an update on the regulatory approvals for the Project, an overview of ongoing environmental monitoring programs, discussions on working in collaboration on federal licensing documents as well as end land use planning for the Project, and an overview of the 2024 exploration programs.
26 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Regional Training Working Group and provided the minutes and materials from the meeting held on 20 August 2024.
30 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN Rook I Woodland Caribou Working Group members and provided the completed version of the Project Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan, which has incorporated the feedback received from the BRDN Working Group surrounding Indigenous Stewardship. NexGen informed the Plan was currently not for public distribution and noted it could be shared with appropriate Environmental Committee or Working Group members. NexGen included a link to the Environmental Committee SharePoint where a copy would also be uploaded and requested for review comments to be submitted by 30 September 2024. NexGen stated a meeting would be planned for early October 2024 to review and discuss next steps.
6 September 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to summarize recently completed engagement activities and to share a summary of the upcoming and proposed engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the May 2024 newsletter.
18 September 2024	Email, incoming	The BRDN emailed NexGen in response to the engagement update letter for the Project emailed on 6 September 2024 and informed of a statement in the letter that needed to be corrected surrounding resolving BRDN environmental concerns and the Benefit Agreement.
19 September 2024	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the BRDN regarding the response received from the BRDN representative on 18 September 2024 regarding the Engagement Update Letter that NexGen provided on 6 September 2024. NexGen and the BRDN discussed the wording in the letter; NexGen provided additional context from discussions that had occurred with the BRDN Chief, and NexGen and the BRDN discussed alternative language that could be used to update the letter. NexGen noted they would provide a draft of the alternate language to the BRDN in an email following the call and that an updated letter could be sent out once that wording was agreed upon.
19 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BRDN and provided the draft wording for the engagement update letter for review and in response to the BRDN's 18 September 2024 email. NexGen requested for feedback and stated the current letter would be retracted and amended with the agreed upon statement.

BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ECCC = Environment and Climate Change Canada; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; JWG = Joint Working Group; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2; VC = valued component.

Table 2A-5: English River First Nation

Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
5 April 2016	In-person meeting	NexGen organized an information session to share information about the Project with the Chipewyan Prairie Industry Relations Corporation, the ERFN, the Métis Local 130 Métis Nation Region 1 #214, the Northern Settlement of Descharme Lake community council, and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations. NexGen introduced the Project and provided a summary of the work to date as well as an overview of the planned work to be completed in 2016. Community members raised concerns about the engagement and consultation processes to date. Additional discussions were focused on the safety of uranium mining, local employment and contracting, and traditional land use.
3 May 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
30 May 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called and left a message with reception to confirm if the notification letter had been received as registered mail confirmed delivery and signature.
5 September 2019	Update meetings with leadership	The CNSC hosted a meeting for Indigenous leaders from northern Saskatchewan to provide an overview of the role of the CNSC and updates on CNSC-regulated projects, including the Project.
14 July 2022	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the ERFN to advise that the Draft EIS for the Project has been posted on the CNSC's website and was available for the public review period and asked if there was an email address or contact information that the ERFN was willing to provide so that NexGen could share the link for the CNSC's website. The ERFN responded that they were a temporary receptionist and were unsure whose contact information to provide, and asked if NexGen could call back on 18 July 2022.
18 July 2022	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the ERFN as a follow up to the call made on 15 July 2022. NexGen informed the ERFN member that NexGen was calling to inquire if the ERFN would like to provide contact information so that NexGen could share an update about the Draft EIS submission. NexGen left a phone number for a different ERFN member to call back.
1 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ERFN advising that the ENV has completed its EA Technical Review for the Project and that NexGen has submitted the provincial Final EIS to the ENV. NexGen informed of the next steps under the provincial EA process and explained it was different from the federal EA public review process that occurred for the Draft EIS. NexGen stated they would be available to support ENV through the process if requested and would be happy to meet and discuss any questions regarding the provincial Final EIS or the provincial EA process with the ERFN. NexGen indicated the provincial Final EIS would be posted on the ENV's website for the commencement of the public review period and noted an updated link to the ENV website would be provided. NexGen updated the ERFN that they were in the final stages of completing responses to the federal technical and public review comments received on the Draft EIS through the federal EA review process with the CNSC and noted what the next steps would be. NexGen advised that they must also receive positive federal Licensing and provincial permitting decisions for the Project to be fully approved and for Construction to begin. NexGen invited the ERFN to reach out if there were any questions.
5 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ERFN and provided a link to the notification regarding the public review period for NexGen's provincial Final EIS that has been posted on the ENV website. NexGen also included the link to the ENV website where the EIS and supporting documentation could be downloaded.
1 February 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ERFN and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the ERFN to reach out if there were any questions.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ERFN and provided the results of the CNSC Federal-Indigenous Review Team review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen also included a link to the results on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project. NexGen informed the ERFN that the comments from the Federal-Indigenous Review Team technical review were being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments.

Table 2A-5: English River First Nation

Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
17 April 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ERFN and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project including any updates on the environmental assessment process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the ERFN to reach out if there were any questions.
6 September 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ERFN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to share regular updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of ongoing and proposed upcoming engagement activities.

ERFN = English River First Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment.

Table 2A-6: Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation

Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
3 May 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
31 May 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called and left a message with administration to confirm if the notification letter had been received as registered mail did not confirm delivery.
6 June 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called and left a message with administration to confirm if the notification letter was received as registered mail did not confirm delivery.
12 July 2019	Email, outgoing	NexGen sent an email to confirm receipt of both the 3 May 2019 notification letter and executive summary of the Project Description in Dene and English.
18 July 2019	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen to provide contact information for further correspondence.
26 July 2019	Letter, incoming	The ACFN sent NexGen a letter to provide comments on the Project through the CNSC public comment period.
14 August 2019	Letter, incoming	The ENV sent the ACFN a letter (copying NexGen) in response to a letter received on 26 July 2019 from the ACFN. The letter noted that commercial uses of resources, such as commercial trapping, are not subject to the province's Consultation Policy Framework. The province wished to determine if there is a duty to consult with the ACFN and expressed interest in knowing how the ACFN members are using the unoccupied land around the proposed Project for non-commercial activities. To that end, the following information was requested: ▪ locations within the Project area used by the community, both traditionally and currently, to hunt, fish, trap for food or carry out traditional uses; ▪ the presence of the ACFN traditional ceremonial or burial sites in the area that might be affected by the Project; and ▪ any other sites of cultural significance to the ACFN that the province should be made aware of.
20 August 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to the ACFN in response to the letter received by the ACFN on 26 July 2019. NexGen extended an invitation to meet and indicated that at this time NexGen is not prepared to offer capacity funding for the ACFN's review of the Project Description. It was also noted that while the ACFN has a member with a trapline located in the N-22 Fur Block, the Project is in the N-19 Fur Block and NexGen has been and continues to engage with trappers of the N-19 Fur Block regarding traplines in proximity to the Project. NexGen extended an invitation to schedule a meeting between NexGen and representatives of the ACFN and provided a direct contact if there were any questions or if they would like to discuss further.
3 December 2019	Letter, incoming	A letter was received from the ACFN Dene Lands and Resource Management for information to respond to the letter dated 14 August 2019 from the ENV. The ACFN requested shape files of the proposed Project for insertion into software called Community Knowledge Keeper to generate a map of the Project in relation to the ACFN traditional use data and cultural protection areas. The ACFN noted that it is highly likely that there are gaps in the existing data record and that future traditional use studies may be required to fully assess the effects of the Project to the ACFN's Treaty Rights. The ACFN noted that Community Knowledge Keeper is used by proponents to send the Dene Lands and Resource Management proposed project notifications, project updates, shape files, and proposed applications for review. It was noted that if NexGen wishes to engage with Dene Lands and Resource Management using Community Knowledge Keeper, it could be set up for a one-time fee. The ACFN Dene Lands and Resource Management also noted that there are costs associated with consultation and engagement meetings and that funding is required from proponents to review project information and applications they submit to regulators. Scope of work with the costs are available to review prior to meetings.

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24 December 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen responded to the letter dated 3 December 2019 from the ACFN to provide shapefiles for the area in the vicinity of the Project for the ACFN to respond to a letter sent by the ENV dated 14 August 2019. In addition, it was noted that publicly available information shows that the ACFN's traditional territory does not include the Project location; however, it was requested that NexGen is notified if there is additional information that indicates otherwise. In addition, NexGen again offered to meet with the ACFN.
9 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the EIS to the CNSC and the ENV. NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.
16 November 2021	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and introduced the new regulatory and industry coordinator and requested any necessary background information such as an earlier Project description and supporting maps. The ACFN noted that they would be using Community Knowledge Keeper to review consultation submissions and conduct preliminary screenings of anticipated effects to the ACFN land use sites and areas and requested that NexGen use this platform in their consultations with the ACFN.
1 December 2021	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and followed up on the Project information request sent on 16 November 2021.
24 January 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and advised that the requested information that was previously provided to the ACFN in 2019 was attached for review and to please contact NexGen if there were any questions.
24 January 2022	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and thanked them for providing the Project information requested.
14 March 2022	Voicemail, incoming	The ACFN left a voicemail for NexGen regarding a request for an update on the EIS submission.
14 March 2022	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the ACFN and provided an update that the EIS was planned to be submitted at the end of Q1 2022 in response to the ACFN's 14 March 2022 voicemail.
15 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and informed that the CNSC has completed its conformity review of NexGen's Draft EIS for the Project. NexGen advised that the CNSC would accept comments on the Draft EIS for the Project. NexGen advised that the CNSC would accept comments on the Draft EIS during a 90-day public comment period, which provides Indigenous nations and communities, members of the public, and government departments and agencies an opportunity to submit their views in writing to the CNSC on the information presented in the Draft EIS. NexGen indicated that the CNSC has requested that all written comments be submitted by 12 October 2022 and provided the website address where the CNSC public comment process for the Project could be found. NexGen noted they looked forward to continued engagement throughout the lifespan of the Project and invited the ACFN to contact NexGen if there were any questions.
27 October 2022	Email, incoming	The CNSC emailed NexGen and the ACFN regarding the ACFN's request for the NexGen engagement contact. The CNSC indicated that NexGen's Vice President – Community was copied on the email and was the engagement lead for the Project. The CNSC also inquired if the ACFN was planning to submit a funding application to cover consultation and engagement with the CNSC staff on the Project.
28 October 2022	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and provided a letter outlining the need for adequate consultation with the ACFN regarding the Project.
14 December 2022	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN, CNSC, and ENV providing a letter in response to the ACFN's letter sent on 28 October 2022. NexGen noted that they would be happy to meet to discuss the ACFN's letter further or any questions the ACFN may have on the Project.

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14 December 2022	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and confirmed that the ACFN would be happy to discuss NexGen's letter sent on 14 December 2022 and requested for a meeting invite to be sent out for the week of 16 January 2022.
14 December 2022	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the ACFN and left a message requesting for a return phone call to discuss working together to set up a time that would work best for a meeting in response to the ACFN's 14 December 2022 email.
15 December 2022	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen to follow up on the email sent on 14 December 2022 requesting for a meeting invite for the week of 16 January 2023.
15 December 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN in response to the ACFN's email requesting for a meeting invite for the week of 16 January 2023. NexGen advised that a voice mail was left for the ACFN on 14 December 2022 to discuss the planning of the meeting prior to sending out a meeting invitation.
15 December 2022	Email exchange	The ACFN emailed NexGen and requested for a meeting placeholder to be sent out as discussed on 15 December 2022. The ACFN informed NexGen that that they would send out a Zoom link and noted that 16 January 2023 or 17 January 2023 would work best. NexGen sent a meeting invite for 17 January 2023.
11 January 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen regarding the meeting scheduled for 17 January 2023 and advised that the meeting would need to be re-scheduled. The ACFN requested for NexGen to provide several dates of availability for consideration.
11 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and acknowledged that the meeting scheduled for 17 January 2023 would no longer work. NexGen indicated that alternate dates of availability would be provided to the ACFN.
17 January 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen to follow up on the 11 January 2023 NexGen email and inquired if a new proposed meeting date has been discussed.
17 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and provided a list of alternate dates for a meeting between 1 February 2023 and 3 February 2023. NexGen requested that the ACFN confirm which date would work.
17 January 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for providing a list of alternate meeting dates. The ACFN requested that a meeting be scheduled for 2 February 2023 at 10:00 am and noted that the ACFN would be waiting for NexGen's meeting invite.
2 February 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed ACFN to advise that the upcoming meeting to discuss the results of the EA would have to be postponed due to an unexpected incident requiring NexGen to be in the community on 2 February 2023. NexGen inquired if the ACFN could propose alternative dates during the week of 6 February 2023 or any subsequent available dates. NexGen thanked the ACFN for understanding and looked forward to meeting with the ACFN team.
2 February 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and acknowledged that the EA results meeting would have to be postponed. The ACFN informed NexGen that the week of 6 February 2023 would not work and proposed to meet on 13 February 2023, 14 February 2023, or 17 February 2023. The ACFN requested for NexGen to confirm which dates would work and looked forward to the discussion.
13 February 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and confirmed that the proposed meeting dates during the week of 13 February 2023 would not work. NexGen inquired if the ACFN would be available on 23 February 2023.
27 February 2023	Video conference	NexGen met with the ACFN to discuss engagement on the Project and the ACFN comment submission on the Draft EIS.
30 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and indicated that NexGen would like to set a date for the Project EA results review. NexGen inquired if the ACFN would be available on 12 April 2023 and requested for the ACFN to provide additional options if the proposed date does not work.

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30 March 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and advised they were not available on 12 April 2023 for the Project EA results review. The ACFN stated that they would be available on 11 April 2023, 13 April 2023, or 14 April 2023 and inquired if any of the proposed dates would work for NexGen.
30 March 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN a Teams meeting invite for the EA results presentation scheduled for 13 April 2023.
13 April 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen providing a draft process agreement for review and indicated that there might be time to discuss the agreement during the meeting scheduled for 13 April 2023.
13 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN to thank the ACFN for sending the draft process agreement. NexGen advised the agreement would be reviewed and stated there might not be time to complete a detailed review the agreement prior to the EA Results presentation scheduled on 13 April 2023. NexGen proposed to schedule a separate meeting to discuss once the proposed agreement has been fully reviewed by the NexGen team.
13 April 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and agreed with NexGen's proposal to schedule a separate meeting to discuss the draft process agreement once it has been fully reviewed by the NexGen team.
13 April 2023	Video conference	NexGen met with the ACFN and presented the results of the EA completed for the Project.
13 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN providing the PDF of the EA results presentation held on 13 April 2023. NexGen requested for the ACFN to forward the presentation to the ACFN team members who participated in the meeting.
8 May 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen requesting for an update on the draft process agreement and inquired if an initial meeting to review the proposed agreement could be arranged.
16 May 2023	Email, incoming	NexGen emailed the ACFN and indicated that they had been travelling over the past two weeks and that they would get back to the ACFN to provide an update on the draft process agreement in response to the ACFN's 8 May 2023 email.
23 May 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and requested for a status update on the proposed process agreement.
23 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and thanked them for providing the draft process agreement. NexGen proposed to work on an engagement agreement focusing more on the collaborative work being done with the ACFN in relation to specific non-Project exploration programs and the Project. NexGen indicated that a draft agreement specific to the ACFN would be created and sent for review.
23 May 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for the update on the draft engagement agreement. The ACFN advised they would wait for the draft agreement to review and inquired if NexGen had a timeline as to when the ACFN should receive the draft.
29 May 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen to follow up on the draft engagement agreement and inquired if NexGen had a timeline as to when the ACFN should receive the draft to review.
29 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and indicated they would attempt to provide the draft engagement agreement by 2 June 2023.
5 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and apologized for not providing the draft engagement agreement on 2 June 2023. NexGen informed the ACFN the draft agreement would be completed and provided on 6 June 2023.
5 June 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and thanked them for the status update of the draft engagement agreement.
6 June 2023	Email, incoming	NexGen emailed the ACFN and provided the draft engagement agreement for review.
3 July 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and advised they have reviewed the proposed engagement agreement. The ACFN indicated there were aspects of the document they were aligned with and informed NexGen there were two areas that would need to be discussed prior to moving forward. The ACFN requested for NexGen to consider these two items and advise the ACFN how they would like to proceed.
11 July 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and followed up on the 3 July 2023 email.

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11 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and advised that NexGen could call on 11 July 2023 or 12 July 2023 to discuss the draft engagement agreement. NexGen requested for the ACFN to confirm a date that would work.
11 July 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and confirmed preference for a Zoom call to discuss the draft engagement agreement. The ACFN stated they were available any time that would work for NexGen.
11 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and acknowledged the ACFN's availability for a call to discuss the draft engagement agreement. NexGen indicated a meeting invite for 12 July 2023 would be sent out.
12 July 2023	Video conference	NexGen met with the ACFN to discuss the draft engagement agreement and the two items raised by the ACFN raised.
31 July 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and followed up on the meeting held to discuss the draft engagement agreement. The ACFN stated that NexGen's counter to the draft agreement was expected and inquired if there was an anticipated date as to when the update would be communicated to the ACFN.
4 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and apologized for the delayed response, noting they had been travelling for the last few weeks, and stated that NexGen would be reaching out during the week of 7 August 2023 to review the draft engagement agreement in response to the ACFN's 31 July 2023 email.
14 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and stated that NexGen is in the process of updating the draft engagement agreement as a follow up to NexGen's 4 August 2023 email. NexGen informed that an overview would be provided on how NexGen could address the items the ACFN had raised on the wording of the draft engagement agreement that was tabled and how NexGen could incorporate changes intro the proposed agreement.
14 August 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and thanked them for the information on the overview that would be provided on how NexGen could address the ACFN's concerns with the draft engagement agreement. The ACFN looked forward to NexGen's response.
30 August 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and inquired if there was an update on the draft engagement agreement as a follow up to NexGen's 14 August 2023 email.
30 August 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN providing NexGen's proposal to address the ACFN's concerns on the draft engagement agreement and stated it could be drafted into the agreement by NexGen once the five principles that were related to what was discussed on 12 July 2023 had been agreed upon. NexGen indicated they would be happy to meet with the ACFN and walk through the draft engagement agreement, if needed.
1 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN advising that the ENV has completed its EA Technical Review for the Project and that NexGen has submitted the provincial Final EIS to the ENV. NexGen informed of the next steps under the provincial EA process and noted it was different from the federal EA public review process that occurred for the Draft EIS. NexGen stated they would be available to support ENV through the process if requested and would be happy to meet and discuss any questions regarding the provincial Final EIS or the provincial EA process with the ACFN. NexGen indicated the provincial Final EIS would be posted on the ENV's website for the commencement of the public review period and noted an updated link to the ENV website would be provided. NexGen updated the ACFN that they were in the final stages of completing responses to the federal technical and public review comments received on the Draft EIS through the federal EA review process with the CNSC and noted what the next steps would be. NexGen expressed they looked forward to scheduling a time to discuss the ACFN comments provided as part of the federal public review process. NexGen advised that they must also receive positive federal Licensing and provincial permitting decisions for the Project to be fully approved and for Construction to begin. NexGen invited the ACFN to reach out if there were any questions.
5 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and provided a link to the notification regarding the public review period for NexGen's provincial Final EIS that has been posted on the ENV website. NexGen also included the link to the ENV website where the EIS and supporting documentation could be downloaded.

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20 September 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN copied NexGen in an email to the ENV providing the fast-track grant application for public review of the provincial EIS for the proposed Project.
20 September 2023	Email, incoming	The ENV emailed the ACFN and NexGen providing the consultation letter to the ACFN and stated that the ENV Environmental Assessment and Stewardship Branch was requesting the ACFN's participation in the provincial consultation process for the environmental impact assessment of the Project. The ENV also attached information on how to apply for a Fast Track Grant for reference.
21 September 2023	Email, incoming	The ACFN copied NexGen in an email to the ENV inquiring if the ACFN could provide partial review of the provincial EIS for the proposed Project on 3 October 2023 and send additional comments on 8 October 2023.
22 September 2023	Email, incoming	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the ACFN and confirmed that the ACFN could provide partial comments on the impacts to the ACFN Treaty Rights on 3 October 2023 and send additional comments on 8 October 2023.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the ACFN providing a letter informing that the Minister of Environment has given NexGen approval to proceed with the proposed Project. The ENV also attached the Decision and Reasons for Decision for reference and stated that a hard copy would be mailed to the ACFN.
22 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN to follow up on the proposal to address the ACFN's concerns on the draft Engagement Agreement emailed on 30 August 2023.
19 December 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN to follow up on the proposal to address the ACFN's concerns on the draft Engagement Agreement and indicated that NexGen also wanted to focus on the issues and concerns the ACFN have noted on the Project. NexGen invited the ACFN to reach out to arrange a meeting to discuss.
23 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN to follow up on the NexGen email dated 19 December 2023 and inquired if the ACFN would be available to discuss the issues and concerns the ACFN have noted on the Project.
1 February 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the ACFN to reach out if there were any questions.
21 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN as a follow-up on the NexGen email dated 23 January 2024 and invited the ACFN to reach out if there was interest or availability to discuss the issues and concerns the ACFN have noted on the Project.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and provided the results of the CNSC Federal-Indigenous Review Team review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen also included a link to the results on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project. NexGen informed the ACFN that the comments from the Federal-Indigenous Review Team technical review were being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments.
17 April 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project including any updates on the environmental assessment process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the ACFN to reach out if there were any questions.
18 June 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and provided a letter containing the summary table of the ACFN issues and concerns identified as part of the federal EA for the Project. NexGen provided additional information in the letter outlining the successful approach that NexGen has developed to work with Indigenous Nations that are engaged on the Project. NexGen proposed that the next steps are for the ACFN to review the attached table and suggested a meeting with the ACFN during the week of 2 July 2024 to discuss further.
18 June 2024	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and requested a meeting invite for 3 July 2024 or 4 July 2024 be sent out to discuss the letter sent by NexGen on 18 June 2024 regarding the ACFN issues and concerns table.

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19 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN a meeting invite for an in-person meeting on 3 July 2024 to discuss and workshop any required changes to the issues and concerns table. NexGen noted a Microsoft Teams link has been included for the ACFN representatives who would need to join the meeting virtually.
24 June 2024	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen providing the list of attendees and associated travel costs with the 3 July 2024 meeting to discuss and workshop any required changes to the issues and concerns table. The ACFN requested for NexGen to confirm that the ACFN travel expenses would be reimbursed.
24 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and agreed with the travel expenses associated with attending the 3 July 2024 meeting to discuss and workshop any required changes to the issues and concerns table. NexGen requested for the ACFN to proceed to book travel and send the applicable invoices to NexGen.
3 July 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the ACFN to discuss the proposed process for issues and concerns validation and workshop changes that are to be reflected in a final version of the table for inclusion in the final EIS.
15 July 2024	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen expressing thanks for the meeting held on 3 July 2024 in Saskatoon and stated that the ACFN has gained a better understanding of NexGen. The ACFN attached the initial email with the formal request for a response to the ACFN's review comments submitted in 2022 as a follow up to the meeting and indicated that the ACFN looked forward to discussing NexGen's responses to the ACFN during the in-person meeting planned for 8 August 2024 in Fort McMurray. The ACFN also provided the cost recovery invoice for the meeting held on 3 July 2024.
25 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN confirming availability for the in-person meeting on 8 August 2024 in Fort McMurray and inquired if the meeting date and time still worked for the ACFN. NexGen also provided an update on the ACFN invoice received for the 3 July 2024 meeting.
30 July 2024	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and confirmed for the 8 August 2024 meeting in Fort McMurray in response to NexGen's 25 July 2024 email. The ACFN looked forward to discussing the review with NexGen.
31 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and expressed thanks for confirming the 8 August 2024 meeting in Fort McMurray.
2 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and provided the materials for the 8 August 2024 meeting. NexGen informed the ACFN comments submitted as part of the federal EA public review process and NexGen's responses were in a table format and noted there were no changes made to the summary table of issues and concerns since the last meeting. NexGen expressed looking forward to the meeting and listed the team members who would be attending.
7 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN regarding the 8 August 2024 meeting in Fort McMurray and informed that the NexGen Manager, EIS Delivery's flight to Fort McMurray was cancelled. NexGen indicated there were no other available flights and inquired if a Microsoft Teams meeting link could be shared for the NexGen Manager, EIS Delivery to use to join virtually. NexGen also noted that the flights for the rest of the NexGen team were unchanged.
7 August 2024	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and confirmed a Zoom invite could be sent to the NexGen Manager, EIS Delivery to join the 8 August 2024 meeting virtually.
7 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and expressed thanks for offering to send a Zoom invite to the NexGen Manager, EIS Delivery to join the 8 August 2024 meeting virtually.
8 August 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the ACFN to provide and discuss NexGen's responses to the ACFN comments submitted as part of the public review for the federal EA process and to discuss the next steps for the ACFN's review of NexGen's responses and for the issues and concerns validation.

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8 August 2024	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and requested for the Microsoft Word version of the NexGen responses to the ACFN comments on the Draft EIS submitted as part of the federal EA review process. The ACFN also listed several follow-up items related to the scope of work, potential dates for the next meeting, introduction to the NexGen Caribou Team, and future discussions on community-based monitoring and community engagement opportunities.
9 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and expressed thanks for the ACFN hosted meeting held on 8 August 2024. NexGen provided the Word version of NexGen's responses to the ACFN comments on the Draft EIS for the Project for review and inquired if there were any additional concerns from the ACFN comment and NexGen response table that would need to be captured. NexGen also listed the two actions from the meeting surrounding providing a copy of the ACFN submission on the Project Description and the topic of monitoring plans to be included in future discussions.
26 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and provided the status of the action items from the meeting held on 8 August 2024. NexGen attached a copy of the ACFN submission on the Project Description for the Project and shared a link to the baseline reports submitted as part of the EIS for the Project. NexGen proposed to set up a SharePoint site for NexGen and the ACFN to upload large attachments and inquired if the ACFN would be agreeable. NexGen listed the ACFN action items from the meeting and inquired if there were any updates or if there were any additional information required to prepare the scope of work.
4 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and requested for confirmation of receipt of NexGen's email dated 26 August 2024 providing the baseline reports. NexGen inquired if the ACFN was able to access the reports using the link that was provided or if it would be preferred to use a SharePoint site. NexGen also inquired if there was an estimated date to receive the scope of work to complete a technical review of NexGen's responses to the ACFN comments submitted as part of the federal EA public review process of the Draft EIS and if there was any feedback on next steps for the issues and concerns table review.
6 September 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of ongoing and proposed upcoming engagement activities.
9 September 2024	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and requested for a SharePoint site to access the baseline reports. The ACFN informed NexGen that a compiled scope of work for the technical review of NexGen's responses to the ACFN comments submitted as part of the federal EA public review process of the Draft EIS would be provided once all quotes have been received.
9 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN and informed them that a SharePoint site to access the baseline reports would be set up with a link that would be provided to the ACFN in a few weeks. NexGen thanked the ACFN for working on preparing the scope of work and looked forward to receiving it during the week of 9 September 2024.
18 September 2024	Email, incoming	The ACFN emailed NexGen and confirmed the cost estimate to complete a technical review of NexGen's responses to the ACFN comments submitted as part of the federal EA public review process of the Draft EIS.
19 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the ACFN acknowledging the cost estimate to complete a technical review of NexGen's responses to the ACFN comments submitted as part of the federal EA public review process of the Draft EIS and confirmed that NexGen would cover the costs. NexGen requested for the ACFN to provide an invoice and expressed looking forward to ongoing engagement and relationship building with the ACFN.

ACFN = Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment.

Table 2A-7: Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resource

Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
18 March 2019	Letter, incoming	The YNLR advised NexGen that the YNLR Office will be the sole point of contact for the BLDFN, FLDFN, Hatchet Lake Denesųłiné First Nation, Stony Rapids, Wollaston Lake, Camsell Portage, and Uranium City in relation to all new and ongoing mining, milling, exploration, forestry, road building, and other industrial and non-industrial developments and activities for which a federal or provincial licensing permit, regulatory process, EA, or other approval is required. The YNLR directed NexGen to communicate solely with the YNLR Office in all related matters and provided contact information.
3 May 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
30 May 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the YNLR to confirm that the YNLR had received the notification letter dated 3 May 2019. The YNLR also confirmed that the BLDFN received a letter (registered mail also confirmed delivery).
4 July 2019	In-person meeting	An introductory meeting was held with the YNLR to discuss the scope of the Project and the work completed to date. Additionally, the background of the YNLR was discussed.
5 September 2019	Update meetings with leadership	The CNSC hosted a meeting for Indigenous leaders from northern Saskatchewan to provide an overview of the role of the CNSC and updates on CNSC regulated projects, including the Project.
13 September 2019	Voicemail, incoming	NexGen received a voicemail message from the YNLR requesting if NexGen is available to present to the Athabasca Groups represented by the YNLR. A meeting was subsequently scheduled for 3 October 2019.
3 October 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the YNLR, FLDFN, and BLDFN to present an update on the Project and an overview of the Project Description, including: ▪ regulatory framework; ▪ Project information; ▪ existing environment; ▪ environmental interactions; and ▪ engagement.
15 April 2020	Video conference	NexGen met with the YNLR to discuss the EA process and submission of the EIS. NexGen also informed the YNLR that no drilling activities were planned during 2020. NexGen and the YNLR discussed engagement opportunities and traditional land use and agreed to have a follow-up conversation later to discuss more details.
28 April 2020	Video conference	NexGen and the YNLR met to discuss the traditional territory of the Athabasca Dene communities and the traditional land use in relation to the Project. The YNLR proposed supplementing the YNLR traditional land use database in the context of the Project to further evaluate potential effects from the Project. The YNLR stated they will prepare and share a proposal summary with NexGen.
21 May 2020	Letter, incoming	The YNLR proposed a Study Agreement with NexGen regarding the Project to complete an IKTLU Study.
5 June 2020	Letter, outgoing	NexGen responded to the letter from the YNLR dated 21 May 2020. NexGen stated that they had reviewed the proposal for the YNLR to complete an IKTLU Study. NexGen expressed their support for the Study subject to confirming the final scope, schedule, and budget.
10 August 2020	Email exchange	NexGen and the YNLR signed and executed a Study Funding Agreement in which the YNLR will undertake an IKTLU Study in relation to the Project on behalf of the Athabasca Denesųłiné First Nations.
4 December 2020	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and provided the YNLR's interim report submission regarding the Study Funding Agreement and the Provision of Athabasca Denesųłiné IKTLU Study for the Project. The YNLR noted that significant delays had been encountered due to COVID-19 cases and restrictions within communities. The YNLR stated they anticipate additional insights to be captured as the COVID-19 situation evolved and the YNLR was able to complete the work.
4 December 2020	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR to confirm receipt of the interim IKTLU Study and stated NexGen would begin reviewing the Study.

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14 January 2021	Email, incoming	Following an e-mail exchange, the YNLR emailed NexGen and provided responses to NexGen's questions about the IKTLU Study and provided a higher resolution figure for the IKTLU Study. The YNLR informed NexGen that all YNLR communities were under lockdown again due to COVID-19 and that this has prevented the YNLR from conducting additional interviews.
6 April 2021	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and advised that they anticipated interviews would be completed by end of April 2021 for the IKTLU Study.
4 May 2021	Email, incoming	Following an exchange of emails, the YNLR Office emailed NexGen and advised that the IKTLU Study was still being worked on and that an update would be provided in mid-May 2021.
8 October 2021	Video conference	NexGen met with the YNLR and the FLDFN to discuss the YNLR's IKTLU Study and how the information from the IKTLU Study will be used in NexGen's EIS as well as the options for submitting the IKTLU Study to the regulators.
4 November 2021	Email, incoming	The YNLR Office emailed NexGen and proposed a leadership meeting on 10 December 2021.
8 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR Office to confirm that the proposed leadership meeting on 10 December 2021 would work well and requested a time for the meeting.
9 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR Office and provided an update on NexGen's submission of the Project EIS to the CNSC and the ENV. NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.
17 December 2021	Email exchange	As follow up to a series of exchanged emails, NexGen emailed the YNLR to ask if the previously planned leadership meeting for 10 December 2021 had been rescheduled for a time in 2022. The YNLR emailed NexGen and inquired if 27 January or 28 January 2022 would work for NexGen as a replacement date for the previously cancelled 10 December 2021 engagement and leadership meeting.
19 January 2022	Video conference	NexGen met with the YNLR to discuss planning for an upcoming Leadership meeting on 27 January 2022.
27 January 2022	Video conference	NexGen met with the YNLR, FLDFN, and BLDFN to provide an update presentation to Leadership. Presentation topics included: ▪ overview of the company; ▪ overview of the Project; ▪ Project status update; and ▪ EA update. Following the presentation, discussion focused on the underground tailings management facility and mine plans, engagement opportunities, business and contracting opportunities related to the Project, and a potential site tour/visit to the Rook I site. NexGen and the YNLR agreed to meet soon to follow up on the action items and to discuss a potential engagement agreement between the YNLR and NexGen.
2 February 2022	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and requested a meeting to discuss community engagement opportunities including potential dates and logistics, and potential agreements. The YNLR provided potential dates and times that would work for a meeting. The YNLR also noted that an update would be provided regarding how the YNLR would like the IKTLU Study communicated in the EIS.
11 February 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen and the YNLR met to review and discuss the action items from the leadership meeting and presentation on 27 January 2022, including: ▪ How the YNLR would like the IKTLU Study submitted to the regulators as part of the EIS submission. The YNLR indicated that a letter would be provided to NexGen to indicate the full report could be submitted. ▪ The local priority area and regional priority area for the Project and the engagement opportunities that the YNLR communities would like to have. ▪ An Exploration or Engagement Agreement between the YNLR and NexGen. NexGen stated that an Engagement Agreement would be more suitable. The YNLR will provide a draft Engagement Agreement to NexGen in the coming weeks. ▪ Engagement opportunities in the communities that include community information sessions / open houses in the FLDFN and BLDFN, site visits/tours to the Rook I site, and community newsletters.

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15 March 2022	Letter, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and provided a letter regarding the inclusion of the 'Athabasca Denesųłiné Traditional Knowledge, Land Use, and Occupancy Information for the Project Environmental Assessment' Study into the EIS.
15 March 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR regarding the letter to include the 'Athabasca Denesųłiné Traditional Knowledge, Land Use, and Occupancy Information for the Project Environmental Assessment' Study into the EIS. NexGen acknowledged receipt of the letter and noted they would reach out to the YNLR after the letter has been reviewed.
7 April 2022	Video conference	NexGen met with the YNLR to discuss the letter received from the YNLR on 15 March 2022. NexGen and the YNLR discussed how the YNLR's 'Athabasca Denesųłiné Traditional Knowledge, Land Use, and Occupancy Information for the Project Environmental Assessment' Study will be shared with the regulators as part of the Draft EIS submission and how information from the study is incorporated and included in the Draft EIS.
12 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and inquired if 14 April 2022 would work to meet and discuss the YNLR IKTLU Study. NexGen requested for confirmation if an in-person meeting at the NexGen or the YNLR would be preferred.
12 April 2022	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and confirmed that the proposed meeting time on 14 April 2022 would work and that a virtual meeting would work.
14 April 2022	Video conference	NexGen met with the YNLR to discuss the Draft EIS and the inclusion of and reference to information from the YNLR December 2020 'Athabasca Denesųłiné Traditional Knowledge, Land Use, and Occupancy Information for the Project Environmental Assessment' Study. During the meeting, NexGen shared examples of references in the Draft EIS to discuss with the YNLR. NexGen committed to providing additional examples from the 'social sections' of the Draft EIS, and the YNLR committed to reviewing the language in Section 3.2.1 of the Draft EIS to provide edits to NexGen for inclusion in the Draft EIS.
14 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR regarding the meeting held on 14 April 2022 and thanked the YNLR for providing feedback on the examples of how information from the 'Athabasca Denesųłiné Traditional Knowledge, Land Use, and Occupancy Information for the Project Environmental Assessment' Study has been incorporated into NexGen's Draft EIS. NexGen attached a Word document containing the excerpt from Section 3 (Indigenous and Local Knowledge) of the Draft EIS that was discussed during the meeting for review and comments.
20 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and inquired if any edits were required to the Section 3 excerpt that had been previously provided on 14 April 2022 or if the YNLR required anything additional from NexGen to proceed with the request.
21 April 2022	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and provided an edited copy of the Section 3 text as an attachment and thanked NexGen for the opportunity to complete revisions prior to the Draft EIS being submitted to the CNSC. The YNLR also advised that the 'Athabasca Denesųłiné Traditional Knowledge, Land Use, and Occupancy Information for the Project Environmental Assessment' Study would include some figure updates and that the updated copy of the report would be sent to NexGen in the coming days.
21 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR acknowledging receipt of the edits to the Section 3 text and the update regarding the 'Athabasca Denesųłiné Traditional Knowledge, Land Use, and Occupancy Information for the Project Environmental Assessment' Study.
26 April 2022	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and advised of the attached revised 'Athabasca Denesųłiné Traditional Knowledge, Land Use, and Occupancy Information for the Project Environmental Assessment' Study, and requested the report be included within the EIS for review by regulators and public.
26 April 2022	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen regarding NexGen's interest in the Spring 2022 Newsletter. The YNLR informed NexGen of the cost for a full-page as well as a half-page entry and advised that the content would need to be submitted by 13 May 2022.

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28 April 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and advised of the attached document providing further examples of how the 'Athabasca Denesųłiné Traditional Knowledge, Land Use, and Occupancy Information for the Project Environmental Assessment' Study has been incorporated into NexGen's Draft EIS. The examples provided were from the 'people/social' sections of the Draft EIS.
2 May 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR, the CNSC, and the ENV, providing introductions for the three parties so that they could connect on the next steps for sharing the YNLR IKTLU Study for the Project. NexGen asked that the YNLR connect with the CNSC and the ENV to confirm and discuss the submission details regarding sharing the YNLR IKTLU Study as a public document as part of the Draft EIS submission.
16 May 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and advised of an attached submission for the Spring 2022 edition of the YNLR newsletter.
15 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and informed that the CNSC has completed the conformity review of the Draft EIS for the Project. NexGen advised that the CNSC would accept comments on the Draft EIS during a 90-day public comment period, which provides Indigenous Nations and Communities, members of the public, and government departments and agencies an opportunity to submit their views in writing to the CNSC on the information presented in the Draft EIS. NexGen advised that the CNSC has requested that all written comments be submitted by 12 October 2022 and provided the website address where the CNSC public comment process for the Project could be found. NexGen expressed thanks to the YNLR leadership and community members for the collaborative approach that contributed to the development of the Draft EIS and noted that NexGen looked forward to continued engagement throughout the lifespan of the Project.
19 August 2022	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen requesting shape files to support the Draft EIS analysis and indicated that the YNLR Environmental Specialist would follow up with additional details.
19 August 2022	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen to confirm the request for the shapefiles to assist with the YNLR analysis of the Draft EIS. The YNLR requested the shapefiles for the Indigenous and Other Land and Resource Use local and regional study areas.
19 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and advised that the request for shapefiles has been directed to the NexGen EA team and that NexGen would reply back as soon as possible.
29 August 2022	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen inquiring if there was a status update regarding the YNLR's request for shapefiles pertaining to the Draft EIS.
29 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and attached a zipped file containing the Indigenous Land and Resource Use and Other Land and Resource Use shapefiles used in the Draft EIS. NexGen thanked the YNLR for reaching out with this request and encouraged the YNLR to continue to reach out with any additional requests or questions.
29 August 2022	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for providing the zipped file containing shapefiles used in the Draft EIS.
6 April 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR providing the finalized Engagement Agreement for counter signature and indicated that they were excited to formalize this process moving forward with the YNLR. NexGen requested an executed copy of the Engagement Agreement and stated that a meeting could be arranged in the coming weeks.
17 May 2023	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen providing the fully executed YNLR-NexGen Engagement Agreement. The YNLR stated they would reach out to NexGen soon to discuss an initial kick-off meeting in Saskatoon on 6 June 2023 or 8 June 2023 and looked forward to reviewing the draft press release regarding the agreement.
17 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and thanked them for sending the fully executed Engagement Agreement. NexGen stated they were excited to continue engaging with the YNLR communities and creating opportunities through the projects that NexGen was working on with the YNLR. NexGen indicated the draft press release would be sent to the YNLR once it has been reviewed and noted that 6 June 2023 or 8 June 2023 would work to schedule the initial kick off meeting. NexGen noted that they would be in touch to confirm a meeting time that would work best for the YNLR.

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1 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR regarding the upcoming JWG meeting on 8 June 2023 and provided the draft meeting presentation for review and comments. NexGen stated that updates on the EA/regulatory process, the 2023 winter and summer field programs being conducted by NexGen, and the Engagement Agreement were all included in the presentation. NexGen offered to adjust or remove the Agreement slides if the YNLR preferred to lead on the section and have YNLR-based slides. NexGen invited the YNLR to reach out if there was anything urgent.
1 June 2023	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen regarding the draft meeting presentation for the upcoming JWG meeting on 8 June 2023 and provided comments and edits to the presentation for consideration. The YNLR invited NexGen to reach out if further discussion was required and expressed that the YNLR looked forward to the meeting.
5 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR regarding the upcoming JWG meeting scheduled on 8 June 2023 and provided the draft meeting presentation with the YNLR's comments incorporated. NexGen invited the YNLR to reach out if there were any other comments or questions and expressed that they looked forward to the meeting.
7 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and provided the Saskatoon office-based job postings for Environmental Summer Student and Accounts Payable Summer Student. NexGen requested that the YNLR forward the postings to interested community members in Saskatoon who meet the education / experience requirements and included the application procedure.
8 June 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen and the YNLR met for a JWG kick off meeting. A high-level Project update and exploration program update was shared by NexGen, followed by a joint presentation of and discussion about the YNLR-NexGen Engagement Agreement.
12 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and thanked them for the JWG meeting held on 8 June 2023. NexGen provided responses to the YNLR questions regarding the Project EIS as a follow up to an action item from the JWG meeting. NexGen confirmed that a copy of the provincial Final EIS submission would be shared with the YNLR as soon as it had completed conformity review checks from the ENV. NexGen also informed the YNLR that there was no exact date for submission of the responses to the federal technical and public review comments to the CNSC and noted that NexGen was targeting having the submission to the CNSC completed in Q3 2023. NexGen explained that once the federal technical comment responses have been submitted, the CNSC would complete a 30-day conformance check, which would be followed by a 60-day technical review period. NexGen indicated the responses to the federal public comments would be submitted in parallel with the federal Final EIS and advised that there was no planned submission date yet. NexGen noted that a confirmation from the CNSC that the technical review comments have been resolved was required before the federal Final EIS could be submitted. NexGen indicated that a focused JWG meeting could be arranged if there were any public review comments submitted by the YNLR that required discussion and requested for the YNLR to confirm if the information provided addressed the questions from the JWG meeting.
25 July 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and advised that NexGen was working on completing the minutes from the JWG meeting held on 8 June 2023. NexGen requested for confirmation of the YNLR JWG members' full names, titles, and communities.

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1 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR advising that the ENV has completed its EA Technical Review for the Project and that NexGen has submitted the provincial Final EIS to the ENV. NexGen informed of the next steps under the provincial EA process and noted it was different from the federal EA public review process that occurred for the Draft EIS. NexGen stated they would be available to support ENV through the process if requested and would be happy to meet and discuss any questions regarding the provincial Final EIS or the provincial EA process with the YNLR. NexGen indicated the provincial Final EIS would be posted on the ENV's website for the commencement of the public review period and noted an updated link to the ENV website would be provided. NexGen also stated that a copy of the provincial Final EIS would be delivered to the YNLR on a USB drive on 1 September 2023 and listed the files included. NexGen updated the YNLR that they were in the final stages of completing responses to the federal technical and public review comments received on the Draft EIS through the federal EA review process with the CNSC and noted what the next steps would be. NexGen expressed they looked forward to scheduling a time to discuss the YNLR comments provided as part of the federal public review process. NexGen advised that they must also receive positive federal Licensing and provincial permitting decisions for the Project to be fully approved and for Construction to begin. NexGen invited the YNLR to reach out if there were any questions.
1 September 2023	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the YNLR to confirm receipt of the emails sent on 1 September 2023 regarding the provincial Final EIS and to see if there were any questions. NexGen confirmed that a copy of the provincial Final EIS and supporting documents would be provided on a USB drive to the YNLR. The YNLR confirmed the emails had been received and noted that the provincial Final EIS would be reviewed along with the YNLR JWG meeting minutes. NexGen indicated that the YNLR could reach out anytime if there were any questions.
1 September 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen dropped off a USB drive consisting of a copy of NexGen's provincial Final EIS and supporting documentation for the YNLR. NexGen left the USB drive with the YNLR's front reception.
5 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and provided a link to the notification regarding the public review period for NexGen's provincial Final EIS that has been posted on the ENV website. NexGen also included the link to the ENV website where the EIS and supporting documentation could be downloaded.
1 November 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen and the YNLR met to plan and discuss logistics for the upcoming YNLR JWG Rook I site tour planned on 20 November 2023.
20 November 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen and the YNLR JWG travelled to the Rook I site on 20 November 2023 and stayed overnight. On 21 November 2023, the JWG members toured the Rook I site, which included a tour of a drill site and the core processing facilities.
25 January 2024	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and followed up on the status of NexGen's responses to YNLR's comments on the EIS.
31 January 2024	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and requested a phone call to discuss NexGen's response to YNLR comments.
31 January 2024	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the YNLR following the email received from the YNLR earlier that day. NexGen stated they would like to meet with the YNLR to discuss the YNLR's issues and concerns relating to the Project and that a presentation was being prepared. NexGen and the YNLR agreed that NexGen would share the presentation with the YNLR for the YNLR to review prior to the meeting.
1 February 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the YNLR to reach out if there were any questions.
2 February 2024	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen expressing thanks for the engagement update letter emailed on 1 February 2024 and stated it would be reviewed.

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8 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR providing the presentation material created to define how NexGen was working on validating issues and concerns. NexGen advised that the EA team would like to review the presentation with the YNLR during the week of 12 February 2024 and expressed interest in arranging a subsequent meeting to go over the issues and concerns validation. NexGen proposed to meet on 12 or 14 February 2024 and inquired if the dates would work for the YNLR.
8 February 2024	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for providing the presentation material created to define how NexGen was working on validating issues and concerns. The YNLR requested for NexGen to send out a meeting invite for 12 February 2024 to review the presentation and listed the YNLR staff who would be attending.
8 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR a calendar meeting invite for 12 February 2024 to review the process for validating issues and concerns as it relates to the Project. NexGen provided the meeting location and included a Microsoft Teams meeting link for the attendees attending virtually.
12 February 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the YNLR to discuss updates on the regulatory process for the Project, including a collaborative process for discussing and validating the YNLR's issues and concerns on the Project.
15 February 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and expressed thanks for the meeting held on 12 February 2024 to discuss and confirm the path forward for the issues and concerns process. NexGen attached the issues and concerns table with the consolidated issues and concerns identified by the YNLR and NexGen's responses for review. NexGen indicated a meeting invite for 4 March 2024 would be sent out to discuss any comments the YNLR may have on the issues and concerns table and next steps. NexGen inquired if the proposed date would work or if the YNLR required additional time to complete the review.
4 March 2024	Video conference	NexGen and the YNLR met to discuss the YNLR's issues and concerns on the Project. The YNLR noted they were encouraged by the issues and concerns table and the level of detail provided. The YNLR noted their preference was to focus on some key topics of consultation, woodland caribou conservation, and monitoring (with a particular focus on aquatic monitoring). The YNLR also noted their interest in joint efforts on development of management plans, monitoring programs, and collaboration opportunities, which NexGen agreed to discuss further at a subsequent meeting. The YNLR noted they would meet internally and then provide comments on the issues and concerns table back to NexGen.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and provided the results of the CNSC Federal-Indigenous Review Team review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen also included a link to the results on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project. NexGen informed the YNLR that the comments from the Federal-Indigenous Review Team technical review were being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments.
6 March 2024	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for the update on the results of the CNSC Federal-Indigenous Review Team review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project.
7 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and thanked the YNLR for the meeting held on 4 March 2024. NexGen inquired if there were any review comments on the YNLR issues and conerns table that could be shared and invited the YNLR to reach out if there were any questions needing a response in advance.
13 March 2024	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and provided the comments on the YNLR issues and concerns table for review in response to NexGen's 7 March 2024 email. The YNLR stated the comments were at a strategic level and confirms the engagement with NexGen has been positive, and emphasized the YNLR's desire to collaborate. The YNLR also confirmed availability for a discussion on a timeline for future input to NexGen at the technical level.
13 March 2024	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen regarding the joint position to address changes to land management policy in northern Saskatchewan that was discussed during the meeting held on 4 March 2024. The YNLR inquired if NexGen received further direction and if NexGen was in the position to discuss a further scoping meeting for concept development.

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14 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and confirmed that NexGen could hold a discussion on the land management process in northern Saskatchewan. NexGen stated the discussion could be coordinated through the NexGen Manager, Engagement and included as part of the follow-up discussion to the meeting held on 4 March 2024.
14 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR acknowledging the YNLR comments on the issues and concerns table. NexGen advised the comments were being reviewed and revisions to the table would be made which would be shared with the YNLR for review. NexGen also indicated that the YNLR would be contacted to discuss the plan for subsequent discussions on the YNLR areas of interest including the land management process in northern Saskatchewan.
20 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR providing the updated issues and concerns table for review. NexGen stated the revisions were highlighted and noted the responses to the YNLR comments were included. NexGen inquired if the YNLR was available during the week of 25 March 2024 to discuss a plan for subsequent discussions around the topics that the YNLR has specified and to confirm processes under the Engagement Agreement. NexGen indicated that the next steps surrounding the issues and concerns table could also be discussed in the proposed meeting.
27 March 2024	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the YNLR to follow up on the revised issues and concerns table sent to the YNLR during the week of 18 March 2024. The YNLR informed NexGen the revised table would be reviewed soon. NexGen proposed to arrange a meeting to confirm areas of interest and topics for future discussion and discuss the process under the Engagement Agreement. The YNLR provided the topics of interest identified and stated that an email would be sent to NexGen outlining the topics in more detail. The YNLR also stated that a summary regarding industry proponents and Indigenous Groups working together to streamline requirements under regulatory processes would be provided to NexGen. NexGen and the YNLR agreed that next steps would be to arrange scoping and technical engagement meetings.
28 March 2024	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and requested to postpone the proposed meeting during the week of 1 April 2024. The YNLR stated NexGen's Vice President, Community would be contacted, and additional information would be provided.
28 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and acknowledged the YNLR's request to postpone the meeting during the week 1 April 2024 and noted that the NexGen Vice President, Community was informed that the YNLR would be reaching out.
9 April 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the YNLR regarding opportunities through the engagement agreement to look at adding support and a formal process to help the YNLR develop their internal Economic Development side through business opportunities.
17 April 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project including any updates on the environmental assessment process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the YNLR to reach out if there were any questions.
17 April 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and provided an updated engagement letter for review.
7 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and followed up on the review status of the revised issues and concerns table. NexGen informed that additional meetings would be scheduled after the issues and concerns table was finalized and inquired if the YNLR would like to begin scheduling the meetings.
7 May 2024	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and informed that the revised issues and concerns table would be reviewed after 16 May 2024 due to a significant part of the YNLR resources currently involved in other time-sensitive tasks.
8 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR expressing thanks for the update on the review status of the revised issues and concerns table. NexGen looked forward to hearing back from the YNLR after 16 May 2024.
16 May 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and the YNLR met to discuss a draft business opportunities plan and the business opportunity notice process that NexGen uses.
13 June 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR following up on the review status of the revised issues and concerns table and inquired if there were any questions.

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17 June 2024	Text, outgoing	NexGen texted the YNLR about setting a meeting to discuss the issues and concerns table.
19 June 2024	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen providing a letter with the YNLR responses to the issues and concerns table and indicated that the CNSC has been copied in the correspondence.
19 June 2024	Email, incoming	The YNLR copied NexGen in correspondence with the CNSC providing two letters with the YNLR comments on the NexGen Licence application for the Project in northern Saskatchewan.
20 June 2024	Email, incoming	The CNSC copied NexGen in correspondence with the YNLR acknowledging receipt of the letter with the YNLR comments on the NexGen License application for the Project. The CNSC advised the information would be considered during the technical review of NexGen's revised EIS submission.
5 July 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the YNLR to discuss the letter received by the YNLR on 19 June 2024. NexGen noted that the letter was surprising to NexGen as discussions had been occurring with the YNLR to arrange meetings to discuss their issues and concerns as well as identified topics for further engagement. NexGen confirmed they would continue to work with the YNLR to discuss their specific issues and concerns and topics of interest. NexGen and the YNLR also discussed YNLR's business plans.
16 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR following up on the issues and concerns table emailed on 19 June 2024 and inquired if it was considered complete or if there were additional YNLR feedback. NexGen proposed to begin discussions on the additional focus areas raised in previous meetings following the finalization of the issues and concerns table as next steps.
19 August 2024	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and indicated that a detailed response would be provided during the week of 26 August 2024 on the issues and concerns table.
19 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and expressed thanks for the confirmation that a detailed response would be provided during the week of 26 August 2024 on the issues and concerns table.
4 September 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR following up on the email dated 19 August 2024 regarding a request for YNLR feedback on the issues and concerns table and to arrange discussions to focus on specific topics of interest.
6 September 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the YNLR and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of ongoing and proposed upcoming engagement activities.
17 September 2024	Email, incoming	The YNLR emailed NexGen and provided the letter and attachment dated 19 June 2024 with the YNLR responses to the issues and concerns table. The YNLR stated the responses in the letter addresses NexGen's inquiry emailed on 16 August 2024 as to whether the issues and concerns table was considered complete.
25 September 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the YNLR to discuss business and employment. The letter sent by the YNLR Strategic Advisor was also discussed and a meeting for 29 October 2024 was proposed to discuss the requests in the letter further and to discuss how NexGen and the YNLR can continue to work together.

YNLR = Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources; BLDFN = Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; FLDFN = Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; JWG = Joint Working Group.

Table 2A-8: Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation

Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
3 May 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
5 September 2019	Update meetings with leadership	The CNSC hosted a meeting for Indigenous leaders from northern Saskatchewan to provide an overview of the role of the CNSC and updates on CNSC regulated projects, including the Project.
3 October 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the YNLR, FLDFN, and BLDFN to present an update on the Project and an overview of the Project Description, including: ▪ regulatory framework; ▪ Project information; ▪ existing environment; ▪ environmental interactions; and ▪ engagement.
11 August 2020	Letter, incoming	The BLDFN sent NexGen a letter and advised NexGen that approval had been granted for the YNLR to communicate directly with NexGen regarding the IKTLU Study.
27 January 2022	Video conference	NexGen met with the YNLR, FLDFN, and BLDFN to provide an update presentation to Leadership. Presentation topics included: ▪ overview of the company; ▪ overview of the Project; ▪ Project status update; and ▪ EA update. Following the presentation, discussion focused on the underground tailings management facility and mine plans, engagement opportunities, business and contracting opportunities related to the Project, and a potential site tour/visit to the Rook I site. NexGen and the YNLR agreed to meet soon to follow up on the action items and to discuss a potential engagement agreement between the YNLR and NexGen.

BLDFN = Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; FLDFN = Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; YNLR = Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources.

Table 2A-9: Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation

Communication Date	Communication Method	Communication Summary
3 May 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
21 May 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen returned a call from the FLDFN from the same day. The FLDFN expressed interest in the Project and stated that their community should be consulted. The FLDFN confirmed receipt of the notification letter dated 3 May 2019.
20 June 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called the FLDFN to determine when the FLDFN would like to meet as they indicated they were planning to be in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on 20 June 2019 and would be interested in meeting if schedules allowed.
21 June 2019	Text exchange	NexGen and the FLDFN exchanged texts in which the FLDFN indicated that they were not able to meet as previously proposed; however, they may be available to meet in the evening of 21 June 2019 (meeting was subsequently not held).
5 September 2019	Update meetings with leadership	The CNSC hosted a meeting for Indigenous leaders from northern Saskatchewan to provide an overview of the role of the CNSC and updates on CNSC regulated projects, including the Project.
3 October 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the YNLR, FLDFN, and BLDFN to present an update on the Project and an overview of the Project Description, including: ▪ regulatory framework; ▪ Project information; ▪ existing environment; ▪ environmental interactions; and ▪ engagement.
27 November 2019	Video conference	NexGen met with the FLDFN to discuss a potential business opportunity and the power generation options for the Project.
8 October 2021	Video conference	NexGen met with the YNLR and the FLDFN to discuss the YNLR's IKTLU Study and how the information from the IKTLU Study will be used in NexGen's EIS as well as the options for submitting the IKTLU Study to the regulators.
27 January 2022	Video conference	NexGen met with the YNLR, FLDFN, and BLDFN to provide an update presentation to Leadership. Presentation topics included: ▪ overview of the company; ▪ overview of the Project; ▪ Project status update; and ▪ EA update. Meeting materials were provided by NexGen in advance of the meeting. Following the presentation, discussion focused on the underground tailings management facility and mine plans, engagement opportunities, business and contracting opportunities related to the Project, and a potential site tour/visit to the Rook I site. NexGen and the YNLR agreed to meet soon to follow up on the action items and to discuss a potential engagement agreement between the YNLR and NexGen.

BLDFN = Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; FLDFN = Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; YNLR = Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources.

Appendix 2B Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by Indigenous Groups

Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
ACFN	Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation
BNDN	Birch Narrows Dene Nation
BRDN	Buffalo River Dene Nation
CNSC	Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
COPC	constituent of potential concern
CRDN	Clearwater River Dene Nation
DFO	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ETP	effluent treatment plant
ID	identification
IKTLU	Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use
JWG	Joint Working Group
LPA	local priority area
LSA	local study area
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
MN-S NR2	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2
NexGen	NexGen Energy Ltd.
Project	Rook I Project
RFD	reasonably foreseeable development
RSA	regional study area
STP	sewage treatment plant
TSD	Technical Support Document
UGTMF	underground tailings management facility
VC	valued component
YNLR	Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources

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Table 2B-1 through Table 2B-6 present summaries of key issues and concerns raised by Indigenous Groups during engagement activities conducted during the Rook I Project (Project) Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Example sources of information include Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use (IKTLU) Studies, Joint Working Group (JWG) meetings with primary Indigenous Groups, and feedback received during community information sessions. The summary tables include issues and concerns raised by the Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN); Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S), including members of the MN-S Northern Region 2 (NR2); Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN); Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN); Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN); and Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources (YNLR). Each issue or concern is represented by an issue statement, a summary response, a discussion of where and how the issue or concern was addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and the key mitigations and accommodations proposed to address the issue or concern.

Identification, presentation, and due consideration of local Indigenous Groups' input through the early and ongoing engagement processes has validated, informed, and influenced aspects of Project design and the EIS. The majority of issues and concerns have links to most or all of the sections within the EIS. For brevity, the most pertinent sections of the EIS that apply to the issue or concern are presented within the tables. For example, a potential concern related to effects of the Project to water quality may have links to Project design, the consideration of alternative means, hydrogeology, hydrology, water quality, and numerous environmental and human receptors. In consideration of this interconnected nature of the EIS, only the most relevant factors related to addressing the issue or concern are presented. This approach allows the reader to efficiently understand how the issue or concern was primarily addressed.

Table 2B-1: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Clearwater River Dene Nation and Responses

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	CRDN Key Issues and Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
CRDN-001	Engagement	Concern about how NexGen would balance engagement activities among communities and Indigenous Groups.	Engagement with local Indigenous Groups is foundational to the responsible development of the Project. NexGen has always valued and respected the culture, interests, and aspirations of the communities where it operates and will continue to do so. NexGen established the LPA based on feedback from Indigenous Groups and communities to focus NexGen engagement on the communities who will be directly affected by the Project. A variety of engagement methods and activities have been implemented to monitor and validate NexGen's approach, with the goals of achieving the objectives of the engagement program and optimizing Project outcomes for Indigenous Groups and communities. Engagement with Indigenous Groups and communities will continue to take place throughout the Project lifespan. Engagement programs will continue to evolve in collaboration with Indigenous Groups and communities and consider engagement approaches and protocols already developed or being developed. Engagement will continue to be tailored to the unique needs of each Indigenous Group, which includes regular evaluation to verify that the engagement program is meeting their needs.	Section 1 (Introduction): Section 1.1.6 (Working with People) Section 2 (Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement): Section 2.3 (Engagement Framework), Section 2.5.2 (Indigenous Engagement Methods), Appendix 2A (Summary of Indigenous Group Engagement Activities), Appendix 2B (Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by Indigenous Groups)	▪ Signed Study Agreements with all four primary Indigenous Groups that, among other things, include the following: o Develop a JWG structure for each Indigenous Group to support the inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge into the EA process and to facilitate regular, ongoing engagement. o Explore special interest topics for each Indigenous Group. o Establish a Community Coordinator position in each Indigenous Group to act as the primary contact between NexGen and the Indigenous Group. ▪ Develop customized engagement strategies for Indigenous Groups and stakeholders. ▪ Implement an Indigenous and Public Engagement Program to share information on Project plans and activities. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements that include the establishment of an Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise.
CRDN-002	Engagement	Concern that NexGen would not conduct thorough engagement with Indigenous Groups.	Engagement with local Indigenous Groups is foundational to the responsible development of the Project. NexGen has always valued and respected the culture, interests, and aspirations of the communities where it operates and will continue to do so. Engagement with Indigenous Groups began prior to commencement of the preparation of the EIS and has continued to the present; engagement will continue through all phases of the Project. A variety of engagement methods and activities have been implemented to monitor and validate NexGen's approach, with the goals of achieving the objectives of the engagement program and optimizing Project outcomes for Indigenous Groups.	Section 1 (Introduction): Section 1.1.6 (Working with People) Section 2 (Engagement): Section 2.3 (Engagement Framework), Section 2.5.2 (Indigenous Engagement Methods), Appendix 2A (Summary of Indigenous Group Engagement Activities), Appendix 2B (Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by Indigenous Groups)	▪ As a foundational principle, NexGen acknowledges and values the community interests and aspirations of those potentially affected by the Project. NexGen fosters trusting relationships that facilitate collaboration and optimize benefits to Indigenous Groups and Project stakeholders by: o respecting the diverse cultures and perspectives of those with whom the Project interacts; o proactively and transparently engaging with Project-affected communities; o enhancing workers' awareness of the history, traditions, and rights of Indigenous Peoples; o supporting the economic participation of local communities; o seeking to provide opportunities resulting from Project benefits to local communities, especially opportunities with the ability to last beyond the Project lifespan; and o providing clear and timely information to those who have a direct interest in the Project. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements that include the establishment of an Implementation Committee and any necessary subcommittees to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Engagement with Indigenous Groups will continue to take place throughout the Project lifespan. Engagement programs have been and will continue to evolve in collaboration with Indigenous Groups and consider engagement approaches and protocols already developed by the communities. ▪ Engagement will continue to be tailored to the unique needs of each Indigenous Group, which includes regular evaluation to verify that the engagement program is meeting their needs.

Table 2B-1: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Clearwater River Dene Nation and Responses

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	CRDN Key Issues and Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
CRDN-003	Cumulative Effects	Concern about cumulative effects, especially with two proposed uranium mines in close proximity to Patterson Lake. Desire to understand the methods used for cumulative effects assessments and if the predicted results can be trusted.	The EIS explains the methodology of how potential cumulative effects of the Project; previous, existing, and approved projects; and RFDs were assessed. The potential cumulative effects of the Project and RFDs were considered throughout the EIS. Individual disciplines (Sections 7, 9 to 11, and 13 to 19) further describe the assessment of potential cumulative effects specific to each discipline. These sections also describe the uncertainties associated with the assessment of cumulative effects, where appropriate. The RFD Case assessed the residual effects from the Project plus the effects from other previous, existing, approved, and future projects and activities. The rationale for completing or not completing an RFD Case is provided in each discipline section. In slight contrast to the effects analyses for the Base and Application cases, which are largely quantitative, the analysis for the RFD Case was quantitative where possible and qualitative where necessary, based on the information available. As a scenario within the RFD Case (where applicable), potential effects from climate change were considered within the EIS.	Section 6 (Environmental Assessment Approach and Methods: Section 6.5.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 7 (Air Quality, Noise, and Climate Change): Section 7.2.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 7.3.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 7.4.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 9 (Hydrology): Section 9.6.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 9.6.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case [including Climate Change]) Section 10 (Surface Water and Sediment Quality): Section 10.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.5.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.5.1.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.2.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.3.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.4.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.5.1.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.2.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.3.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.4.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.6.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.7.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.8.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.9.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.10.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.11.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.5.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 17 (Other Land and Resource Use): Section 17.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 18 (Economy): Section 18.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case)	▪ The RFD Case includes the Base Case, Application Case, and RFDs. This case was used to identify and assess potential cumulative effects on VCs and intermediate components (i.e., relative to existing conditions) derived from the addition of the proposed Project and RFDs. For the purposes of the EA, RFDs are defined as projects and activities that fit any of the first three and both of the last two criteria from the list below: o are currently under regulatory review or have officially entered a formal regulatory application process; o have been publicly disclosed by other proponents; o may be induced by the Project; o have the potential to change the Project or the effects predictions; and o occur in the spatial assessment boundary defined by the VCs and intermediate components. ▪ A key criterion for selecting other projects to include in the EA for a discipline is that those projects must cause similar effects on the same VCs or intermediate components influenced by the Project (Hegmann et al. 1999). Accordingly, an RFD Case was not required for all VCs and intermediate components as it depended on whether or not effects from the RFDs would have the potential to overlap with the selected VCs and intermediate components within the spatial and temporal assessment boundaries defined for the Project: o The Fission Patterson Lake South Project (i.e., another proposed uranium mine in close proximity to Patterson Lake) was deemed an RFD based on the criteria listed above.

Table 2B-1: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Clearwater River Dene Nation and Responses

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	CRDN Key Issues and Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
CRDN-004	Project Information	The CRDN expressed a lack of understanding about Project Construction, Operations, and Closure phases. A desire to learn more about the Project as information became available was conveyed.	Through a collaborative process, NexGen and the CRDN determined the appropriate methods for Project engagement, culminating in the Study Agreement signed in 2019. NexGen has been respectful in following the terms of the Study Agreement. For example, the Study Agreement included capacity funding for the CRDN to hire a Community Coordinator, with one of the key purposes of the role to work with NexGen to prepare and coordinate information packages and communications for Project-related engagement activities. Project information was provided during the engagement process and is detailed within the EIS. The EIS describes the Project phases and design components and activities, including the extraction process and the decommissioning and reclamation plans at Project Closure. NexGen is committed to continue meeting with the CRDN to ensure Project information is properly conveyed and understood.	Section 2 (Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement): Section 2.5.2 (Indigenous Engagement Methods), Section 2.6.1.1 (Summary of Indigenous Engagement Activities) Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.4 (Project Components), Section 5.5 (Project Activities)	▪ NexGen and the CRDN collaboratively determined the appropriate methods for engagement, culminating in the Study Agreement signed in 2019. ▪ Through mechanisms such as the JWGs and June 2022 community information sessions, information on the Project was shared with the CRDN members, including discussion of activities conducted through each of the Construction, Operations, and Closure Phases. ▪ Additional communication methods were established based on feedback received from Indigenous Groups, including the CRDN, to promote understanding of the Project through the broader community. These included developing JWG summaries for Indigenous Groups to share with community members, developing and circulating Community Newsletters, and conducting radio announcements providing Project updates. ▪ Establish an Implementation Committee to provide a forum for regular communication and information exchange between NexGen and communities. ▪ NexGen will continue to work with the CRDN to implement the best methods to convey Project information to the community and execute these methods accordingly.
CRDN-005	Community Well-Being	Potential for increased social and family issues due to an influx of workers and capital (i.e., gambling, drinking, substance abuse, and family violence).	Amplification of community issues from increased disposable income was considered in the EA through potential changes to societal and cultural well-being and health well-being, which were two of the measurement indicators for the community well-being VC.	Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 19.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations) Table 19.4-1 (Effects Pathways for Community Well-Being), Pathway ID CWB-04, Section 19.4.3 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Provide employment readiness training for employees. ▪ Develop and implement human resource policies (e.g., employee and family assistance program) to assist workers in finding information and referral services for family-related resources, as required. ▪ Develop and implement a pre-Construction communications process to raise public awareness in communities of potential Project opportunities and effects. ▪ Establish an Implementation Committee to provide a forum for regular communication and information exchange between NexGen and communities for effective management of Benefit Agreement commitments and for the early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise.
CRDN-006	Human Health	Concern about human health (e.g., cancer) and radiation risks for workers, and how these would be monitored.	Uranium mines and mills are required to satisfy licence and permitting requirements from the CNSC and provincial authorities. For this reason, radiation risks for nuclear energy workers were not assessed within the EIS; rather, these risks are managed through the Radiation Protection Program and Health and Safety Program. The incremental radiation doses to all human receptors during the Project lifespan and the far-future projection were assessed.	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.7 (Integrated Management System) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 15.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 15.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Human Health), Pathway ID HH-01, Section 15.5.1.2 (Carcinogens), Section 15.5.1.3 (Radionuclides and Radon), Section 15.8 (Monitoring, Follow-up, and Adaptive Management)	▪ The management system approach for the Project would include a Radiation Protection Program to keep worker radiological exposures as low as reasonably achievable. The Radiation Protection Program would include dosimetry and contamination monitoring: o Exposures to gamma radiation, long-lived radioactive dust, radon progeny, and radon gas would be routinely monitored for workers designated as nuclear energy workers. o Chemical, physical, or biological health and safety hazards encountered by workers during all phases of the Project would be monitored in accordance with established sample collection and analysis methods to quantify exposure and risk to workers and confirm the effectiveness of applicable controls. ▪ In addition, NexGen would implement the Environmental Protection Program, which would describe the processes required to monitor and characterize emissions from Project facilities and activities, monitor and characterize the quality of the environment to assess the effectiveness of mitigations, and to continually improve environmental protection performance throughout all Project phases.
CRDN-007	Access, Indigenous Land and Resource Use	Increased development and access will result in increased competition from non-Indigenous recreational hunters and land users.	Changes to the availability of fish, plants, and wildlife for harvesting was a measurement indicator for assessing potential effects on Indigenous land and resource use, and effects from increased access and competition for resources was considered in the EA.	Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations) Table 16.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-04, Section 16.4.2 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Install a gate at the site entrance (i.e., gatehouse) to control public access. ▪ Use existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing. ▪ Implement a Security Program to provide safe and coordinated access via the access road to locations where other land and resource use is practiced. ▪ Identify Indigenous land users in Security Program supporting documentation and outline the process to allow continued access to areas of importance. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the province under the Institutional Control Program.

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Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	CRDN Key Issues and Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
CRDN-008	Country Foods, Community Well-Being	Concern about ability to harvest country foods and associated implications surrounding food security and community well-being.	Changes to the availability of fish, plants, and wildlife for harvesting was a measurement indicator for assessing potential effects on Indigenous land and resource use, and changes in abundance and distribution was considered in the EA. The importance of traditional diets and food security for Indigenous Groups is acknowledged as an important component of community well-being. In the EA, country foods was considered in a secondary pathway related to the involvement in Project-related employment potentially reducing opportunities for resource harvesting, which could affect the amount of country foods in a traditional diet.	Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-02, Section 16.5.1.2 (Availability of Fish, Plants, and Wildlife for Harvesting) Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 19.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 19.4-1 (Effects Pathways for Community Well-Being), Pathway ID CWB-03, Section 19.4.3 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Work with local communities to develop culturally sensitive employment policies to facilitate involvement in resource harvesting activities. ▪ Support and promote Indigenous community participation and employment in the traditional economy. ▪ Work with local Indigenous Groups and communities to develop fishing policies that consider both fisheries protection and traditional use activities. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements, including: o funding and human resources to support community-related initiatives including but not limited to cultural and traditional values; and o the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.
CRDN-009	Human Health, Harvested Resources	Potential for human health risk from consuming harvested resources (i.e., vegetation, animals, and fish) that may be contaminated.	Emission and deposition of fugitive dust, radon, criteria air contaminants, and suspended solids as well as discharge of treated effluent and site runoff were assessed as potential effects that may adversely affect human health receptors through food ingestion. Emissions and effluent discharges will be in accordance with provincial standards and licence/permit conditions criteria established by regulators through provincial permitting and federal licensing processes.	Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 15.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Human Health), Pathway ID HH-01, HH-02, HH-03, HH-04, Section 15.5.1.1 (Non-carcinogens), Section 15.5.1.2 (Carcinogens), Section 15.5.1.3 (Radionuclides and Radon)	▪ Optimize haul routes to reduce fuel consumption and emissions from equipment. Apply water and/or suppressants to site roads, access road, and airstrip, as necessary. Use dust suppressants that minimize environmental risk and are government-approved for use. ▪ Primarily use liquid natural gas for power generation, which generates lower emissions per unit of energy produced than diesel, for on-site power generation. ▪ Install and operate an ETP and a STP to reduce release of COPCs (e.g., major ions, metals, radionuclides) to the environment and discharge treated effluent and treated sewage to Patterson Lake. ▪ Monitor treated effluent and treated sewage flow and quality. ▪ Collect, store, and routinely monitor contact water to confirm discharge water meets water quality criteria appropriate for release. ▪ Collect and monitor contact water to determine whether treatment is required prior to release to the environment. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Industrial Air Source Environmental Protection Plan[(a)]. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Effluent Monitoring Plan[(a)] that includes monitoring the quality of treated effluent prior to release to the environment. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Monitoring Plan that includes ambient air monitoring and adaptive management based on ambient air quality standards, and water quality monitoring and adaptive management if necessary.
CRDN-010	Noise, Indigenous Land and Resource Use	Potential for loss of aesthetic appreciation due to noise disturbance.	Key Project aspects such as an underground mining method and underground disposal of tailings reduce the amount of required infrastructure and equipment on surface. The reduced surface infrastructure results in a smaller footprint, and subsequently, smaller-sized surface equipment is required. These elements contribute to lower potential for the creation of noise disturbance. Changes to the quality of the Indigenous land use experience related to sensory disturbance was considered in the EA and was a measurement indicator for Indigenous land and resource use.	Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-03, Section 16.5.1.3.1 (Noise)	▪ Implement procedures to reduce noise levels such as: enclosing or dampening equipment in process buildings where the total sound power level is expected to be more than approximately 80 A-weighted decibels, where feasible; and using noise suppression (i.e., mufflers) on vehicles and inspect regularly to make sure noise suppression systems are functioning properly. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements including the establishment of an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements. ▪ Implement an Indigenous and Public Engagement Program that includes both engaging Indigenous land users to share Project information and address any issues as they arise and sharing environmental monitoring results with local communities. The program would include a Project feedback and grievance mechanism to record and action issues identified.

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Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	CRDN Key Issues and Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
CRDN-011	Surface Water, Fishing	Concern about Project effects on waterbodies affecting the ability to harvest fish, including commercial harvests.	Changes to access and the area available for land and resource use were assessed in the EA and changes to the availability and quality of fish for harvesting were assessed in the pathway analyses. Both the access and the area available for land and resource use and availability of fish and wildlife for harvesting were measurement indicators in the assessment of Indigenous land and resource use and other land and resource use. NexGen is committed to maintaining diverse, open, and transparent two-way communication channels that build trust and confidence of local Indigenous Groups and the public; and monitoring and assessing against indicators and targets based on science and Indigenous and Local knowledge.	Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-01, ILU-02, Section 16.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 16.5.1.1 (Access to and Area Available for Land and Resource Use), Section 16.5.1.2.1 (Fishing) Section 17 (Other Land and Resource Use): Section 17.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 17.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 17.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Other Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID OLU-01, OLU-03, Section 17.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 17.5.1.1 (Access to and Area Available for Land and Resource Use)	▪ Implement mitigations that avoid and limit effects on fish, such as: o Install and operate an ETP and a STP to reduce release of COPCs (e.g., major ions, metals, radionuclides) to the environment and discharge treated effluent and treated sewage to Patterson Lake. o To the extent practical, construct work areas to avoid critical or sensitive habitat (e.g., riparian zones) following best practices and regulatory requirements. o Install appropriate erosion and sediment control measures, as required. Regularly inspect erosion and sediment control measures to confirm they are functioning as planned, and perform any required maintenance, as needed. o Establish appropriate site drainage. o Apply DFO's *Measures to Avoid Causing Harm to Fish and Fish Habitat* (DFO 2019b) to minimize potential adverse effects on aquatic resources. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Monitoring Plan. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Effluent Monitoring Plan[a]. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Groundwater Protection and Monitoring Plan[a]. ▪ Implement Indigenous and Public Engagement Program to share information on Project plans and activities. The program would include a Project feedback and grievance mechanism to record and action issues identified. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements including the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise.
CRDN-012	Navigability	Project effects limiting the ability to travel along the waterways within the CRDN traditional territory.	For the EA, the changes in access to and areas available for Indigenous land and resource use was a measurement indicator and was assessed, including consideration for potential changes in access to waterways or surface water elevations because of the Project.	Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-01, Section 16.5.1.1 (Access to and Area Available for Land and Resource Use)	▪ N/A
CRDN-013	Water Quality	Potential for Project effects on water quality in the region, especially Patterson Lake and the Clearwater River.	Several effects pathways assessed Project components/activities effects on local and regional waterbodies and watercourses. Primary effects pathways that were assessed included deposition of fugitive dust emissions on waterbodies, deposition of criteria air contaminant emissions on waterbodies, discharge of treated effluent, discharge of treated sewage, seepage from the waste rock storage areas during construction and Operations, and runoff and seepage from the waste rock storage areas and underground tailings management facility following Closure. In addition, a number of secondary pathways were considered in the EA.	Section 10 (Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality): Section 10.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 10.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality), Pathway ID SWQ-01, SWQ-02, SWQ-03, SWQ-04, SWQ-05, SWQ-06, SWQ-08, SWQ-09, SWQ-10, Section 10.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 10.5.1 (Application Case)	▪ Collect, store, and routinely monitor contact water to confirm discharge water meets water quality criteria appropriate for release. ▪ Monitor treated effluent flow and quality. ▪ Treat sewage to appropriate release limits in accordance with provincial standards and licence/permit conditions. ▪ Monitor treated sewage flow and quality. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Industrial Air Source Environmental Protection Plan[a]. ▪ Implement Project-specific monitoring programs (e.g., Effluent Monitoring Plan[a], Environmental Monitoring Plan) that include ambient air monitoring, surface water quality monitoring, sediment quality monitoring and adaptive management, if necessary. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Groundwater Protection and Monitoring Plan[a]. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Mine Waste Management Plan and site water management procedures.

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Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	CRDN Key Issues and Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
CRDN-014	Water	Concern regarding the capture, management, and treatment of water, including high-water events.	Through the Project design phases, NexGen has consolidated the surface infrastructure layout (i.e., buildings clustered together) to minimize the footprint, and subsequently, the volume of contact water requiring capture and/or treatment. The EIS describes the infrastructure, management, and treatment of water and effluent. The potential risks to the Project associated with major precipitation events were also assessed and determined that all scenarios had a low risk level.	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.4.5 Site Water Management Section 22 (Effects of the Environment): Section 22.6.3 Major Precipitation Events	▪ Reduce fresh water consumption to minimize fresh surface water usage and withdrawals. ▪ Divert non-contact water to the extent practicable and allow for discharge directly to the receiving environment. Manage non-contact water that cannot be diverted away as contact water. ▪ Collect, capture, and contain contact water. Reuse contact water where possible. Treat and manage water quality relative to environmental release targets as required before release to the environment. ▪ To maintain channel integrity, both diversion ditches and collection ditches would be provided with erosion control measures reflective of ditch slopes and flows rates, where required. ▪ The Emergency Preparedness and Response Program would include processes for responding to and mitigating the effects of major precipitation events as required. In addition, site water management processes would be developed and implemented that include direction for monitoring effectiveness of site water management infrastructure. ▪ During Construction and Operations, a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan would be developed and periodically updated to reflect changing site-specific conditions and effects of major precipitation events on engineered cover systems for the potentially acid generating and non-potentially acid generating waste rock storage areas, as required.
CRDN-015	Safety, Tailings	Concern regarding the safety of storing tailings in the UGTMF.	NexGen is dedicated to minimizing potential effects on the environment throughout all phases of the Project through incorporating proven best practices and designs around mine planning and tailings management. The safety of mine tailings storage on people and the environment was considered and assessed in the EIS: ▪ potential for seepage from the UGTMF after Closure; ▪ potential for the Project to cause adverse effects on human health from various Project sources, including the UGTMF; ▪ potential accident and malfunction scenarios that could affect the UGTMF; and ▪ potential effects of a seismic event on the Project, including the UGTMF.	Section 8 (Hydrogeology): Section 8.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 8.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Groundwater Quantity and Quality), Pathway ID HG-04, Section 8.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 8.5.1 (Application Case) Section 10 (Water Quality and Sediment Quality): Section 10.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 10.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality), Pathway ID SWQ-06, Section 10.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 10.5.1 (Application Case) Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 11.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Fish and Fish Habitat), Pathway ID F-01, Section 11.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 11.5.2 (Application Case) Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 13.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Vegetation), Pathway ID V-11, Section 13.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-14, Section 14.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 15.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Human Health), Pathway ID HH-06, Section 15.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 15.5.1 (Application Case) Section 21 (Accidents and Malfunctions): Section 21.6.2 (Selection of Bounding Scenarios), Table 21.6-2 (Bounding Scenarios Considered in the Accidents and Malfunctions Assessment and Associated Mitigations),	▪ The design of the tailings transfer system would be completed in accordance with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers B31.2 – 2020, Process Piping code. American Society of Mechanical Engineers B31.3 is a mechanical code that deals mostly with mechanical safety to prevent sudden release of energy (e.g., pipe bursts). ▪ An Environmental Protection Program and an Emergency Preparedness and Response Program would be implemented for the Project and would include mitigation and emergency response measures related to the potential for a leak or spill associated with the tailings transfer pipe. ▪ Use engineered cemented paste backfill and tailings to control source concentrations. ▪ Apply binder to reduce permeability in backfill and tailings. ▪ Engineer the tailings geochemistry to control source concentrations. ▪ Develop and implement a Detailed Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program.

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Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	CRDN Key Issues and Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
				Section 21.6.6 (Bounding Scenario 4) Section 22 (Effects of the Environment): Section 22.6.7 (Seismic Events)	
CRDN-016	Wildlife	Potential for Project effects on moose (*Alces alces*) populations and moose habitat.	The assessment of potential Project effects on moose included the measurement indicators of habitat availability, habitat distribution, and survival and reproduction. Primary pathways assessed included habitat loss, habitat alteration, and sensory disturbance. A number of no pathways and secondary pathways were also assessed in the EA.	Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 14.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-01, W-02, W-03, W-04, W-05, W-06, W-07, W-08, W-09, W-10, W-11, W-12, W-13, W-14, W-15, W-16, W-18, W-19, W-20, W-21, W-22, W-23, W-24, W-25, Section 14.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 14.4.2 (Secondary Pathway), Section 14.5.2.1 (Application Case)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing the use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including the existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Implement an Environmental Protection Program that includes no harassing, feeding, or approaching wildlife. ▪ Establish an Implementation Committee that will discuss the appropriate level of opportunity for the workforce to conduct land and resource use activities while on shift. ▪ Minimize areas of vegetation clearing and soil disturbance. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned.
CRDN-017	Access, Knowledge Transmission	Concern regarding limitation of access to land, including the effect that this may have on transferring traditional knowledge to younger generations.	One of NexGen's preliminary decommissioning and reclamation objectives for the Project is to establish a closure landscape that would be accessible for unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Groups and local communities. Changes to access to and area available for Indigenous land and resource use was assessed as an effects pathway and was a measurement indicator in the EA. Continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities was included as an assessment endpoint, which considered the importance of intergenerational transmission of knowledge.	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.3.2 Design Objectives and Guiding Principles Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-01, Section 16.5.1.1 (Access to and Area Available for Indigenous Land and Resource Use)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Install a gate at the site entrance (i.e., gatehouse) to control public access. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Implement a Security Program to provide safe and coordinated access via the access road to locations where other land and resource use is practiced. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements, including: o funding and human resources to support community-related initiatives including but not limited to cultural and traditional values; and o the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.

a) The name of this specific Project document has evolved since the development of this table; however, the function of, and processes considered in, this document are still covered within documents forming part of the Integrated Management System developed for the Project. The original document name has been retained for consistency with the table provided to the CRDN.
CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; EA = environmental assessment; JWG = Joint Working Group; UGTMF = underground tailings management facility; VC = valued component; RFD = reasonably foreseeable development; LPA = local priority area; ETP = effluent treatment plant; STP = sewage treatment plant; COPC = constituent of potential concern; N/A = not applicable.

Table 2B-2: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (including the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2) and Responses

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	MN-S Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
MN-S-001	Access; Indigenous Land and Resource Use	Concern that industrial activities may threaten freedoms, access to land, use of land, and ability to transmit traditional knowledge to younger generations	One of NexGen's preliminary decommissioning and reclamation objectives for the Project is to establish a closure landscape that would be accessible for unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Groups and local communities. Changes to access to and area available for Indigenous land and resource use was assessed as an effects pathway and was a measurement indicator in the EA. Continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities was included as an assessment endpoint, which considered the importance of intergenerational transmission of knowledge.	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.3.2 Design Objectives and Guiding Principles Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints) Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-01, Section 16.5.1.1 (Access to and Area Available for Indigenous Land and Resource Use)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Install a gate at the site entrance (i.e., gatehouse) to control public access. ▪ Implement a chance find procedure during land clearing activities. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Implement a Security Program to provide safe and coordinated access via the access road to locations where other land and resource use is practised. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements, including: o funding and human resources to support community-related initiatives including but not limited to cultural and traditional values; and o the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.
MN-S-002	Vegetation; Wildlife	Potential effects of dust on vegetation and wildlife.	Fugitive dust was assessed as potential effects may adversely change soil quality and affect the availability, distribution, and condition of vegetation. Sensory disturbance (e.g., dust) can alter wildlife movement and behaviour and adversely affect wildlife habitat availability and wildlife abundance and distribution. Fugitive dust emissions and associated constituents may cause changes in air, soil, and water quality, which can adversely affect wildlife health, survival, and reproduction through inhalation and ingestion of soil/water and food sources.	Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigation), Table 13.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Vegetation), Pathway ID V-04, Section 13.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-03, W-10, Section 14.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 14.5.1.1 (Application Case), Section 14.5.2.1 (Application Case), Section 14.5.3.1 (Application Case), Section 14.5.4.1 (Application Case), Section 14.5.5.1 (Application Case), Section 14.5.6.1 (Application Case), Section 14.5.7.1 (Application Case), Section 14.5.8.1 (Application Case), Section 14.5.9.1 (Application Case), Section 14.5.10.1 (Application Case), Section 14.5.11.1 (Application Case)	▪ Establish and enforce speed limits on site and access roads to reduce dust production. ▪ Limit vehicle speed on unpaved site roads to reduce fugitive dust during Construction and Operations. ▪ Optimize haul routes to reduce fuel consumption and emissions from equipment. ▪ Limit total suspended particulate emissions during Construction by enforcing a 25 km/h speed limit for heavy equipment involved in material movement and earthworks on the mine / mill terrace. This speed limit does not apply to site road traffic or the haul route from the headworks to the waste rock piles. ▪ Apply water and/or suppressants to site roads, access road, and airstrip, as necessary. Use dust suppressants that minimize environmental risk and are government-approved for use. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Monitoring Plan that includes soil quality and ambient air monitoring. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.

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MN-S-003	Cumulative Effects	Potential for cumulative effects from industrial projects (e.g., Fort McMurray area effects combined with Project effects).	The EIS explains the methodology of how potential cumulative effects of the Project; previous, existing, and approved projects; and RFDs were assessed. The potential cumulative effects of the Project and RFDs were considered throughout the EIS. Individual disciplines (Sections 7, 9 to 11, and 13 to 19) further describe the assessment of potential cumulative effects specific to each discipline. These sections also describe the uncertainties associated with the assessment of cumulative effects, where appropriate. The RFD Case assessed the residual effects from the Project plus the effects from other previous, existing, approved, and future projects and activities. The rationale for completing or not completing an RFD Case is provided in each discipline section. In slight contrast to the effects analyses for the Base and Application cases, which are largely quantitative, the analysis for the RFD Case was quantitative where possible and qualitative where necessary, based on the information available. As a scenario within the RFD Case (where applicable), potential effects from climate change were considered within the EIS.	Section 6 (Environmental Assessment Approach and Methods: Section 6.5.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 7 (Air Quality, Noise, and Climate Change): Section 7.2.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 7.3.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 7.4.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 9 (Hydrology): Section 9.6.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 9.6.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case [including Climate Change]) Section 10 (Surface Water and Sediment Quality): Section 10.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.5.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.5.1.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.2.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.3.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.4.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.5.1.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.2.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.3.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.4.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.6.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.7.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.8.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.9.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.10.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.11.2, (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.5.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 17 (Other Land and Resource Use): Section 17.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 18 (Economy): Section 18.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case)	▪ The RFD Case includes the Base Case, Application Case, and RFDs. This case was used to identify and assess potential cumulative effects on VCs and intermediate components (i.e., relative to existing conditions) derived from the addition of the proposed Project and RFDs. For the purposes of the EA, RFDs are defined as projects and activities that fit any of the first three and both of the last two criteria from the list below: o are currently under regulatory review or have officially entered a formal regulatory application process; o have been publicly disclosed by other proponents; o may be induced by the Project; o have the potential to change the Project or the effects predictions; and o occur in the spatial assessment boundary defined by the VCs and intermediate components. ▪ A key criterion for selecting other projects to include in the EA for a discipline is that those projects must cause similar effects on the same VCs or intermediate components influenced by the Project (Hegmann et al. 1999). Accordingly, an RFD Case was not required for all VCs and intermediate components as it depended on whether or not effects from the RFDs would have the potential to overlap with the selected VCs and intermediate components within the spatial and temporal assessment boundaries defined for the Project. o The Fission Patterson Lake South Project (i.e., another proposed uranium mine in close proximity to Patterson lake) was deemed an RFD based on the criteria listed above. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project.

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MN-S-004	Engagement	Lack of engagement to date with cabin owners and trappers in the areas around Patterson Lake.	Engagement activities began prior to commencement of the EA process in 2019 and have continued to the present; engagement will continue through all phases of the Project. A variety of engagement methods and activities have been implemented to monitor and validate NexGen's approach, with the goals of achieving the objectives of the engagement program and optimizing Project outcomes for Indigenous Groups. The N-19 fur block overlaps the Project footprint and surrounding area. NexGen conducted a workshop on 9 July 2021 with members of the N-19 Trappers Association in La Loche. A second meeting was held on 28 February 2022.	Section 1 (Introduction): Section 1.1.6 (Working with People) Section 2 (Engagement): Section 2.3 (Engagement Framework), Section 2.5.2 (Indigenous Engagement Methods), Section 2.5.4 (Public Engagement Methods), Appendix 2A (Summary of Indigenous Group Engagement Activities), Appendix 2B (Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by Indigenous Groups), Appendix 2D (Summary of Public Engagement Activities)	▪ The foundation for the Indigenous engagement program is built on knowledge of community values, a commitment to high standards, and an understanding of lessons learned from other existing uranium operations in northern Saskatchewan. A variety of engagement methods and activities have been and will continue to be implemented to monitor and validate NexGen's approach to Project development, with the goals of achieving the objectives of the engagement program and optimizing Project outcomes for Indigenous Groups. ▪ Engagement with Indigenous Groups will continue to take place throughout the Project lifespan. Engagement programs have been and will continue to evolve in collaboration with Indigenous Groups and consider engagement approaches and protocols already developed by the communities. Engagement will continue to be tailored to the unique needs of each Indigenous Group, which includes regular evaluation to verify that the engagement program is meeting their needs. ▪ Engagement to date has also included establishing relationships and meeting with representatives of the N-19 Trappers Association. Continued engagement with N-19 trappers would continue through the implementation of an Indigenous and Public Engagement Program to share information on Project plans and activities. ▪ Implement an Indigenous and Public Engagement Program that includes, among other activities, sharing monitoring results with local communities, engagement of trappers and Indigenous land users to share Project information and address any issues as they arise, and sharing of environmental monitoring results with local communities. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.
MN-S-005	Engagement	Concern about not understanding the provided information and ability to provide meaningful feedback. Flexible scheduling would allow subject matter experts to attend meetings.	As part of the Study Agreements signed with the MN-S, NexGen committed to providing capacity funding for the JWG engagement, the retention of technical support by the MN-S, and the completion of a self-directed IKTLU Study. The COVID-19 pandemic limited travel for all parties. In lieu of the ability to meet regularly in person, video conference calls with Indigenous Groups were conducted regularly. NexGen's engagement activities have continually evolved to promote the opportunity for effective information exchange and dialogue. This approach to engagement has been consistent since NexGen was formed and will remain a priority for the company throughout all phases of the Project. The engagement methods and activities developed for the Project include a built-in degree of flexibility in recognition of the differences between each of the Indigenous Groups. For example, JWG meeting summaries were created, in part, to provide information for Indigenous Groups who elected not to attend certain JWG meetings.	Section 2 (Engagement): Section 2.3 (Engagement Framework), Section 2.5.2 (Indigenous Engagement Methods), Section 2.5.6 (Engagement Challenges), Section 2.6.1.1 (Summary of Indigenous Engagement Activities), Appendix 2A (Summary of Indigenous Group Engagement Activities), Appendix 2F (Public Engagement Materials)	▪ Consistent with NexGen's life cycle approach to engagement, ongoing planning and design will continue to consider feedback received through Project engagement activities. ▪ An objective of NexGen's Engagement Framework is to present opportunities for Indigenous Groups to provide comments and feedback. ▪ NexGen is committed to incorporating engagement feedback throughout the Project lifespan. This approach has been consistent through early engagement activities, has continued during the EA process, and will continue as more opportunities to share knowledge become available. ▪ NexGen's engagement program has and will continue to evolve through the lifespan of the Project, with specific engagement methods adapted to meet the changing needs of the Indigenous Groups. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements, including: o the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise; and o the establishment of an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project.

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MN-S-006	Engagement	Ability to communicate Project information with broader community members.	The engagement between NexGen and the MN-S, including multiple approaches used to convey information with the MN-S community members, was summarized in the EIS. Individualized Indigenous Group engagement for the MN-S is discussed. The EIS discusses how COVID-19 influenced the engagement program and discusses planned engagement activities with communities throughout the life of the Project. NexGen has honoured the MN-S request to conduct Project engagement through the MN-S while respectfully exploring means to keep the MN-S NR2 Locals and citizens informed, particularly of business, employment, and educational opportunities, as these were identified by the MN-S NR2 representatives as important. NexGen is committed to working with the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 representatives to verify that engagement information is reaching the MN-S NR2 citizens in the LPA and will continue to work on ways to assist the MN-S with Project engagement. Public materials created to assist Indigenous Groups with broader community engagement (e.g., JWG summaries) are discussed within the EIS.	Section 2 (Engagement): Section 2.5.2 (Indigenous Engagement Methods), Section 2.5.6 (Engagement Challenges), Section 2.6.1.1 (Summary of Indigenous Engagement Activities), Appendix 2A (Summary of Indigenous Group Engagement Activities), Appendix 2F (Public Engagement Materials)	▪ Engagement with Indigenous Groups will continue to take place throughout the Project lifespan. Engagement programs have been and will continue to evolve in collaboration with Indigenous Groups and consider engagement approaches and protocols already developed by the communities. Engagement will continue to be tailored to the unique needs of each Indigenous Group, which includes regular evaluation to verify that the engagement program is meeting their needs. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements, including: o the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise; and o the establishment of an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project.
MN-S-007	Community Well-Being	Potential negative effects of increased incomes and employment schedules (i.e., shift work) on community well-being (e.g., family dynamics and mental health).	Amplification of community issues from increased disposable income was considered in the EA through potential changes to societal and cultural well-being and health well-being, which were two of the measurement indicators for the community well-being VC. The effect of time spent of workers away from their communities and families participating in the worker rotation system was considered in the assessment through changes to social adaptability.	Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints) Section 19.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 19.4-1 (Effects Pathways for Community Well-Being), Pathway ID CWB-02, CWB-04, Section 19.4.3 (Secondary Pathways), Section 19.4.4 (Primary Pathways)	▪ Provide employment readiness training for employees. ▪ Develop and implement a pre-Construction communications process to raise public awareness in communities of potential Project opportunities and effects. ▪ Develop and implement human resource policies (e.g., employee and family assistance program) to assist workers in finding information and referral services for family-related resources, as required. ▪ Establish an Implementation Committee to provide a forum for regular communication and information exchange between NexGen and communities for effective management of Benefit Agreement commitments and the early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Work with local communities to develop culturally sensitive employment policies to address both recruitment and retention barriers. ▪ Provide dedicated space for Elders to be available to support employees to assist with employee retention. ▪ Implement an Indigenous and Public Engagement Program to effectively engage with communities on Project activities, effects, mitigation, and monitoring to keep people informed and provide opportunities to provide feedback for continual improvement through a grievance mechanism. ▪ Implement provisions of Benefit Agreements, including funding and human resources to support initiatives related, but not limited, to culture, traditional values, employment, training, and economic development.
MN-S-008	Education and Training	Developing education, training, and business opportunities for community members to facilitate employment at the Project.	Maximizing value in a way that makes a lasting, positive impact environmentally, socially, and economically is fundamental to NexGen's approach. NexGen will continue to prioritize training, employment, and business opportunities for the local communities closest to the Project. Employment, income, and training opportunities was assessed as an effects pathway for the economy VC.	Section 1 (Introduction): Section 1.2.1 (Purpose of the Rook I Project and Justification) Section 18 (Economy): Section 18.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 18.4-1 (Effects Pathways for Economy), Pathway ID E-01, Section 18.4.1 (Beneficial Pathways), Section 18.4.3 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Implement a tailored local workforce recruitment strategy to confirm that the LPA residents are fully aware of and understand access to Project employment opportunities. ▪ Work with relevant training institutions to facilitate delivery of certified and accredited training and recruitment programs for construction and mining-related skills targeted at employment opportunities for the LPA residents and continue to provide scholarship and summer student opportunities. ▪ Work with local communities to develop culturally sensitive employment policies to address both recruitment and retention barriers. ▪ Use best efforts to provide qualified local residents with a first preference for employment and training opportunities. ▪ Establish a mentoring program to support long-term participation of the LPA residents in the Project workforce. ▪ Prioritize advancement of qualified local residents into increasingly senior positions. ▪ Set a long-term aspirational target of 75% of the Project's workforce being composed of the LPA residents. ▪ Design procurement practices to increase involvement of local businesses within the LSA and RSA including providing information to communities on the size and timing of contracting opportunities.

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Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	MN-S Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
					▪ Maintain ongoing communication with employees and contractors about future workforce and contracting needs and the schedule for Closure. ▪ Implement a workforce transition plan to address reduction in employment and training opportunities during Closure. ▪ Implement provisions of Benefit Agreements related to employment and training.
MN-S-009	Accidents, Traffic	Potential for accidents and spillage of materials due to increased traffic from the Project.	The potential for accidental spills (i.e., uranium concentrate/radioactivity and chemical spills) into the environment (i.e., to air, land, or water) due to traffic accidents were assessed in the EIS.	Section 21 (Accidents and Malfunctions): Section 21.6.2 (Selection of Bounding Scenarios), Table 21.6-2 (Bounding Scenarios Considered in the Accidents and Malfunctions Assessment and Associated Mitigations), Section 21.6.3 (Bounding Scenario 1 (Traffic Accident [Uranium Concentrate and Radioactivity]), Section 21.6.4 (Bounding Scenario 2 (Traffic Accident [Chemical])	▪ Upgrades to the existing access road from Highway 955 are planned to improve the safety of the road and limit the potential for accidents occurring during the Project lifespan. ▪ The current bridge design and capacity (5.7 m deck width, weight limit of 50 t) is suitable for use by most heavy equipment and traffic, including trucks transporting the uranium concentrate. The bridge is fitted with metal guards approximately 0.15 m high to guard the driver across the deck. ▪ Use of the existing access road alignment would limit the potential for interaction between spills and the surface water environment. The existing road alignment minimizes the number of water features crossed and is set back from waterbodies and watercourses. ▪ Speed limits would be in place for the access road and Clearwater River Bridge crossing to reduce the potential for speed to contribute to or worsen the outcome of a potential accident scenario. ▪ Potentially unsafe road conditions that could contribute to a traffic accident scenario (e.g., icy road conditions) would be addressed as quickly as possible (e.g., through snow removal, sanding), and if necessary, a no-travel order would be issued. ▪ Relevant staff or contractors would receive training on how to drive safely on site and on the access road, on defensive driving techniques, and on how to respond to emergency situations, such as an accident or spill. ▪ Any spill, release, or emergency that may harm the environment or pose a risk to public health or safety would be reported immediately and managed and remediated in accordance with Saskatchewan's *Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* and *The Saskatchewan Environmental Code* (Government of Saskatchewan 2014b). ▪ The clean-up, treatment, and disposal of contaminated material, including affected soils and sediment associated with a potential spill, would be handled by a certified specialized subcontractor. The spill would be cleaned up immediately and access to the affected area would be restricted, and fenced off if feasible, to limit access to the area by people and wildlife. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements. ▪ An Environmental Protection Program and an Emergency Preparedness and Response Program would be implemented for the Project.
MN-S-010	Long-term effects	Potential for Project effects that may persist through time and across the region.	Duration of effects occurring beyond Closure was assessed in the EIS as the far-future scenario. The far-future scenario is applicable for groundwater and surface water quality intermediate components and to the fish and fish habitat and human health VCs. In addition to the far-future scenario, effects on terrain and soils and vegetation associated with permanent features (e.g., waste rock storage areas) are also predicted to be permanent. Environmental assessment predictions about future conditions have a level of uncertainty that cannot be reduced to zero; therefore, monitoring and follow-up programs are implemented to verify predicted effects, evaluate the effectiveness of mitigation, and to measure compliance with permit conditions and statutory requirements.	Section 6 (Environmental Assessment Approach and Methods): Section 6.4.2. (Temporal Boundaries) Section 8 (Hydrogeology): Section 8.5.1 (Application Case) Section 10 (Surface Water and Sediment Quality): Section 10.5.1.2 (Regional Surface Water Quality Model), Section 10.5.3.2 (Far-Future Projection) Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.5.1 (Approach), Section 11.5.2 (Application Case) Section 12 (Terrain and Soils): Section 12.5.1 (Application Case) Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.5.1.1 (Application Case), Section 13.5.2.1 (Application Case), Section 13.5.3.1 (Application Case), Section 13.5.4.1 (Application Case)	▪ Use engineered cemented paste backfill and tailings to control source concentrations. ▪ Include engineered source control layering in the potentially acid generating waste rock storage area. ▪ Install engineered cover system on potentially acid generating and non-potentially acid generating waste rock storages area during reclamation. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Develop and implement a Detailed Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together); o optimizing the use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o maximizing water diversion away from site facilities through design and the establishment of berms and grading. ▪ Implement the following monitoring measures: o environmental assessment follow-up monitoring, including regulatory compliance monitoring and follow-up monitoring; o independent Indigenous monitoring to verify Project performance and determine if mitigations and controls are effective in protecting the receiving environment; and o NexGen's adaptive management process (as described in the Integrated Management System Manual).

Table 2B-2: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (including the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2) and Responses

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	MN-S Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
				Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.5.1 (Application Case) Section 23 (Summary of Mitigation, Monitoring and Follow-Up Programs): Section 23.5 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management), Appendix 23A (Summary of Project Environmental Design Features and Mitigation Measures), Appendix 23B (Environmental Assessment Monitoring and Follow-Up Programs Proposed for the Project)	▪ Implement provisions of Benefit Agreements, including funding and human resources to support initiatives related, but not limited, to culture, traditional values, employment, training, and economic development. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements including the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project.
MN-S-011	Monitoring, Engagement	Lack of confidence in environmental monitoring data accuracy. The importance of communication of results was conveyed.	NexGen's values and internal policies such as the Code of Ethics support a transparent, honest, and respectful approach to dialogue and communication with local Indigenous Groups. Environmental monitoring programs were proposed for each discipline throughout the EIS, and the approach for adaptive management and for communicating results were outlined. In addition to regulatory compliance monitoring and follow-up monitoring, NexGen will have independent Indigenous monitoring to verify Project performance and determine if mitigations and controls are effective in protecting the receiving environment.	Section 1 (Introduction): Section 1.1.2 (NexGen Vision, Values, and Approach) Section 2 (Engagement): Section 2.3 (Engagement Framework), Section 2.5.2 (Indigenous Engagement Methods), Appendix 2A (Summary of Indigenous Group Engagement Activities), Appendix 2B (Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by Indigenous Groups) Section 23 (Summary of Mitigation, Monitoring and Follow-Up Programs): Section 23.5 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management), Appendix 23A (Summary of Project Environmental Design Features and Mitigation Measures), Appendix 23B (Environmental Assessment Monitoring and Follow-Up Programs Proposed for the Project)	▪ The foundation for the Indigenous engagement program is built on knowledge of community values, a commitment to high standards, and an understanding of lessons learned from other existing uranium operations in northern Saskatchewan. A variety of engagement methods and activities have been implemented to monitor and validate NexGen's approach, with the goals of achieving the objectives of the engagement program and optimizing Project outcomes for Indigenous Groups. ▪ Engagement with Indigenous Groups will continue to take place throughout the Project lifespan. Engagement programs have been and will continue to evolve in collaboration with Indigenous Groups and consider engagement approaches and protocols already developed by the communities. Engagement will continue to be tailored to the unique needs of each Indigenous Group, which includes regular evaluation to verify that the engagement program is meeting their needs. ▪ Implement the following monitoring measures: o environmental assessment follow-up monitoring, including regulatory compliance monitoring and follow-up monitoring; o independent Indigenous monitoring to verify Project performance and determine if mitigations and controls are effective in protecting the receiving environment; and o NexGen's adaptive management process (as described in the Integrated Management System Manual). ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements including the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.
MN-S-012	Community Well-Being	Potential for increased social, family issues due to an influx of workers/capital (i.e., gambling, drinking, substance abuse, and family violence).	Amplification of community issues from increased disposable income was considered in the EA through potential changes to societal and cultural well-being and health well-being, which were two of the measurement indicators for the community well-being VC.	Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 19.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations) Table 19.4-1 (Effects Pathways for Community Well-Being), Pathway ID CWB-04, Section 19.4.3 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Provide employment readiness training for employees. ▪ Develop and implement human resource policies (e.g., employee and family assistance program) to assist workers in finding information and referral services for family-related resources, as required. ▪ Develop and implement a pre-Construction communications process to raise public awareness in communities of potential Project opportunities and effects. ▪ Implement provisions of Benefit Agreements, including funding and human resources to support initiatives related, but not limited, to culture, traditional values, employment, training, and economic development.
MN-S-013	Community Well-Being	Concern about potential effects on community well-being due to market conditions resulting in Project shutdown.	Potential decline in contracting, employment, and income opportunities resulting in adverse effects on quality of life was assessed in the EIS as an effects pathway.	Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Table 19.4-1 (Effects Pathways for Community Well-Being), Pathway ID CWB-06 Section 19.4.3 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Implement a workforce transition plan to address reduction in employment and training opportunities during Closure. ▪ Work with local communities to maintain a local business registry. ▪ Maintain ongoing communication with employees and contractors about future workforce and contracting needs and the schedule for Decommissioning and Reclamation (i.e., Closure). ▪ Implement provisions of Benefit Agreements, including funding and human resources to support initiatives related, but not limited, to culture, traditional values, employment, training, and economic development.
MN-S-014	Human Health, Fish	Safety of consuming fish from Patterson Lake.	Emission and deposition of fugitive dust, radon, criteria air contaminants, and suspended solids as well as discharge of treated effluent and site runoff were assessed as potential effects that may adversely affect human health receptors through food ingestion.	Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 15.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Human Health), Pathway ID HH-01, HH-02, HH-03, HH-04, Section 15.5.1.1 (Non-carcinogens), Section 15.5.1.2 (Carcinogens),	▪ Optimize haul routes to reduce fuel consumption and emissions from equipment. Apply water and/or suppressants to site roads, access road, and airstrip, as necessary. Use dust suppressants that minimize environmental risk and are government-approved for use. ▪ Primarily use liquid natural gas for power generation, which generates lower emissions per unit of energy produced than diesel, for on-site power generation.

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Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	MN-S Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
				Section 15.5.1.3 (Radionuclides and Radon)	▪ Install and operate an effluent treatment plant and a sewage treatment plant to reduce release of constituents of potential concern (e.g., major ions, metals, radionuclides) to the environment and discharge treated effluent and treated sewage to Patterson Lake. ▪ Monitor treated effluent and treated sewage flow and quality. ▪ Collect, store, and routinely monitor contact water to confirm discharge water meets water quality criteria appropriate for release. ▪ Collect and monitor contact water to determine whether treatment is required prior to release to the environment. Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Industrial Air Source Environmental Protection Plan[(a)]. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Effluent Monitoring Plan[(a)] that includes monitoring the quality of treated effluent prior to release to the environment. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Monitoring Plan that includes ambient air monitoring and adaptive management based on ambient air quality standards, and water quality monitoring and adaptive management if necessary. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.
MN-S-015	Monitoring, Human Health	Monitoring of radiation exposure and cancer rates for workers and community members.	Uranium mines and mills are required to satisfy licence and permitting requirements from the CNSC and provincial authorities. Radiation risks for nuclear energy workers were not assessed within the EIS as their health is managed through the Radiation Protection Program and Health and Safety Program. The incremental radiation doses to all human receptors during the Project lifespan and the far-future projection were assessed.	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.7 (Integrated Management System) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 15.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 15.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Human Health), Pathway ID HH-01, Section 15.5.1.2 (Carcinogens), Section 15.5.1.3 (Radionuclides and Radon), Section 15.8 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management)	▪ The management system approach for the Project would include a Radiation Protection Program to keep worker radiological exposures as low as reasonably achievable. The Radiation Protection Program would include dosimetry and contamination monitoring: o Exposures to gamma radiation, long-lived radioactive dust, radon progeny, and radon gas would be routinely monitored for workers designated as nuclear energy workers. o Chemical, physical, or biological health and safety hazards encountered by workers during all phases of the Project would be monitored in accordance with established sample collection and analysis methods to quantify exposure and risk to workers and confirm the effectiveness of applicable controls. ▪ In addition, NexGen would implement the Environmental Protection Program, which would describe the processes required to monitor and characterize emissions from Project facilities and activities, monitor and characterize the quality of the environment to assess the effectiveness of mitigations, and to continually improve environmental protection performance throughout all Project phases. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project.
MN-S-016	Country Foods, Community Well-Being, Indigenous Land and Resource Use	Concern regarding effects on the ability to harvest country foods and implications surrounding food security and community well-being.	Changes to the availability of fish, plants, and wildlife for harvesting was a measurement indicator for assessing potential effects on Indigenous land and resource use, and changes in abundance and distribution was considered in the EA. The importance of traditional diets and food security for Indigenous Groups is acknowledged as an important component of community well-being. In the EA, country foods was considered in a secondary pathway related to the involvement in Project-related employment potentially reducing opportunities for resource harvesting, which could affect the amount of country foods in a traditional diet.	Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-02, Section 16.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 16.5.1.2 (Availability of Fish, Plants, and Wildlife for Harvesting) Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 19.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 19.4-1 (Effects Pathways for Community Well-Being), Pathway ID CWB-03, Section 19.4.3 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Work with local communities to develop culturally sensitive employment policies to facilitate involvement in resource harvesting activities. ▪ Support and promote Indigenous community participation and employment in the traditional economy. ▪ Work with local Indigenous Groups and communities to develop fishing policies that consider both fisheries protection and traditional use activities. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements, including: o funding and human resources to support community-related initiatives including but not limited to cultural and traditional values; and o the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.
MN-S-017	Employment	The importance of prioritization of local community members for	Maximizing value to all stakeholders in a way that makes a lasting, positive impact environmentally, socially, and economically is fundamental to NexGen's approach. NexGen	Section 1 (Introduction): Section 1.2.1 (Purpose of the Rook I Project and Justification)	▪ Implement a tailored local workforce recruitment strategy to confirm that the LPA residents are fully aware of and understand access to Project employment opportunities.

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		business and employment opportunities was conveyed.	will continue to prioritize training, employment, and business opportunities for the local communities closest to the Project. Employment, income, and training opportunities was assessed in the EIS as an effects pathway for the economy VC.	Section 18 (Economy): Section 18.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 18.4-1 (Effects Pathways for Economy), Pathway ID E-01, Section 18.4.1 (Beneficial Pathways), Section 18.4.3 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Work with relevant training institutions to facilitate delivery of certified and accredited training and recruitment programs for construction and mining-related skills targeted at employment opportunities for the LPA residents and continue to provide scholarship and summer student opportunities. ▪ Work with local communities to develop culturally sensitive employment policies to address both recruitment and retention barriers. ▪ Use best efforts to provide qualified local residents with a first preference for employment and training opportunities. ▪ Prioritize advancement of qualified local residents into increasingly senior positions. ▪ Set a long-term aspirational target of 75% of the Project's workforce being composed of the LPA residents. ▪ Maintain ongoing communication with employees and contractors about future workforce and contracting needs and the schedule for Closure. ▪ Establish a mentoring program to support long-term participation of the LPA residents in the Project workforce. ▪ Implement a workforce transition plan to address reduction in employment and training opportunities during Closure. ▪ Design procurement practices to increase involvement of local businesses within the LSA and RSA including providing information to communities on the size and timing of contracting opportunities. ▪ Implement provisions of Benefit Agreements related to employment and training.
MN-S-018	Water Quality	Concern about decreased water quality resulting from the Project, especially in Patterson Lake and Clearwater River.	Several effects pathways assessed Project components/activities effects on local and regional waterbodies and watercourses. Primary effects pathways that were assessed included deposition of fugitive dust emissions on waterbodies, deposition of criteria air contaminant emissions on waterbodies, discharge of treated effluent, discharge of treated sewage, seepage from the waste rock storage areas during construction and Operations, and runoff and seepage from the waste rock storage areas and underground tailings management facility following Closure. In addition, a number of secondary pathways were considered in the EA.	Section 10 (Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality): Section 10.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 10.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality), Pathway ID SWQ-01, SWQ-02, SWQ-03, SWQ-04, SWQ-05, SWQ-06, SWQ-08, SWQ-09, SWQ-10, Section 10.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 10.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 10.5.1 (Application Case)	▪ Collect, store, and routinely monitor contact water to confirm discharge water meets water quality criteria appropriate for release. ▪ Monitor treated effluent flow and quality. ▪ Treat sewage to appropriate release limits in accordance with provincial standards and licence/permit conditions. ▪ Monitor treated sewage flow and quality. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Industrial Air Source Environmental Protection Plan[(a)]. ▪ Implement Project-specific monitoring programs (e.g., Effluent Monitoring Plan[(a)], Environmental Monitoring Plan) that includes ambient air monitoring, surface water quality monitoring, sediment quality monitoring and adaptive management, if necessary. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Implement Groundwater Protection and Monitoring Plan[(a)]. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Mine Waste Management Plan and site water management procedures. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.
MN-S-019	Indigenous and Local Knowledge	Use of Métis Knowledge in the EA, and concerns about how confidentiality and Métis ownership of the information will be maintained.	Indigenous and Local Knowledge were used throughout the EIS and respected the Study Agreements made with each community regarding appropriate sharing and acknowledgement of ownership. Available sources of Indigenous and Local Knowledge were shared with the EA discipline leads for their review and incorporation into their respective assessments.	Section 3 (Indigenous and Local Knowledge): Section 3.3.2 (Study Agreements), Section 3.6.1 (Guiding Principles), Section 3.6.2 (Approach and Methods)	The following principles have guided the identification of Indigenous Knowledge and the way it would be utilized throughout the Project lifespan (BC EAO 2020; IAAC 2020a,b,c; GNWT n.d.): ▪ Establish and maintain collaborative relationships: A collaborative approach is required to support the involvement of Indigenous Groups throughout all phases of the Project. Early engagement with Indigenous Groups promotes meaningful and ongoing dialogue and a better understanding of the context of any Indigenous Knowledge that is provided. Only Indigenous Groups and Indigenous Knowledge holders (e.g., Elders) are positioned to share their Indigenous Knowledge. ▪ Adhere to community-based protocols: Indigenous Groups will establish acceptable ground rules for engagement regarding the gathering, use, and management of Indigenous Knowledge. Community protocols and procedures should be understood, respected, and followed. ▪ Understand and respect the value of Indigenous Knowledge: Indigenous Knowledge and Western science are equally valued as distinct ways of knowing that can both inform the EA. Indigenous Knowledge should be viewed as complementary and influential information alongside Western science and considered throughout all phases of the EA. It should be examined in the same way as other evidence, including by looking at its relevance and keeping it in full context, and be given full and fair consideration of the information provided. ▪ Confirm informed consent: Indigenous Knowledge is to be used with appropriate permission and according to the governance, laws, policies, and practices of each Indigenous Group. The collection and use of Indigenous Knowledge requires informed consent from Indigenous Groups and individuals sharing their knowledge and their ongoing, active participation. Formal agreements are put in place to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of Indigenous Knowledge and to confirm consent is explicit and not assumed.

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					▪ Respect local ownership and control: The Indigenous Groups' principles of ownership, control, access, and possession as they relate to Indigenous Knowledge are to be respected. Indigenous Groups retain inherent rights to their Indigenous Knowledge, cultural practices, and traditions, even when this information is being shared. Indigenous Knowledge is under the authority and control of each Indigenous Group, and each community makes decisions on who can use it and how it can be used. ▪ Protect sensitive Indigenous Knowledge: Indigenous Groups will determine whether to share their Indigenous Knowledge and what aspects of that knowledge they wish to share in confidence. Privileged and/or confidential information is to be protected, and there must be a clear understanding and agreement on its storage, use, and release.
MN-S-020	Air Quality, Surface Water Quality	Potential for pollution to be generated by the Project.	The potential effects of the Project on air quality were assessed. Ambient air concentrations of selected air contaminants to be emitted from the Project were included as measurement indicators. The potential effects of the Project on surface water quality in Patterson Lake and downstream waterbodies and watercourses were assessed. The concentrations of water quality constituents were included as measurement indicators and included in the residual effects assessment. Where changes to air quality and water quality could affect other VCs and intermediate components, the results of Air Quality and Surface Water Quality were incorporated into these other discipline assessments (e.g., vegetation, fish and fish habitat, Indigenous land and resource use).	Section 7 (Air Quality, Noise and Climate Change): Section 7.2.2.2 (Valued Components, Intermediate Components, and Measurement Indicators), Section 7.2.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 7.2-10 (Potential Effects Pathways for Air Quality), Pathway ID AQ-01, AQ-02, Section 7.2.5.1 (Application Case) Section 10 (Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality): Section 10.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 10.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality), Pathway ID SWQ-01, SWQ-02, SWQ-03, SWQ-04, SWQ-05, SWQ-06, SWQ-07, SWQ-08, SWQ-09, SWQ-10, SWQ-11, SWQ-12, Section 10.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 10.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 10.5.1 (Application Case)	▪ Primarily use liquified natural gas, which generates lower emissions per unit of energy produced than diesel, for on-site power generation. ▪ Evaluate opportunities to reduce fuel combustion requirements of infrastructure and equipment, to the extent practical, during detailed design. ▪ Optimize haul routes to reduce fuel consumption and emissions from equipment. ▪ Recover heat from the liquified natural gas power plant exhaust and use to heat other process and ancillary buildings, to the extent practical. ▪ Use pollution control technology on process plant exhaust stacks with preventative maintenance and stack testing, as well as adaptive management, if necessary. ▪ Use Tier 4 diesel mobile equipment for underground operations, whenever practical, with applicable mine ventilation airflow rates specified by Canada Centre for Mineral and Energy Technology, when available. ▪ Apply water and/or suppressants to site roads, access road, and airstrip, as necessary. Use dust suppressants that minimize environmental risk and are government-approved for use. ▪ Limit idling of vehicles and equipment to the extent practical. ▪ Limit vehicle speed on unpaved site roads to reduce fugitive dust during Construction and Operations. ▪ Develop a site-specific effluent treatment plant to treat constituents of potential concern to appropriate release limits in accordance with provincial standards and licence/permit conditions. ▪ Collect, store, and routinely monitor contact water to confirm discharge water meets water quality criteria appropriate for release. ▪ Monitor treated effluent flow and quality. ▪ Treat sewage to appropriate release limits in accordance with provincial standards and licence/permit conditions. ▪ Monitor treated sewage flow and quality. ▪ Use engineered cemented paste backfill and tailings to control source concentrations. ▪ Install engineered cover system on potentially acid generating and non-potentially acid generating waste rock storage areas. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Monitoring Plan that includes ambient air monitoring. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.
MN-S-021	Safety, Tailings	Concern about the safety of tailings stored underground in the UGTMF and the possible effects of the tailings on the health of people living in the regional area.	NexGen is dedicated to minimizing potential effects on the environment throughout all phases of the Project through incorporating proven best practices and designs around mine planning and tailings management. The safety of mine tailings storage on people and the environment was considered and assessed in the EIS: ▪ potential for seepage from the UGTMF after Closure; ▪ potential for the Project to cause adverse effects on human health from various Project sources, including the UGTMF; ▪ potential accident and malfunction scenarios that could affect the UGTMF; and	Section 8 (Hydrogeology): Section 8.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 8.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Groundwater Quantity and Quality), Pathway ID HG-04, Section 8.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 8.5.1 (Application Case) Section 10 (Water Quality and Sediment Quality): Section 10.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 10.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality), Pathway ID SWQ-06, Section 10.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 10.5.1 (Application Case)	▪ The design of the tailings transfer system would be completed in accordance with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers B31.2 - 2020, Process Piping code. American Society of Mechanical Engineers B31.3 is a mechanical code that deals mostly with mechanical safety to prevent sudden release of energy (e.g., pipe bursts). ▪ An Environmental Protection Program and an Emergency Preparedness and Response Program would be implemented for the Project and would include mitigation and emergency response measures related to the potential for a leak or spill associated with the tailings transfer pipe. ▪ Use engineered cemented paste backfill and tailings to control source concentrations. ▪ Apply binder to reduce permeability in backfill and tailings. ▪ Engineer the tailings geochemistry to control source concentrations. ▪ Develop and implement a Detailed Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project.

Table 2B-2: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (including the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2) and Responses

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	MN-S Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
			▪ potential effects of a seismic event on the Project, including the UGTMF.	Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 11.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Fish and Fish Habitat), Pathway ID F-01, Section 11.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 11.5.2 (Application Case) Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 13.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Vegetation), Pathway ID V-11, Section 13.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-14, Section 14.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 15.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Human Health), Pathway ID HH-06, Section 15.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 15.5.1 (Application Case) Section 21 (Accidents and Malfunctions): Section 21.6.2 (Selection of Bounding Scenarios), Table 21.6-2 (Bounding Scenarios Considered in the Accidents and Malfunctions Assessment and Associated Mitigations), Section 21.6.6 (Bounding Scenario 4) Section 22 (Effects of the Environment): Section 22.6.7 (Seismic Events)	▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.

a) The name of this specific Project document has evolved since the development of this table; however, the function of, and processes considered in, this document are still covered within documents forming part of the Integrated Management System developed for the Project. The original document name has been retained for consistency with the table provided to the MN-S and MN-S NR2.
MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; EA = Environmental Assessment; JWG = Joint Working Group; UGTMF = underground tailings management facility; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; VC = valued component; RFD = reasonably foreseeable development; LPA = local priority area; LSA = local study area; RSA = regional study area.

Table 2B-3: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Birch Narrows Dene Nation and Responses

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	BNDN Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
BNDN-001	Access, Hunting, Indigenous Land and Resource Use	Concern about potential for loss of access to the land on lease areas, especially to Patterson Lake and surrounding areas, including the BNDN members' ability to hunt and travel on land and transfer traditional knowledge to younger generations.	One of NexGen's preliminary decommissioning and reclamation objectives for the Project is to establish a closure landscape that would be accessible for unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Groups and local communities. Changes to access to and area available for Indigenous land and resource use was assessed as an effects pathway and was a measurement indicator in the EA. Continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities was included as an assessment endpoint, which considered the importance of intergenerational transmission of knowledge.	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.3.2 Design Objectives and Guiding Principles Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-01, Section 16.5.1.1 (Access to and Area Available for Indigenous Land and Resource Use)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Install a gate at the site entrance (i.e., gatehouse) to control public access. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Implement a Security Program to provide safe and coordinated access via the access road to locations where other land and resource use is practised. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements, including: o funding and human resources to support community-related initiatives including but not limited to cultural and traditional values; and o the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Work with the BNDN throughout the Project lifespan to identify any areas of cultural or environmental importance. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.
BNDN-002	Indigenous Land and Resource Use, Air Quality, Water Quality, Wildlife, Environmental Risk Assessment	Potential effects of radon emissions from the Project on food sources, wildlife, and water. Concern was also expressed about how radon emissions will be controlled and monitored.	Uranium mines and mills are required to satisfy licence and permitting requirements from the CNSC and provincial authorities. Protecting the health and safety of workers and the environment is of paramount importance to NexGen. Assessments are used to confirm the Project design basis and inform the controls required to protect workers from radiological hazards and keep radiological exposures as low as reasonably achievable. Dose assessments will be submitted to the CNSC and other regulatory agencies in support of the licence application and other regulatory approvals. The management system approach for the Project would include a Radiation Protection Program, including dosimetry and contamination monitoring. The potential effects of radon gas were considered in the EIS including in the air quality, water quality, terrain and soils, vegetation, wildlife and wildlife habitat, and human health discipline sections.	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.7 (Integrated Management System) Section 7 (Air Quality, Noise, and Climate Change): Appendix 7A (Air Dispersion Modelling Report), Section 7A.2.2.7 (Radon Emission) Section 10 (Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality): Section 10.2.8.2.1 (Surface Water Quality Constituents of Potential Concern) Section 12 (Terrain and Soils): Section 12.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 12.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Terrain and Soils), Pathway ID TS-03, TS-10, Section 12.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 12.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 13.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Vegetation), Pathway ID V-04, V-12, Section 13.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 13.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-21, Section 14.4.1 (No Pathways) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints),	▪ Optimize haul routes to reduce fuel consumption and emissions from equipment. ▪ Apply water and/or suppressants to site roads, access road, and airstrip, as necessary. Use dust suppressants that minimize environmental risk and are government-approved for use. ▪ Limit vehicle speed on unpaved site roads to reduce fugitive dust during Construction and Operations. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Monitoring Plan that includes ambient air monitoring and adaptive management based on ambient air quality standards. ▪ In addition, NexGen would implement the Environmental Protection Program, which would describe the processes required to monitor and characterize emissions from Project facilities and activities, monitor and characterize the quality of the environment to assess the effectiveness of mitigations, and to continually improve environmental protection performance throughout all Project phases.

Table 2B-3: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Birch Narrows Dene Nation and Responses

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	BNDN Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
				Section 15.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 15.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Human Health), Pathway ID HH-01, Section 15.5.1.3 (Radionuclides and Radon), Section 15.8 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management)	
BNDN-003	Community Well-Being, Employment, Training	Developing appropriate metrics for measuring and assessing positive Project outcomes for workers when communities have a younger population composition that may be unable to participate in workforce.	Project-related employment and income were used as measurement indicators in the Economy assessment. Enhancing the participation of local Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals in employment, income, education, and training opportunities was used as an assessment endpoint. Educational well-being and economic well-being were used as measurement indicators in the Community Well-Being assessment. Feedback provided by Indigenous Groups during engagement, including recommendations, were considered in the development of monitoring and follow-up activities. In addition, it is planned that ongoing feedback from Indigenous Groups on the effectiveness of mitigations would be considered when updating monitoring programs and management plans.	Section 18 (Economy): Section 18.2.1 (Incorporation of Indigenous and Local Knowledge), Section 18.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 18.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Economy), Pathway ID E-01, Section 18.4.1 (Beneficial Pathways), Section 18.4.3 (Secondary Pathways), Section 18.7 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management) Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.8 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management)	▪ Implement monitoring and follow-up programs to: o monitor progress on achieving employment and contracting targets and identify opportunities to improve employment and contracting outcomes; o maintain ongoing communication and dialogue with local communities to identify and resolve issues; o evaluate the overall well-being of local communities; and o contribute to the overall continual improvement of the Project. ▪ It is anticipated that the Project's Mineral Surface Lease Agreement would include a Human Resources Development Agreement and a rolling Annual Human Resources Development Plan that would require reporting on efforts to meet socio-economic commitments. The mining operations report would include: o total employment and employment of residents of the RSA; o employment by sex and Indigenous identity; o total wages (i.e., in dollars) and percentage of the total wages for residents of the RSA; o external training partnerships and in-house employee development; o northern procurement volumes (i.e., in dollars) and percentages of total procurement; and o community involvement including school awards, scholarships, outreach, and information sharing with northern residents. ▪ NexGen also committed to establishing an Implementation Committee with each primary Indigenous Group. Each Implementation Committee is expected or expected to: o require an annual written report on all activities identified within the Benefit Agreement; and o organize and host an annual community meeting to provide a summary of the activities undertaken to address the commitments in the Benefit Agreements, including a summary of the environmental, cultural, economic, training, employment, and business development initiatives undertaken.
BNDN-004	Engagement	Concern about the potential for exclusion of land users and interested individuals located in communities farther from the Project.	Engagement with local Indigenous Groups is foundational to the responsible development of the Project. NexGen has always valued and respected the culture, interests, and aspirations of the communities where it operates and will continue to do so. Engagement with Indigenous Groups began prior to commencement of the preparation of the EIS and has continued to the present; engagement will continue through all phases of the Project. A variety of engagement methods and activities have been implemented to monitor and validate NexGen's approach, with the goals of achieving the objectives of the engagement program and optimizing Project outcomes for Indigenous Groups. Identification of members of the public and groups for engagement was primarily based on proximity to the Project, potential interaction with the Project (i.e., potential to experience direct or indirect effects), and expressed or potential interest in the Project. Identification was conducted through a combination of NexGen engagement team members' extended history and familiarity with local communities and activities within the region, knowledge and relationships built through early engagement activities, establishment of the LPA, introductions or identification by Indigenous Groups and regulators, and expressed interest by the public.	Section 1 (Introduction): Section 1.1.6 (Working with People) Section 2 (Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement): Section 2.3 (Engagement Framework), Section 2.5.2 (Indigenous Engagement Methods), Appendix 2A (Summary of Indigenous Group Engagement Activities), Appendix 2B (Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by Indigenous Groups)	▪ As a foundational principle, NexGen acknowledges and values the community interests and aspirations of those potentially affected by the Project. NexGen fosters trusting relationships that facilitate collaboration and optimize benefits to Indigenous Groups and Project stakeholders by: o respecting the diverse cultures and perspectives of those with whom the Project interacts; o proactively and transparently engaging with Project-affected communities; o enhancing workers' awareness of the history, traditions, and rights of Indigenous Peoples; o supporting the economic participation of local communities; o seeking to provide opportunities resulting from Project benefits to local communities, especially opportunities with the ability to last beyond the Project lifespan; and o providing clear and timely information to those who have a direct interest in the Project. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements that include the establishment of an Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Engagement with Indigenous Groups will continue to take place throughout the Project lifespan. Engagement programs have been and will continue to evolve in collaboration with Indigenous Groups and consider engagement approaches and protocols already developed by the communities. Engagement will continue to be tailored to the unique needs of each Indigenous Group, which includes regular evaluation to verify that the engagement program is meeting their needs.

Table 2B-3: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Birch Narrows Dene Nation and Responses

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	BNDN Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
BNDN-005	Engagement	Time and budget (i.e., capacity) restrictions affecting the BNDN community member participation in community knowledge collection.	As part of the Study Agreements, NexGen committed to providing capacity funding for the primary Indigenous Groups, including the BNDN. Through the Study Agreements, the BNDN formally shared Indigenous Knowledge to inform the EA for the Project. NexGen's engagement activities have continually evolved to promote the opportunity for effective information exchange and dialogue. This approach to engagement has been consistent since NexGen was formed and will remain a priority for the company throughout all phases of the Project. The engagement methods and activities developed for the Project include a built-in degree of flexibility in recognition of the differences between each of the Indigenous Groups.	Section 2 (Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement): Section 2.3 (Engagement Framework), Section 2.5.2.1 (Study Agreements), Appendix 2A (Summary of Indigenous Group Engagement Activities), Appendix 2F (Public Engagement Materials)	▪ Each Study Agreement commits NexGen to providing capacity funding for the JWG engagement, the retention of technical support by the Indigenous Group, and the completion of a self-directed IKTLU Study. ▪ The COVID-19 pandemic limited travel for all parties. In lieu of the ability to meet regularly in person, video conference calls were conducted regularly with Indigenous Groups. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements including the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.
BNDN-006	Cumulative Effects	Concern regarding cumulative effects from multiple industrial projects within the BNDN territory.	The EIS explains the methodology of how potential cumulative effects of the Project; previous, existing, and approved projects; and RFDs were assessed. The potential cumulative effects of the Project and RFDs were considered throughout the EIS. Individual disciplines (Sections 7, 9 to 11, and 13 to 19) further describe the assessment of potential cumulative effects specific to each discipline. These sections also describe the uncertainties associated with the assessment of cumulative effects, where appropriate. The RFD Case assessed the residual effects from the Project plus the effects from other previous, existing, approved, and future projects and activities. The rationale for completing or not completing an RFD Case is provided in each discipline section. In slight contrast to the effects analyses for the Base and Application cases, which are largely quantitative, the analysis for the RFD Case was quantitative where possible and qualitative where necessary, based on the information available. As a scenario within the RFD Case (where applicable), potential effects from climate change were considered within the EIS.	Section 6 (Environmental Assessment Approach and Methods: Section 6.5.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 7 (Air Quality, Noise, and Climate Change): Section 7.2.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 7.3.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 7.4.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 9 (Hydrology): Section 9.6.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 9.6.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case [including Climate Change]) Section 10 (Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality): Section 10.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.5.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.5.1.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.2.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.3.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.4.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.5.1.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.2.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.3.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.4.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.6.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.7.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.8.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.9.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.10.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.11.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case)	▪ The RFD Case includes the Base Case, Application Case, and RFDs. This case was used to identify and assess potential cumulative effects on VCs and intermediate components (i.e., relative to existing conditions) derived from the addition of the proposed Project and RFDs. For the purposes of the EA, RFDs are defined as projects and activities that fit any of the first three and both of the last two criteria from the list below: o are currently under regulatory review or have officially entered a formal regulatory application process; o have been publicly disclosed by other proponents; o may be induced by the Project; o have the potential to change the Project or the effects predictions; and o occur in the spatial assessment boundary defined by the VCs and intermediate components. ▪ A key criterion for selecting other projects to include in the EA for a discipline is that those projects must cause similar effects on the same VCs or intermediate components influenced by the Project (Hegmann et al. 1999). Accordingly, an RFD Case was not required for all VCs and intermediate components as it depended on whether or not effects from the RFDs would have the potential to overlap with the selected VCs and intermediate components within the spatial and temporal assessment boundaries defined for the Project. o The Fission Patterson Lake South Project (i.e., another proposed uranium mine in close proximity to Patterson lake) was deemed an RFD based on the criteria listed above.

Table 2B-3: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Birch Narrows Dene Nation and Responses

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	BNDN Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
				Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 17 (Other Land and Resource Use): Section 17.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 18 (Economy): Section 18.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case)	
BNDN-007	Human Health	Concern about increased potential for human health risks due to effects from the proposed Project and from existing mines/exploration projects within the BNDN territory.	Uranium mines and mills are required to satisfy licence and permitting requirements from the CNSC and provincial authorities. Radiation risks for nuclear energy workers were not assessed within the EIS as their health is managed through the Radiation Protection Program and Health and Safety Program. The incremental radiation doses to all human receptors during the Project lifespan and the far-future projection were assessed.	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.7 (Integrated Management System) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 15.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 15.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Human Health), Pathway ID HH-01 Section 15.5.1.2 (Carcinogens), Section 15.5.1.3 (Radionuclides and Radon), Section 15.8 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management)	▪ The management system approach for the Project would include a Radiation Protection Program to keep worker radiological exposures as low as reasonably achievable. The Radiation Protection Program would include dosimetry and contamination monitoring: o Exposures to gamma radiation, long-lived radioactive dust, radon progeny, and radon gas would be routinely monitored for workers designated as nuclear energy workers. o Chemical, physical, or biological health and safety hazards encountered by workers during all phases of the Project would be monitored in accordance with established sample collection and analysis methods to quantify exposure and risk to workers and confirm the effectiveness of applicable controls. ▪ In addition, NexGen would implement the Environmental Protection Program, which would describe the processes required to monitor and characterize emissions from Project facilities and activities, monitor and characterize the quality of the environment to assess the effectiveness of mitigations, and to continually improve environmental protection performance throughout all Project phases.
BNDN-008	Employment, Training	Concern about how NexGen will balance business, employment, and training opportunities among communities and Indigenous Groups.	Maximizing value to all stakeholders in a way that makes a lasting, positive impact environmentally, socially, and economically is fundamental to NexGen's approach. NexGen will continue to prioritize training, employment, and business opportunities for the local communities closest to the Project. Employment, income, and training opportunities was assessed as an effects pathway for the economy VC. The Project is expected to provide positive benefits for education, training, and business opportunities. Monitoring is proposed to verify that employment, business, education, and training opportunities are maximized for local communities. It is anticipated that the Project's Mineral Surface Lease Agreement would include a Human Resources Development Agreement and a rolling Annual Human Resources Development Plan that would require reporting on efforts to meet socio-economic commitments.	Section 1 (Introduction): Section 1.2.1 (Purpose of the Rook I Project and Justification for Development) Section 18 (Economy): Section 18.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 18.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Economy), Pathway ID E-01, E-02, Section 18.4.1 (Beneficial Pathways), Section 18.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 18.7 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management)	▪ Implement a tailored local workforce recruitment strategy to confirm that the LPA residents are fully aware of and understand access to Project employment opportunities. ▪ Work with relevant training institutions to facilitate delivery of certified and accredited training and recruitment programs for construction and mining-related skills targeted at employment opportunities for LPA residents and continue to provide scholarship and summer student opportunities. ▪ Use best efforts to provide qualified local residents with a first preference for employment and training opportunities. ▪ Establish a mentoring program to support long-term participation of the LPA residents in the Project workforce. ▪ Prioritize advancement of qualified local residents into increasingly senior positions. ▪ Set a long-term aspirational target of 75% of the Project's workforce being composed of the LPA residents. ▪ Maintain ongoing communication with employees and contractors about future workforce and contracting needs and the schedule for Closure. ▪ Develop and maintain a business opportunities workplan that describes the steps NexGen and each primary Indigenous Group would take to achieve the desired outcomes of the respective Benefit Agreement. ▪ Provide advance notice of business opportunities. ▪ Work with local communities to maintain a local business registry. ▪ Pre-qualify each Indigenous business listed in the business registry and provide feedback to any Indigenous business that does not successfully pre-qualify. ▪ Develop and implement a single source process and a preferred competitive bid process to facilitate the success of capable and suitably qualified Indigenous businesses. ▪ Establish a long-term aspirational target of 30% of external spending being awarded to the LPA and regional (i.e., Northern Saskatchewan Administration District) businesses. ▪ Implement provisions of Benefit Agreements related to employment and training.
BNDN-009	Accidents and Spills	Concern about the procedures that would be used in the event of a spill into the environment (air, land, or water).	NexGen's management system approach follows a Plan-Do-Check-Act continual improvement cycle. The "Do" component of the management system includes controls to mitigate risk, carry out work safely, and efficiently verify that processes (e.g., procedures) and outcomes conform to requirements.	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.7 (Integrated Management System) Section 21 (Accidents and Malfunctions): Section 21.2.3 (Risk Management and Controls),	▪ NexGen's hierarchy of controls was applied in the hazard identification process to prevent, eliminate, and reduce hazards and mitigate the risks associated with the identified hazard scenarios. This hierarchy was applied to the Project design through the integration of engineering solutions that eliminated or substituted the hazard first, before considering the application of other potential controls.

Table 2B-3: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Birch Narrows Dene Nation and Responses

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	BNDN Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
			NexGen's objectives for risk management are to reduce all health, safety, and environmental risks to acceptable levels and to keep radiological exposures to workers and the environment as low as reasonably achievable. Risks are assessed for likelihood and consequence and managed through the application of controls. Controls are implemented to mitigate hazards and the associated risks identified through risk assessment processes, and to lower the risks to acceptable levels. The controls applied are specific to the nature and commensurate with the level of the risk. Controls are documented, tracked, and routinely evaluated for effectiveness as outlined in the Integrated Management System Manual. Uranium mines and mills are required to satisfy licence and permitting requirements from the CNSC and provincial authorities, which include the protection of the environment. Potential accident and malfunction scenarios, including transportation risks, are assessed in the EIS. Five of the scenarios were determined to be low risk overall. The acid plant tail gas scrubber failure scenario was assessed to be low to moderate risk. Given that the risk would be managed to be as low as reasonably practicable, this risk was deemed to be tolerable, and no further mitigation was deemed necessary.	Section 21.6 (Assessment of Accidents and Malfunctions)	▪ Mitigation actions were identified for each hazard scenario and included prevention measures that would minimize the probability of the scenarios occurring, as well as control measures to mitigate the severity from an accident or malfunction or transportation scenario.
BNDN-010	Uranium	Uranium's potential to harm the environment.	The potential interactions between uranium and the environment were considered in pathway analyses or in assessments for multiple environmental disciplines.	Section 7 (Air Quality, Noise and Climate Change): Section 7.2.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 7.2-10 (Potential Effects Pathways for Air Quality), Pathway ID AQ-01, AQ-02, Section 7.2.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 7.2.5 (Residual Effects Analysis) Section 8 (Hydrogeology): Section 8.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 8.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Hydrogeology), Pathway ID HG-02, HG-03, HG-04, Section 8.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 8.5 (Residual Effects Analysis) Section 10 (Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality): Section 10.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 10.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality), Pathway ID SWQ-01, SWQ-02, SWQ-03, SWQ-05, SWQ-06, SWQ-07, SWQ-08, SWQ-09, SWQ-11, SWQ-12, Section 10.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 10.4.2, (Secondary Pathways), Section 10.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 10.5 (Residual Effects Analysis) Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 11.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Fish and Fish Habitat), Pathway ID F-01, F-07, F-13, Section 11.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 11.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 11.5 (Residual Effects Analysis) Section 12 (Terrain and Soils):	▪ Isolate mine workings from groundwater inflows that could occur through high permeability strata (i.e., Cretaceous sandstone) with a hydrostatic liner in the shaft. ▪ Design, maintain, and monitor a mine dewatering system to manage the flow of groundwater inflow. ▪ Install and operate an effluent treatment plant and a sewage treatment plant to reduce release of constituents of potential concern (e.g., major ions, metals, radionuclides) to the environment and discharge treated effluent and treated sewage to Patterson Lake. ▪ Use engineered cemented paste backfill and tailings to control source concentrations. ▪ Implement an Environmental Code of Practice that defines actions levels and documents steps to be taken to mitigate elevated concentrations of chemical and radiological constituents in treated effluent discharge to acceptable levels. ▪ Implement Project-specific monitoring programs (e.g., Effluent Monitoring Plan[a], Environmental Monitoring Plan) that includes monitoring treated effluent, surface water quality and sediment quality and applying adaptive management if necessary. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Waste Management Program and a Project-specific Conventional Waste Management Plan. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program and a Project-specific Groundwater Protection and Monitoring Plan[a] that includes monitoring and adaptive management, if necessary.

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				Section 12.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 12.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Terrain and Soils), TS-03, TS-04, TS-07, Section 12.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 13.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Vegetation), Pathway ID V-04, V-09, V-10, Section 13.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-10, W-11, W-12, W-13, W-14, W-20, W-21, W-22, W-23, Section 14.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 14.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 15.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Human Health), Pathway ID HH-01, HH-02, HH-03, HH-04, HH-05, HH-06, Section 15.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 15.5 (Risk Assessment)	▪ Provide employment readiness training for employees.
BNDN-011	Community Well-Being	Potential that higher incomes resulting from the Project may result in substance abuse issues (e.g., drinking) within the community.	Amplification of community issues from increased disposable income was considered in the EA through potential changes to societal and cultural well-being and health well-being, which were two of the measurement indicators for the community well-being VC.	Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 19.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations) Table 19.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Community Well-Being), Pathway ID CWB-04, Section 19.4.3 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Provide employment readiness training for employees. ▪ Develop and implement human resource policies (e.g., employee and family assistance program) to assist workers in finding information and referral services for family-related resources, as required. ▪ Develop and implement a pre-Construction communications process to raise public awareness in communities of potential Project opportunities and effects. ▪ Establish an Implementation Committee to provide a forum for regular communication and information exchange between NexGen and communities for effective management of Benefit Agreement commitments and the early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise.
BNDN-012	Wildlife, noise	Concern that wildlife behaviour may be disturbed by traffic.	Sensory disturbances such as noise, light, dust, smell, and traffic were assessed in the EA through changes to wildlife habitat availability and wildlife abundance and distribution.	Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-03, Section 14.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 14.5.1 (Woodland Caribou), Section 14.5.2 (Moose), Section 14.5.3 (Grey Wolf), Section 14.5.4 (Black Bear), Section 14.5.5 (Beaver), Section 14.5.6 (Little Brown Myotis), Section 14.5.7 (Olive-Sided Flycatcher), Section 14.5.8 (Rusty Blackbird), Section 14.5.9 (Common Goldeneye), Section 14.5.10 (Mallard), Section 14.5.11 (Canadian Toad)	▪ Enclose or dampen equipment in process buildings where the total sound power level is expected to be more than approximately 80 A-weighted decibels, where feasible. ▪ Use and maintain noise suppression (i.e., mufflers) on vehicles and inspect regularly to make sure they are functioning properly. ▪ Where practical, maintain overflight altitudes of greater than 300 m above ground level. ▪ Limit idling of vehicles and equipment to the extent practical. ▪ Limit light pollution to the extent practical for built infrastructure. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Implement an Environmental Protection Program that includes no harassing, feeding, or approaching wildlife. ▪ If sensitive species are confirmed in the Project footprint, apply activity restriction guidelines for sensitive species established by the Government of Saskatchewan (ENV 2017) to the Project as required. ▪ Work with government and Indigenous communities to develop caribou mitigation and offsetting actions. ▪ Implement an Environmental Protection Program with restricted activity periods to limit effects on denning animals and nesting migratory birds during sensitive time periods (e.g., per Nesting Zone B6 [ECCC 2019] guidelines and *the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994*). If sensitive periods cannot be avoided, apply pre-clearance surveys and buffers, as required. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program.

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BNDN-013	Indigenous Land and Resource Use	Concern about increased development and industrial activity leading to increased competition with non-Indigenous recreational land users.	Changes to the availability of fish, plants, and wildlife for harvesting was a measurement indicator for assessing potential effects on Indigenous land and resource use, and effects from increased access and competition for resources was considered in the EA.	Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-04, Section 16.4.2 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Install a gate at the site entrance (i.e., gatehouse) to control public access. ▪ Use existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing. ▪ Implement a Security Program to provide safe and coordinated access via the access road to locations where other land and resource use is practised. ▪ Identify Indigenous land users in Security Program supporting documentation and outline the process to allow continued access to areas of importance. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program.
BNDN-014	Indigenous Land and Resource Use, wildlife, fish	Concern about Project effects on the ability to harvest country foods such as caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*), moose, deer, fish, birds, and other game within the BNDN territory.	Changes to the availability of fish, plants, and wildlife for harvesting was a measurement indicator for assessing potential effects on Indigenous land and resource use, and changes in abundance and distribution was considered in the EA. The importance of traditional diets and food security for Indigenous Groups is acknowledged as an important component of community well-being. In the EA, country foods was considered in a secondary pathway related to the involvement in Project-related employment potentially reducing opportunities for resource harvesting, which could affect the amount of country foods in a traditional diet.	Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-02, Section 16.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 16.5.1.2 (Availability of Fish, Plants, and Wildlife for Harvesting) Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 19.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 19.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Community Well-Being), Pathway ID CWB-03, Section 19.4.3 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Work with local communities to develop culturally sensitive employment policies to facilitate involvement in resource harvesting activities. ▪ Support and promote Indigenous community participation and employment in the traditional economy. ▪ Work with local Indigenous Groups and communities to develop fishing policies that consider both fisheries protection and traditional use activities. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements, including: o funding and human resources to support community-related initiatives including but not limited to cultural and traditional values; and o the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.
BNDN-015	Wildlife	Potential effects on species that are trapped by the BNDN members, including marten (*Martes americana*), lynx (*Lynx canadensis*), wolf (*Canis lupus*), mink (*Neovison vison*), squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus* / *Glaucomys sabrinus*), fisher (*Pekania pennanti*), beaver (*Castor canadensis*), and muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*).	Changes to the availability wildlife for harvesting was a measurement indicator for assessing potential effects on Indigenous land and resource use, and changes in abundance and distribution was considered in the EA.	Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-02, Section 16.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 16.5.1.2.3 (Hunting and Trapping)	▪ Install a gate at the site entrance (i.e., gatehouse) to control public access. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Use existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing. ▪ Work with local communities to develop culturally sensitive employment policies to facilitate involvement in resource harvesting activities. ▪ Support and promote Indigenous community participation and employment in the traditional economy. ▪ Implement a Security Program to provide safe and coordinated access via the access road to locations where other land and resource use is practised. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements including: o funding and human resources to support community-related initiatives including but not limited to cultural and traditional values; and o the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise.
BNDN-016	Waste management, reclamation	Concern regarding waste management and reclamation.	To the extent practicable, waste streams will be minimized and segregated at the source of generation to optimize recycling and reuse, handling, processing, and disposal. NexGen's preliminary objective for Closure is to design the landscape to allow for unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Groups and local communities, and for functional self sustaining, locally common ecosystems on the reclaimed	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.4.6 (Conventional Waste Management), Section 5.5.3 (Decommissioning and Reclamation [Closure])	▪ Implement a Project-specific Waste Management Program and a Project-specific Conventional Waste Management Plan. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Develop and implement a Detailed Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program.

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			landscape as soon as practical. Monitoring would be performed during Closure to confirm that closure objectives have been met, the Project site is safe and stable, and ecological conditions are appropriate to transfer the land to the Province of Saskatchewan.		
BNDN-017	Water Quality, radiation	Concern about the possible effects the Project may have on the water quality of Patterson Lake (including radiation) and connected waterways.	Several effects pathways assessed Project components/activities effects on local and regional waterbodies and watercourses. Primary effects pathways that were assessed included deposition of fugitive dust emissions on waterbodies, deposition of criteria air contaminant emissions on waterbodies, discharge of treated effluent, discharge of treated sewage, seepage from the waste rock storage areas during construction and Operations, and runoff and seepage from the waste rock storage areas and underground tailings management facility following Closure. In addition, a number of secondary pathways were considered in the EA.	Section 10 (Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality): Section 10.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 10.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality), Pathway ID SWQ-01, SWQ-02, SWQ-03, SWQ-04, SWQ-05, SWQ-06, SWQ-08, SWQ-09, SWQ-10, Section 10.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 10.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 10.5.1 (Application Case)	▪ Collect, store, and routinely monitor contact water to confirm discharge water meets water quality criteria appropriate for release. ▪ Monitor treated effluent flow and quality. ▪ Treat sewage to appropriate release limits in accordance with provincial standards and licence/permit conditions. ▪ Monitor treated sewage flow and quality. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Industrial Air Source Environmental Protection Plan[(a)]. ▪ Implement Project-specific monitoring programs (e.g., Effluent Monitoring Plan[(a)], Environmental Monitoring Plan) that includes ambient air monitoring, surface water quality monitoring, sediment quality monitoring and adaptive management, if necessary. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Implement Groundwater Protection and Monitoring Plan[(a)]. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Mine Waste Management Plan and site water management procedures.
BNDN-018	Tailings	Concern was expressed about the stability and safety of tailings stored in the UGTMF.	NexGen is dedicated to minimizing potential effects on the environment throughout all phases of the Project through incorporating proven best practices and designs around mine planning and tailings management. The safety of mine tailings storage on people and the environment was considered and assessed in the EIS: ▪ potential for seepage from the UGTMF after Closure; ▪ potential for the Project to cause adverse effects on human health from various Project sources, including the UGTMF; ▪ potential accident and malfunction scenarios that could affect the UGTMF; and ▪ potential effects of a seismic event on the Project, including the UGTMF.	Section 8 (Hydrogeology): Section 8.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 8.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Hydrogeology), Pathway ID HG-04, Section 8.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 8.5.1 (Application Case) Section 10 (Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality): Section 10.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 10.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality), Pathway ID SWQ-06, Section 10.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 10.5.1 (Application Case) Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 11.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Fish and Fish Habitat), Pathway ID F-01, Section 11.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 11.5.2 (Application Case) Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 13.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Vegetation), Pathway ID V-11, Section 13.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-14, Section 14.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 15.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Human Health), Pathway ID HH-06, Section 15.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 15.5.1 (Application Case) Section 21 (Accidents and Malfunctions):	▪ The design of the tailings transfer system would be completed in accordance with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers B31.2 - 2020, Process Piping code. American Society of Mechanical Engineers B31.3 is a mechanical code that deals mostly with mechanical safety to prevent sudden release of energy (e.g., pipe bursts). ▪ An Environmental Protection Program and an Emergency Preparedness and Response Program would be implemented for the Project and would include mitigation and emergency response measures related to the potential for a leak or spill associated with the tailings transfer pipe. ▪ Use engineered cemented paste backfill and tailings to control source concentrations. ▪ Apply binder to reduce permeability in backfill and tailings. ▪ Engineer the tailings geochemistry to control source concentrations. ▪ Develop and implement a Detailed Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program.

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				Section 21.6.2 (Selection of Bounding Scenarios), Table 21.6-2 (Bounding Scenarios Considered in the Accidents and Malfunctions Assessment and Associated Mitigations), Section 21.6.6 (Bounding Scenario 4) Section 22 (Assessment of Effects of the Environment on the Project): Section 22.6.7 (Seismic Events)	

a) The name of this specific Project document has evolved since the development of this table; however, the function of, and processes considered in, this document are still covered within documents forming part of the Integrated Management System developed for the Project. The original document name has been retained for consistency with the table provided to the BNDN.
BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; EA = Environmental Assessment; RFD = reasonably foreseeable development; RSA = regional study area; VC = valued component; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; JWG = Joint Working Group; LPA = local priority area; UGTMF = underground tailings management facility.

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BRDN-001	Access, Indigenous Land and Resource Use	Project access limitations to lands and resources, and implications this would cause to transmitting traditional knowledge to younger generations.	One of NexGen's preliminary decommissioning and reclamation objectives for the Project is to establish a closure landscape that would be accessible for unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Groups and local communities. Changes to access to and area available for Indigenous land and resource use was assessed as an effects pathway and was a measurement indicator in the EA. Continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities was included as an assessment endpoint, which considered the importance of intergenerational transmission of knowledge.	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.3.2 Design Objectives and Guiding Principles Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-01, Section 16.5.1.1 (Access to and Area Available for Indigenous Land and Resource Use)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Install a gate at the site entrance (i.e., gatehouse) to control public access. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Implement a Security Program to provide safe and coordinated access via the access road to locations where other land and resource use is practised. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements, including: o funding and human resources to support community-related initiatives including but not limited to cultural and traditional values; and o the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.
BRDN-002	Air Quality, Cumulative Effects	Concern about cumulative effects from industry degrading air quality.	The EA conducted a detailed and comprehensive assessment of all potential effects from the Project and other previous, existing, and RFDs, if applicable, on-air quality.	Section 7 (Air Quality, Noise and Climate Change): Section 7.2.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Developments)	▪ Primarily use liquified natural gas, which generates lower emissions per unit of energy produced than diesel, for on-site power generation. ▪ Evaluate opportunities to reduce fuel combustion requirements of infrastructure and equipment, to the extent practical, during detailed design. ▪ Optimize haul routes to reduce fuel consumption and emissions from equipment. ▪ Recover heat from the liquified natural gas power plant exhaust and use to heat other process and ancillary buildings, to the extent practical. ▪ Use pollution control technology on process plant exhaust stacks with preventative maintenance and stack testing, as well as adaptive management, if necessary. ▪ Use Tier 4 diesel mobile equipment for underground operations, whenever practical, with applicable mine ventilation airflow rates specified by Canada Centre for Mineral and Energy Technology, when available. ▪ Apply water and/or suppressants to site roads, access road, and airstrip, as necessary. Use dust suppressants that minimize environmental risk and are government-approved for use. ▪ Limit idling of vehicles and equipment to the extent practical. ▪ Limit vehicle speed on unpaved site roads to reduce fugitive dust during Construction and Operations. ▪ Use and maintain emissions control devices on combustion-based equipment. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Monitoring Plan that includes ambient air monitoring.
BRDN-003	Cumulative Effects	Concern about cumulative effects from industry (e.g., the Project, Fort McMurray oil sands developments) on human health and the environment.	The EIS explains the methodology of how potential cumulative effects of the Project; previous, existing, and approved projects; and RFDs were assessed. The potential cumulative effects of the Project and RFDs were considered throughout the EIS. Individual disciplines (Sections 7, 9 to 11, and 13 to 19) further describe the assessment of potential cumulative effects specific to each discipline. These sections also describe the uncertainties associated with the assessment of cumulative effects, where appropriate. The RFD Case assessed the residual effects from the Project plus the effects from other previous, existing, approved, and future projects and activities. The rationale for completing or not completing an RFD Case is provided in each discipline	Section 6 (Environmental Assessment Approach and Methods: Section 6.5.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 7 (Air Quality, Noise, and Climate Change): Section 7.2.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 7.3.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 7.4.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 9 (Hydrology): Section 9.6.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 9.6.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case [including Climate Change]) Section 10 (Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality): Section 10.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case)	▪ The RFD Case includes the Base Case, Application Case, and RFDs. This case was used to identify and assess potential cumulative effects on VCs and intermediate components (i.e., relative to existing conditions) derived from the addition of the proposed Project and RFDs. For the purposes of the EA, RFDs are defined as projects and activities that fit any of the first three and both of the last two criteria from the list below: o are currently under regulatory review or have officially entered a formal regulatory application process; o have been publicly disclosed by other proponents; o may be induced by the Project; o have the potential to change the Project or the effects predictions; and o occur in the spatial assessment boundary defined by the VCs and intermediate components. ▪ A key criterion for selecting other projects to include in the EA for a discipline is that those projects must cause similar effects on the same VCs or intermediate components influenced by the Project (Hegmann et al. 1999). Accordingly, an RFD Case was not required for all VCs and intermediate components as it depended on whether or not effects from the RFDs would have the potential to

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			section. In slight contrast to the effects analyses for the Base and Application cases, which are largely quantitative, the analysis for the RFD Case was quantitative where possible and qualitative where necessary, based on the information available. As a scenario within the RFD Case (where applicable), potential effects from climate change were considered within the EIS.	Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.5.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.5.1.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.2.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.3.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.4.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.5.1.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.2.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.3.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.4.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.6.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.7.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.8.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.9.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.10.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.11.2, (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 17 (Other Land and Resource Use): Section 17.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 18 (Economy): Section 18.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case)	overlap with the selected VCs and intermediate components within the spatial and temporal assessment boundaries defined for the Project. o The Fission Patterson Lake South Project (i.e., another proposed uranium mine in close proximity to Patterson lake) was deemed an RFD based on the criteria listed above.
BRDN-004	Engagement	Time and budget (i.e., capacity) restrictions affecting the BRDN community member participation in community knowledge collection.	As part of the Study Agreements signed with the BRDN, NexGen committed to providing capacity funding for the JWG engagement, the retention of technical support by the Indigenous Group, and the completion of a self-directed IKTLU Study. The COVID-19 pandemic limited travel for all parties. In lieu of the ability to meet regularly in person, video conference calls with Indigenous Groups were conducted regularly. NexGen's engagement activities have continually evolved to promote the opportunity for effective information exchange and dialogue. This approach to engagement has been consistent since NexGen was formed and will remain a priority for the company throughout all phases of the Project.	Section 2 (Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement): Section 2.3 (Engagement Framework), Section 2.5.2 (Indigenous Engagement Methods), Section 2.5.6 (Engagement Challenges), Section 2.6.1.1 (Summary of Indigenous Engagement Activities), Appendix 2A (Summary of Indigenous Group Engagement Activities), Appendix 2F (Public Engagement Materials)	▪ Consistent with NexGen's life cycle approach to engagement, ongoing planning and design will continue to consider feedback received through Project engagement activities. ▪ An objective of NexGen's Engagement Framework is to present opportunities for Indigenous Groups to provide comments and feedback. ▪ NexGen is committed to incorporating engagement feedback throughout the Project lifespan. This approach has been consistent through early engagement activities, has continued during the EA process, and will continue as more opportunities to share knowledge become available.

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			The engagement methods and activities developed for the Project include a built-in degree of flexibility in recognition of the differences between each of the Indigenous Groups. For example, JWG meeting summaries were created, in part, to provide information for Indigenous Groups who elected not to attend certain JWG meetings.		
BRDN-005	Indigenous Land and Resource Use	Concern about cumulative access restrictions within the BRDN traditional territory.	One of NexGen's preliminary decommissioning and reclamation objectives for the Project is to establish a closure landscape that would be accessible for unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Groups and local communities. Changes to access to and area available for Indigenous land and resource use was assessed as an effects pathway and was a measurement indicator in the EA. Continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities was included as an assessment endpoint, which considered the importance of intergenerational transmission of knowledge.	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.3.2 Design Objectives and Guiding Principles Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-01, Section 16.5.1.1 (Access to and Area Available for Indigenous Land and Resource Use)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Install a gate at the site entrance (i.e., gatehouse) to control public access. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Implement a Security Program to provide safe and coordinated access via the access road to locations where other land and resource use is practised. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements, including: o funding and human resources to support community-related initiatives including but not limited to cultural and traditional values; and o the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.
BRDN-006	Health and Safety	Concern about who will be liable for local road infrastructure.	The maintenance of public roadways is not a NexGen responsibility; however, NexGen would work with the Government of Saskatchewan, as required, to hold discussions on provincial road use for planning purposes. It is expected that routine maintenance by the Government of Saskatchewan along Highway 955 would be revised, as may be required, to accommodate increased traffic volumes.	Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 19.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Community Well-Being), CWB-07, Section 19.4.3 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ NexGen is committed to open and ongoing dialogue to inform decisions made by the Province, including the potential role NexGen may play in assisting the Ministry of Highways with its road-monitoring and follow-up maintenance responsibilities.
BRDN-007	Accidents and Malfunctions	Concern about safety of truck transportation, including the number of trucks on the road, and spill response.	The potential for accidental spills into the environment (i.e., to air, land, or water) due to traffic accidents, resulting in uranium concentrate/radioactivity and chemical spills, were assessed in the EIS.	Section 21 (Accidents and Malfunctions): Section 21.6 (Assessment of Accidents and Malfunctions), Table 21.6-2 (Bounding Scenarios Considered in the Accidents and Malfunctions Assessment and Associated Mitigations), Bounding Scenario 1, Bounding Scenario 2, Section 21.6.3 (Bounding Scenario 1: Traffic Accident [Uranium Concentrate and Radioactivity]), Section 21.6.4 (Bounding Scenario 2: Traffic Accident [Chemical])	▪ Upgrades to the existing access road from Highway 955 are planned to improve the safety of the road and limit the potential for accidents occurring during the Project lifespan. Changes to the existing road alignment are not planned; however, the road would be widened (i.e., surface width of 8 m) to support increased traffic volume and heavy vehicle/equipment use and allow for two-way traffic travel. ▪ The current bridge design and capacity (5.7 m deck width, weight limit of 50 t) is suitable for use by most heavy equipment and traffic, including trucks transporting the uranium concentrate. The bridge is fitted with metal guards approximately 0.15 m high to guard the driver across the deck. ▪ Speed limits would be in place for the access road and Clearwater River Bridge crossing (respectively) to reduce the potential for speed to contribute to or worsen the outcome of a potential accident scenario. ▪ Potentially unsafe road conditions that could contribute to a traffic accident scenario (e.g., icy road conditions) would be addressed as quickly as possible (e.g., through snow removal, sanding), and if necessary, a no-travel order would be issued. ▪ Signage would be used to warn drivers of the approaching Clearwater River bridge crossing, the reduced speed limit, the one-way traffic travel in place for the bridge, and other safety considerations (e.g., narrow road, bridge ices before road). ▪ Relevant staff or contractors would receive training on how to drive safely on site and on the access road, on defensive driving techniques, and on how to respond to emergency situations, such as an accident or spill. ▪ Any spill, release, or emergency that may harm the environment or pose a risk to public health or safety would be reported immediately, and managed and remediated in accordance with

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					Saskatchewan's *Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* and *The Saskatchewan Environmental Code* (Government of Saskatchewan 2014b). ▪ The clean-up, treatment, and disposal of contaminated material, including affected soils and sediment associated with a potential release of uranium concentrate, would be handled by a certified specialized subcontractor. The spill would be cleaned up immediately and access to the affected area would be restricted, and fenced off if feasible, to limit access to the area by people and wildlife. ▪ Develop and implement a pre-Construction communications process to raise public awareness in communities of potential Project opportunities and effects. ▪ An Environmental Protection Program and an Emergency Preparedness and Response Program would be implemented for the Project. These programs would include consideration of spill and emergency response processes that would be implemented in the event of an accidental release to the Clearwater River.
BRDN-008	Environmental Monitoring	Desire for adequate environmental monitoring to be conducted for the Project.	Environmental monitoring programs were proposed for each discipline throughout the EIS, and the approach for adaptive management and for communicating results were outlined. In addition to regulatory compliance and follow-up monitoring, NexGen will have independent Indigenous monitoring to verify Project performance and determine if mitigations and controls are effective in protecting the receiving environment.	Section 23 (Summary of Mitigation, Monitoring and Follow-Up Programs): Section 23.5 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management), Appendix 23A (Summary of Project Environmental Design Features and Mitigation Measures), Appendix 23B (Environmental Assessment Monitoring and Follow-Up Programs Proposed for the Project)	▪ Implement the following monitoring measures: o environmental assessment follow-up monitoring, including regulatory compliance monitoring and follow-up monitoring; o independent Indigenous monitoring to verify Project performance and determine if mitigations and controls are effective in protecting the receiving environment; and o NexGen's adaptive management process (as described in the Integrated Management System Manual). ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements including the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project.
BRDN-009	Community Well-Being	Concern about potential for increased mental health, social, or family issues due to an influx of workers/capital (gambling, drinking, substance abuse, family violence).	Amplification of community issues from increased disposable income was considered in the EA through potential changes to societal and cultural well-being and health well-being, which were two of the measurement indicators for the community well-being VC.	Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 19.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 19.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Community Well-Being), Pathway ID CWB-04, Section 19.4.3 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Provide employment readiness training for employees. ▪ Provide dedicated space for Elders to be available to support Indigenous employees to assist with employee retention. ▪ Work with local communities to develop culturally sensitive employment policies to address both recruitment and retention barriers. ▪ Develop and implement a pre-Construction communications process to raise public awareness in communities of potential Project opportunities and effects. ▪ Develop and implement human resource policies (e.g., employee and family assistance program) to assist workers in finding information and referral services for family-related resources, as required. ▪ Establish an Implementation Committee to provide a forum for regular communication and information exchange between NexGen and communities for effective management of Benefit Agreement commitments and for the early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise.
BRDN-010	Traffic, Roads, Air Quality	Concern about Project traffic on road conditions (specifically from Buffalo turnoff to Dillon), including dust.	The maintenance of public roadways is not a NexGen responsibility; however, NexGen would work with the Government of Saskatchewan, as required, to hold discussions on provincial road use for planning purposes. Potential Project effects from the transportation of materials and other road uses on local road infrastructure was assessed in the EA.	Section 7 (Air Quality, Noise and Climate Change): Section 7.2.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 7.2-10 (Potential Effects Pathways for Air Quality), Pathway ID AQ-01, AQ-02, Section 7.2.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 7.2.5 (Residual Effects Analysis) Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 19.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Community Well-Being), Pathway ID CWB-07, Section 19.4.3 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Develop and implement a pre-Construction communications process to raise public awareness in communities of potential Project opportunities and effects. ▪ Apply water and/or suppressants to site roads, access road, and airstrip, as necessary. Use dust suppressants that minimize environmental risk and are government-approved for use. ▪ NexGen is committed to open and ongoing dialogue to inform decisions made by the Province, including the potential role NexGen may play in assisting the Ministry of Highways with its road-monitoring and follow-up-maintenance responsibilities. ▪ Develop a Ground Transportation Emergency Response Plan to address traffic safety on the access road, including education of workers (e.g., staff contractors). ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Monitoring Plan that includes ambient air monitoring.

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BRDN-011	Wildlife, Human Health, Indigenous Land and Resource Use	Concern about Project effects on wildlife health and subsequent human health concerns from harvesting and consuming wildlife.	Emission and deposition of fugitive dust, radon, criteria air contaminants, and suspended solids as well as discharge of treated effluent and site runoff were assessed as potential effects that may adversely affect wildlife health and human health receptors through food ingestion.	Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-10, W-11, W-12, W-13, W-14, W-20, W-22, W-23, W-24, Section 14.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 14.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 15.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Human Health), Pathway ID HH-01, HH-02, HH-03, HH-04, Section 15.5.1.1 (Non-carcinogens), Section 15.5.1.2 (Carcinogens), Section 15.5.1.3 (Radionuclides and Radon)	▪ Optimize haul routes to reduce fuel consumption and emissions from equipment. Apply water and/or suppressants to site roads, access road, and airstrip, as necessary. Use dust suppressants that minimize environmental risk and are government-approved for use. ▪ Primarily use liquid natural gas for power generation, which generates lower emissions per unit of energy produced than diesel, for on-site power generation. ▪ Install and operate an effluent treatment plant and a sewage treatment plant to reduce release of constituents of potential concern (e.g., major ions, metals, radionuclides) to the environment and discharge treated effluent and treated sewage to Patterson Lake. ▪ Monitor treated effluent and treated sewage flow and quality. ▪ Collect, store, and routinely monitor contact water to confirm discharge water meets water quality criteria appropriate for release. ▪ Collect and monitor contact water to determine whether treatment is required prior to release to the environment. Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Industrial Air Source Environmental Protection Plan[(a)]. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Effluent Monitoring Plan[(a)] that includes monitoring the quality of treated effluent prior to release to the environment. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Monitoring Plan that includes ambient air monitoring and adaptive management based on ambient air quality standards, and water quality monitoring and adaptive management if necessary.
BRDN-012	Surface Water Quality	Project effects on water quality.	Several effects pathways assessed Project components/activities effects on local and regional waterbodies and watercourses. Primary effects pathways that were assessed included deposition of fugitive dust emissions on waterbodies, deposition of criteria air contaminant emissions on waterbodies, discharge of treated effluent, discharge of treated sewage, seepage from the waste rock storage areas during construction and Operations, and runoff and seepage from the waste rock storage areas and underground tailings management facility following Closure. In addition, a number of secondary pathways were considered in the EA.	Section 10 (Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality): Section 10.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 10.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality), Pathway ID SWQ-01, SWQ-02, SWQ-03, SWQ-04, SWQ-05, SWQ-06, SWQ-08, SWQ-09, SWQ-10, Section 10.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 10.5.1 (Application Case)	▪ Collect, store, and routinely monitor contact water to confirm discharge water meets water quality criteria appropriate for release. ▪ Monitor treated effluent flow and quality. ▪ Treat sewage to appropriate release limits in accordance with provincial standards and licence/permit conditions. ▪ Monitor treated sewage flow and quality. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Industrial Air Source Environmental Protection Plan[(a)]. ▪ Implement Project-specific monitoring programs (e.g., Effluent Monitoring Plan[(a)], Environmental Monitoring Plan) that includes ambient air monitoring, surface water quality monitoring, sediment quality monitoring and adaptive management, if necessary. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Implement Groundwater Protection and Monitoring Plan[(a)]. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Mine Waste Management Plan and site water management procedures.
BRDN-013	Indigenous Land and Resource Use	Concerns regarding increased development and industrial activity leading to increased competition with non-Indigenous recreational land-users.	Changes to the availability of fish, plants, and wildlife for harvesting was a measurement indicator for assessing potential effects on Indigenous land and resource use, and effects from increased access and competition for resources was considered in the EA.	Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-04, Section 16.4.2 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Install a gate at the site entrance (i.e., gatehouse) to control public access. ▪ Use existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing. ▪ Implement a Security Program to provide safe and coordinated access via the access road to locations where other land and resource use is practised. ▪ Identify Indigenous land users in Security Program supporting documentation and outline the process to allow continued access to areas of importance. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program.

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BRDN-014	Noise, Traffic	Concern about noise from Project activities, including vehicle traffic.	Sound levels were included as measurement indicators and noise from Project activities during Construction, Operations, and Decommissioning and Reclamation (i.e., Closure), including vehicle traffic, was assessed in the EA. Changes to the quality of the Indigenous land use experience related to sensory disturbance was considered in the EA and was a measurement indicator for Indigenous land and resource use.	Section 07 (Air Quality, Noise and Climate Change): Section 7.3.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 7.3-8 (Potential Effects Pathways for Noise), Pathway ID N-01, N-02 Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-03, Section 16.5.1.3.1 (Noise)	▪ Install noise dampening structures in power plant generator facilities; install silencers in surface and underground large vent fans. ▪ Maintain roads to minimize ruts and consequently reduce noise emissions from vehicles. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Health and Safety Program. ▪ Implement procedures to reduce noise levels such as: enclosing or dampening equipment in process buildings where the total sound power level is expected to be more than approximately 80 A-weighted decibels, where feasible; and using noise suppression (i.e., mufflers) on vehicles and inspect regularly to make sure noise suppression systems are functioning properly. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements including the establishment of an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements. ▪ Implement an Indigenous and Public Engagement Program that includes both engaging Indigenous land users to share Project information and address any issues as they arise and sharing environmental monitoring results with local communities. The program would include a Project feedback and grievance mechanism to record and action issues identified.
BRDN-015	Project Information	The importance of conveying information to community members about the potential for exposure to mine radiation exhaust and factors related to radiation safety was conveyed.	NexGen values and internal policies such as the Code of Ethics support a transparent, honest, and respectful approach to dialogue and communication with local Indigenous Groups. As engagement is a dynamic process, continual evaluation and adjustment of the approaches to meet engagement needs is embedded in the NexGen engagement framework. A key goal is to implement and evaluate the engagement framework, respond to feedback, and adapt, as required. NexGen has worked and will continue to work with Indigenous Groups and the local communities to understand issues and is committed to meaningfully addressing issues. NexGen is working with local Indigenous Groups to implement independent environmental monitoring. Indigenous monitors would report openly and without restriction to Indigenous Group community members on the performance of the Project.	Section 1 (Introduction): Section 1.1.6 (Working with People) Section 2 (Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement): Section 2.3.1 (NexGen Standards), Section 2.7.2 (Continuing to Work to Understand Interests and Address Issues) Section 23 (Summary of Mitigation, Monitoring, and Follow-Up Programs): Section 23.5.2 (Indigenous Monitoring)	▪ NexGen commits to providing funding for the life of the Project for a full-time independent Indigenous Monitor from each primary Indigenous Group, and to provide unrestricted environmental monitoring opportunities, including independent environmental sampling related to the Project, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific policies.
BRDN-016	Water Quality, Fish	Potential Project effects on water quality (especially Patterson Lake), affecting fish and fish habitat.	Fish habitat availability, habitat distribution, and survival and reproduction were all measurement indicators in the EA and effects on fish and fish habitat as a result of changes to water quality were assessed.	Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 11.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 11.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Fish and Fish Habitat), Pathway ID F-01, F-07, F-13, F-14, F-15, F-16, Section 11.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 11.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 11.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 11.5 (Residual Effects Analysis)	▪ Install engineered cover of compacted clean material and growth medium layer on potentially acid generating waste rock storage area and install growth medium cover on non-potentially acid generating waste rock storage area. ▪ Use engineered cemented paste backfill and tailings to control source concentrations. ▪ Apply binder to reduce permeability in backfill and tailings. ▪ Collect, store, and routinely monitor contact water to confirm discharge water meets water quality criteria appropriate for release. ▪ Confirm discharge meets water quality discharge criteria prior to release to the environment. ▪ Develop a site-specific effluent treatment plant and a sewage treatment plant to reduce release of constituents of potential concern (e.g., major ions, metals, radionuclides) to the environment. ▪ Collect contact water, monitor, and treat where necessary. ▪ Monitor treated effluent and treated sewage flow and quality. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Mine Waste Management Plan. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Monitoring Plan that includes monitoring in the vicinity of the Project, as required, in accordance with licence requirements and the federal Mineral and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations to monitor the potential effects of Project discharges on water and sediment quality, and on the fish population and benthic invertebrate community. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program.

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BRDN-017	Water Quality, Fishing	Potential Project effects on water quality affecting subsistence and commercial fishing by the BRDN.	For the EA, changes to the availability and quality of fish, for harvesting were included in the pathway analysis.	Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-02, Section 16.5.1.2.1 (Fishing) Section 17 (Other Land and Resource Use): Table 17.9 (Key Findings)	▪ Implement mitigations that avoid and limit effects on fish (Section 11.4, Project Interactions and Mitigations). ▪ Implement Indigenous and Public Engagement Program to share information on Project plans and activities. The program would include a Project feedback and grievance mechanism to record and action issues identified. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements including the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.
BRDN-018	Country Foods, Indigenous Land and Resource Use	Concerns about the ability to harvest country foods and implications surrounding food security and community well-being.	Changes to the availability of fish, plants, and wildlife for harvesting was a measurement indicator for assessing potential effects on Indigenous land and resource use, and changes in abundance and distribution was considered in the EA. The importance of traditional diets and food security for Indigenous Groups is acknowledged as an important component of community well-being. In the EA, country foods was considered in a secondary pathway related to the involvement in Project-related employment potentially reducing opportunities for resource harvesting, which could affect the amount of country foods in a traditional diet.	Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-02, Section 16.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 16.5.1.2 (Availability of Fish, Plants, and Wildlife for Harvesting) Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 19.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 19.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Community Well-Being), Pathway ID CWB-03, Section 19.4.3 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Work with local communities to develop culturally sensitive employment policies to facilitate involvement in resource harvesting activities. ▪ Support and promote Indigenous community participation and employment in the traditional economy. ▪ Work with local Indigenous Groups and communities to develop fishing policies that consider both fisheries protection and traditional use activities. ▪ Implement Benefit Agreements, including: o funding and human resources to support community-related initiatives including but not limited to cultural and traditional values; and o the establishment of the Implementation Committee to communicate regularly and to reach early resolution of issues and/or disputes that may arise. ▪ Establish an Environmental Committee to monitor environmental performance of the Project. ▪ Provide funding for full-time independent Indigenous Monitors to enable unrestricted environmental monitoring, subject to the Indigenous Monitor complying with appropriate health and safety and other reasonable site-specific requirements.

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BRDN-019	Waterfowl, Harvesting	Concern about decline in fowl population available for harvest.	Two species of waterfowl (common goldeneye [*Bucephala clangula*] and mallard [*Anas platyrhynchos*]) were selected as VCs and assessed in the EA.	Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 14.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-01, W-02, W-03, W-05, W-09, W-10, W-12, W-13, W-14, W-15, W-20, W-21, W-22, Section 14.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 14.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 14.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 14.5.9 (Common Goldeneye), Section 14.5.10 (Mallard)	▪ Site access road between gatehouse and mine terrace realigned during Project design to avoid a wetland. ▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing the use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including the existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Minimize areas of vegetation clearing and soil disturbance. ▪ To the extent practical, work in sensitive areas (i.e., erosive soils, wetland features, and fish habitats) would be scheduled to avoid periods that may result in high flow volumes and/or increase erosion and sedimentation (e.g., spring freshet). ▪ Monitor treated effluent flow and quality. ▪ Install and operate an effluent treatment plant to reduce release of constituents of potential concern (e.g., major ions, metals, radionuclides) to the environment and discharge treated effluent to Patterson Lake. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Adhere to the Federal Policy on Wetland Conservation (Government of Canada 1991) to have no net loss of wetland functions. ▪ Advance a regional Traditional Foods Study in collaboration with Indigenous Groups in the local priority area. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program.

a) The name of this specific Project document has evolved since the development of this table; however, the function of, and processes considered in, this document are still covered within documents forming part of the Integrated Management System developed for the Project. The original document name has been retained for consistency with the table provided to the BRDN.
BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; JWG = Joint Working Group; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; EA = Environmental Assessment; VC = valued component; RFD = reasonably foreseeable development; VC = valued component; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use.

Table 2B-5: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation and Responses

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	ACFN Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
ACFN-001	Indigenous Land and Resource Use	Concern regarding impacts to rights to hunt, trap, and fish.	One of NexGen's preliminary decommissioning and reclamation objectives for the Project is to establish a closure landscape that would be accessible for unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Groups and local communities. Changes to access to and area available for Indigenous land and resource use was assessed as an effects pathway and was a measurement indicator in the EA.	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.3.2 Design Objectives and Guiding Principles Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations) Table 16.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-02, Section 16.5.1.2 (Availability of Fish, Plants, and Wildlife for Harvesting)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Work with local communities to develop culturally sensitive employment policies to facilitate involvement in resource harvesting activities. ▪ Support and promote Indigenous community participation and employment in the traditional economy. ▪ Work with primary Indigenous Groups and local communities to develop fishing policies that consider both fisheries protection and traditional use activities. ▪ Environmental monitoring results will be shared with Indigenous Groups through engagement and ongoing communication channels.
ACFN-002	Knowledge Transmission	Concern that industrial activities may threaten ability to transfer traditional knowledge to younger generations.	One of NexGen's preliminary decommissioning and reclamation objectives for the Project is to establish a closure landscape that would be accessible for unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Groups and local communities. Changes to access to and area available for Indigenous land and resource use was assessed as an effects pathway and was a measurement indicator in the EA. Continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities was included as an assessment endpoint, which considered the importance of intergenerational transmission of knowledge.	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.3.2 Design Objectives and Guiding Principles Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-01, Section 16.5.1.1 (Access to and Area Available for Indigenous Land and Resource Use)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Install a gate at the site entrance (i.e., gatehouse) to control public access. ▪ Implement a chance find procedure during land clearing activities. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Implement a Security Program to provide safe and coordinated access via the access road to locations where other land and resource use is practiced. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Environmental monitoring results will be shared with Indigenous Groups through ongoing communication channels.
ACFN-003	Cumulative Effects	Concern regarding cumulative effects from multiple industrial projects within the ACFN territory.	The EIS explains the methodology of how potential cumulative effects of the Project; previous, existing, and approved projects; and RFDs were assessed. The potential cumulative effects of the Project and RFDs were considered throughout the EIS. Individual disciplines (Sections 7, 9 to 11, and 13 to 19) further describe the assessment of potential cumulative effects specific to each discipline. These sections also describe the uncertainties associated with the assessment of cumulative effects, where appropriate. The RFD Case assessed the residual effects from the Project plus the effects from other previous, existing, approved, and future projects and activities. The rationale for completing or not completing an RFD Case is provided in each discipline section. In slight contrast to the effects analyses for the Base and Application cases, which are largely quantitative, the analysis for the RFD Case was quantitative where possible and qualitative where necessary, based on the information available. As a scenario within the RFD Case (where applicable), potential effects from climate change were considered within the EIS.	Section 6 (Environmental Assessment Approach and Methods: Section 6.5.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 7 (Air Quality, Noise, and Climate Change): Section 7.2.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 7.3.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 7.4.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 9 (Hydrology): Section 9.6.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 9.6.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case [including Climate Change]) Section 10 (Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality): Section 10.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.5.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.5.1.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.2.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case),	▪ The RFD Case includes the Base Case, Application Case, and RFDs. This case was used to identify and assess potential cumulative effects on VCs and intermediate components (i.e., relative to existing conditions) derived from the addition of the proposed Project and RFDs. For the purposes of the EA, RFDs are defined as projects and activities that fit any of the first three and both of the last two criteria from the list below: o are currently under regulatory review or have officially entered a formal regulatory application process; o have been publicly disclosed by other proponents; o may be induced by the Project; o have the potential to change the Project or the effects predictions; and o occur in the spatial assessment boundary defined by the VCs and intermediate components. ▪ A key criterion for selecting other projects to include in the EA for a discipline is that those projects must cause similar effects on the same VCs or intermediate components influenced by the Project (Hegmann et al. 1999). Accordingly, an RFD Case was not required for all VCs and intermediate components as it depended on whether or not effects from the RFDs would have the potential to overlap with the selected VCs and intermediate components within the spatial and temporal assessment boundaries defined for the Project. o The Fission Patterson Lake South Project (i.e., another proposed uranium mine in close proximity to Patterson lake) was deemed an RFD based on the criteria listed above.

Table 2B-5: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation and Responses

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	ACFN Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
				Section 13.5.3.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.4.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.5.1.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.2.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.3.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.4.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.6.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.7.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.8.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.9.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.10.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.11.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 17 (Other Land and Resource Use): Section 17.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 18 (Economy): Section 18.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case)	
ACFN-004	Navigability	Concern about change in navigability of waterways.	Stream channel parameters was a measurement indicator used in the EA, and changes to stream channel parameters influence the use of the river for navigation. Changes in access to and areas available for Indigenous land and resource use was also a measurement indicator and was assessed, including consideration for potential changes in access to waterways or surface water elevations because of the Project.	Section 9 (Hydrology): Section 9.2.2.1 (Valued Components and Intermediate Components), Section 9.2.2.2 (Measurement Indicators), Section 9.3 (Existing Conditions), Section 9.3.3 (Surface Water Uses), Section 9.3.6 (Stream Channel Parameters), Section 9.5 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 9.5-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Hydrology), Pathway ID H-03, H-04, H-05, H-07, Section 9.5.1 (No Pathways), Section 9.5.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 9.6 (Residual Effects Analysis), Section 9.6.1 (Application Case), Section 9.6.1.3 (Stream Channel Parameters), Section 9.6.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case [including Climate Change)], Section 9.6.3.3 (Stream Channel Parameters) Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-01,	▪ Recycle and reuse of process water to reduce fresh water intake and release to Patterson Lake, to the extent practical. ▪ Adhere to guidance from regulators such as DFO as to the allowable rate and timing of water withdrawals from the point of supply. ▪ Confirm discharge meets water quality discharge criteria prior to release to the environment. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ As part of reclamation activities, complete contouring of disturbed areas to minimize erosion, re-establish drainage, and encourage the growth of vegetation. ▪ Monitor flows before and after Construction at the outlet of Patterson Lake to quantify the change of flow and its effects to the aquatic environment. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program and a Project-specific Environmental Monitoring Plan. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Mine Waste Management Plan. ▪ Develop and implement a Detailed Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan to decommission and transfer the site to the province under the Institutional Control Program.

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Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	ACFN Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
				Section 16.5.1.1 (Access to and Area Available for Land and Resource Use)	
ACFN-005	Vegetation	Concern about invasive species.	The potential effects of the Project on vegetation resulting from the possible introduction of invasive species were assessed in the EA. NexGen is dedicated to minimizing potential effects on the environment throughout all phases of the Project through incorporating proven best practices.	Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.2.2.2 (Measurement Indicators), Section 13.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 13.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Vegetation), Pathway ID V-07, Section 13.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 13.7 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management)	▪ Use native species or non-aggressive, non-native species appropriate for the conditions for revegetation. ▪ Inspect construction equipment prior to arriving at site and clean, if required. o Utilize maintenance shop to support cleaning, once constructed and as required. ▪ Procure clean construction materials and procure seed mixes that work to avoid the introduction of noxious weeds. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program that includes actions to prevent, detect, control (i.e., remove), and monitor areas with prohibited, noxious, and nuisance weed / invasive species (e.g., along the access road, airstrip, and loading or staging site), following best practice guidance.
ACFN-006	Vegetation; Reclamation	Concern about effectiveness of Project reclamation on vegetation species (i.e., lichens, mosses) and traditional use plant species.	One of NexGen's preliminary decommissioning and reclamation objectives for the Project is to establish a closure landscape that would be accessible for unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Groups and local communities. Direct loss, alteration, and fragmentation of upland, wetland, and riparian ecosystems and traditional use plants as a result of the Project was assessed. Habitat availability, habitat distribution, and changes to the availability and quality of fish, plants, and wildlife for harvesting were used as measurement indicators in the EA.	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.3.2 (Design Objectives and Guiding Principles), Appendix 5A (Conceptual Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan), Section 5A6 (Land Reclamation) (New) Section 13 (Vegetation): Table 13.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Vegetation), Pathway ID V-01, Section 13.5 (Residual Effects Analysis), Section 13.5.1 (Upland Ecosystems), Section 13.5.1.1 (Application Case), Section 13.5.1.1.1 (Ecosystem Availability), Section 13.5.2 (Wetland Ecosystems), Section 13.5.2.1 (Application Case), Section 13.5.2.1.1 (Ecosystem Availability), Section 13.5.3 (Riparian Ecosystems), Section 13.5.3.1 (Application Case), Section 13.5.3.1.1 (Ecosystem Availability), Section 13.5.4 (Traditional Use Plant Species), Section 13.5.4.1 (Application Case), Section 13.5.4.1.1 (Habitat Availability), Section 13.7 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management) Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-02, Section 16.5.1.2 (Availability of Fish, Plants, and Wildlife for Harvesting)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Minimize areas of vegetation clearing and soil disturbance. ▪ Minimize steepness and length of slopes of disturbed areas and stockpiled soils. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Environmental monitoring results will be shared with Indigenous Groups through ongoing communication channels.
ACFN-007	Engagement	Concern that the ACFN were inaccurately classified as an 'other Indigenous Group' and excluded from the local priority area, resulting in lesser engagement between NexGen and the ACFN than between NexGen and the local priority area Indigenous Groups.	Transparent discussion and meaningful collaboration are at the core of NexGen's approach to Indigenous, regulatory, and public engagement. Encouraging progressive, broader thinking balanced with technical competence and a deep and abiding respect for the local Indigenous Peoples' and communities' understanding of the local area, site specifics, and industry best practice, is key in this approach. NexGen maintains a formal engagement framework based on organizational governance policies and the incorporation of both provincial and federal regulatory requirements. The	Section 2 (Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement): Section 2.3 (Engagement Framework), Section 2.4.1 (Identification of Indigenous Groups for Engagement), Section 2.5 (Engagement Approach), Section 2.5.2 (Indigenous Engagement Methods), Section 2.5.2.2 (Indigenous Group Engagement Methods Summary), Table 2.5-2 (Summary of Other Indigenous Group Engagement Methods), Section 2.6 (Engagement Summary), Section 2.6.1.1 (Summary of Indigenous Engagement Activities), Table 2.6-2 (Summary of Other Indigenous Group Key Engagement Activities),	▪ Engagement with Indigenous Groups will continue to take place throughout the Project lifespan.

Table 2B-5: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation and Responses

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	ACFN Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
			engagement framework includes a process for Indigenous Group and stakeholder identification as well as collaborative approaches to engage in a manner that is preferred by members of these groups. Using the criteria established in the engagement framework, NexGen maintains that the categorization of the ACFN as an 'other Indigenous Group' is appropriate as the Project is not expected to result in direct adverse effects to the ACFN. Several factors were considered when determining the potential for the Project to affect Indigenous Groups including the proximity of the Project to Indigenous communities; Indigenous Group traditional and current land uses; potential Project effects on health and safety, the environment, and any potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights and related interests of Indigenous Groups; and the scope of the requests to participate in the EA process communicated to Indigenous Groups by the ENV and the CNSC. An analysis of these factors showed that minimal adverse effects would be experienced by the ACFN, including potential effects to ACFN land and resource use. For the reasons stated above, NexGen maintains that the designation of the ACFN as an other Indigenous Groups is appropriate. However, NexGen has always valued and respected the culture, interests, and aspirations of the communities where it operates, with a focus on Saskatchewan's north. NexGen looks forward to continued engagement with the ACFN on this basis.	Appendix 2A (Summary of Indigenous Group Engagement Activities), Table 2A-6 (Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation)	
ACFN-008	Wildlife	Concern about adequate monitoring of wildlife habitat availability and wildlife habitat quality	Environmental monitoring programs were proposed for each discipline throughout the EIS, and the approaches for adaptive management and for communicating results were outlined. In addition to regulatory compliance and follow-up monitoring, NexGen will have independent Indigenous monitoring to verify Project performance and determine if mitigations and controls are effective in protecting the receiving environment.	Section 23 (Summary of Mitigation, Monitoring and Follow-Up Programs): Section 23.5 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management), Appendix 23A (Summary of Project Environmental Design Features and Mitigation Measures), Appendix 23B (Environmental Assessment Monitoring and Follow-Up Programs Proposed for the Project)	▪ Implement the following monitoring measures: o environmental assessment follow-up monitoring, including regulatory compliance monitoring and follow-up monitoring; o independent Indigenous monitoring by the primary Indigenous Groups to verify Project performance and determine if mitigations and controls are effective in protecting the receiving environment; and o NexGen's adaptive management process (as described in the Integrated Management System Manual).

ACFN = Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; EA = Environmental Assessment; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; DFO = Fisheries and Oceans Canada; TSD = Technical Supporting Document; RFD = reasonably foreseeable development; VC = valued component; N/A = not applicable.

Table 2B-6: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources and Response

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	YNLR Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
YNLR-001	Employment and procurement opportunities	Promoting economic opportunities for Athabasca Basin communities during all phases of the Project lifespan.	Maximizing value to all stakeholders in a way that makes a lasting, positive impact environmentally, socially, and economically is fundamental to NexGen's approach. Economic opportunities for community members were considered and assessed in the EIS.	Section 1 (Introduction): Section 1.2.1 (Purpose of the Rook I Project and Justification for Development) Section 18 (Economy): Section 18.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 18.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Economy), Pathway ID E-01, E-02, Section 18.4.1 (Beneficial Pathways), Section 18.4.3 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Develop and implement pre-Construction communications process to raise public awareness in communities of potential Project opportunities and effects. ▪ Provide advance notice of business opportunities. ▪ Design procurement practices to increase involvement of local businesses within the LSA and RSA including providing information to communities on the size and timing of contracting opportunities. ▪ Maintain ongoing communication with employees and contractors about future workforce and contracting needs and the schedule for Closure. ▪ Implement a workforce transition plan to address reduction in employment and training opportunities during Closure.
YNLR-002	Water Quality	Concern regarding the potential for Project activities to lead to groundwater and surface water contamination within the Athabasca Basin, including far-future effects.	Several effects pathways assessed Project components/activities effects on local and regional waterbodies and watercourses. Primary effects pathways that were assessed included deposition of fugitive dust emissions on waterbodies, deposition of criteria air contaminant emissions on waterbodies, discharge of treated effluent, discharge of treated sewage, seepage from the waste rock storage areas during construction and Operations, and runoff and seepage from the waste rock storage areas and underground tailings management facility following Closure. In addition, a number of secondary pathways were considered in the EA.	Section 6 (Environmental Assessment Approach and Methods): Section 6.4.2. (Temporal Boundaries) Section 8 (Hydrogeology): Section 8.4 (Project interactions and Mitigations), Table 8.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Hydrogeology), Pathway ID HG-02, HG-03, HG-04, Section 8.5.1 (Application Case) Section 10 (Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality): Section 10.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 10.4-1 (Potential Adverse Effects Pathways for Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality), Pathway ID SWQ-01, SWQ-02, SWQ-03, SWQ-04, SWQ-05, SWQ-06, SWQ-09, SWQ-10, Section 10.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 10.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 10.5.1 (Application Case), Section 10.5.1.2 (Regional Surface Water Quality Model), Section 10.5.3.2 (Far-Future Projection) Section 23 (Summary of Mitigation, Monitoring and Follow-Up Programs): Section 23.5 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management), Appendix 23A (Summary of Project Environmental Design Features and Mitigation Measures), Appendix 23B (Environmental Assessment Monitoring and Follow-Up Programs Proposed for the Project)	▪ Use engineered cemented paste backfill and tailings to control source concentrations. ▪ Include engineered source control layering in the potentially acid generating waste rock storage area. ▪ Install engineered cover system on potentially acid generating and non-potentially acid generating waste rock storages area during reclamation. ▪ Collect, store, and routinely monitor contact water to confirm discharge water meets water quality criteria appropriate for release. ▪ Monitor treated effluent flow and quality. ▪ Treat sewage to appropriate release limits in accordance with provincial standards and licence/permit conditions. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Effluent and Emissions Plan. ▪ Implement Project-specific monitoring programs (e.g., Effluent and Emissions Plan, Environmental Monitoring Plan) that include ambient air monitoring, surface water quality monitoring, sediment quality monitoring and adaptive management, if necessary. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Mine Waste Management Plan and site water management procedures.
YNLR-003	Noise, Traffic	Concern about potential noise disturbances, including noise from traffic, affecting people and wildlife.	Key Project aspects such as an underground mining method and underground disposal of tailings reduce the amount of required infrastructure and equipment on surface. The reduced surface infrastructure results in a smaller footprint, and subsequently, smaller-sized surface equipment is required. These elements contribute to lower potential for the creation of noise disturbance. Sound levels were included as measurement indicators and noise from Project activities during Construction, Operations, and Decommissioning and Reclamation (i.e., Closure), including vehicle traffic, was assessed in the EA. Sensory disturbances such as noise, light, dust, smell, and traffic were assessed in the EA through changes to wildlife habitat availability and wildlife abundance and distribution. Changes to the quality of the Indigenous land use and other land use experience related to sensory disturbance	Section 7 (Air Quality, Noise and Climate Change): Section 7.3.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 7.3-8 (Potential Effects Pathways for Noise), Pathway ID N-01, N-02 Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-03, Section 14.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 14.5.1 (Woodland Caribou), Section 14.5.2 (Moose), Section 14.5.3 (Grey Wolf), Section 14.5.4 (Black Bear), Section 14.5.5 (Beaver), Section 14.5.6 (Little Brown Myotis), Section 14.5.7 (Olive-Sided Flycatcher), Section 14.5.8 (Rusty Blackbird), Section 14.5.9 (Common Goldeneye), Section 14.5.10 (Mallard), Section 14.5.11 (Canadian Toad)	▪ Implement procedures to reduce noise levels such as: enclosing or dampening equipment in process buildings where the total sound power level is expected to be more than approximately 80 A-weighted decibels, where feasible; and using noise suppression (i.e., mufflers) on vehicles and inspect regularly to make sure noise suppression systems are functioning properly. ▪ Maintain roads to minimize ruts and consequently reduce noise emissions from vehicles. ▪ Where practical, maintain overflight altitudes of greater than 300 m above ground level. ▪ Limit idling of vehicles and equipment to the extent practical. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ If sensitive species are confirmed in the Project footprint, apply activity restriction guidelines for sensitive species established by the Government of Saskatchewan (ENV 2017) to the Project as required. ▪ Implement an Environmental Protection Program with restricted activity periods to limit effects on denning animals and nesting migratory birds during sensitive time periods (e.g., per Nesting Zone B6 [ECCC 2019] guidelines and the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994*). If sensitive periods cannot be avoided, apply pre-clearance surveys and buffers, as required. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Health and Safety Program. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program.

Table 2B-6: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources and Response

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	YNLR Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
			represented measurement indicators considered within the EA.	Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-03, Section 16.5.1.3.1 (Noise) Section 17 (Other Land and Resource Use): Section 17.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 17.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 17.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Other Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID OLU-02, Section 17.5.1.2 (Quality of the Resource Use Experience)	▪ Implement an Indigenous and Public Engagement Program that includes both engaging Indigenous land users to share Project information and address any issues as they arise and sharing environmental monitoring results with local communities. The program would include a Project feedback and grievance mechanism to record and action issues identified.
YNLR-004	Access, Indigenous Land and Resource Use	Potential effects on community members' ability to access traditional lands and resources, and the ability to utilize those resources.	One of NexGen's preliminary decommissioning and reclamation objectives for the Project is to establish a closure landscape that would be accessible for unrestricted traditional use by Indigenous Groups and local communities. Changes to access to and area available for Indigenous land and resource use was assessed as an effects pathway and was a measurement indicator in the EA. Continued ability to participate in Indigenous land and resource use activities was included as an assessment endpoint, which considered the importance of intergenerational transmission of knowledge.	Section 5 (Project Description): Section 5.3.2 (Design Objectives and Guiding Principles) Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-01, Section 16.5.1.1 (Access to and Area Available for Indigenous Land and Resource Use)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Install a gate at the site entrance (i.e., gatehouse) to control public access. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Implement a Security Program to provide safe and coordinated access via the access road to locations where other land and resource use is practised. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Share the results of environmental monitoring with Indigenous Groups using regular communication channels.
YNLR-005	Engagement	Concern that the YNLR was not categorized correctly for Project engagement, which could result in lack of opportunity to provide input into the Project development process.	Transparent discussion and meaningful collaboration are at the core of NexGen's approach to Indigenous, regulatory, and public engagement. Encouraging progressive, broader thinking balanced with technical competence and a deep and abiding respect for the local Indigenous Peoples' and communities' understanding of the local area, site specifics, and industry best practice, is key in this approach. NexGen maintains a formal engagement framework based on organizational governance policies and the incorporation of both provincial and federal regulatory requirements. The engagement framework includes a process for Indigenous Group and stakeholder identification as well as collaborative approaches to engage in a manner that is preferred by members of these groups. Using the criteria established in the engagement framework, NexGen maintains that the categorization of the YNLR as an 'other Indigenous Group' is appropriate as the Project is not expected to result in direct adverse effects to the YNLR. Several factors were considered when determining the potential for the Project to affect Indigenous Groups including the proximity of the Project to Indigenous communities; Indigenous Group traditional and current	Section 2 (Indigenous, Regulatory, and Public Engagement): Section 2.3 (Engagement Framework), Section 2.4.1 (Identification of Indigenous Groups for Engagement), Section 2.5 (Engagement Approach), Section 2.5.2 (Indigenous Engagement Methods), Section 2.5.2.2 (Indigenous Group Engagement Methods Summary), Table 2.5-2 (Summary of Other Indigenous Group Engagement Methods), Section 2.6 (Engagement Summary), Section 2.6.1.1 (Summary of Indigenous Engagement Activities), Table 2.6-2 (Summary of Other Indigenous Group Key Engagement Activities), Appendix 2A (Summary of Indigenous Group Engagement Activities), Table 2A-7 (Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resource), Table 2A-8 (Black Lake Denesųłiné First Nation), Table 2A-9 (Fond du Lac Denesųłiné First Nation) Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.3.3.5 (Athabasca Denesųłiné)	▪ Engagement with Indigenous Groups will continue to take place throughout the Project lifespan including through formalized agreements (e.g., Study Agreements, Study Funding Agreements, Engagement Agreements) that, among other things, include the creation of Joint Working Groups to support the inclusion of Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge in NexGen's regulatory application materials and to promote Indigenous participation in engagement regarding the Project

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			land uses; potential Project effects on health and safety, the environment, and any potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights and related interests of Indigenous Groups; and the scope of the requests to participate in the EA process communicated to Indigenous Groups by the ENV and CNSC. An analysis of these factors showed that minimal adverse effects would be experienced by the YNLR, including potential effects to the YNLR land and resource use. As part of the evaluation of the potential of the Project to affect the YNLR, NexGen reviewed the IKTLU Study completed by the YNLR for the Project (Draft EIS TSD VI: YNLR). The IKTLU Study showed that traditional activities including big game, small game, furbearer, plant, and fish harvesting occur northeast of the LSA while overnight sites exist to the north and east of the LSAs for all VCs. In addition to information presented within the IKTLU, no YNLR traditional land use activities within the VC LSAs were identified through engagement activities conducted between NexGen and the YNLR. For the reasons stated above, NexGen maintains that the designation of the YNLR as an other Indigenous Groups is appropriate. However, NexGen has always valued and respected the culture, interests, and aspirations of the communities where it operates, with a focus on Saskatchewan's north. Aspects of the Project are constantly evaluated with the goal to advance economic benefits and opportunities with local communities, drive economic capacity building, and support entrepreneurs across the province while minimizing potential Project effects. NexGen looks forward to continued engagement with the YNLR on this basis.		
YNLR-006	Wildlife, Mitigation	Concern about Project effects to woodland caribou.	The assessment of potential Project effects on woodland caribou included the measurement indicators of habitat availability, habitat distribution, and survival and reproduction. Primary pathways assessed included habitat loss, habitat alteration, and sensory disturbance. A number of no pathways and secondary pathways were also assessed in the EA.	Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 14.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-01, W-02, W-03, W-04, W-05, W-06, W-07, W-08, W-09, W-10, W-11, W-12, W-13, W-14, W-15, W-16, W-18, W-19, W-20, W-21, W-22, W-23, W-24, W-25, Section 14.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 14.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 14.5.1.1 (Application Case)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing the use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including the existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Implement an Environmental Protection Program that includes no harassing, feeding, or approaching wildlife. ▪ Minimize areas of vegetation clearing and soil disturbance. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required.
YNLR-007	Monitoring	Concern that Project monitoring programs will not meet necessary requirements to protect people and the environment.	Environmental monitoring programs were proposed for each discipline throughout the EIS, and the approaches for adaptive management and for communicating results were outlined. In addition to regulatory compliance and follow-up monitoring, NexGen will have independent Indigenous monitoring to verify Project performance and determine if mitigations and controls are effective in protecting the receiving environment.	Section 23 (Summary of Mitigation, Monitoring and Follow-Up Programs): Section 23.5 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management), Appendix 23A (Summary of Project Environmental Design Features and Mitigation Measures), Appendix 23B (Environmental Assessment Monitoring and Follow-Up Programs Proposed for the Project)	▪ Implement the following monitoring measures: o environmental assessment follow-up monitoring, including regulatory compliance monitoring and follow-up monitoring; o independent Indigenous monitoring by the primary Indigenous Groups to verify Project performance and determine if mitigations and controls are effective in protecting the receiving environment; and o NexGen's adaptive management process (as described in the Integrated Management System Manual).
YNLR-008	Traffic Safety; Wildlife	Concern about increased traffic between La Loche and the Project	Potential effects to people and the environment from increased traffic have been evaluated throughout the EIS.	Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat):	▪ Maintain roads to minimize ruts and consequently reduce noise emissions from vehicles. ▪ Educate Project workers (e.g., staff and contractors) on traffic safety, including consideration of the safety of other non-Project users of the roads.

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		impacting safety to humans and wildlife.	Sensory disturbances such as noise, light, dust, smell, and traffic were assessed in the EA through changes to wildlife habitat availability and wildlife abundance and distribution. The assessments of direct and indirect effects of traffic on Indigenous land and resource use, other land and resource use, and community well-being were assessed in the EA. The potential for accidental spills (i.e., uranium concentrate/radioactivity and chemical spills) into the environment (i.e., to air, land, or water) due to traffic accidents were assessed in the EA.	Section 14.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-03, W-10, W-18, W-24, Section 14.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 14.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 14.5.1 (Woodland Caribou), Section 14.5.2 (Moose), Section 14.5.3 (Grey Wolf), Section 14.5.4 (Black Bear), Section 14.5.6 (Little Brown Myotis), Section 14.5.7 (Olive-Sided Flycatcher), Section 14.5.8 (Rusty Blackbird), Section 14.5.9 (Common Goldeneye), Section 14.5.10 (Mallard), Section 14.5.11 (Canadian Toad) Section 16 (Cultural Heritage and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.4 (Project interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-02, ILU-03, ILU-05 Section 16.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 16.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 16.5 (Residual Effects Analysis), Section 16.5.1.2.3, (Hunting and Trapping), Section 16.5.1.3.1 (Noise), Section 16.5.1.3.3 (Air Quality), Section 16.5.1.3.5 (Safety) Section 17 (Other Land and Resource Use): Section 17.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 17.4-1 (Potential Effects and Mitigations), Pathway ID OLU-02, OLU-03, OLU-04, Section 17.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 17.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 17.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 17.5 (Residual Effects Analysis), Section 17.5.1.2 (Quality of the Resource Use Experience) Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 19.4-2 (Potential Effects Pathways for Community Well-Being), Pathway ID CWB-07, Section 19.4.3 (Secondary Pathways) Section 21 (Accidents and Malfunctions): Section 21.6.2 (Selection of Bounding Scenarios), Table 21.6-2 (Bounding Scenarios Considered in the Accidents and Malfunctions Assessment and Associated Mitigations), Bounding Scenario 1, Bounding Scenario 2, Section 21.6.3 (Bounding Scenario 1: Traffic Accident [Uranium Concentrate and Radioactivity]), Section 21.6.4 (Bounding Scenario 2: Traffic Accident [Chemical])	▪ Hold discussions, as required, with the Government of Saskatchewan on provincial road use, maintenance, and upgrades to inform provincial planning purposes. ▪ Develop and implement a pre-Construction communications process to raise public awareness in communities of potential Project opportunities and effects. ▪ Upgrades to the existing access road from Highway 955 are planned to improve the safety of the road and limit the potential for accidents occurring during the Project lifespan. ▪ The current bridge design and capacity (5.7 m deck width, weight limit of 50 t) is suitable for use by most heavy equipment and traffic, including trucks transporting the uranium concentrate. The bridge is fitted with metal guards approximately 0.15 m high to guard the driver across the deck. ▪ Use of the existing access road alignment would limit the potential for interaction between spills and the surface water environment. The existing road alignment minimizes the number of water features crossed and is set back from waterbodies and watercourses. ▪ Speed limits would be in place for the access road and Clearwater River Bridge crossing to reduce the potential for speed to contribute to or worsen the outcome of a potential accident scenario. ▪ Potentially unsafe road conditions that could contribute to a traffic accident scenario (e.g., icy road conditions) would be addressed as quickly as possible (e.g., through snow removal, sanding), and if necessary, a no-travel order would be issued. ▪ Relevant staff or contractors would receive training on how to drive safely on site and on the access road, on defensive driving techniques, and on how to respond to emergency situations, such as an accident or spill. ▪ Any spill, release, or emergency that may harm the environment or pose a risk to public health or safety would be reported immediately and managed and remediated in accordance with Saskatchewan's *Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* and *The Saskatchewan Environmental Code* (Government of Saskatchewan 2014b). ▪ The clean-up, treatment, and disposal of contaminated material, including affected soils and sediment associated with a potential spill, would be handled by a certified specialized subcontractor. The spill would be cleaned up immediately and access to the affected area would be restricted, and fenced off if feasible, to limit access to the area by people and wildlife. ▪ Any spill, release, or emergency that may harm the environment or pose a risk to public health or safety would be reported immediately, and managed and remediated in accordance with Saskatchewan's *Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* and *The Saskatchewan Environmental Code*. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Health and Safety Program. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program, which includes the following mitigation measures to minimize the risk of injury or mortality to people and wildlife: o advising staff, contractors, and visitors to take all reasonable precautions to avoid wildlife collisions; o providing wildlife with the rights-of-way; o identifying wildlife use areas and movement corridors/crossings along the access road; and o providing appropriate signage in high wildlife use areas (including consideration of Canadian toad); o maintaining gaps in the road berms and snowbanks to facilitate wildlife crossing and escape routes; o stopping and reporting/communicating when wildlife is observed on or adjacent to the road and allow animals to move away before continuing to drive; and o reporting any wildlife collisions observed along any road immediately adjusting speed limit in accordance with conditions (e.g., wildlife use of road, road conditions, grade, weather, and loads on vehicle). ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Develop a Ground Transportation Emergency Response Plan to mitigate safety risks related to the transportation of materials and equipment to and from the Project site. ▪ Develop an Emergency Response Plan for the transportation of uranium concentrate from the Project site. ▪ NexGen is committed to open and ongoing dialogue to inform decisions made by the Province, including the potential role NexGen may play in assisting the Ministry of Highways with its road-monitoring and follow up maintenance responsibilities.

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YNLR-009	Traffic, Air	Concern about decreased air quality from the Project, including effects from local roads.	The potential effects of the Project on air quality were assessed. Ambient air concentrations of selected air contaminants to be emitted from the Project were included as measurement indicators. Emission and deposition of fugitive dust, radon, criteria air contaminants, and suspended solids were assessed as potential effects that may adversely affect wildlife health and human health receptors through food ingestion. Potential Project effects from the transportation of materials and other road uses on local road infrastructure was assessed in the EA.	Section 7 (Air Quality, Noise and Climate Change): Section 7.2 (Air Quality), Section 7.2.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 7.2-10 (Potential Effects Pathways for Air Quality), Pathway ID AQ-01, AQ-02, Section 7.2.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 7.2.5 (Residual Effects Analysis) Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-10, W-11, W-12, W-13, W-14, W-20, W-22, W-23, W-24, Section 14.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 14.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 15.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Human Health), Pathway ID HH-01, HH-02, HH-03, HH-04, Section 15.5.1.1 (Non-carcinogens), Section 15.5.1.2 (Carcinogens), Section 15.5.1.3 (Radionuclides and Radon)	▪ Primarily use liquified natural gas, which generates lower emissions per unit of energy produced than diesel, for on-site power generation. ▪ Evaluate opportunities to reduce fuel combustion requirements of infrastructure and equipment, to the extent practical, during detailed design. ▪ Optimize haul routes to reduce fuel consumption and emissions from equipment. ▪ Recover heat from the liquified natural gas power plant exhaust and use to heat other process and ancillary buildings, to the extent practical. ▪ Use pollution control technology on process plant exhaust stacks with preventative maintenance and stack testing, as well as adaptive management, if necessary. ▪ Use Tier 4 diesel mobile equipment for underground operations, whenever practical, with applicable mine ventilation airflow rates specified by Canada Centre for Mineral and Energy Technology, when available. ▪ Apply water and/or suppressants to site roads, access road, and airstrip, as necessary. Use dust suppressants that minimize environmental risk and are government-approved for use. ▪ Limit idling of vehicles and equipment to the extent practical. ▪ Limit vehicle speed on unpaved site roads to reduce fugitive dust during Construction and Operations. ▪ Use and maintain emissions control devices on combustion-based equipment. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Monitoring Plan that includes ambient air monitoring.
YNLR-010	Wildlife, Indigenous land and resource use	Concern about increased harvest pressure on wildlife due to work camps and increased human presence.	Changes in wildlife abundance and distribution was considered in the EA and the availability of fish, plants, and wildlife for harvesting was a measurement indicator for assessing potential effects on Indigenous land and resource use.	Section 14 (Wildlife): Section 14.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-09, Section 14.4.2 (Secondary Pathway) Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-04, Section 16.4.2 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Install a gate at the site entrance (i.e., gatehouse) to control public access. ▪ Do not allow hunting by employees in areas within the Project footprint. ▪ Use existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Implement a Security Program to provide safe and coordinated access via the access road to locations where other land and resource use is practised. Identify Indigenous land users in Security Program supporting documentation and outline the process to allow continued access to areas of importance. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Additional measures to minimize Project effects and promote ways to improve wildlife habitat and fish habitat will be discussed with Indigenous Groups throughout the Project lifespan through both the Environmental Committees established with the primary Indigenous Groups and other engagement activities
YNLR-011	Wildlife	Concern about increased human-wildlife interactions.	Potential increases in human-wildlife interactions due to attractants at the Project site affecting wildlife survival and reproduction was evaluated in the EA.	Section 14 (Wildlife): Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-19, Section 14.4.2 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Collect domestic (e.g., food) and industrial (e.g., used oil and lubricants) waste and temporarily store in wildlife-proof containers, incinerate on site, transport off site for recycling, or dispose of at a licensed disposal facility, as appropriate. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Conventional Waste Management Plan. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program, which includes processes for the following: o prohibition against feeding wildlife; o lined site runoff ponds either fenced or fit with animal egress matting or ramps; and o other measures for deterring wildlife from site where needed for human and wildlife protection.
YNLR-012	Fish, Indigenous land and resource use Mitigation	Concern about increased harvest pressure on fish (especially in Patterson Lake) due to work camps and increased human presence.	Public access affecting fish survival was considered in the EA and the availability of fish, plants, and wildlife for harvesting was a measurement indicator for assessing potential effects on Indigenous land and resource use.	Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 11.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Fish and Fish Habitat), Pathway ID F-12, Section 11.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use):	▪ Install a gate at the site entrance (i.e., gatehouse) to control public access. ▪ Use existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing. ▪ Transport employees and contractors to site by aircraft, or by bus from La Loche until the on-site airstrip is operational, to limit the opportunity for people to fish along the access road for the Project. Implement a Security Program to provide safe and coordinated access via the access road to locations where other land and resource use is practised. ▪ Identify Indigenous land users in Security Program supporting documentation and outline the process to allow continued access to areas of importance.

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				Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-04, Section 16.4.2 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan with government and Indigenous communities to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Work with primary Indigenous Groups and local communities to develop fishing policies that consider both fisheries protection and traditional use activities.
YNLR-013	Water Quality; Fish; Monitoring	Concern about Project blasting activity effects on fish and fish habitat in Patterson Lake.	The potential for Project blasting activities to affect fish survival was considered in the EA.	Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 11.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Fish and Fish Habitat), Pathway ID F-18, Section 11.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 11.7 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management) TSD X (Vibration Effects Analysis Report)	▪ Implement DFO's *Measures to Avoid Causing Harm to Fish and Fish Habitat* (DFO 2019b) to minimize potential adverse effects on aquatic resources. ▪ Follow DFO's *Guidelines for the Use of Explosives in or Near Canadian Fisheries Waters* (Wright and Hopky 1998) for setback distances from Patterson Lake. If setback distances are approached, develop site specific operating mitigations in consultation with DFO. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program.
YNLR-014	Fish; Monitoring	Concern regarding Project effects to fish and fish habitat as a result of changes to water quality.	Fish habitat availability, habitat distribution, and survival and reproduction were all measurement indicators in the EA and effects on fish and fish habitat as a result of changes to water quality were assessed.	Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 11.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 11.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Fish and Fish Habitat), Pathway ID F-01, F-07, F-13, F-14, F-15, F-16, Section 11.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 11.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 11.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 11.5 (Residual Effects Analysis), Section 11.7 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management)	▪ To the extent practical, construct work areas to avoid critical or sensitive habitat (e.g., riparian zones) following best practices and regulatory requirements. ▪ Install appropriate erosion and sediment control measures, as required. Regularly inspect erosion and sediment control measures to confirm they are functioning as planned, and perform any required maintenance, as needed. ▪ Establish appropriate site drainage. ▪ Apply DFO's *Measures to Avoid Causing Harm to Fish and Fish Habitat* (DFO 2019) to minimize potential adverse effects on aquatic resources. ▪ Install engineered cover of compacted clean material and growth medium layer on potentially acid generating waste rock storage area and install growth medium cover on non-potentially acid generating waste rock storage area. ▪ Use engineered cemented paste backfill and tailings to control source concentrations. ▪ Apply binder to reduce permeability in backfill and tailings. ▪ Collect, store, and routinely monitor contact water to confirm discharge water meets water quality criteria appropriate for release. ▪ Confirm discharge meets water quality discharge criteria prior to release to the environment. ▪ Develop a site-specific effluent treatment plant and a sewage treatment plant to reduce release of constituents of potential concern (e.g., major ions, metals, radionuclides) to the environment. ▪ Collect contact water, monitor, and treat where necessary. ▪ Monitor treated effluent and treated sewage flow and quality. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Mine Waste Management Plan. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Monitoring Plan that includes monitoring in the vicinity of the Project, as required, in accordance with licence requirements and the federal Mineral and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations to monitor the potential effects of Project discharges on water and sediment quality, and on the fish population and benthic invertebrate community. ▪ Develop and implement a Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program.
YNLR-015	Cumulative Effects	Concern about cumulative effects resulting from the Project and other developments.	The EIS explains the methodology of how potential cumulative effects of the Project; previous, existing, and approved projects; and RFDs were assessed. The potential cumulative effects of the Project and RFDs were considered throughout the EIS. Individual disciplines (Sections 7, 9 to 11, and 13 to 19) further describe the assessment of potential cumulative effects specific to each discipline. These sections also describe the uncertainties associated with the assessment of cumulative effects, where appropriate. The RFD Case assessed the residual effects from the Project plus the effects from other previous, existing, approved, and future projects and activities. The rationale	Section 6 (Environmental Assessment Approach and Methods: Section 6.5.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 7 (Air Quality, Noise, and Climate Change): Section 7.2.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 7.3.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 7.4.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 9 (Hydrology): Section 9.6.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 9.6.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case [including Climate Change]) Section 10 (Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality):	▪ The RFD Case includes the Base Case, Application Case, and RFDs. This case was used to identify and assess potential cumulative effects on VCs and intermediate components (i.e., relative to existing conditions) derived from the addition of the proposed Project and RFDs. For the purposes of the EA, RFDs are defined as projects and activities that fit any of the first three and both of the last two criteria from the list below: o are currently under regulatory review or have officially entered a formal regulatory application process; o have been publicly disclosed by other proponents; o may be induced by the Project; o have the potential to change the Project or the effects predictions; and o occur in the spatial assessment boundary defined by the VCs and intermediate components. ▪ A key criterion for selecting other projects to include in the EA for a discipline is that those projects must cause similar effects on the same VCs or intermediate components influenced by the Project (Hegmann et al. 1999). Accordingly, an RFD Case was not required for all VCs and

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			for completing or not completing an RFD Case is provided in each discipline section. In slight contrast to the effects analyses for the Base and Application cases, which are largely quantitative, the analysis for the RFD Case was quantitative where possible and qualitative where necessary, based on the information available. As a scenario within the RFD Case (where applicable), potential effects from climate change were considered within the EIS.	Section 10.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.5.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.5.1.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.2.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.3.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 13.5.4.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.5.1.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.2.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.3.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.4.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.6.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.7.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.8.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.9.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.10.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 14.5.11.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 17 (Other Land and Resource Use): Section 17.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 18 (Economy): Section 18.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case)	intermediate components as it depended on whether or not effects from the RFDs would have the potential to overlap with the selected VCs and intermediate components within the spatial and temporal assessment boundaries defined for the Project. ▪ The Fission Patterson Lake South Project (i.e., another proposed uranium mine in close proximity to Patterson Lake) was deemed an RFD based on the criteria listed above.
YNLR-016	Soils	Concern about contamination of soils from Project effects.	Project effects on soils were assessed in the EA. The assessment considered all Project phases, including after the Decommissioning and Reclamation Phase (i.e., Closure). Additionally, the potential for accidental spills (i.e., uranium concentrate/radioactivity and chemical spills) into the environment (i.e., to air, land, or water) due to traffic accidents were assessed in the EIS.	Section 12 (Soils and Terrain): Section 12.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 12.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Terrain and Soils), Pathway ID TS-01, TS-03, TS-04, TS-07, TS-10, TS-11, Section 12.4.1 (No Pathways), Section 12.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 12.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 12.5 (Residual Effects Analysis) Section 12.5.1.3 Soil Quality Section 21 (Accidents and Malfunctions): Section 21.6.2 (Selection of Bounding Scenarios), Table 21.6-2 (Bounding Scenarios Considered in the Accidents and Malfunctions Assessment and Associated Mitigations), Section 21.6.3 (Bounding Scenario 1 (Traffic Accident [Uranium Concentrate and Radioactivity]), Section 21.6.4 (Bounding Scenario 2 (Traffic Accident [Chemical])	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: ▪ designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together); o optimizing the use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o maximizing water diversion away from site facilities through design and the establishment of berms and grading. ▪ Use clearing equipment that minimizes surface disturbance, soil compaction, and topsoil loss (e.g., equipment with low ground pressure tracks or tires, blade shoes, and brushes), where feasible. ▪ Minimize steepness and length of slopes of disturbed areas and stockpiled soils. ▪ Limit vehicle speed on unpaved site roads to reduce fugitive dust during Construction and Operations. ▪ Evaluate opportunities to reduce fuel combustion requirements of infrastructure and equipment, to the extent practical, during detailed design. ▪ Use and maintain emissions control devices on combustion-based equipment. ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required.

Table 2B-6: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources and Response

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	YNLR Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
					▪ Restore and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been removed. ▪ Develop and implement a Detailed Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan to decommission and transfer the site to the province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Monitoring Plan that includes soil quality and ambient air monitoring Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Mine Waste Management Plan and site water management procedures. ▪ Any spill, release, or emergency that may harm the environment or pose a risk to public health or safety would be reported immediately and managed and remediated in accordance with Saskatchewan's Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010 and The Saskatchewan Environmental Code (Government of Saskatchewan 2014b). ▪ The clean-up, treatment, and disposal of contaminated material, including affected soils and sediment associated with a potential spill, would be handled by a certified specialized subcontractor. The spill would be cleaned up immediately and access to the affected area would be restricted, and fenced off if feasible, to limit access to the area by people and wildlife. ▪ An Environmental Protection Program and an Emergency Preparedness and Response Program would be implemented for the Project.
YNLR-017	Water Quality; Cumulative Effects; Contaminants	Concern about long-term water quality effects associated with tailings from both the Project and the Fission Patterson Lake Property.	NexGen is dedicated to minimizing potential effects on the environment throughout all phases of the Project through incorporating proven best practices and designs around mine planning and tailings management. The safety of mine tailings storage on people and the environment was considered and assessed in the EIS: ▪ potential for seepage from the UGTMF after Closure; ▪ potential for the Project to cause adverse effects on human health from various Project sources, including the UGTMF; ▪ potential accident and malfunction scenarios that could affect the UGTMF; and ▪ potential effects of a seismic event on the Project, including the UGTMF. Where applicable, effects from the proposed tailings management facility for the Fission Patterson Lake South Property were considered within the RFD Case assessments for the EA.	Section 8 (Hydrogeology): Section 8.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 8.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Hydrogeology), Pathway ID HG-04, Section 8.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 8.5.1 (Application Case), Section 8.5.1.2 (Groundwater Quality) Section 10 (Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality): Section 10.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 10.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality), Pathway ID SWQ-06, Section 10.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 10.5.1 (Application Case), Section 10.5.1.2.3 (Trace Metals), Section 10.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case), Section 10.5.2.2.3 (Trace Metals) Section 11 (Fish and Fish Habitat): Section 11.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 11.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Fish and Fish Habitat), Pathway ID F-01, Section 11.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 11.5.2 (Application Case), Section 11.5.3 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 13.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Vegetation), Pathway ID V-11, Section 13.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 14 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat): Section 14.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 14.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat), Pathway ID W-14, Section 14.4.2 (Secondary Pathways) Section 15 (Human Health): Section 15.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 15.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Human Health), Pathway ID HH-06, Section 15.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 15.5.1 (Application Case),	▪ The design of the tailings transfer system would be completed in accordance with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers B31.2 - 2020, Process Piping code. American Society of Mechanical Engineers B31.3 is a mechanical code that deals mostly with mechanical safety to prevent sudden release of energy (e.g., pipe bursts). ▪ Use engineered cemented paste backfill and tailings to control source concentrations. ▪ Apply binder to reduce permeability in backfill and tailings. ▪ Engineer the tailings geochemistry to control source concentrations. ▪ Develop and implement a Detailed Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan to decommission and transfer the site to the Province under the Institutional Control Program. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program and a Project-specific Environmental Monitoring Plan that includes adaptive management, if necessary. ▪ An Environmental Protection Program and an Emergency Preparedness and Response Program would be implemented for the Project and would include mitigation and emergency response measures related to the potential for a leak or spill associated with the tailings transfer pipe.

Table 2B-6: Summary of Issues and Concerns Received from the Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources and Response

Issue ID	Topic (or Theme)	YNLR Key Issues or Concerns	Summary of Response	Where Issue or Concern is Reflected in the EIS	Key Mitigations and Accommodations
				Section 15.5.2 (Reasonably Foreseeable Development Case) Section 21 (Accidents and Malfunctions): Section 21.6.2 (Selection of Bounding Scenarios), Table 21.6-2 (Bounding Scenarios Considered in the Accidents and Malfunctions Assessment and Associated Mitigations), Bounding Scenario 4, Section 21.6.6 (Bounding Scenario 4) Section 22 (Assessment of Effects of the Environment on the Project): Section 22.6.7 (Seismic Events)	
YNLR-018	Vegetation	Concern about introduction of invasive species from increased human presence	The potential effects of the Project on vegetation resulting from the potential introduction of invasive species were assessed in the EA. NexGen is dedicated to minimizing potential effects on the environment throughout all phases of the Project through incorporating proven best practices.	Section 13 (Vegetation): Section 13.2.2.2 (Measurement Indicators), Section 13.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 13.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Vegetation), Pathway ID V-07, Section 13.4.2 (Secondary Pathways), Section 13.7 (Monitoring, Follow-Up, and Adaptive Management)	▪ Use native species or non-aggressive, non-native species appropriate for the conditions for revegetation. ▪ Inspect construction equipment prior to arriving at site and clean, if required. o Utilize maintenance shop to support cleaning, once constructed and as required. ▪ Procure clean construction materials and procure seed mixes that work to avoid the introduction of noxious weeds. ▪ Implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Program that includes actions to prevent, detect, control (i.e., remove), and monitor areas with prohibited, noxious, and nuisance weed / invasive species (e.g., along the access road, airstrip, and loading or staging site), following best practice guidance.
YNLR-019	Environment; Traditional Economy; Indigenous land and resource use	Concern about the long-term productivity of the land, including its ability to produce high-quality Traditional Foods resources.	Changes to the availability of fish, plants, and wildlife for harvesting, which considered resource availability, distribution, and quality, was a measurement indicator for assessing potential effects on Indigenous land and resource use. Opportunities for resource harvesting that could affect the amount of country foods in a traditional diet was considered in the assessment of community well-being.	Section 16 (Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use): Section 16.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 16.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 16.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Cultural and Heritage Resources and Indigenous Land and Resource Use), Pathway ID ILU-02, Section 16.4.3 (Primary Pathways), Section 16.5.1.2 (Availability of Fish, Plants, and Wildlife for Harvesting) Section 19 (Community Well-Being): Section 19.2.2 (Valued Components, Measurement Indicators, and Assessment Endpoints), Section 19.4 (Project Interactions and Mitigations), Table 19.4-1 (Potential Effects Pathways for Community Well-Being), Pathway ID CWB-03, Section 19.4.3 (Secondary Pathways)	▪ Limit the Project footprint to the extent practical using practices such as: o optimizing use of cleared areas for Project activity; o using existing road infrastructure, including existing access road and bridge crossing; o storing tailings underground; and o designing an efficient infrastructure footprint (i.e., buildings clustered together). ▪ Implement progressive reclamation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer required. ▪ Reclaim and revegetate areas where non-permanent Project facilities have been decommissioned. ▪ Work with local communities to develop culturally sensitive employment policies to facilitate involvement in resource harvesting activities. ▪ Support and promote Indigenous community participation and employment in the traditional economy. ▪ Work with primary Indigenous Groups and local communities to develop fishing policies that consider both fisheries protection and traditional use activities. ▪ Implement Environmental Protection Program and Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan.

YNLR = Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resource; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; EA = Environmental Assessment; RFD = reasonably foreseeable development; VC = valued component; DFO = Fisheries and Oceans Canada; TSD = Technical Supporting Document; UGTMF = underground tailings management facility; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; LSA = local study area; RSA = regional study area; N/A = not applicable.

Attachment 2B-1 Indigenous Group Issues and Concerns Validation Letters



September 22, 2023

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RE: Rook I Project – Issues and Concerns Validation

Dear Nicole,

On behalf of the Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN) and a primary community stakeholder, please accept this letter as our formal notice that the manner in which NexGen has responded to our issues and concerns raised during Rook I Project (Project) development and environmental assessment (EA) process has been accepted by the CRDN. In addition, the CRDN through our community consultative working approach confirms that all issues and concerns identified at this time have been reviewed and resolved, and for issues and concerns that can only be addressed during the Project lifespan, NexGen and CRDN have developed a meaningful approach to ensure collective resolution methods are in place through our established and recognized working process.

Considering our mutual commitments of the engagement activities completed to date, the CRDN have conveyed to NexGen issues and concerns associated with the proposed Project and its development, where and as applicable. Engagement between NexGen and the CRDN has been ongoing since early Project exploration activities and continued through Project design, and during conduct of the EA by NexGen, which has provided CRDN opportunities to convey our issues and concerns to NexGen, and for NexGen to address them. In addition, during the EA process, representatives of the CRDN participated in the technical review of NexGen's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) conducted by the Federal-Indigenous Review Team (FIRT). In parallel to the CNSC-led FIRT process, the CRDN have continued to meaningfully engage directly with NexGen by jointly participating in committees formed in connection with the Project and its ongoing EA, which have provided additional opportunities to convey our issues and concerns.

I would also like to mention, NexGen and CRDN have sought to understand proactively and transparently, with collaborate efforts, resolve issues and concerns as they have been raised. It is our understanding that as part of the Federal EA process the CNSC requires confirmation of the process undertaken by CRDN and NexGen to identify, discuss, and resolve key issues and concerns in relation to the Project. By way of this letter, CRDN is confirming that this process has been completed for the purpose of the Federal EA process.

As noted above, CRDN and NexGen have invested countless committed years proactively to address issues and concerns related to the Project as they have arisen, since 2013. To support the Federal EA requirement to validate that issues and concerns have been adequately captured and addressed, NexGen and the CRDN completed a validation process through the Environmental Committee established under the Impact Benefit Agreement between CRDN and NexGen. As part of this process through the Environmental Committee, a

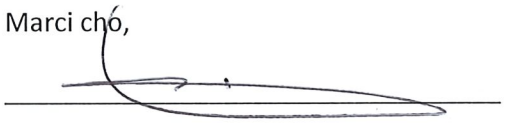
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consolidated list of issues and concerns, along with NexGen's response and the mutually agreed upon key accommodations and mitigations that either have been or will be implemented to resolve the issues and concerns, underwent review through a series of meetings and activities undertaken by the Environmental Committee. Final validation of the consolidated list of issues and concerns, responses provided by NexGen, and mutually agreed upon key mitigations and accommodations occurred during an online workshop conducted between NexGen and CRDN on 25 April 2023. The final issues and concerns documentation resulting from this validation workshop has been provided as an attachment to this cover letter. CRDN's understanding is that this documentation will also be provided within NexGen's Final EIS submission to the CNSC.

In context of our solidified community support, CRDN is completely satisfied that NexGen has addressed or responded to all of CRDN's issues and concerns in a manner acceptable inclusively within the CRDN community and members. Accordingly, through this letter, we formally acknowledge and confirm to the CNSC that the way in which NexGen has addressed or responded to the CRDN's key issues and concerns has been accepted by CRDN.

Should you require further information on this item and file, please contact our Engagement Lead Camm Willier at: cammer7@shaw.ca and on cell at (403) 505-6319.

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RE: Rook I Project – Issues and Concerns Validation

Dear Nicole,

On behalf of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (collectively, the "MN-S"), please accept this letter as our formal notice that the manner in which NexGen has responded to our issues and concerns raised during Rook I Project (Project) development and environmental assessment (EA) process has been accepted by the MN-S.

Engagement between NexGen and the MN-S has been ongoing since early Project exploration activities and has continued throughout the conduct of the EA by NexGen, which has provided the MN-S opportunities to convey our issues and concerns to NexGen, and for NexGen to address these issues and concerns. In addition, during the EA process, representatives appointed by the MN-S participated in the technical review of NexGen's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) conducted by the Federal-Indigenous Review Team (FIRT). In parallel to the CNSC-led FIRT process, the MN-S have continued to meaningfully engage directly with NexGen by jointly participating in committees formed in connection with the Project and its ongoing EA, which have provided additional opportunities to convey our issues and concerns.

In June 2023, the MN-S and NexGen signed an Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA) with respect to the Project. Under this IBA, the MN-S and NexGen jointly participate in committees formed in connection with the Project and its ongoing EA, which have provided additional opportunities to convey our issues and concerns and review NexGen responses. Specific to the issues and concerns table, NexGen and the MN-S completed a validation process through the Environmental Committee established under the IBA. As part of this process, NexGen provided a consolidated list of issues and concerns, along with their responses and proposed key accommodations and mitigations that either have been or will be implemented to resolve the issues and concerns, for the MN-S review. The MN-S reviewed and provided feedback on this consolidated list, and this feedback was incorporated by NexGen into a finalized issues and concerns table reflective of the mutually agreed upon key accommodations and mitigations that either have been or will be implemented to resolve the issues and concerns. Final validation of the consolidated list of issues and concerns, responses provided by NexGen, and mutually agreed upon key mitigations and accommodations occurred during an Environmental Committee meeting on 15 December 2023. The final issues and concerns documentation resulting from this validation workshop has been provided as an attachment to this cover letter, and it is the MN-S' understanding that this documentation will also be provided within NexGen's Final EIS submission to the CNSC.

As part of the Federal EA process, it is the MN-S' understanding that the CNSC requires confirmation of the process undertaken by the MN-S and NexGen to identify, discuss, and resolve key issues and concerns in relation to the Project. The MN-S is satisfied that NexGen has addressed or responded to all of the MN-S' issues and concerns in a manner acceptable to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2

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community. We confirm that all issues and concerns that can be addressed at this time have been resolved, and for issues and concerns that can only be addressed during the Project lifespan, NexGen and the MN-S have developed the necessary approaches and methods to resolve these concerns at the appropriate time in the future. Accordingly, through this letter, we formally acknowledge and confirm to the CNSC that the way in which NexGen has addressed or responded to the MN-S' key issues and concerns has been accepted by the MN-S.

Should you require further information on this item and file, please contact Brent Laroque, Director of Environment, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan. blaroque@mns.work

Thank you,



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RE: Rook I Project – Issues and Concerns Validation

Dear Ms. Frigault,

On behalf of the Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN), please accept this letter as BNDN's formal notice that NexGen has responded to our issues and concerns raised during advancement of the Rook I Project (Project) and through the environmental assessment (EA) process conducted for the Project.

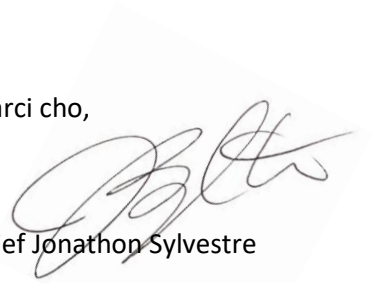
NexGen and the BNDN continue to meaningfully engage throughout the EA process for the Project. During engagement activities with NexGen, we have had the opportunity to share issues and concerns identified by the BNDN with respect to the Project and the ongoing EA process. In 2021, the BNDN and NexGen signed a Mutual Benefit Agreement (MBA) with respect to the Project; under this MBA, the BNDN and NexGen jointly participate in committees formed in connection with the Project and its ongoing EA, which have provided additional opportunities to convey our issues and concerns and have NexGen respond to them.

The Environmental Committee, established under the MBA, completed a review and validation process to address the issues and concerns identified by the BNDN with respect to the Project; this process was completed to satisfy the Federal EA validation requirement. As part of this process through the Environmental Committee, a consolidated list of issues and concerns, along with NexGen's responses and the mutually agreed upon key accommodations and mitigations that either have been or will be implemented to resolve the issues and concerns, underwent review through a series of meetings and activities undertaken by the Environmental Committee. Final validation of the consolidated list of issues and concerns, responses provided by NexGen, and mutually agreed upon key mitigations and accommodations occurred during an in-person workshop conducted between NexGen and the BNDN on 15 August 2023. The final issues and concerns documentation resulting from this validation workshop has been provided as an attachment to this cover letter. BNDN's understanding is that this documentation will also be provided within NexGen's Final EIS submission to the CNSC.

Please consider this letter as confirmation that the BNDN and NexGen have collaboratively identified, discussed, and resolved the issues and concerns identified by BNDN with respect to the Project. We confirm that all issues and concerns that can be addressed at this time have been resolved, and for issues and concerns that can only be addressed during the Project lifespan, NexGen and BNDN have developed the necessary approaches and methods to resolve these concerns at the appropriate times in the future.

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RE: Rook I Project – Issues and Concerns Validation

Dear Nicole,

On behalf of the Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN) please consider this letter as notice that the BRDN and NexGen have collaboratively identified, discussed, and resolved the issues and concerns identified by BRDN with respect to the Rook I Project (Project). The manner in which NexGen has responded to our issues and concerns raised during Rook I Project (Project) development and environmental assessment (EA) process is accepted by the BRDN.
The Environmental Committee, established under the Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA) signed by BRDN and NexGen in 2020 and consisting of both BRDN and NexGen representatives, held a series of meetings related to validating the issues and concerns identified by BRDN. As part of this process, NexGen provided a consolidated list of issues and concerns, along with their responses and proposed key accommodations and mitigations that either have been or will be implemented to resolve the issues and concerns. An in-person meeting was held on 16 August 2023 to complete the final validation of the consolidated list of issues and concerns, responses provided by NexGen, and mutually agreed upon key mitigations and accommodations. The final issues and concerns documentation resulting from this validation workshop is attached to this cover letter, and we understand that this documentation will also be provided within NexGen's Final EIS submission to the CNSC.

It is BRDN's understanding that the CNSC requires confirmation of the process undertaken by BRDN and NexGen to identify, discuss, and resolve key issues and concerns in relation to the Project as part of Federal EA requirements. The BRDN is satisfied that NexGen has addressed or responded to all of BRDN's issues and concerns in a manner acceptable to the BRDN community. We confirm that all issues and concerns that can be addressed at this time have been resolved, and for issues and concerns that can only be addressed during the Project lifespan, NexGen and BRDN have developed the necessary approaches and methods to resolve these concerns at the appropriate time in the

future. Accordingly, through this letter, we formally acknowledge and confirm to the CNSC that the way in which NexGen has addressed or responded to the BRDN's key issues and concerns has been accepted by BRDN.

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Dear Melissa:

Re: YNLR comments concerning the NexGen License application for the Rook 1 project in Northern Saskatchewan

In response to your emails of 14 and 20 March 2024, the following is our response to the attached summary of issues and concerns.

The follow up from YNLR on comments in the latest draft of NexGen's Summary of Issues and Concerns document (attached) are based on four guiding concerns that YNLR believes must be addressed in the generic process for environmental assessment:

- The nature of the consultation with YNLR
- Cumulative effects, especially on woodland caribou
- Water quality impacts and its associated fish health
- Environmental monitoring programs

As you know, YNLR supports sustainable development in northern Saskatchewan, provided that it brings both social benefits and environmental protection. However, NexGen's latest response to the Summary of Issues and Concerns document, while encouraging in some respects, still fails to adequately address YNLR's four guiding concerns

1. The Nature of Consultation

YNLR represents three Athabasca Denesułiné First Nations as their delegated authority. As a representative of rightsholders YNLR has requested NexGen companies to consider YNLR as a collaborative, active partner, rather just than a passive recipient of information. In other words, YNLR would like to be involved well before plans and programs are finalized, especially with respect to impact monitoring and follow-up. This position has been articulated in our responses to NexGen's EIS. We believe this early involvement is the most efficient and cost-effective way to deal with our concerns in the EIS. NexGen's

responses still treat YNLR as an interested party, to provide comments on a completed EIS and plans, rather than involving us at the conceptual stage of development as requested.

2. Cumulative Effects on Woodland Caribou

Caribou are important to the Athabasca Denesułiné. YNLR has conducted their own cumulative effects analysis, in accordance with accepted federal parameters[1][2][3][4][5], of the area around NexGen's project and while both the YNLR and NexGen analyses concluded that there would be significant residual and cumulative effects in its EIS; YNLR believes that the spatial scope of NexGen's analysis is too limited to adequately address the cumulative environmental effects (CEs) that are likely to result from other reasonably foreseeable future activities in the area (i.e., the expansion, of a logistical hub, 17 km north of the NexGen site). In recognition of this and other foreseeable activities that YNLR is concerned have not been taken into account in NexGen's CE assessment; it should be noted that the Province of Saskatchewan Ministerial Decision approving the Rook I Project contains a condition as follows:

> *7. The proponent shall submit a woodland caribou mitigation and offset plan that utilizes site-specific information to evaluate effects to woodland caribou and includes a plan for habitat offsetting. The plan shall be submitted to the ministry for approval prior to initiating construction of the project.*

3. Water Quality and Fish Health

Clean, abundant water and the fish that it supports are another very important value of the Athabasca Denesułiné. In the case of the proposed NexGen and Fission mine sites, both of their proposed mines will be releasing the treated effluents into the same lake and watershed and one of these companies have noted that thresholds will be exceeded for some constituents. YNLR believes that the role of properly designed, transparent, statistically robust monitoring programs are therefore critical and leads into the last area of concern. This is the basis for YNLR's consistent requests for collaboration and involvement at all stages for the monitoring process from conception to methodological development to execution. The responses from NexGen do not support these requests from YNLR for involvement at the earliest stage.

[1] Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012

[2] Technical Guidance for Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Act, 2012, March 2018, Version 2

[3] Operational Policy Statement: Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Act, 2012, Updated March 2015

[4] Woodland Caribou, Boreal Population (Rangifer tarandus caribou): amended recovery strategy 2020

[5] Agreement for the Conservation of the Woodland Caribou, Boreal population (Woodland Caribou) in Saskatchewan, 19 June 2019

4. Monitoring Programs

There are limits to models being used to project assumptions into the future. Confirmation of projections is the role of a well-designed monitoring plan. YNLR would like to emphasize that all monitoring programs should be transparent and statistically robust.

As a result, in the final monitoring designs, consideration should be given to their statistical power in order to minimize the likelihood of a Type 2 error, i.e. the possibility of not detecting an environmental change even when one occurs. YNLR would like this to be reflected in the government's project approval process and the appropriate mitigation measures incorporated into the project design.

The consequences of such errors can be serious and underpins YNLR's ongoing desire for increased collaboration with NexGen in the conceptual development and operation of such programs, as detailed in our attached comments to their EIS.

In conclusion, addressing these areas of concern, prior to the issuance of any license, is the simplest and most cost-effective manner to ensure environmental compliance. While YNLR will continue to work with NexGen we believe that the failure to address our stated concerns has a great likelihood of causing impacts to the lands, waters and wildlife of Nuhenéné which will in turn become an infringement on the exercise of our member's Treaty and Aboriginal rights.

YNLR will continue to be available for constructive engagement with NexGen to address our four guiding concerns, while concurrently addressing these concerns directly with the regulator.

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Appendix 2C Summary of Regulatory Authority Engagement Activities

Abbreviations and Units of Measure

Abbreviation	Definition
ACFN	Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation
BATEA	best available technology economically available
BNDN	Birch Narrows Dene Nation
BRDN	Buffalo River Dene Nation
CMD	Commission member document
CMOP	Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan
CNSC	Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
CRDN	Clearwater River Dene Nation
CST	Central Standard Time
DFO	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
EA	Environmental Assessment
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ENV	Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment
FIRT	Federal-Indigenous Review Team
Golder	Golder Associates Ltd.
IAAC	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
IKTLU	Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use
IR	information request
JWG	Joint Working Group
LRWS	Saskatchewan Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
MN-S NR2	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2
NexGen	NexGen Energy Ltd.
NSEQC	Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee
Omnia	Omnia Ecological Services
Project	Rook I Project
SES	Saskatchewan Environmental Society
SHA	Saskatchewan Health Authority
SKFN	Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence
SMEC	Saskatchewan Ministry of Economy
SMER	Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources
SMGR	Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations
SMHI	Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure
SMTED	Saskatchewan Ministry of Trade and Export Development
TRC	technical review comments
WSA	Saskatchewan Water Security Agency
WSP	WSP Canada Inc.

Unit	Definition
km	kilometre
$PM_{2.5}$	particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 microns or less
$\mu g/m^3$	micrograms per cubic metre

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Table 2C-1: Rook I Project Updates and Environmental Assessment Process

Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
16 February 2016	In-person meeting	CNSC	NexGen provided an update on the Project to members of the CNSC and discussed drilling, permitting of an access road, engagement, and additional upcoming plans for the Project. The CNSC advised NexGen to review other projects as examples of what may be expected and stated that there will be new engagement regulatory documents issued.
17 February 2016	In-person meeting	ENV	NexGen provided an update on the Project to members of the ENV in Regina and discussed drilling, permitting of an access road, engagement, and additional upcoming plans for the Project. The ENV summarized the provincial engagement requirements and what needed to be considered for the duty to consult.
17 February 2016	In-person meeting	ENV	NexGen provided an update on the Project to members of the ENV in Saskatoon and discussed drilling, permitting of an access road, engagement, and additional upcoming plans for the Project.
18 February 2016	In-person meeting	SMEC, SMER	NexGen provided an update on the Project to members of the SMEC and SMER and discussed drilling, permitting of an access road, engagement, and additional upcoming plans for the Project.
18 February 2016	In-person meeting	ENV, NSEQC, SMGR	NexGen provided an update on the Project to members of the ENV, NSEQC, and SMGR and discussed drilling, permitting of an access road, engagement, and additional upcoming plans for the Project.
27 February 2017	In-person meeting	Métis Local #39, MN-S NR2, SMEC	NexGen provided an update presentation on exploration and Project development activities, including: ▪ overview and history of the Arrow deposit; ▪ highlights of metallurgical work; ▪ conceptual Project design; ▪ update on studies planned to support a future EA; and ▪ proposed 2017 activities including baseline studies and engagement planning.
14 February 2018	In-person meeting	ENV, SMEC	NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities, including: ▪ company introduction and overview; ▪ description of the Project and the Arrow deposit; ▪ benefits and community initiatives; ▪ Preliminary Economic Assessment summary; ▪ approvals and compliance summary; ▪ environmental protection measures; ▪ environmental baseline summary; and ▪ community engagement.
14 February 2018	In-person meeting	ENV, NSEQC, SMGR	NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities, including: ▪ company introduction and overview; ▪ description of the Project and the Arrow deposit; ▪ benefits and community initiatives; ▪ Preliminary Economic Assessment summary; ▪ approvals and compliance summary; ▪ environmental protection measures; ▪ environmental baseline summary; and ▪ community engagement.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
5 June 2018	In-person meeting	ENV, LRWS, SMGR	NexGen provided representatives from several Ministries with a tour of the Rook I site including the following areas: ▪ Rook I exploration camp; ▪ core processing and storage facilities; and ▪ surface drill locations at the Arrow deposit. A presentation was provided with an update on activities and development progress.
6 November 2018	In-person meeting	CNSC	NexGen provided a presentation to the CNSC covering the following areas: ▪ Arrow deposit and development update; ▪ summary of Pre-Feasibility Study results and select Project details; ▪ summary of projected economic benefits; ▪ environmental protection practices; and ▪ community engagement initiatives. NexGen provided the CNSC representatives in attendance with notification of intent to submit a Project Description in early 2019. The provincial-federal cooperative review process was discussed with indication that this would be coordinated by the CNSC in cooperation with the ENV.
16 November 2018	In-person meeting	ENV, SMER	NexGen provided a presentation to the ENV and SMER covering the following areas: ▪ Arrow deposit and development update; ▪ summary of Pre-Feasibility Study results and select Project details; ▪ summary of projected economic benefits; ▪ environmental protection practices; and ▪ community engagement initiatives. NexGen provided the ENV representatives in attendance with notification of intent to submit a Project Description in early 2019. Provincial-federal cooperative review process discussed with indication that the ENV would work in cooperation with the CNSC in coordinating activities.
28 November 2018	In-person meeting	ENV, NSEQC, SMGR	NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities, including the following items: ▪ company introduction and overview; ▪ description of the Project and the Arrow deposit; ▪ Preliminary Economic Assessment highlights and summary of Pre-Feasibility Study results; ▪ environmental baseline summary; and ▪ community commitment to training and procurement.
7 February 2019	In-person meeting	CNSC, ENV, SMER	NexGen hosted a workshop to review the EA and licensing submission documents. The workshop covered the following main elements: ▪ Project Description; ▪ Terms of Reference; ▪ Indigenous engagement; and ▪ initial licence application.
14 February 2019	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen submitted the Project Description and Terms of Reference to the CNSC and ENV to initiate the federal and provincial EA process for the Project.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
18 February 2019	In-person meeting	CNSC, ENV	NexGen and the ENV met to discuss updates regarding exploration and Project development activities including the following items: ▪ company introduction and overview; ▪ description of the Project and the Arrow deposit; ▪ benefits and community initiatives; ▪ Preliminary Economic Assessment summary; ▪ approvals and compliance summary; ▪ environmental protection measures; and ▪ community engagement.
7 March 2019	Email, incoming	CNSC, ENV	The ENV sent a letter via email to NexGen acknowledging receipt of an application for EA approval for Project. The letter stated that the ENV is reviewing NexGen's draft Terms of Reference and will provide feedback on that item and the Project Technical Proposal that is used as a guide for the preparation of an EIS. The letter stated that the Project has triggered the Crown's duty to consult, and they will provide a list of potentially affected First Nations and Métis groups and assign procedural aspects in future correspondence. The letter also provided additional guidance on consultation.
21 March 2019	Email, incoming	CNSC, ENV	The CNSC emailed NexGen (copying the ENV and other CNSC representatives), providing the CNSC's comments on the Project Description and Indigenous Engagement Report.
28 March 2019	Email, incoming	CNSC, ENV	The ENV sent a letter via email to NexGen (copying representatives of the ENV and CNSC) that assigned NexGen procedural aspects of the duty to consult for the Project and a list of First Nation and Métis communities that the Province has determined may be potentially affected by the Project. The ENV stated that the ENV sent letters to the listed communities by registered mail notifying them of the Crown's duty to consult and the assignment of procedural aspects to NexGen.
2 April 2019	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen sent a letter via email to the CNSC representative (copying representatives of the CNSC and ENV) in response to the CNSC's 21 March 2019 letter. The letter provided responses to each of the comments received on the Project Description and the Indigenous Engagement Report and noted that NexGen has incorporated these responses, revising both the Project Description and Indigenous Engagement Report.
17 April 2019	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen sent a letter via email to the ENV and CNSC representatives regarding NexGen's Public Disclosure Requirements for their consideration. NexGen requested that the ENV and CNSC inform them in writing in advance of this requirement for a public disclosure so that NexGen can fulfill their requirements for public company disclosures.
24 April 2019	Email, incoming	CNSC, ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen (copying the ENV and CNSC representatives) stating that the ENV has reviewed the revised Terms of Reference submitted and find it a complete and acceptable guide for development of NexGen's EIS. The representative stated that they appreciate NexGen's commitment to regularly engaging regulators throughout the EA and noted that regular updates with stakeholders and First Nations and Métis communities would be beneficial.
26 April 2019	Email, incoming	CNSC, ENV	A CNSC representative sent a letter via email to NexGen (copying the ENV and CNSC) regarding CNSC staff acceptance of the Project Description. The letter stated that the CNSC has reviewed NexGen's response to the CNSC's comments on the Project Description and find them both acceptable. The CNSC stated that they will now proceed with the posting of the Notice of Commencement and the revised Project Description on the Canadian EA Registry for a 30-day public review and comment period.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
19 June 2019	In-person meeting	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to provide an update on all EA process activities since the last meeting on 7 February 2019.
21 June 2019	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV for a general Project update meeting.
10 July 2019	In-person meeting	CNSC, NSEQC, SMER	NexGen presented a Project to the CNSC, NSEQC, and SMER.
30 August 2019	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC sent a letter via email to NexGen informing NexGen of recent changes to federal legislation, particularly transition provisions relevant to the Project and next steps.
30 August 2019	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed thanking the CNSC for the letter that confirms that, according to the *Impact Assessment Act* transition provisions for EAs of designated projects, the Project will continue and be completed under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*.
4 September 2019	In-person meeting	CNSC, NSEQC	NexGen attended a meeting hosted by the CNSC and NSEQC. The CNSC provided an overview of the role of the CNSC and shared updates on CNSC-regulated projects.
4 September 2019	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to schedule a site visit and community meetings for October 2019.
5 September 2019	In-person meeting	Black Lake First Nation, CNSC, English River First Nation, MN-S NR2, Fond du Lac First Nation, Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources	NexGen attended a meeting hosted by the CNSC for Indigenous leaders from northern Saskatchewan. The CNSC provided an overview of the role of the CNSC and shared updates on CNSC-regulated projects, including the Project.
5 September 2019	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC representatives proposing a schedule for community meetings, site visit, and bi-monthly regulatory meetings in early October 2019 in Saskatoon and in northern Saskatchewan. NexGen and the CNSC subsequently exchanged a series of emails regarding meeting scheduling.
13 September 2019	Multiple methods	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC stating they would like to accept the CNSC's offer to have working meetings in advance of submitting licensing program documents to the CNSC. NexGen proposed meeting to discuss NexGen's approach to the Integrated Management System and the draft Indigenous and Public Engagement Program. NexGen and the CNSC subsequently exchanged a series of communications regarding meeting scheduling.
8 October 2019	In-person meeting	BNDN, CNSC, ENV, SKFN	NexGen, the BNDN, the CNSC, the ENV, and the SKFN met for a presentation. The presentation was facilitated by NexGen but was led by the CNSC to provide an overview of the EA review process.
8 October 2019	In-person meeting	CNSC, ENV, MN-S, MN-S NR2	NexGen, the CNSC, the ENV, the MN-S, and the MN-S NR2 met for a presentation. The presentation was facilitated by NexGen but was led by the CNSC to provide an overview of the CNSC's EA review process.
9 October 2019	In-person meeting	BRDN, CNSC, ENV	NexGen, the BRDN, the CNSC, and the ENV met for a presentation. The presentation was facilitated by NexGen but was led by the CNSC to provide an overview of the CNSC's EA review process.
20 February 2020	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen providing the Record of Decision on the scope of the EA for the Project.
26 February 2020	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss personnel changes, EA and licensing timelines, Indigenous and public engagement, and regulatory engagement.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
12 March 2020	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen a copy of the CNSC's proposed presentation for the 17 March to 20 March 2020 meetings planned with the JWG. The CNSC asked that NexGen provide input on the supplementary slides and whether these match with what NexGen believe the JWG groups were interested in seeing.
13 March 2020	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC stating that the presentation looked good. NexGen stated that, as discussed, the upcoming JWG meetings with the Indigenous communities will be postponed to a later date when the safety of the public allows the meetings to be conducted in person and that all Community Coordinators have fully agreed to this approach. NexGen stated that they will keep the CNSC updated and touch base once it is clear when these meetings can continue.
14 September 2020	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC stating that the JWG meetings planned for 21 September to 24 September 2020 would need to be rescheduled to later in October 2020. NexGen stated that they will follow up with a tentative time for each JWG meeting.
15 October 2020	Video conference	CNSC	The CNSC presented to NexGen on the CNSC'S Rights Impact Assessment process.
4 December 2020	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC to hold a follow-up discussion on the CNSC's Rights Impact Assessment process.
11 December 2020	Video conference	BNDN, CNSC	The CNSC presented to the BNDN JWG on the following topics: ▪ overview of the CNSC functions as a regulator; ▪ role in Indigenous engagement; ▪ EA; and ▪ radiation protection and compliance.
11 December 2020	Video conference	BRDN, CNSC	The CNSC presented to the BRDN JWG on the following topics: ▪ overview of the CNSC functions as a regulator; ▪ role in Indigenous engagement; ▪ EA; and ▪ radiation protection and compliance.
8 February 2021	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC providing the finalized PDFs of the 11 December 2020 BNDN and BRDN JWG meeting minutes, which have been reviewed by the respective First Nations.
25 March 2021	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen providing a set of documentation to inform NexGen in its preparation of the EIS and supporting documentation for the proposed Project. The CNSC stated that it is their expectation that NexGen's EIS for the proposed Project will meet the updated guidelines.
27 July 2021	Email, incoming	CNSC, MN-S	The MN-S emailed NexGen, copying the CNSC, suggesting 19 August 2021 for the next JWG meeting. The MN-S requested that the CNSC participate in the conversation to gain context about the MN-S / NexGen working relationship and issues tracking.
28 July 2021	Email, outgoing	CNSC, MN-S	NexGen emailed the MN-S, copying the CNSC, and confirmed the proposed meeting date of 19 August 2021. NexGen requested a phone call prior to the meeting to discuss the structure and agenda for the meeting.
29 July 2021	Email, incoming	CNSC, MN-S	The CNSC emailed NexGen and the MN-S and confirmed they would be happy to meet to hear concerns and better understand the context around the raised issues and confirm that all parties were communicating well and engaging effectively. The CNSC suggested that the CNSC, the MN-S, and NexGen work to set up a separate tri-partite meeting with a set agenda at an alternative date, as opposed to having the CNSC join the NexGen and the MN-S JWG meeting.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
29 July 2021	Email, incoming	CNSC, MN-S	The MN-S emailed NexGen, copying the CNSC, and agreed to the proposed meeting time on 19 August 2021. The MN-S also noted the following agenda items: ▪ clearing past action items; ▪ clarification of consultation protocols and parameters; and ▪ Project re-introduction and overview.
30 July 2021	Email, outgoing	CNSC, MN-S	NexGen emailed the MN-S, copying the CNSC, and noted the following agenda items for the 19 August 2021 JWG meeting: ▪ review of outstanding issues and action items from previous JWG meetings; ▪ a discussion regarding the path forward for the JWG; and ▪ a current description of the Project (reintroduction plus any new information), critical alternatives considered, Project / environment interactions, and proposed key mitigations. NexGen noted that as per the CNSC's comments, that NexGen would be happy to set up a tri-partite meeting at a future date and suggested that the ENV should be included as well.
3 August 2021	Email, incoming	CNSC, MN-S	The MN-S emailed NexGen, copying the CNSC, and advised they would connect with the MN-S team for next steps regarding the 19 August 2021 JWG meeting proposed by NexGen via email on 30 July 2021.
9 August 2021	Email, incoming	CNSC, MN-S	Following a series of correspondence between the CNSC, NexGen, and the MN-S, the MN-S emailed NexGen and advised that the MN-S would be happy to meet with the CNSC separately from the JWG process.
22 December 2021	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV stating that, as previously discussed during the engagement and EA update meeting earlier this week, the BNDN would like to arrange a meeting with NexGen, the CNSC, and the ENV to discuss filing their IKTLU Study as a confidential document as part of NexGen's EIS submission. NexGen asked if the CNSC and ENV were available to meet between 18 January 2022 and 20 January 2022.
18 January 2022	In-person meeting	BNDN, CNSC, ENV	NexGen, the BNDN, the CNSC, and the ENV met to discuss the inclusion of the BNDN's IKTLU Study as a confidential document as part of NexGen's EIS submission.
8 February 2022	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to discuss details around the EIS submission for the Project.
12 April 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC, providing their understanding of the CNSC's Draft EIS review timelines. NexGen stated that they have no concerns about the 30-day extension to the 90-day post-conformance check review as proposed by the CNSC, given the CNSC indication that this would optimize the overall review process. NexGen thanked the CNSC for their invitation to present the findings of the EA to the CNSC technical review team.
3 May 2022	Email exchange	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV stating that they have uploaded 24 documents representing the baseline studies for the Project Draft EIS to the Microsoft Teams secure site link. NexGen provided a summary table of the documents and report names for reference. The ENV emailed back stating that they are having difficulty with accessing the link and asked for assistance.
9 May 2022	Email exchange	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV thanking them for confirming that the Microsoft Teams transfer site is working with the previous submission of the Baseline Reports for the Draft EIS. NexGen stated that they have transferred over the Technical Support Documents for the Draft EIS and asked for confirmation that the CNSC and ENV can view and access the files. The CNSC emailed back with confirmation that they have access.

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24 May 2022	Email exchange	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV, stating that they have uploaded the Draft EIS sections to the Microsoft Teams site and asked that they confirm they are able to see and access the files. The ENV, the CNSC, and NexGen exchanged a series of emails about accessing the files.
26 May 2022	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen, providing their document format preferences for when NexGen submits through the portal.
30 May 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV to follow-up on the planned Project site tour in June 2022. NexGen asked to be notified if any support or infrastructure are required from NexGen in facilitating the site visit.
30 May 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC regarding the Rook I site tour planned for June 2022 as discussed in previous meetings. NexGen stated they looked forward to hosting the CNSC team to see the proposed location of the Project in person as the EA process was progressing to the next stage with the Draft EIS review, and the ongoing development and submission of complete Licence application documents. NexGen asked the CNSC is there was any support or information required from NexGen to help facilitate the site visit.
31 May 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV providing an update on the additional Draft EIS file uploads made to the Microsoft Teams site. NexGen provided the summary tables for what has been included in the day's upload.
13 June 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC, providing a cover letter to NexGen's 31 May 2022 submission of the Draft EIS for the Project. The transmittal summarized the documents provided to the CNSC that together comprise the Draft EIS, as well as letters of support for the Project and Draft EIS from local Indigenous Groups. NexGen requested an email response confirming receipt of the email.
13 June 2022	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen in response to NexGen's 31 May 2022 email regarding the Draft EIS file transfer. The CNSC provided questions where they needed clarification.
14 June 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen in response to NexGen's 13 June 2022 email regarding the cover letter transmittal for the Draft EIS. The CNSC confirmed receipt of the Draft EIS submission and cover letter for the Project.
14 June 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV, providing a cover letter to NexGen's May 2022 submission of the Draft EIS for the Project. The transmittal summarized the documents provided to the ENV that together comprise the Draft EIS as well as letters of support for the Project and Draft EIS from local Indigenous Groups. NexGen requested an email response confirming receipt of the email.
15 June 2022	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen, confirming that they had received NexGen's 14 June 2022 email regarding the Draft EIS cover letter.
20 June 2022	In-person meeting	CNSC	NexGen hosted CNSC staff members for a tour of the Rook I site to familiarize CNSC staff with the Project setting.
5 July 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV stating that the Master Executive Summary for the Draft EIS has been uploaded to the Microsoft Teams secure site.
6 July 2022	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen, confirming receipt of the Master Executive Summary.
6 July 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV providing a response to the CNSC's 13 June 2022 email about the Draft EIS file transfers.

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11 July 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV, providing a videoconference meeting invite for 28 July 2022 for NexGen to present on their approach and work to date related to woodland caribou (community engagement and research). NexGen stated that it will briefly touch on the CMOP for the Project and get clarity on expectations for submitting the CMOP as well as when the revised draft mitigation guidance is expected.
13 July 2022	Multiple methods	CNSC	The CNSC sent a letter via email to NexGen, providing the results of the CNSC conformity review of NexGen's 13 June 2022 Draft EIS submission. NexGen emailed back thanks and confirmed receipt of the letter.
13 July 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC confirming that NexGen does not believe there to be confidential or sensitive information contained within the Indigenous Engagement Report that would raise concern with posting of the document.
14 July 2022	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen thanking them for their 13 July 2022 email. The CNSC stated that the Indigenous Engagement Report will be posted to the federal website with the rest of the Technical Support Documents possibly as soon as today.
28 July 2022	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen regarding providing access to the Microsoft Teams site or providing access to a secure file transfer site for a team member. NexGen emailed back providing options for access.
28 July 2022	Videoconference	ENV, Omnia	NexGen, supported by Omnia, met with representatives of the ENV to present on NexGen's approach and work to date related to woodland caribou and development of the CMOP for the Project. The ENV shared information on their expectations for CMOP development and timelines for the revised draft mitigation guidance to be developed.
29 July 2022	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen providing a list of FIRT members to have access to the Draft EIS hosted on a secure site by NexGen.
4 August 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC, confirming that the addresses provided by CNSC in their 29 July 2022 email have been granted access to the NexGen secure transfer site. NexGen requested confirmation that the CNSC has data sharing, confidentiality, and management processes in place with all of the personnel listed in CNSC's 29 July 2022 email.
9 August 2022	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen confirming that they had instructed members of the FIRT that access to these unsecure documents was strictly for use in their role with the FIRT and not for sharing with others.
4 August 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV, Omnia	NexGen emailed the ENV and Omnia, providing a copy of the presentation from the 28 July 2022 meeting. NexGen also provided summary notes from the meeting.
12 August 2022	Email exchange	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV asking for a status update on the timing of receipt of the ENV technical comments on the Project Draft EIS. NexGen stated that once timing is confirmed, they will schedule a meeting to discuss comment response formats.
15 August 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to check in if there was anything that the CNSC required from NexGen with respect to the Draft EIS for the Project.

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15 August 2022	Email exchange	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen stating that they will not be sending out their TRCs this week, noting that the ENV does not have pre-determined timelines to complete a technical review but are doing their best to complete it as soon as possible. NexGen emailed back providing their understanding of the timeline for technical review and stated that they can discuss during their monthly EA/engagement update meeting.
15 August 2022	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen in response to NexGen's 15 August 2022 email stating that they do not have specific requests to date but may do so in September 2022.
23 August 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV asking for an update on the status of the ENV technical review consolidation, sharing of comments with the CNSC, and provision of comments to NexGen. NexGen also requested confirmation that the harmonized process and timelines flow sheet shared by the ENV still remains the appropriate point of reference.
26 August 2022	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen, providing a response to NexGen's 23 August 2022 email regarding when they will provide their comments. The ENV noted that there is no legislated timeline for the completion of technical review additional time is needed due to the complexity of the Project, resources required to review and volume of information in the EIS.
7 September 2022	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen with a question regarding a statement made in section 7A2.1 (pg. 1001/4067) of the Draft EIS.
12 September 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV, confirming the excerpt from the ENV's 7 September 2022 email is reflective of engagement held between NexGen and the ENV prior to submission of the Draft EIS for the Project. NexGen provided context about the 21 January 2021 meeting when NexGen met with the ENV to present and solicit feedback on NexGen's proposed approach to air quality modeling for the Draft EIS. NexGen provided the meeting minutes and the presentation material from this call and the reference the provision of both the presentation and minutes to the ENV subsequent to the meeting.
13 September 2022	Videoconference	ENV	NexGen met with the ENV to discuss development of the CMOP for the Project and clarifying the roles of the ENV team members in review. NexGen also provided a history of the CMOP development, including early engagement with local Indigenous Groups.
14 September 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV thanking them for the meeting on 13 September 2022. NexGen provided a copy of the presentation from the meeting.
14 September 2022	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen, thanking NexGen for providing the air quality information in their 12 September 2022 email.
19 September 2022	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen, providing provincial comments for the Project Draft EIS that have been provided by ENV reviewers to date. The ENV stated that additional comments will be provided from agencies that have not completed technical review as soon as they become available.
20 September 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV, thanking them for providing the provincial Draft EIS comments in their 19 September 2022 email.
22 September 2022	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen, providing the remaining review comments on the Draft EIS. The ENV stated that they would like to have a call in the next week to provide some additional context around the consultation report in one of the requests.

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25 September 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV, proposing a call to discuss the consultation report on 28 September 2022.
28 September 2022	Videoconference	ENV	NexGen and the ENV met to discuss the ENV request for a stand-alone Consultation Report to be provided by NexGen in support of the provincial Final EIS.
18 October 2022	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen in response to NexGen's 17 October 2022 email requesting to meet to discuss the federal technical/public review comment process. The CNSC proposed a meeting for the following afternoon. NexGen emailed back stating that they will send out a meeting invite for the next day.
19 October 2022	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC had a meeting to discuss the ongoing Draft EIS federal technical/public review process; specifically, completion of federal technical/public review period, comment posting protocol, and November 2022 in-person CNSC meetings.
21 October 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC thanking them for the 18 October 2022 meeting. NexGen sent a summary of their discussion and requested to be notified if anything was misunderstood or misrepresented.
25 October 2022	Email exchange	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen, providing a guidance document from the SMHI for completing a traffic impact assessment that they thought would be of use for NexGen's completion of a traffic impact assessment for the Project. NexGen emailed back thanks and confirmed receipt.
27 October 2022	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen thanking NexGen for their 19 October 2022 meeting notes sent on 21 October 2022. The CNSC clarified one point in the meeting notes about impacts to workers. NexGen emailed the CNSC thanking them for their response. NexGen stated that they will look to discuss further upon formal receipt and potentially as part of the sessions planned with the CNSC in November 2022.
28 October 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV requesting a meeting to discuss the first batch submission of NexGen comment responses as well as protocol for setting up some meetings with the ENV team on specific comments/comment responses.
2 November 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV, providing the annotated Table of Contents for the CMOP and meeting agenda for the 8 December 2022 meeting. NexGen listed some requests from the ENV to inform preparation of the materials.
8 November 2022	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen indicating what their process will be for the public comment screening table. NexGen emailed back requesting a call prior to the CNSC posting to understand and work through some examples to better understand the CNSC's approach based on the comments that are now publicly available.
8 November 2022	Email exchange	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV stating that they had heard from Omnia of the ENV's recent request for site-specific details regarding the linear features trials. NexGen indicated that they can provide this information and requested that future IRs be sent directly to NexGen. The ENV emailed back acknowledging that they will send the requests directly to NexGen moving forward. The ENV provided further details about their IRs.

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8 November 2022	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen stating that they are looking into NexGen's request as outlined in NexGen's 2 November 2022 email and will follow-up soon once they have spoken with their colleagues.
9 November 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV, providing the request information regarding site-specific details regarding the linear feature trials as requested by the ENV on 8 November 2022.
15 November 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV, providing an initial package of responses to the provincial TRCs provided by the ENV on the Project Draft EIS (including cover letter and supporting documents). NexGen provided a summary of their understanding of the next steps and requested that the ENV provide confirmation.
15 November 2022	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC, providing a summary of NexGen's understanding of upcoming activities over the next couple of weeks regarding the federal IRs on the Draft EIS and the screened federal public comments on the Draft EIS. NexGen requested to be advised if anything has changed since the updates provided last week. The CNSC emailed back stating that they are on track for providing FIRT comments to NexGen by close of business 16 November 2022, followed by registry posting. The CNSC stated that they aim to provide the public comment table by 23 November 2022 but will provide a status update next week as may take longer.
16 November 2022	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen requesting a call before the CNSC sends the FIRT comments on the Draft EIS to NexGen.
16 November 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV requesting a meeting in the near future to discuss three TRCs.
16 November 2022	Letter, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC sent a letter via email to NexGen outlining the results of the FIRT review of NexGen's Draft EIS submission for the Project.
21 November 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to follow-up on NexGen's 2 November 2022 request for provision of the Saskatchewan caribou offset calculator. NexGen requested a copy before the 8 December 2022 meeting. NexGen stated that they appreciate the ENV's assistance with moving the CMOP given that ECCC have requested the document be submitted for their review. NexGen also inquired about meeting logistics.
23 November 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC in response to the CNSC's 16 November 2022 email requesting a call, apologizing for their delayed response. NexGen stated that they will call the CNSC tomorrow morning.
24 November 2022	Phone call, outgoing	ENV	NexGen telephoned the ENV regarding the CMOP workshop request. The ENV stated that the Saskatchewan caribou offset calculator is not available at this time and that the expectation is to have more of an open discussion on calculation options.
24 November 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC acknowledging receipt of CNSC's 16 November 2022 email that provided the results of the FIRT review of NexGen's Draft EIS submission for the proposed Project.
24 November 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC requesting a status update next week on the anticipated date of receipt of the Draft EIS public comment table.
25 November 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV, summarizing their telephone conversation from 24 November 2022 regarding development of the CMOP and working with local communities and Indigenous Groups. NexGen proposed a hybrid virtual/in-person meeting to discuss caribou offset calculation options and path forward for development of the CMOP.

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30 November 2022	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen stating that they will need to reschedule the 8 December 2022 meeting for the week of 23 January 2023. The ENV stated that they are aware that ECCC has requested the CMOP be submitted to them for review and have some concerns given that the CMOP is a provincial instrument. The ENV stated that they are waiting to hear back from the CNSC regarding the issue and will then meet with ECCC.
1 December 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV in response to the ENV's 30 November 2022 email regarding rescheduling the CMOP workshop. NexGen stated they are available for a 25 January 2023 meeting and asked for the offset calculator documentation from potash and peat trial projects in advance of the meeting. NexGen also requested to meet with the ENV team to discuss these details in advance of the 25 January 2022 meeting. NexGen requested to be part of the meetings between the ENV and CNSC to discuss how harmonization is being approached.
1 December 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC providing reference information on existing firefighting capabilities in the areas near the Project, as stated in the Draft EIS.
5 December 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC asking if they were available the week of 11 December 2022 to follow up on the EA process and timelines for the Project. NexGen provided a list of items for discussion for the meeting and asked for the CNSC's input.
5 December 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC asking if they have an update on timing of provision of the screened public comments. NexGen noted that they are looking to plan their work activities for the remainder of 2022 and provide updates to the local Indigenous Groups and communities.
6 December 2022	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen stating that the caribou offset work is still under development and the calculator is not ready to be released and previous iterations may misdirect NexGen in the preparation of the CMOP. The ENV stated that in the absence of finalized offsetting requirements, NexGen will have the opportunity to provide input and direction on the CMOP for the Project. The ENV stated that if their internal meetings are completed prior to the January 2023 meeting, they will follow-up with NexGen to set up a call. The ENV also noted that the meeting between ENV, CNSC, and ECCC will centre around regulatory requirements and jurisdiction and may not be appropriate to include NexGen at this time.
7 December 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV, thanking them for the ENV's 6 December 2022 email. NexGen requested to be kept apprised of any developments or information the ENV is able to share.
20 December 2022	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen, and provided two tables of comments from Indigenous Nations and communities and the public (for NexGen Response and the CNSC Response) for review prior to the CNSC posting these comments to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry webpage. The CNSC stated that they expected NexGen to address and respond to each comment and to submit a final comment response table to the CNSC staff once the CNSC staff has deemed all FIRT IR responses to be acceptable prior to the submission of a Final EIS. NexGen emailed back confirming receipt of the tables.
24 December 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV, providing the second package of responses (including a cover letter) to the provincial TRCs provided by the ENV on the Draft EIS. NexGen stated that they intend to provide the remaining TRC responses in early 2023. NexGen stated that with responses to 35 Type I TRCs being provided in this submission, they trust that the ENV review process for these responses can now commence. NexGen requested to be notified if any discussion is required on the submission responses.

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4 January 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to follow up on an e-mail sent on 20 December 2023 regarding the public comment tables. NexGen noted they had identified a number of items that should be followed up on with the CNSC prior to public posting and inquired if they could discuss further. NexGen proposed a meeting on 12 January 2023 to review.
6 January 2023	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC to discuss the public comment tables prior to posting on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry.
9 January 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to provide requested shapefiles of the Project footprint and the maximum disturbance area used for the Project and the area considered in the assessment of effects.
10 January 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen to note that they would be in touch once their reviewers had a chance to respond to the second package of responses to the provincial TRCs provided by NexGen.
11 January 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to follow-up on correspondence from December 2022 regarding revisiting the CMOP. NexGen noted that they agreed with shortening the planned meeting on 25 January 2023 and updating the agenda to include review on progress development of the CMOP and planned next steps; discussions with the ministry work units; updates from the CNSC and ECCC regarding regulatory requirements and jurisdictions; and discussions on options on how to proceed with CMOP development.
11 January 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC exchanged emails regarding the upcoming 12 January 2023 meeting regarding the public comment tables and the EIS review process. The CNSC provided additional clarity regarding the guidance that was provided to the members of the FIRT regarding their involvement and the types of comments that should be provided. The CNSC also provided information including the FIRT guidance for review of Draft EIS for *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* projects; the May 2022 presentation to the MN-S on the FIRT; and the Terms of Reference between the CNSC, the CRDN, and the MN-S. NexGen thanked the CNSC for the information and noted that they had prepared a PowerPoint presentation to guide the upcoming meeting discussion, with the agenda including a safety/value share; meeting objectives and general discussion; public review/comment screening process overview and discussion; example comments for discussion; and next steps. Additionally, NexGen shared a subsample of the comments they were looking to discuss during the meeting.
12 January 2023	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss the public comment screening process, screened comments received to date by NexGen from the CNSC, and a follow-up CNSC screening exercise to determine final public comments submissions that require NexGen and the CNSC responses.
13 January 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to note that they had compiled the third and final package of responses to the provincial TRCs provided by ENV on the Draft EIS. NexGen attached a cover letter and supporting documents and noted that they had also attached copies of the tables from all submissions to date in a Microsoft Excel format for reference. NexGen noted that the final submission to the ENV included all 215 TRCs received by NexGen and acknowledged that only responses to TRCs with Type I ENV comments were required for the provincial EA decision.

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18 January 2023	Email exchange	ENV	NexGen and the ENV exchanged emails to coordinate on a meeting to discuss the CMOP. The ENV thanked NexGen for reaching out regarding the upcoming meeting on 25 January 2023 and inquired whether 9:00 am to 10:00 am would work for the meeting time. NexGen emailed back to confirm that either proposed time would work.
18 January 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV stating NexGen was seeking context from Saskatchewan Ministry Units to obtain insight on ECCC's draft Offsetting Policy for Biodiversity. NexGen 's inquiry related to the harmonization of provincial and federal policies considering recent discussion related to the caribou file. NexGen noted that they intend to work with the Saskatchewan Mining Association to submit comments regarding the draft policy by 17 February 2023, as requested, and welcomed any provincial context provided before the intended submission date. NexGen expressed willingness to set up a brief call for further discussion if needed.
18 January 2023	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
25 January 2023	Video conference	ENV	NexGen and the ENV met to discuss the CMOP.
25 January 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to recap on a meeting held earlier the same day regarding the CMOP. NexGen provided a few key points heard as well as resulting action items, including: aligning the CMOP development and Indigenous/public engagement timelines with the Government of Saskatchewan; aligning with the draft federal Offsetting Policy for Biodiversity and provincial mechanisms, where applicable; engaging with Indigenous Group Environmental Committees and subcommittees regarding the caribou mitigation and offsetting; and collaborative review of the CMOP between the ENV and NexGen in preparation of the EA approval.
6 February 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to provide feedback on questions and comments regarding the radiation protection program.
8 February 2023	Email exchange	ENV	NexGen and the ENV exchanged emails between 8 February 2023 and 9 February 2023 regarding the CRDN 25 November 2022 and 21 January 2023 letters. The ENV provided NexGen a copy of their response to the CRDN letters and NexGen confirmed receipt of the correspondence.
13 February 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to propose establishing working sessions with the CNSC team to review NexGen's planned responses to comments received as part of the FIRT process. NexGen proposed scheduling three meetings, including one focused on licencing-based engagement, one focused on Indigenous-based engagement, and another focused on ECCC-based engagement. NexGen noted that they would prepare a PowerPoint presentation to guide discussions for each meeting and noted that the sessions would be hosted on Microsoft Teams, and that they welcomed any CNSC members to join them in the NexGen Saskatoon office. NexGen also noted that they would reach out soon with respect to scheduling and organizing meetings on specific technical comments.

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2 March 2023	Email exchange	CNSC, ENV	The ENV exchanged emails with NexGen (with the CNSC copied) to provide a list of outstanding comments on the TRCs that still required additional information from NexGen. The ENV noted that they were happy to set up a meeting to discuss with NexGen as needed. NexGen noted that they would follow up to resolve any outstanding items and inquired if the ENV would like to set up a meeting to discuss in-person on 7 March 2023.
7 March 2023	In-person meeting	ENV	NexGen and the ENV met to clarify the ENV residual requirements to resolve TRCs associated with the Project camp location, waste rock storage area design, effluent discharge, conventional waste management, decommissioning and reclamation, air quality, groundwater quality, traffic, and other miscellaneous items.
8 March 2023	In-person meeting	ENV	NexGen and the ENV met to continue to clarify the ENV residual requirements to resolve TRCs associated with the Project camp location, waste rock storage area design, effluent discharge, conventional waste management, decommissioning and reclamation, air quality, groundwater quality, traffic, and other miscellaneous items.
8 March 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC and NexGen exchanged emails regarding the CNSC's comments on the Environmental Protection Program. The CNSC noted that if NexGen had any questions or required clarifications that they could arrange further discussion. The CNSC also provided a number of technical recommendations and feedback regarding the Environmental Protection Program, Environmental Monitoring Plan, and Effluent and Emissions Plan. NexGen thanked the CNSC for their feedback and noted that they would review and let the CNSC know if they had follow-up questions requiring further discussion.
13 March 2023	Email exchange	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV thanking the ENV for meeting the week prior. NexGen noted they attached a summary to help provide clarity on the path forward to resolve the outstanding comments on the TRCs. NexGen requested that the ENV review the attached document and suggested a follow up phone call to occur the following day.
14 March 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen to confirm receipt of the 13 March 2023 email. The ENV noted they were unavailable for the majority of the day but that they would review the materials provided and get back to NexGen as soon as possible. The ENV noted they were working to provide the additional clarity that had been requested for the remaining comments.
15 March 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC and NexGen exchanged emailed regarding CNSC's review of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Program and its related documents. The CNSC noted that overall, the documents submitted by NexGen were compliant with applicable regulatory standards and that the revised Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan and supporting information supported NexGen's licence application. The CNSC and NexGen also discussed the review of the Ground Transportation Emergency Response Plan by CNSC's transport specialists. NexGen clarified that the Ground Transportation Emergency Response Plan was scoped for the construction phase of the Project and was not a substitute for an Emergency Response Assistance Plan, which will be developed in advance of the Operations phase.

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21 March 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to follow-up on a discussion regarding the TRCs. NexGen noted that they had further committed to a number of updates to the Draft EIS based on requests from the ENV and would like to further discuss outstanding items with the ENV as a matter of priority. NexGen also provided a breakdown of notes related to calls between NexGen and the CNSC held the previous week, including notes on conceptual decommissioning in the Final EIS; traffic information; single liner for potentially acid generating material; and incineration.
23 March 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC exchanged emails to discuss CNSC's review of the commissioning files. NexGen thanked the CNSC for the feedback and noted that they would review the feedback and discuss updated during the next bi-monthly call on 11 April 2023.
4 April 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen to follow up NexGen's 13 March 2023 submission proposing a path forward to address outstanding TRCs. The ENV noted that the Ministry would only consider incineration of food and food waste and additional discussion was required to determine what information within the Draft EIS required updating to accurately reflect the waste management options available to NexGen. The ENV also provided a guidance on the aspects the ministry considers when approving solid waste incineration if NexGen wanted to consider incinerating camp waste that is not industrial, hazardous, or radioactive.
12 April 2023	Email, outgoing	SaskWater	NexGen emailed SaskWater to request availability for a meeting to provide a status update for the Project, check-in on the status of regional waste management initiatives, and discuss opportunities for NexGen's potential involvement with any related activities.
12 April 2024	Videoconference	SMHI	NexGen met with the SMHI to discuss potential Project-related traffic increases on Highway 155. The SMHI noted they have a surfacing design project planned for Highway 155 and wanted to understand any potential traffic increases including number of trucks, loads, and widths of trucks.
12 April 2023	Email, outgoing	SMHI	NexGen emailed the ENV to thank them for the call held earlier that day to discuss the potential traffic increases on Highway 155 as a result of the Project. NexGen provided a copy of the Draft EIS and outlined references to sections of the Draft EIS related to general information on Project-related traffic.
19 April 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen to provide a letter describing updates to the Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Guidelines.
27 April 2023	Video conference	SaskWater	NexGen met with SaskWater to provide an overview of the Project and to discuss the status of the northwest regional landfill project. The meeting included discussion regarding planned landfills in Beauval and Buffalo Narrows, type of waste(s) that will be accepted, landfill capacity, construction timeline for the landfill, and permitting.
3 May 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and the ENV to provide the schedule for the community information sessions that NexGen would be hosting between 12 June and 16 June 2023. NexGen also noted that they would be interested in hosting a site tour for the CNSC and the ENV members on 12 June and that NexGen's team was looking into a float plane from Buffalo Narrows for that day and working to confirm logistics. NexGen requested that the CNSC and the ENV could confirm who would be participating in the site tour by 19 May 2023.
3 May 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to thank them for providing the provincial comments on the remaining technical review items and attached NexGen's responses to all of the remaining items, including how they are addressed and/or incorporated into the Final EIS. NexGen thanked the ENV for their time and dedication throughout the provincial EA process.

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4 May 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC exchanged emails to discuss the upcoming community information sessions and confirm the number of individuals attending the 12 June 2023 site visit. The CNSC inquired with NexGen whether Indigenous Chiefs/Leadership were able to attend the site visit. NexGen noted that they would confirm this information soon.
15 May 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV notifying that they were unsuccessful in acquiring float planes for the proposed Rook I site visit in June, and that there were no logistically feasible alternatives given the set schedule of the community information sessions. NexGen apologized for any inconvenience and suggested that a site visit be a topic for discussion in future monthly engagement and EA calls.
18 May 2023	Email exchange	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to discuss the 2023 Rook I Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program. NexGen noted that the program involved reclamation and other treatments along linear features at the Rook I Property. NexGen noted that the Project was still in the pre-development phase and that the program would provide an opportunity to collaborate with Indigenous communities, regulators, and public stakeholders to inform ongoing Project design, as well as enhance reclamation planning. For example, collaboration with the collective climate accountability and adaption project titled “Beading a New World”, which would bring local Dene youth to the existing Trial Program sites and assist with tree-planting. NexGen noted that trees would be collected from Northwestern Saskatchewan (within the Meadow Lake area) and that planting would take place early June 2023 and monitoring and maintenance will be completed in October 2023. NexGen provided a copy of the initial application for the reclamation trial program, Forest Product Permit #01529K, and approval letter within their correspondence. The ENV confirmed that the information provided to them regarding the 2023 Rook I Linear Feature Reclamation Trial Program was received.
19 May 2023	Email exchange	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV recapping a meeting about the Project Linear Features Reclamation Trial Program.
27 May 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV regarding the TRCs for the outstanding issue of groundwater plumes and groundwater monitoring. NexGen requested that once the response is reviewed and accepted, that the issue will be confirmed as resolved and the response will be included in the ENV master spreadsheet.
6 June 2023	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to clarify certain IRs and discuss the NexGen approach to responses with respect to the environmental risk assessment and human health.
9 June 2023	Email exchange	ENV	NexGen and the ENV exchanged a series of emails regarding the technical review of the Draft EIS. NexGen also provided the ENV a copy of the Consultation Report prepared in support of the EIS and additional figures that were requested to be included in the revised EIS. NexGen asked that the ENV confirm once review of technical comments was complete.
9 June 2023	Video conference	CNSC, ECCC, DFO, Health Canada	NexGen, the CNSC, ECCC, DFO, and Health Canada met to clarify certain IRs and discuss the NexGen approach to responses with respect to Project alternatives and design, accidents and malfunctions, and atmospheric, aquatic, and terrestrial environmental disciplines.

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9 June 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to follow up and request a number of items related to the Environmental Risk Assessment and Human Health IR meeting that took place on 6 June 2023 and the FIRT IR meeting that took place on 9 June 2023. NexGen provided the CNSC with the presentation slides that included the original IRs and the associated discussion point notes. NexGen noted that they appreciated meeting the federal subject matter experts the week prior and were open to discussion if the CNSC has any questions regarding the materials provided.
19 June 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC exchanged emails between 19 June 2023 and 20 June 2023 regarding the June engagement and EA call. NexGen inquired whether the CNSC still wanted to meet for the June engagement and EA call update on 21 June 2023. NexGen noted that they were still open to meeting, but if CNSC would like, they could defer the meeting since they were able to connect during the community information sessions the week prior. The CNSC noted that they were okay to skip the June meeting and that they would resume in July.
20 June 2023	Video conference	ENV	NexGen and the ENV met to clarify the ENV technical review comment request associated with effects to Project camp residents that could result from potential accidents and malfunctions.
21 June 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen and the ENV exchanged emails to discuss the conceptual Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan. NexGen emailed the ENV to provide the conceptual Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan created to satisfy the requirements of the ENV's TRCs for the Project. NexGen inquired whether the ENV could provide confirmation once review was completed. The ENV confirmed initial receipt of the email and NexGen thanked the ENV for the confirmation.
22 June 2023	Video conference	ENV	NexGen and the ENV met to clarify the ENV residual requirements to resolve TRCs associated with the conventional waste management, groundwater plumes, and air quality mitigations.
22 June 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to follow up on NexGen's responses to the ENV's most recent TRCs. NexGen noted that they would provide the ENV with the final technical review comment spreadsheet submission once responses to all of the outstanding TRCs were submitted.
26 June 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to follow up on a previous discussion on 20 June 2023 about a TRC regarding an outstanding item with respect to the location of the camp and potential effects to the health and safety of workers staying at camps during an accidents or malfunctions. NexGen provided a draft response outlining the potential effects to workers staying at the camp should an accident or malfunction occur. Additionally, NexGen noted that while workers staying at the camp was not considered a specific receptor for the accidents and malfunctions assessment, the results from the scenarios considered within the assessment are appropriate to demonstrate potential effects to workers staying at the camp should an accident or malfunction occur within the processing facilities. NexGen offered to further discuss should the ENV have any questions or follow-up comments based on the information that was provided.

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27 June 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to follow up on a previous discussion held on 22 June 2023 regarding a TRC with respect to groundwater plumes. NexGen noted the response provided included the requested information from the ENV and that the requested figure showing conceptual groundwater monitoring locations was also attached to the email.
27 June 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to follow up on a previous email sent on 22 June 2023 and provided two more responses to TRCs. NexGen noted that they would also provide additional responses completed by end of day 28 June 2023.
28 June 2023	Email exchange	ENV	NexGen and the ENV exchanged emails regarding a comment on traffic impacts. The ENV noted that a number of topics, including increased maintenance and safety upgrades on Highway 955, would need to be addressed due to heavy truck traffic created by the Project. The ENV suggested setting up a meeting with the Traffic and Development department to discuss maintenance and safety upgrades required, as well as partnership opportunities to implement and fund the required improvements. NexGen noted that they appreciated the feedback provided by the ENV and agreed that maintaining safe road conditions on Highway 955 during the Project lifespan is necessary and that NexGen was committed to working with the Province on road safety measures. NexGen provided a number of references to road safety measures noted in the Draft EIS and TRCs. NexGen noted that they were committed to ongoing engagement with the SMHI regarding road improvements that may be required to accommodate the increase in traffic associated with the Project, including efforts which may be resolved outside of the scope of the EA.
28 June 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to inquire about receiving an update on when NexGen planned to submit IR responses and whether NexGen was still aiming for a July submission.
29 June 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to confirm that an item within a technical review document related to emissions and air quality (i.e., effects assessments of criteria air contaminants and proposed mitigation measures) was considered to be resolved. NexGen attached a spreadsheet with communications between NexGen and the ENV regarding the review item and noted that they would also be providing additional information regarding contingency waste management measures.
30 June 2023	Email exchange	ENV	NexGen and the ENV exchanged emails regarding the technical review of the provincial Final EIS. The ENV provided NexGen with the attached additional information committed to in the 15 June 2023 meeting between NexGen, the ENV, the SMER, and the SMGR. NexGen emailed the ENV back and noted that they had reviewed the spreadsheet and noted a few items to discuss as a priority and suggested meeting later that day and sent out a meeting invitation.
30 June 2023	Video conference	ENV	NexGen and the ENV met to gain alignment on the requirements to resolve the remaining TRCs that had undergone multiple rounds of responses by both NexGen and the ENV.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
30 June 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC providing a letter and supporting documents for the formal application for a licence to prepare a site and construct the proposed Project. The letter included documentation required to support the CNSC's licensing decision for the Project and to trigger formal review in accordance with Section 8.1 of the Uranium Mines and Mills Regulations. NexGen noted that the documentation outlined within the letter had been saved to the SharePoint site and requested confirmation receipt.
4 July 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to follow up on a previous discussion related to a TRC regarding the camp location and factors related to potential accidents and malfunctions. NexGen also inquired about setting up a meeting early the same week and inquired if there was a time that worked for the ENV.
4 July 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to inquire about receiving an update on when NexGen expected to submit the IR responses.
5 July 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to provide an update on the FIRT IR responses. NexGen noted that they were targeting submission of all responses at the end of July and currently were drafting a few of the last responses and were conducting the response finalization process for the majority of the IRs. NexGen also noted that if needed, they could send across packages of IRs as finalized if that helped optimize CNSCs review process. NexGen inquired about follow-up comments from the FIRT reviewers or select IRs where reviewers/subject matter experts were unavailable for the technical engagement discussions on 9 June 2023.
5 July 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV and shared a link to a SharePoint site specific to the provincial Final EIS. NexGen noted the folder system contained a copy of the updated Consultation Report with an updated cover letter documenting the signing of the MN-S NR2 Benefit Agreement.
6 July 2023	Video conference	ENV	NexGen and the ENV met to discuss the potential risk to camp residents associated with potential Project accidents and malfunctions. Subject matter experts provided accidents and malfunctions context to the ENV reviewers.
7 July 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV a cover letter regarding the submission of the provincial Final EIS for the Project, outlining documents submitted to the ENV. NexGen requested confirmation of receipt for both the cover letter and the provincial Final EIS.
8 June 2023	Video conference	CNSC, ECCC, DFO, Health Canada	NexGen, the CNSC, ECCC, DFO, and Health Canada met to clarify certain IRs and discuss the NexGen approach to responses with respect to Project alternatives and design, accidents and malfunctions, and atmospheric, aquatic, and terrestrial environmental disciplines.
10 July 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen and confirmed receipt of the cover letter and provincial Final EIS for the Project. The ENV noted they would be in contact once the review was completed.
10 July 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen in response to an email sent by NexGen on 30 June 2023 regarding the final submission documents to support a licence application to prepare site and construct a uranium mine and mill. The CNSC confirmed receipt of the documents sent by NexGen and noted that their staff would review the documents and make recommendations to the Registry on the format and timing for the hearing.

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12 July 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to follow up on items related to the 6 July 2023 meeting regarding the camp location and factors related to potential accidents and malfunctions. NexGen provided additional information to support the TRC responses. This included information related to providing additional support to NexGen's claim that the overall risk to a worker staying at the camp would be similar to the risk to a member of the public for the acid plant tail gas scrubber failure accident and malfunction scenario, as well as information related to risk-reduction measures that NexGen would implement with respect to an acid plant tail gas scrubber failure.
13 July 2023	Email exchange	ENV	NexGen and the ENV exchanged emails related to the provincial Final EIS disposition tables. NexGen provided the ENV with a supplementary disposition table package that included a table sent the week prior detailing NexGen's responses to the ENV TRCs that resulted in updates to the EIS and a second table including the specific updates made by NexGen through the EIS regardless of whether the updates were associated with a TRC provided by the ENV (i.e., included editorial updates, new information since Draft EIS submission, reference/citation updates, clarifications, and corrections). The ENV replied to NexGen requesting that a specific ENV team member is included in all future submissions. NexGen confirmed they would include the ENV team member on all future submissions and attached the original email for the member.
13 July 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to inquire if they were available to meet on 13 July 2023 for a short meeting to go over a few upcoming Final EIS process items. NexGen noted that they were putting together a short list of discussion topics but that the conversation would likely focus on the conformance review process, public comment period duration, key factors NexGen should know about the print copies of the complete EIS, and aligning NexGen's web updates with the ENV process.
24 July 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to provide a progress update regarding NexGen's responses to the FIRT technical IRs and Advice to Proponent comments submitted by the CNSC to NexGen. NexGen noted that response development and review was progressing but that they would not be able to submit the entire set of responses by the end of July 2023 and were now targeting the middle of August; however, NexGen noted that they were planning to be in a position to submit the responses to Advice to Proponent comments by the end of the current week. NexGen noted that they would like to submit the responses to the Advice to Proponent comments to make sure that all of the CNSC formatting and other processes have been followed properly and acknowledged that review of the Advice to Proponent comments would not proceed until all responses were submitted by NexGen. Additionally, NexGen noted that they would provide the CNSC another update in a couple of weeks should any further changes to the delivery date be proposed.
26 July 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC and NexGen exchanged emails regarding the Preliminary Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan. The CNSC noted they had reviewed NexGen's responses to the CNSC's previous round of comments and had provided new comments on post-operational conditions, predicted nature and extent of contamination. The CNSC also noted that they would review the next revision of the decommissioning cost estimate when it becomes available after NexGen the ENV have agreed on the Financial Guarantee instrument. NexGen thanked the CNSC for the feedback and inquired what feedback should be incorporated and resubmitted for the initial licence application to be accepted as complete.

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26 July 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC exchanged emails related to the Radiation Code of Practice. The CNSC requested the documents from NexGen including the Rook I Project: Evaluation of Underground Workplace Radiological Exposures and the Rook I Project: Evaluation of Process Plant and Paste Tailings Workplace Radiological for review. NexGen noted that the Radiation Code of Practice that was provided to NexGen was the most up-to-date copy and is the version submitted in support of the final licence application. NexGen noted that the requested reports related to radiological exposure were included in the final submission on 30 June 2023 as a component of the Rook I Mining and Milling Facility Description Manual due to their important role in defining the design basis for the Project. NexGen also provided a link to a folder with additional report assessments related to radiological exposure including the Rook I Project – Evaluation of Uranium Kidney Burden, Rook I Project – Radiological Exposure Assessment of Occupational Accidents and Malfunctions, and Rook I Project – Evaluation of Low-level Radioactive Waste Incinerator Radiological Exposures. The CNSC thanked NexGen and noted that they would forward the information provided to the specialist reviewer.
27 July 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC exchanged emails regarding the CNSC's request for documentation related to waste rock. The CNSC requested documents, including documents related to: waste rock storage and disposal, mine waste monitoring and measurement, effluent precipitate management, sediment and erosion control, site water monitoring and measurement, and conventional waste monitoring and measurement. NexGen noted that other plan-level documents would be submitted as part of the complete licence application and that the requested procedures would are in development and would not be available for the CNSC review at this time nor were they planned for inclusion as part of the current licence application.
28 July 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen exchanged emails with the CNSC between 28 July 2023 and 8 August 2023 regarding responses to the Advice to Proponent comment submission. NexGen noted that the intent of the submission was to make sure that formatting and layouts were aligned in advance of the submission of the full IR package. NexGen acknowledged that full review of the responses would not be initiated until the complete information response package was submitted to the CNSC. NexGen and the CNSC set up a meeting time to discuss the feedback the CNSC provided on the IR responses.
31 July 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC stating they are available if they have any questions regarding NexGen's responses to the responses to the Advice to Proponent comments emailed to the CNSC on 28 July 2023.

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3 August 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC's executive team members to inquire about availability to meet at the end of September 2023 and to provide an introduction to leadership of the MN-S NR2. NexGen also provided a summary of key Project advancements including the announcement of the signing of a Benefit Agreement with the MN-S NR2 on 15 June 2023; the submission of the formal application for a licence to prepare site and construct the Project to the Commission Registrar on 30 June 2023; NexGen's submission to ENV of the provincial TRCs received on the Draft EIS on 5 July 2023; the MN-S NR2 and the MN-S letters sent to the CNSC confirming consent and support of the Project on 25 July 2023; and NexGen's submission of the first two formal response packages to the CNSC addressing FIRT comments received on the Draft EIS. NexGen also noted that they would be looking to confirm a public commission hearing date with the CNSC as a matter of priority, following the previous discussion held with the CNSC on 4 May 2023 and consistent with NexGen's request to the Common Registrar as part of the 30 June 2023 licence application submission.
11 August 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to provide CNSC's review of the Environmental Protection Program and relevant documents. The CNSC noted that they had no further comments on the Environmental Protection Program and the Effluent and Emission Plan at that time. The CNSC provided a number of recommendations related to the Environmental Monitoring Plan and noted that if NexGen has any questions or required clarification, NexGen could reach out.
14 August 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV and NexGen exchanged emails regarding the public review of the revised EIS. The ENV provided NexGen with a spreadsheet file including ENVs comments on a number of NexGen's submissions from 20 June to 29 June 2023. The ENV requested that NexGen review and submit a revised EIS with applicable changes incorporated in advance of the public review. The ENV noted that once the requested changes have been made, the ENV would consider it suitable for public review and that the EA for the Project could proceed to the 30-day public comment period beginning on 2 September 2023. NexGen thanked the ENV for the email and noted that they would review the ENV's comments and update ENV if they required additional clarification.
16 August 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV and noted that they had reviewed the modifications requested regarding comments on the Draft EIS and confirmed that NexGen was planning on submitting a revised EIS on or before 25 August 2023.
17 August 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC exchanged emails between 17 August 2023 and 23 August 2023 regarding the FIRT IR responses. The CNSC inquired whether NexGen has an estimated submission date in mind for the formal submission of IR responses and noted that NexGen should also include an updated Indigenous Engagement Report their submission. The CNSC noted that the updated Indigenous Engagement Report should include engagement information that has occurred between Spring 2022 and Summer of 2023. NexGen thanked the CNSC for the email and noted that they were completing final review of the FIRT IR responses. NexGen inquired about clarifying details relating to the posting of the CRDN letter regarding resolving FIRT comments through direct collaboration with NexGen. NexGen noted that they were also planning the next submission of an updated Indigenous Engagement Report in support of the conclusion of the technical review process and preparation of a revised federal EIS.

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17 August 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to confirm that the provincial Final EIS had been updated and shared a link to the provincial Final EIS. NexGen also noted that they had commenced printing of the provincial Final EIS for delivery to the ENV and asked the ENV to confirm the preferred address for the hard copy of the provincial Final EIS and supporting documentation to be delivered.
18 August 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen to note that they had downloaded the provincial Final EIS and provided an updated address for delivery of the hard copy and supplementary documentation. The ENV inquired whether NexGen would be willing support costs associated with the public review advertisements and asked about arranging a phone call to discuss further.
21 August 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to thank them for the confirmation of receipt and mailing address and noted that they would cover the costs of the public review advertisements. NexGen provided invoicing and mailing information and noted that they would call ENV later to discuss.
23 August 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen to note that they were preparing Duty to Consult letters for Indigenous communities for the EIS public review period and wanted to highlight the Consultation Report for communities to review. The ENV inquired whether NexGen could include the Consultation Report along with the provincial Final EIS when it went out to communities and noted that they would be attaching the report to the emails sent to communities. The ENV inquired about NexGen's thoughts on this approach and offered a call to discuss further.
25 August 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to note that they had uploaded and shared a link to a comment disposition table addressing the CNSC feedback on the Environmental Protection Program and relevant documents. NexGen noted that if CNSC required additional information or would like to further discuss that they could discuss further.
25 August 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV and noted that the provincial Final EIS and supporting documents would be uploaded to the respective SharePoint sites that NexGen has in place with each of the Nations or provided on USB sticks. NexGen confirmed that they would include the Consultation Report along with the digital provincial Final EIS uploads. NexGen also noted that they were printing off multiple hard copies of the provincial Final EIS and supporting documents (including the Consultation Report) in case an Indigenous Group requests a hard copy in the future.
29 August 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC and NexGen exchanged emails regarding the CNSC's comments and review of the waste management plans including the Mine Waste Management Plan and Conventional Waste Management Plan. The CNSC noted that the Conventional Waste Management Plan had been accepted as-is and that they had no further comments. NexGen thanked the CNSC for the feedback on the Mine Waste Management Plan and inquired whether they were required to resubmit the documents to have the licence application accepted as completed or whether the comments could be addressed via a comment disposition table and associated updates could be captured as part of the next iteration submitted to the CNSC. NexGen also inquired whether the CNSC was available to meet to discuss the proposed updates. The CNSC agreed with NexGen's approach to addressing comments and noted that they were available to meet on 31 August 2023.

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31 August 2023	Email, incoming	ENV, MN-S, SMGR	The ENV emailed the MN-S and copied NexGen on the correspondence providing an attached letter inviting the MN-S to review and confirm the Duty to Consult Record for NexGen's proposed Rook I Uranium Project. The ENV also attached a copy of the Consultation Report that would be provided as part of the provincial Final EIS by NexGen as well as a copy of ENV's TRCs summarizing the expected effects of the Project, proposed mitigation measures and technical review findings and information for applying for a Fast Track Grant. The ENV stated that a hard copy of the Notice of Review Period, TRCs, and Fast Track Grant Fact Sheet would also be couriered to the MN-S and requested for any comments by 3 October 2023.
31 August 2023	Email, incoming	ENV, MN-S, SMGR	The ENV emailed the MN-S and copied NexGen on the correspondence and stated that the ENV's previous email contained the notification letter for Turnor Lake Métis Local #40 instead of La Loche Métis Local #39. The ENV attached the correct letter inviting the MN-S to review and confirm the Duty to Consult Record for NexGen's proposed Rook I Uranium Project. The ENV also attached a copy of the Consultation Report that would be provided as part of the provincial Final EIS by NexGen as well as a copy of ENV's TRCs summarizing the expected effects of the Project, proposed mitigation measures and technical review findings and information for applying for a Fast Track Grant. The ENV stated that a hard copy of the Notice of Review Period, TRCs, and Fast Track Grant Fact Sheet would also be couriered to the MN-S and requested for any comments by 3 October 2023.
1 September 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to provide a response to NexGen's license submission letter dated 30 June 2023. The CNSC noted that their sufficiency check found NexGen's programs for the Project to be sufficient; however, NexGen still were required to provide responses to all comments the CNSC staff submitted as part of their sufficiency reviews. The CNSC noted that a formal letter outlining this information would be posted on the website for review. NexGen emailed back to inquire about clarification regarding when the notice would be publicly posted to the CNSC website so they could ensure consistency in their news release. The CNSC provided a PDF copy of the letter and noted that it would be posted on 5 September 2023.
5 September 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to provide two documents comprising NexGen's complete responses to both IRs and Advice to Proponent comments received from the CNSC following the FIRT review of the Draft EIS. Submissions included the Rook I Project Draft EIS FIRT Annex 1 – Information Request Responses and Rook I Project Draft EIS FIRT Annex 2 – Advice to Proponent Responses. NexGen noted that they understood that the CNSC would commence the 30-day conformity review of the attached responses and that the FIRT would proceed with the 60-day technical review of the responses. NexGen thanked the CNSC team for the engagement conducted to date and noted that they would continue to develop responses to all public comments received through the CNSC-administered public review.
6 September 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to provide CNSC's response letter to the sufficiency check submission signed by the Commission Registrar. The CNSC noted that the letter should be posted on CNSC's public website later that day.

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20 September 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to provide an update on the development of the Project CMOP and inquired about setting up a schedule an update meeting to share next steps. NexGen proposed 25 September 2023 between 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm. NexGen also noted that they had a Project CMOP workshop planned for 16 October 2023 that they were planning on discussing in the September meeting that the ENV could potentially attend as well.
20 September 2023	Email, incoming	ACFN, ENV, SMGR	The ENV emailed the ACFN and NexGen providing the consultation letter to the ACFN and stated that the ENV Environmental Assessment and Stewardship Branch was requesting the ACFN's participation in the provincial consultation process for the EA of the Project. The ENV also attached information on how to apply for a Fast Track Grant for reference.
21 September 2023	Email, incoming	ACFN, ENV, SMGR	The ACFN copied NexGen in an email to ENV inquiring if the ACFN could provide partial review of the Provincial EIS for the proposed Project on 3 October 2023 and send additional comments on 8 October 2023.
21 September 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to provide CNSC's responses to NexGen's comments on the Environmental Protection Program and relevant documents. The CNSC noted that all comments had been dispositioned as acceptable but had provided the table for completeness and tracking.
22 September 2023	Email, incoming	ACFN, ENV, SMGR	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the ACFN and confirmed that the ACFN could provide partial comments on the impacts to the ACFN Treaty rights on 3 October 2023 and send additional comments on 8 October 2023.
27 September 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to follow up on the regional caribou working group meeting. NexGen noted that the working group had representation from the CRDN, MN-S (including the MN-S NR2), BNDN, and BRDN and that NexGen would like to invite representation from the appropriate federal and provincial groups to a meeting in October 2023. NexGen also proposed meeting in advance of the October 2023 meeting so that they could provide a brief overview of the Project, the regional caribou working group, and work being advanced as part of the CMOP.
5 October 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to note that they had completed their completeness check of the responses to the 271 IRs, along with any relevant proposed revisions to the EIS and supporting technical documents, as provided in NexGen's 5 September 2023 submission. The CNSC noted that the submission had not passed completeness and five responses to IRs were deemed incomplete. The CNSC provided a letter including a table of the completeness check and noted that it would be posted in the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry the following week. The CNSC noted that they expected NexGen to perform any additional work required to revise the submissions and re-submit, along with any supporting documents (including an updated version of the Indigenous Engagement Report).
12 October 2023	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss the findings from the completeness check of the responses to the Project FIRT IRs that were submitted to the CNSC by NexGen.
18 October 2023	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and the ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including the EA and public and Indigenous engagement activities.

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20 October 2023	Email exchange	ENV	NexGen exchanged emails with the ENV regarding an upcoming meeting on caribou mitigation and offsetting. NexGen noted that they understood the ENV were hoping to schedule a more detailed calculator meeting between the CNSC and Canadian Wildlife Services representatives on 1 November 2023 to discuss the caribou mitigation and offsetting expectations for the Project. NexGen noted that they would be meeting with the CNSC and the Canadian Wildlife Services prior to the planned 30 October 2023 caribou workshop to provide background information on caribou work to date. NexGen noted the meeting was planned for 26 October 2023 from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm and stated they could forward the invite to the ENV if they would also like to attend and be part of the conversation. The ENV emailed NexGen back to thank NexGen for reaching out and noted that they had availability on 26 October and 31 October and inquired if either of these suggestions worked. The ENV noted that in order to facilitate the offset calculation, they would require a geographic information system shapefile of the Project footprint including the airstrip and the 13 km access road into the site and asked for the shapefile to be sent prior to the meeting to give the team time to calculate the offset.
27 October 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV and inquired whether they could reschedule the meeting on caribou mitigation and offsetting to early November on the morning of the 9th or 10th in order to debrief on the 30 October 2023 workshop. NexGen noted that individuals from federal agencies and representatives from all four Indigenous Groups would be in attendance.
30 October 2023	In-person meeting	BRDN, CNSC, CRDN, ECCC, ENV, MN-S NR2	NexGen met with the Rook I Project Woodland Caribou Working Group and the provincial and federal regulators for a workshop. Stantec presented the caribou offset options and gathered feedback to inform the draft CMOP for the Project.
30 October 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to follow up on the submission of the updated IR response Annex 1, Project engagement logs dated through August 2023, and cover letter. NexGen inquired whether the CNSC had received the file as the file was quite large.
30 October 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC with an attached overview of proposed/forecasted activities for NexGen's Project that would impact the CNSC regulatory oversight for the period of 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.
31 October 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to provide NexGen's response and revised submission of IR responses to address items raised in the CNSC's letter to NexGen dated 5 October 2023. NexGen noted that the FIRT IR response package had been updated to reflect the discussions held between NexGen and the CNSC in a meeting held on 12 October 2023 and based on correspondence provided by the CNSC since the time of the 5 October 2023 letter. NexGen included documents including Rook I Project FIRT Annex 1 – Information Request Responses and Summary of Indigenous Group Engagement Activities – Interim Update (August 2023).

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31 October 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC exchanged emails regarding the completeness check of NexGen Rook I Draft EIS IR responses. NexGen noted that they received a bounce-back from some of the CNSC team emails (likely due to the size of the file), so have opted to upload the documents attached to the original email to the NexGen/CNSC secure Microsoft Teams site. CNSC confirmed that they had not received the original email and thanked NexGen for uploading it to the Microsoft Teams site. The CNSC noted that the results of the completeness check should be ready early the following week.
31 October 2023	Email, incoming	SMHI	The SMHI emailed NexGen to inquire about setting up a meeting the following week to discuss next steps related to the EA process including deliverables, cost sharing, ongoing relationship, and timelines that NexGen is working on regarding Project construction; discussions around what road improvements are needed; and timelines for delivery/associated costs, as well as who would be the best point of contact from NexGen going forward.
1 November 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen to provide a meeting invitation to discuss the caribou mitigation and offsetting calculations on 9 November 2023 from 11:00am to 12:00pm.
1 November 2023	Email, outgoing	SMHI	NexGen emailed the SMHI and copied other NexGen Team members on the correspondence as they would be the key points of contact for topics related to the items highlighted by the SMHI on 31 October 2023. NexGen inquired if the SMHI was available for an initial meeting on 9 November 2023 or 10 November 2023.
2 November 2023	Email exchange	SMHI	The SMHI and NexGen exchanged emails. The SMHI thanked NexGen for connecting them with the other NexGen team members who would be key points of contact and noted that 9 November 2023 worked for the initial meeting date. NexGen thanked the SMHI for confirmation and noted that they would send out a Microsoft Teams invite shortly.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen to provide the Ministerial Approval and Reasons for the Project and noted that they would also be providing Indigenous communities with notification of the decision.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	CRDN, ENV, SMGR	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the CRDN providing a letter informing that the ENV has given NexGen approval to proceed with the proposed Project. The ENV also attached the Decision and Reasons for Decision for reference and stated that a hard copy would be mailed to the CRDN.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	ENV, MN-S, SMGR	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the MN-S providing a letter informing that the ENV has given NexGen approval to proceed with the proposed Project. The ENV also attached the Decision and Reasons for Decision for reference and stated that a hard copy would be mailed to the MN-S.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	BNDN, ENV, SMGR	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the BNDN providing two letters informing that the ENV has given NexGen approval to proceed with the proposed Project. The ENV also attached the Decision and Reasons for Decision for reference and stated that a hard copy would be mailed to the BNDN.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	BRDN, ENV, SMGR	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the BRDN providing two letters informing that the ENV has given NexGen approval to proceed with the proposed Project. The ENV also attached the Decision and Reasons for Decision for reference and stated that a hard copy would be mailed to the BRDN.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	ACFN, ENV, SMGR	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the ACFN providing a letter informing that the ENV has given NexGen approval to proceed with the proposed Project. The ENV also attached the Decision and Reasons for Decision for reference and stated that a hard copy would be mailed to the ACFN.

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9 November 2023	Video conference	ENV	NexGen and the ENV met to discuss the Project caribou offset calculator with respect to the CMOP for the Project.
14 November 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to note that they had concluded the completeness check of the revised IR response package submission as provided in NexGen's 31 October 2023 email. The CNSC noted that the submission contained the required information for the FIRT to proceed with their technical review, which would commence on 14 November 2023 and take up to 90 days to complete.
14 November 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to thank them for the presentation and discussion on the caribou offsetting calculator on 9 November 2023. NexGen requested a copy of the ENV's presentation and the working calculator with associated inputs and assumptions used to derive the presented scenarios.
15 November 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen and attached the presentation from the 9 November 2023 meeting. The ENV noted they would not be sharing the offset calculator with proponents but that the goal was to have the tool posted on a website or portal for proponents to enter their own area-based project information to estimate the offset requirements. The ENV stated they would be happy to work through the detailed mechanics with NexGen once ENV receives the updated shapefiles for the Project footprint (including the 13 km access road). The ENV also advised that a technical manual was being developed to document the calculation approach and coefficients being used and that this would be provided to NexGen once complete.
17 November 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to see if they could share a Microsoft Word version of the submitted IR response table.
17 November 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to confirm that a copy of the Microsoft Word file had been uploaded to the secure site for the CNSC.
17 November 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to thank them for uploading the Microsoft Word file.
5 December 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC, MN-S, MN-S NR2	The MN-S copied NexGen in an email to the CNSC thanking the CNSC for the meeting held on 4 December 2023 and attached the MN-S and MN-S NR2 acceptance of the responses to the FIRT's IRs for the Project.
19 December 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC, CRDN	The CRDN copied NexGen in an email to the CNSC and provided the CRDN FIRT member acceptance response to the October 2023 NexGen responses to information requirements for the Draft EIS for the Project.
20 December 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen confirming they reviewed NexGen's submissions as part of the initial licence application to ensure they meet CNSC's environmental protection requirements as outlined in REGDOC 2.9.1 and REGDOC 2.9.2. The CNSC noted that REGDOC 2.9.2 was still in draft form and would be going before the Commission in February 2024; if REGDOC 2.9.2 is not approved by the Commission, then some of the comments that specialists had provided to NexGen during their review may change. The CNSC provided the general comments from their review and included an attachment with specific information and expectation for each comment.
20 December 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to confirm receipt of the CNSC's email from earlier on 20 December 2023 and stated they would review the comments and be in contact with the CNSC in 2024 to setup a meeting with the technical specialists to discuss further. NexGen also thanked CNSC for the update on the status of REGDOC 2.9.2.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
20 December 2023	Letter, incoming	BNDN, BRDN, CNSC, CRDN, ECCC, ENV, MN-S, MN-S NR2	The CNSC emailed NexGen and attached a letter regarding a CNSC staff request for information related to the current work ongoing at the Rook I site.
22 December 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and inquired if the CNSC shared their 20 December 2023 feedback email with the ENV as NexGen had submitted the same information package to the ENV for their review and wanted to keep them informed.
22 December 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and confirmed they would forward the information from their 20 December 2023 email to the ENV.
5 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	BNDN, BRDN, CNSC, CRDN, ECCC, IAAC, MN-S	NexGen emailed the CNSC and copied the IAAC, ECCC, the BNDN, the BRDN, the CRDN, and the MN-S providing a letter in response to the CNSC's 20 December 2023 letter. The letter confirmed several points from the CNSC letter regarding regulatory planning and activities and provided a summary of NexGen's engagement activities with Indigenous Groups and regulatory agencies. NexGen provided responses to each item requested in the CNSC's letter.
5 January 2024	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and the ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
9 January 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and inquired if the CNSC would be available during the week of 15 January or 22 January 2024 for an update meeting.
9 January 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen regarding the proposed update meeting to be scheduled during the week of 15 January or 22 January 2024. The CNSC indicated the dates would be discussed with the CNSC team to confirm a few dates and times that would work.
10 January 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and confirmed availability on 16 or 17 January 2024 for an update meeting. The CNSC inquired if one of the dates would work for NexGen and stated that a meeting invite could be sent out.
11 January 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and confirmed that 16 January 2024 would work for an update meeting. NexGen stated that a meeting invite would be sent out.
11 January 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and acknowledged that a meeting invite for the 16 January 2024 update meeting would be sent out.
15 January 2024	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV and provided files associated with the analytical data that ENV had requested.
16 January 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and informed that the NexGen Vice President, Community was unavailable to attend the update meeting scheduled on 16 January 2024. NexGen inquired if the meeting could be rescheduled to 17 January 2024.
16 January 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, ECCC, ENV, IAAC, SMER	The ENV copied NexGen in an email correspondence to the CNSC providing a letter confirming that the ENV had no further concerns with the activities on the Rook I site as it relates to the conditions of the provincial EA or the items raised in the correspondence from the ENV on 13 December 2023 and the CNSC on 20 December 2023.
16 January 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and indicated that the meeting originally scheduled on 16 January 2024 could be rescheduled for 17 January 2024. The CNSC confirmed availability at 3:30 pm and inquired if NexGen could resend the meeting invite if the new proposed time worked. NexGen subsequently confirmed.

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17 January 2024	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and the ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
17 January 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to share updates regarding Indigenous engagement activities for the Project.
23 January 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, MN-S	The MN-S copied NexGen in an email correspondence to the CNSC confirming that the MN-S and MN-S-NR2 have validated issues and concerns related to the Project and attached the acceptance letter.
23 January 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, MN-S	The CNSC copied NexGen in an email correspondence to the MN-S thanking the MN-S for the acceptance letter with respect to the validation of issues and concerns for the Project.
25 January 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to request confirmation if the FIRT members had confirmed they would be able to submit the results of their review of the NexGen IR responses to the CNSC by the 22 January 2024 timeline and if the delivery of the CNSC's response to NexGen is still on track for delivery on or before 12 February 2024. NexGen stated that they are available for a discussion in advance of the 12 February 2024 for a call. The CNSC emailed back confirming that the schedule is on track with the IR reviews and there is no need for a meeting at the moment.
7 February 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to ask if they should plan for a facilitated handover or other meeting regarding the CNSC's findings from the NexGen responses to the FIRT IRs.
12 February 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, ECCC, IAAC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and copied the IAAC and ECCC, providing a letter in response to NexGen's 5 January 2024 letter to the CNSC that responded to the CNSC staff's requests for information. The letter indicated that there would be correspondence to follow requesting some additional information.
12 February 2024	E-mail, incoming	CNSC, ENV	The CNSC provided a letter to the Government of Saskatchewan, copying NexGen, confirming that the CNSC had conducted a site visit to the Rook I exploration camp in mid-January 2024 and confirmed all work conducted to date was consistent with exploration.
12 February 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen, providing a letter that outlined the results of the FIRT review of NexGen's 31 October 2023 EIS IR response submission for the Project. The CNSC stated that the FIRT technical review has found that the information provided does not fully address the regulatory requirements for the EA. The CNSC also noted that they attached follow-up requests for information with respect to NexGen's 5 January 2024 response letter to the CNSC staff regarding the ongoing work at the Rook I Project site.
14 February 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC requesting a meeting to discuss the items in the CNSC correspondence of 12 February 2024.
15 February 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and provided an update on the posting of the FIRT review. The CNSC stated that they will work on scheduling a meeting as requested by NexGen to discuss follow-up requests for information outlined in their 12 February 2024 correspondence. The CNSC stated that they are also working on scheduling technical discussions around a few IRs between NexGen and relevant subject matter experts.
16 February 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC, thanking them for their 15 February 2024 update email.
21 February 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
21 February 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and inquired if the CNSC would be available on 6, 7, or 8 March 2024 for another update meeting.

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21 February 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and confirmed that 7 March 2024 would work to schedule an update meeting. NexGen emailed the CNSC a Microsoft Teams meeting invite for 7 March 2024 for an update meeting on the engagement regarding the Project.
21 February 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC requesting a copy of the updated REGDOC 2.9.2. NexGen stated that they will postpone formally responding to the CNSC comments on the Construction Phase BATEA report until they have clarity on the path forward. NexGen requested that CNSC provide any updates in the interim.
23 February 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, ECCC	The CNSC emailed NexGen a letter, copying ECCC, regarding the pausing of the 24-month time period for Commission Decision on Application to Prepare Site and Construct a Uranium Mine and Mill. The letter stated that the 24-month time period is being paused due to the current status of the Project EA review. The CNSC stated that their staff continues to work on both EA and licensing aspects of NexGen's file as a matter of priority.
26 February 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen, providing a link to the Commission Member Document related to REGDOC 2.9.2. The CNSC noted that the new version of the CMD has not been added to the CNSC website as they are awaiting the Commission's decision.
12 March 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and stated that, according to information provided by the ACFN to the CNSC, the ACFN was still waiting for a response from NexGen on the ACFN comments submitted as part of the federal draft EIS public review process. The CNSC forwarded the email correspondence with the ACFN for reference and noted that NexGen would be informed if the ACFN were in favour of a potential triparty meeting to discuss further.
12 March 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and thanked the CNSC for forwarding the correspondence with the ACFN. NexGen inquired if the ACFN stated that they were still waiting for a response from NexGen on the public comments and advised that NexGen has reached out to the ACFN numerous times to discuss the topic without the ACFN having responded.
12 March 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and advised that the ACFN has indicated that a response from NexGen on the public comments has been outstanding since 2022. The CNSC noted that it was relayed to the ACFN that NexGen has tried to reach out to the ACFN to discuss the topic and stated the matter would be addressed at the meeting with the ACFN scheduled on 15 March 2024. The CNSC indicated that NexGen would be updated of the results from the discussion and if the ACFN would be interested in meeting with NexGen and the CNSC to discuss further.
12 March 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and stated that NexGen would ensure all of the correspondence with the ACFN in the past six months that had no response was clearly documented.
12 March 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and acknowledged that NexGen would ensure all of the correspondence with the ACFN in the past six months that had no response was clearly documented.
15 March 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and provided an update on the meeting held with the ACFN held on 15 March 2024. The CNSC stated that the ACFN would like NexGen to respond in writing to the ACFN comments submitted as part of the federal draft EIS public review process and noted that the ACFN also wanted for NexGen to provide capacity support for the ACFN to review the comments with technical experts. The CNSC advised that it was recommended for the ACFN to reach out to NexGen to discuss further.
15 March 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC acknowledging the update on the meeting held with the ACFN held on 15 March 2024. NexGen inquired if the CNSC would be available on 18 March 2024 or 19 March 2024 to discuss further or if it was preferred to discuss at the next monthly meeting.

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15 March 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and acknowledged the CSNC's availability on 21 March 2024 to discuss the meeting held with the ACFN on 15 March 2024. NexGen advised the proposed engagement agreement that was still with the ACFN included capacity support funding and noted that a response has not been received from the ACFN since the last submission of this proposal. NexGen also inquired if the process for different comments submitted during the federal review was discussed in the meeting with the ACFN. NexGen stated that a discussion could be held during the monthly meeting scheduled on 20 March 2024 if the CNSC was attending or a call could be arranged for 21 March 2024.
15 March 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and confirmed the CNSC staff member who would be attending the monthly meeting on 20 March 2024 was not at the meeting held with the ACFN on 15 March 2024. The CNSC advised that a discussion on the process for different comments submitted during the federal EA review was not discussed in detail with the ACFN and noted that the CNSC was unaware NexGen had already offered capacity support without a response from the ACFN. The CNSC suggested to schedule a call on 21 March 2024 to discuss further.
15 March 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and confirmed availability on 21 March 2024 to discuss the meeting held with the ACFN on 15 March 2024.
15 March 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and confirmed 21 March 2024 would work to discuss the meeting the CNSC held with the ACFN. NexGen stated a meeting invite would be sent out.
15 March 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for sending out a meeting invite for 21 March 2024 to discuss the ACFN.
19 March 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen regarding scheduling a meeting to discuss a subset of round 2 IRs for the Project and stated that the CNSC would reach out to ECCC for potential dates that would work.
19 March 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC regarding scheduling a meeting to discuss a subset of round 2 IRs for the Project and stated that NexGen was ready to discuss IR 5-R1 and IR 6-R1. NexGen inquired if the CNSC would be available during the week of 18 March 2024 or 25 March 2024 to meet and requested if there were information that the CNSC would be able share in advance.
20 March 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC and NexGen exchanged emails relating to IR 5-R1 and IR 6-R1. NexGen confirmed that ECCC would be available 2 April 2024 or 4 April 2024 to meet and discuss a subset of round 2 IRs for the Project. The CNSC inquired if NexGen would prefer to hold two separate meetings to discuss IR 5-R1 and IR 6-R1. NexGen replied to the CNSC and confirmed that 4 April 2024 would work for their team. NexGen also noted that if there were earlier times available next week for separate meetings, to let them know.
20 March 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and confirmed that 4 April 2024 would work to meet and discuss a subset of round 2 IRs for the Project. NexGen requested to be informed if there were earlier times available during the week of 25 March 2024 for separate meetings and stated that NexGen would look into accommodating.
21 March 2024	Email, incoming	BNDN, BRDN, CNSC, CRDN, ECCC, ENV, IAAC, MN-S, MN-S NR2	The CNSC emailed NexGen and copied representatives from ECCC, ENV, IAAC, BNDN, BRDN, CRDN, MN-S NR2, and MN-S; the CNSC noted that discussions on a Commission hearing date can only progress once NexGen has addressed the remaining IRs related to the technical review of the environmental assessment submissions.

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25 March 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and listed the dates that ECCC would be available to meet regarding IR 4-R1 and IR 5-R1. The CNSC stated that ECCC preferred to hold two separate meetings to discuss each IR.
25 March 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and requested for the CNSC to confirm if the dates that ECCC would be available to meet regarding IRs 4-R1 and 5-R1 was intended for IR 5-R1 and IR 6-R1. NexGen also informed the CNSC that NexGen was ready to discuss IR 75-R1 and would be ready to discuss IR 4-R1 by 8 April 2024. NexGen inquired if both IR 75-R1 and IR 4-R1 could be discussed by 9 April 2024.
27 March 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and clarified ECCC's availability to meet regarding IR 5-R1 and IR 6-R1. The CNSC included the list of date options for IR 5-R1 and IR 6-R1 and noted CNSC was waiting to hear back from ECCC to confirm availability to discuss IR 4-R1 and IR 75-R1.
27 March 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and confirmed ECCC was available to meet on 9 April 2024 to discuss IR 4-R1. CNSC inquired which time would work for NexGen.
27 March 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and confirmed the proposed dates and times that would work to meet regarding IR 4-R1, IR 5-R1, and IR 6-R1. NexGen inquired if the times provided by CNSC were in Eastern Time.
28 March 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and listed the dates and times in Eastern Time that ECCC would be available to discuss IR 4-R1, IR 5-R1, and IR 6-R1. The CNSC inquired if the updated times would work for NexGen.
28 March 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and advised the proposed new times for the meeting with ECCC to discuss IR 4-R1, IR 5-R1, and IR 6-R1 would be discussed internally. NexGen inquired if there were other times that ECCC would also be available on 4 April 2024 and 9 April 2024.
28 March 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and provided an alternative time to schedule a meeting with ECCC to discuss IR 6-R1. The CNSC stated the times previously provided to discuss IR 5-R1 and IR 4-R1 on 4 April 2024 and 9 April 2024 were the only available times provided by ECCC.
28 March 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and confirmed the times that NexGen would be available on 4 April 2024 and 9 April 2024 to discuss IR 4-R1, IR 5-R1, and IR 6-R1 with ECCC.
28 March 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, ECCC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and confirmed the meeting invites to discuss IR 4-R1, IR 5-R1, and IR 6-R1 have been sent out. The CNSC requested for NexGen to forward the invite to the appropriate subject matter experts for each meeting.
28 March 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ECCC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ECCC and confirmed the meeting invites to discuss IR 4-R1, IR 5-R1, and IR 6-R1 have been received. NexGen stated the invite would be forwarded to team members who would be attending the meetings.
28 March 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, ECCC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and expressed thanks for confirming receipt of the meeting invites to discuss IR 4-R1, IR 5-R1, and IR 6-R1.
29 March 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC and NexGen exchanged emails related to the Regulatory Activity Plan. The CNSC provided NexGen a copy of the Regulatory Activity Plan and estimated fees for 2024-2025 pursuant to the CNSC Cost Recovery Fees Regulations. NexGen thanked the CNSC and confirmed receipt.
2 April 2024	Video conference	CNSC, ECCC	NexGen, ECCC, and the CNSC met to discuss IR 5-R1. The conversation focused on items the ECCC were requesting NexGen to provide in an IR response regarding woodland caribou mitigation and offsetting.
4 April 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss IR 6. The conversation focused on Indigenous engagement completed by NexGen and how information derived from this engagement would be captured in the revised EIS.

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5 April 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC exchanged emails related to organizing a potential meeting time to discuss IR 75-R1. The CNSC noted that they were confirming availability with ECCC and were hoping to receive a response soon. NexGen thanked the CNSC for the update.
9 April 2024	Video conference	CNSC, ECCC	NexGen, ECCC, and the CNSC met to discuss IR 4-R1. The conversation focused on groundwater flow and quality. NexGen provided clarifications on assumptions and methods used within the EA and advised where clarifying language would be added into either the IR response or the revised EIS.
9 April 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen relating to coordinating a meeting time with ECCC to discuss IR 75-R1. The CNSC inquired if early May was too late for discussions with ECCC on IR 75-R1 or if NexGen would rather discuss earlier. Additionally, the CNSC inquired if there were any other IRs that NexGen would like to discuss prior to the resubmission of the EIS.
9 April 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC in response to CNSC's previous emails relating to coordinating a meeting time with ECCC to discuss IR 75-R1, indicating a preference to meet the following week if possible. NexGen inquired if the ECCC reviewer could email key points across if a meeting was not possible.
10 April 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC acknowledged NexGen's previous email relating to coordinating a meeting time with ECCC to discuss IR 75-R1. The CNSC noted that they would inquire with ECCC whether they were able to meet the following week, or provide key points by email.
17 April 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to follow up on previous correspondence relating to coordinating a meeting time with ECCC to discuss IR 75-R1. The CNSC noted that ECCC was okay with not having a meeting and have agreed to provide a couple of key points by email for NexGen's consideration relating to IR 75-R1. The CNSC noted that ECCC was expecting a turnaround time of roughly ten days.
17 April 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to thank them for the update regarding correspondence with ECCC on IR 75-R1. NexGen noted that they expected to be able to submit the responses and revised EIS within the next couple weeks to a month or so.
18 April 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to update them and note that the subject matter expert for IR 75-R1 took another look and determined that the context and rationale for the response should contain all of the necessary information for the proponent to provide a response without a requirement for a discussion with ECCC or any written follow-up. The CNSC noted that ECCC also noted that they were still open to discussing IR 75-R1 in May if needed/warranted.
24 April 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and provided an update on the 19 April 2024 meeting held with the ACFN. The CNSC explained that the ACFN was awaiting response from NexGen on the public comments made on the Draft EIS and has requested that the response be sent in writing. The CNSC recommended for NexGen to provide the written response to the ACFN as soon as possible and prior to re-submitting the revised EIS to the CNSC.
29 April 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC in response to the CNSC's 24 April 2024 email sharing the summary of the meeting held with the ACFN on 19 April 2024. NexGen thanked the CNSC for the feedback and provided an outline of the regulatory requirements following the Draft EIS submission, general status updates, and status updates specific to the ACFN. NexGen requested for the CNSC to confirm availability during the week of 29 April 2024 to discuss the information further. NexGen informed the CNSC that they would continue to reach out to the ACFN to discuss the issues and concerns validation process undertaken to date and continue to document the attempts to contact.

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1 May 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and expressed thanks for the detailed reply on 29 April 2024 regarding the work that NexGen has undertaken to date with Indigenous Nations and communities. The CNSC also acknowledged the work and the lack of response from the ACFN to meet with NexGen to address the issues and concerns the community provided on the Draft EIS. The CNSC recommended that NexGen submit the response to comments in writing to the ACFN and continue to offer to meet to discuss and review the comments. The CNSC explained the approach would allow for the ACFN to receive an official response that was documented that NexGen was responding to the comments in writing as requested by the community and to show that NexGen was following the process the ACFN has chosen. The CNSC confirmed availability to meet with NexGen to discuss further and informed that 3 May 2024 would work best.
22 May 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC exchanged emails relating to the results of the FIRT technical review of NexGen's 31 October 2023 IR responses. NexGen emailed the CNSC to note that they had completed the SharePoint transfer of the revised EIS documentation that the CNSC requested in their 12 February 2024 correspondence. NexGen provided a link to a document containing NexGen's responses to the FIRT IR requests; NexGen's responses to FIRT Advice to Proponent comments; a complete revised EIS (including EIS sections, TSDs, and baseline reports in secured and unsecured formats) with incorporated changed on account of Round 1 and Round 2 FIRT review comments; and a Commitments Report. NexGen noted that the requested updated Indigenous Engagement Report was included in the described package as "Technical Support Document I". NexGen inquired if the CNSC was able to confirm successful access to the files and noted that for the responses to the follow-up FIRT IRs (and the one follow-up to Advice to Proponent comments), the original IR/Advice to Proponent comment and NexGen's response has also been included in the tables for ease of reference. Additionally, NexGen noted that they had identified where any FIRT IR/Advice to Proponent responses resulted in revisions to the EIS. The CNSC responded and confirmed receipt of all the listed documents.
27 May 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to note that they were going through and saving the submission into their filing system and requested that NexGen also upload both secured and unsecured versions of the complete EIS documents to the server.
28 May 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC exchanged emails related to the results of FIRT technical review of NexGen's 31 October 2023 IR responses. NexGen noted that they had compiled copies of the EIS sections (Section 1 through Section 24) and uploaded them to the server in both secured and unsecured formats. NexGen also noted that they identified and fixed a topographical error in Section 2 related to the FIRT Advice to Proponent comment MN-S 11. The CNSC emailed NexGen back to acknowledge NexGen's update and thank them.
28 May 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed CNSC to provide a supplementary disposition guide to assist the FIRT technical reviewers in navigating the revised EIS. NexGen noted that the attached document indicated where changes had been made relative to the Draft EIS as a result of the provincial and federal Draft EIS technical review processes and response drafting progress to date for public comments received through the federal environmental assessment process.
30 May 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen related to the supplementary disposition guide and inquired if NexGen had a track changes version of the revised Draft EIS that they could share.

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6 June 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen exchanged emails with the CNSC related to the supplementary disposition guide. NexGen noted that a tracked changes version of the EIS was not created through the production process and would need to be developed. NexGen noted that if there was a specific subsection/table/section that needed to be identified, they could look into creating something to support. The CNSC emailed NexGen back and noted that if a tracked changes version was not developed, that was okay and that they could work with the documents that were submitted.
10 June 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss the status of the IR response completeness check, timing of the FIRT technical review period, and scheduling of NexGen/CNSC check-in meetings.
14 June 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, MN-S NR2	The MN-S NR2 copied NexGen in correspondence to the CNSC providing a letter of support for the final submission of the EIS for the Rook I Project.
16 June 2024	Email exchange	CNSC, CRDN	The CRDN emailed the CNSC and copied NexGen, providing a copy of the CRDN letter of support that the community provided on the latest submission by NexGen as it related to the updates and responses regarding the Project EIS. The CRDN noted that the letter of support secured and identified CRDN's full community support and recognition for the final submission for the Project, also acknowledging NexGen and CRDN's work in partnership of commitments in development of the Project.
17 June 2024	Video conference	ENV	NexGen and the ENV met to discuss the provincial EA approval condition requiring NexGen to amend the proposed camp location. The conversation included camp relocation factors and requirements, regulatory process certainty and timelines, and required NexGen/ENV team members who would be part of the development and review of the camp relocation application. The discussion also included a review of each EA approval condition.
18 June 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC exchanged emails to discuss the cancellation of the 19 June 2024 monthly EA, Engagement, and Licensing meeting. NexGen and the CNSC discussed rescheduling and connecting again in July to accommodate overlap with the CNSC conference occurring in Saskatoon during the same time.
19 June 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, ENV, YNLR	The YNLR emailed NexGen providing a letter with YNLR responses to the issues and concerns table provided by NexGen and indicated that the CNSC has been copied in the correspondence. The ENV was also copied on the correspondence.
20 June 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, ENV, YNLR	The CNSC copied NexGen in correspondence with the YNLR acknowledging receipt of the letter. The CNSC advised the information would be considered during review of NexGen's revised EIS submission. The ENV was also copied on the correspondence.

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20 June 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to inform that they had concluded the completeness check of the revised draft EIS/IR response package submission provided by NexGen on 22 May 2024. CNSC noted that they had determined that the submissions included the necessary information required the information for the FIRT to proceed with their technical review. The CNSC noted that the review could commence on 21 June 2024 and would take up to 90 days to complete, ending no later than 20 September 2024. The CNSC also noted that they would reach out to the FIRT team at the halfway mark of the review period if there were IRs that required discussion so that they could coordinate a time that worked for all parties. Additionally, the CNSC noted that all of the documents from NexGen's 22 May 2024 submission of the draft EIS/IR response package (along with the attached letter and table) would be posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry as early as 21 June 2024.
20 June 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to thank them for the open and regular communication during the completeness check process and confirmed that they had received CNSC's previous email related to the review process.
21 June 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, CRDN	The CNSC copied NexGen in correspondence to the CRDN acknowledging receipt of the letter of community support for the Project. The CNSC noted an email would be sent to kick off the FIRT technical review of NexGen's 22 May 2024 revised EIS submission and IR responses.
17 July 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to thank them for meeting with CNSC and ECCC staff on 26 June 2024 and for providing a presentation outlining NexGen's responses to their IRs in more detail.
22 July 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC exchanged emails regarding the FIRT review interim update meeting. NexGen and the CNSC acknowledged that CNSC was having a 30-day check-in with the members of the FIRT on the morning of 25 June 2024 to discuss the review progress of round 2 IR responses. NexGen proposed meeting after the discussion with the FIRT on 25 June 2024 to follow up and sent out a meeting invitation. The CNSC confirmed that the proposed meeting time worked for them.
25 July 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss the FIRT review status of NexGen's responses to the round 2 IRs. The discussion included comments provided to date by FIRT reviewers.
25 July 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen about obtaining further clarifications regarding IR 32-R1. In particular, regarding NexGen's alternative assessment of camp locations. The CNSC requested that NexGen provide further information and/or references to support the conditional probability of 0.1 for wind direction towards the camp worker receptor. Additionally, the CNSC inquired about obtaining additional information on how Figure 2 was developed to support that indoor concentration is much less than the outdoor concentration under the accidental scenario assessed.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
25 July 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to provide a follow up and summary of actions items related to the FIRT status meeting held 25 June 2024. NexGen noted that their key interests were to make sure that they correctly understood the status of the ongoing FIRT review process and, the actions required to conclude the federal technical review process, have the EIS deemed final, and establish a Commission hearing date. NexGen noted that their objective was to work with CNSC during this period to understand the status of the FIRT reviews; confirm reviews that have been completed and IR responses that have been accepted; and identify / resolve any items flagged by the CNSC or FIRT team members. NexGen acknowledged that some reviews were still underway and that a few submissions had been provided by the CNSC. NexGen noted that they were confident that these items have been appropriately addressed by information in the EIS, provided in responses to the IRs, or in commitments as part of the EA process. Additionally, NexGen provided details related to how they would address certain items / requests outside the scope of the EA. NexGen highlighted their respect for the regulatory process and working relationship with the CNSC through the Project's lifecycle and EA process, while recognizing potential benefits and impacts (i.e., environmental, social, economic) associated with the Project.
25 July 2024	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to follow up on a meeting held 17 June 2024. NexGen noted that they had completed evaluating potential Project camp location alternatives and had determined a proposed location. NexGen inquired whether the ENV had availability to meet on 30 July 2024 onwards and noted that they wished to discuss conditional support from the ENV regarding the location pending demonstration of the requirements described in the provincial EA camp conditions. Additionally, NexGen wished to confirm requirements for the camp relocation process, and establish key activities, milestones, and timelines for approval.
26 July 2024	Email exchange	ENV	The ENV and NexGen exchanged emails regarding setting up a meeting to discuss camp location alternatives. The ENV thanked NexGen for reaching out and noted that there was limited availability to meet due to coordinating scheduling and vacation leaves. The ENV noted that 15 August 2024, was the earliest that they were able to meet and further discuss. NexGen emailed the ENV back acknowledging scheduling constraints and noted that they could hold the meeting on 15 August 2024; however, inquired if ENV would be available for a smaller, preliminary meeting beforehand to discuss the efforts made to date regarding the camp location. NexGen noted that they were available the week of 29 July 2024 to discuss.
30 July 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to follow up on a meeting held the previous week regarding the FIRT technical review. NexGen noted that they were looking to confirm a number of action items including following up on questions / clarifications related to certain IRs and potentially setting up meetings with ECCC to discuss. Additionally, NexGen inquired if CNSC was able to provide any updates related to IRs that FIRT members have reviewed and deemed accepted or IRs that FIRT members were seeking additional clarification on. NexGen proposed meeting on a weekly basis to discuss any updates that might arise during the FIRT IR review process.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
31 July 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to respond to their inquiries related to the FIRT technical review of the IRs. The CNSC noted that ECCC was available to meet the on 6 August 2024to discuss a certain IR; however, one specialist was out of office until mid-August 2024 so a meeting on a separate IR would be scheduled once they returned. Additionally, the CNSC noted that there were no updates related to the status of the FIRT technical review of the IRs and that additional information would likely be limited as the deadline for the review was 23 August 2024. The CNSC notified NexGen that they would reach out if they received any input, questions, or clarification from the FIRT prior to the deadline.
2 August 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to note that they had reached out to the technical team to inquire about CNSC's request for additional clarifications regarding IR 32-R1, and provided a response to the request from the CNSC reviewer.
6 August 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to forward internal correspondence from their technical expert regarding review of IR 32-R1.
6 August 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC and NexGen exchanged emailed regarding certain round 2 IRs. The CNSC noted that ECCC reached out and noted that their subject matter experts were no longer available to meet at the previously discussed time. CNSC noted that they would work on determining a few options for when ECCC would be available to meet to reschedule in roughly the next week. NexGen emailed the CNSC back to thank them for the update regarding scheduling a meeting with ECCC to discuss the round 2 IRs. NexGen noted that they were particularly interested in ECCC input/review on IR-78.
6 August 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to follow up on a discussion held earlier the same day and to inquire if there would be a standing time over the next handful of weeks where NexGen and CNSC could meet to discuss any updates that might occur throughout the IR review process.
7 August 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to inform that they were continuing the development of Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan. NexGen also noted that they would like to check in on ECCC's review of the NexGen response to IR 5-R1.
7 August 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to follow up on their previous 6 August 2024 email regarding setting up a standing meeting time. The CNSC noted that mornings would work and that any day of the week was acceptable.
8 August 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to follow up on their previous inquiry related to continuing the development of Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and ECCC's review of the NexGen response to IR 5-R1. The CNSC noted that ECCC was willing to meet to discuss their review and inquired about a couple of meeting times.
9 August 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC exchanged emails related to the CNSC's request to arrange a time to meet with ECCC regarding ECCC's review of the NexGen response to IR 5-R1. NexGen and the CNSC discussed staff availability based on the dates/times proposed in CNSC's 8 August 2024 email and settled booking a meeting for 14 August 2024.
12 August 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to provide additional clarifications regarding information on IR 32-R1.
13 August 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss the current status of the FIRT IR review and any submissions that had been made by the FIRT to the CNSC.

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13 August 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to note that they had forwarded the additional clarifications information on IR 32-R1 to their subject matter expert for consideration.
13 August 2024	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV and NexGen exchanged emails regarding the proposed alternative camp location meeting. The ENV noted that they did not have availability to meet prior to the scheduled meeting on 15 August 2024. The ENV noted that if NexGen required additional discussion following the meeting, they could also set something up the week following the proposed meeting and asked for NexGen's availability. NexGen emailed ENV back and proposed moving forward with the meeting time proposed on 15 August 2024, and determining if additional follow-up meetings are required at that time. NexGen noted a number of key items that they would like to achieve during the meeting including: confirming support in principle for the newly proposed camp location, confirming application requirements, and discussing key milestones during the camp relocation regulatory review process.
15 August 2024	Video conference	ENV	NexGen and the ENV met to discuss the proposed Project camp location. The discussion included alignment in principle on a potential location, confirming regulatory application requirements, and defining key milestones.
16 August 2024	Video conference	CNSC, ECCC	NexGen, ECCC, and the CNSC met to discuss NexGen's second round response to IR 5-R1.
16 August 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to note that none of the ECCC experts and only one Canadian Wildlife Service member would be available on 16 August 2024 for a meeting and inquired if they could move the IR 5-R1 meeting to 26 August 2024 instead. NexGen emailed the CNSC back to note 26 August 2024 would work.
16 August 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen with respect to IR 5-R1.
19 August 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC and NexGen exchanged emails regarding finalizing the meeting time for IR 5-R1. The CNSC noted that the meeting time could be adjusted based on NexGen's needs, if required.
20 August 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss the current status of the FIRT IR review and any submissions that had been made by the FIRT to the CNSC.
20 August 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ECCC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to follow up on a meeting held with ECCC held on 16 August 2024. NexGen noted that it would be helpful for the CNSC to identify any specific areas of interest that they would like to discuss prior to their planned meeting on 26 August 2024.
23 August 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, Health Canada	Health Canada emailed the CNSC regarding review of the IR response submission for the Project. Health Canada noted that they had completed a technical review of the materials and provided a copy of their comments and suggestions. The CNSC forwarded the email to NexGen to keep them informed.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
23 August 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to inquire about review of the round 2 IR responses. The CNSC emailed NexGen back to note that they were still awaiting on a few submissions, including one from ECCC and would likely have a better idea of review progress the next week. NexGen emailed the CNSC back to thank them for the update and inquired if any of the IRs that had been received had been accepted.
27 August 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss the current status of the FIRT IR review and any submissions that had been made by the FIRT to the CNSC.
27 August 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to follow up on a discussion related to the outstanding IRs including IR 70-R1, IR 187-R1, IR 217-R1, and IR 258. The CNSC noted that they had also reached out to Health Canada and would let NexGen know as soon as they heard back from them to set up a meeting to discuss outstanding IRs including IR 64 and IR 69. NexGen emailed CNSC back and inquired if they were available to meet regarding IR 70-R1, IR 187-R1, IR 21-R1, and IR 258 and discuss overarching themes. NexGen proposed meeting times.
27 August 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, Health Canada	The CNSC emailed Health Canada and thanked Health Canada for providing the results of their review of the IR response submission and inquired if Health Canada was available to meet with NexGen to discuss two of the outstanding IRs. The CNSC proposed meeting on 3 September 2024 to discuss. Health Canada emailed the CNSC back and noted that they were available to meet to discuss NexGen's inquiries regarding the IRs and had availability to meet the afternoon of 10 September 2024, the morning of 11 September 2024, or 12 September 2024. Health Canada noted that if NexGen had any specific questions, they could pass them along ahead of time. The CNSC forwarded the email correspondence to NexGen to provide them details of Health Canada's response and inquire whether the proposed meeting times worked for them.
29 August 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC back regarding the forwarded correspondence from Health Canada and provided some meeting times that worked on 11 September 2024 or 12 September 2024 to discuss the remaining questions related to the IR response submission.
30 August 2024	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to provide an update and proposed meeting agenda prior to the 11 September 2024, meeting and provided the ENV a copy of the Rook I Project Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan. NexGen noted that the plan was being shared with the ENV for review and to demonstrate concordance with condition 7 of the ENV Ministerial Approval for the Project under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. NexGen noted that the plan was developed with input from the Woodland Caribou Working Group and considers the regulatory framework applicable to the Project as well as caribou recovery objectives and guidance relevant to the region.
3 September 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss the current status of the FIRT IR review, any submissions that had been made by the FIRT to the CNSC, and FIRT IR statuses.

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3 September 2024	Multiple methods	CNSC	NexGen called the CNSC to discuss FIRT IR items. NexGen later emailed the CNSC providing NexGen's comments on the FIRT IRs that provided context for the CNSC's consideration when completing their internal review.
3 September 2024	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen confirming receipt of NexGen's Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan. The ENV stated that they will follow-up if their team has any additional agenda items to discuss.
9 September 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC providing information to address IR 217. NexGen requested confirmation that this information is sufficient to close out this IR.
9 September 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC providing information to address IR 187 and asked for confirmation that this information is sufficient to close out the IR.
9 September 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC providing information and proposed edits to close IR 258. NexGen noted that the reason this item was not included in the revised EIS was because a request was not formally made in the form of a round 2 IR or advice item; rather, the comment was placed in the summary table as an item for consideration and the IR was classified as accepted. NexGen asked for confirmation that this information meets the necessary requirements to close out the IR.
10 September 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to provide a summary of action items from the recent monthly check-in meeting. NexGen requested a meeting next week to further discuss the CNSC hearing workback plan and receive confirmation regarding the final environmental impact statement.
10 September 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC exchanged a series of emails with NexGen proposing a new time for their weekly FIRT review check-in meeting on 10 September 2024.
10 September 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss the current status of the FIRT IR review, any submissions that had been made by the FIRT to the CNSC, and FIRT IR statuses.
10 September 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen confirming that IR 187 has been marked as accepted.
10 September 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen, confirming that IR 258 has been marked as accepted.
10 September 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC providing a table that summarized NexGen's understanding of the current statuses of certain IRs for their reference. NexGen stated that they welcome any comments from the CNSC on the IRs, including verifying their understanding for certain IRs NexGen believed were accepted but would like to confirm.
11 September 2024	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV, providing a copy of the presentation that provides an overview of the Project Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan. NexGen noted that the ENV will coordinate distribution of this to the other ENV representatives. NexGen also noted that NexGen and the ENV will be in contact regarding next steps for the ENV's review of the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan and the Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan-specific EA approval condition.
12 September 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to follow-up on the status of IRs outlined in NexGen's 10 September 2024 email to the CNSC. NexGen asked for any context regarding ECCC review comments that NexGen could prepare for and requested placeholder meetings the following week to discuss any findings with the CNSC and/or ECCC.
16 September 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC, providing responses to the most recent comments received by Health Canada. NexGen summarized the list of changes made to the EIS help resolve the two IRs and requested confirmation that the CNSC received the email and files. The CNSC emailed back confirming receipt and that it will be passed to Health Canada.

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17 September 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, ENV, YNLR	The YNLR emailed NexGen (cc'ing the CNSC and the ENV) and provided the letter and attachment dated 19 June 2024 with the YNLR responses to the issues and concerns table provided by NexGen. The YNLR stated the responses in the letter addresses NexGen's inquiry emailed on 16 August 2024 as to whether the issues and concerns table was considered complete.
17 September 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss the current status of the FIRT IR review, any submissions that had been made by the FIRT to the CNSC, and FIRT IR statuses.
17 September 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen, providing a pdf copy of an additional Advice to Proponent document. NexGen emailed back that they will follow-up if they have immediate questions.
17 September 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen providing questions for IR 220 and IR 221 and asked for further details to close out the IRs.
17 September 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen regarding IR 82-R1, requesting an update on if CNSC's changes have been made so it can be closed.
17 September 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen regarding IR 244-R1 and asked that NexGen follow-up and confirm these changes have been and will be made.
18 September 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen, forwarding a CNSC reviewer's comments on IR 217. NexGen emailed back and provided information on proposed changes that will be included in the Final EIS and asked for confirmation that this would close out the IR.
18 September 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC regarding IR 217 and confirmed that the requested information was provided in the revised EIS.
18 September 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC providing confirmation that the information required for IR 220 and IR 221 was provided in the revised EIS. NexGen also provided additional context to a reviewer's comment. NexGen stated that they trust this clarification closes out the two IRs.
20 September 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen confirming that IR 217 has been closed in response to NexGen's edits outlined in their 18 September 2024 email.
20 September 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen stating that as discussed in the previous weekly check-in meeting, the CNSC has decided to extend the review period on the FIRT review of NexGen's 22 May 2024 revised EIS package submission for an additional 30 days. The CNSC noted that they will be reviewing and working with ECCC subject matter experts and may request to meet with NexGen for various technical discussions.
20 September 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC, providing their responses to certain ECCC Advice to Proponent Comments, stating that they trust that this information will close out these items and asked for confirmation of receipt and if CNSC is able to close out these comments. The CNSC emailed back stating that they have passed this information along to the CNSC SMEs who are reviewing this information.
24 September 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss the current status of the FIRT IR review, any submissions that had been made by the FIRT to the CNSC, and FIRT IR statuses.
24 September 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC providing an updated Section 4.2.4 of TSD XXI (Environmental Risk Assessment) that reflect edits committed to in the response to ECCC-15. NexGen stated that they trust that this information will allows this Advice to Proponent item to be closed and asked to be notified if anything further is required.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
26 September 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC, accepting the 3 October 2024 teleconference invitation to discuss an IR. NexGen asked two clarification questions about the meeting.
27 September 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC requesting clarification on a CNSC meeting request to discuss an IR. NexGen asked if the IR meeting was in reference to wetlands or geology. The CNSC emailed back and confirmed it was for geology.

ACFN = Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; YNLR = Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources; CST = Central Standard Time; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; ECCC = Environment and Climate Change Canada; IAAC = Impact Assessment Agency of Canada; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; FIRT = Federal-Indigenous Review Team; DFO = Fisheries and Oceans Canada; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; IR = information request; JWG = Joint Working Group; LRWS = Saskatchewan Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2; NSEQC = Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee; Omnia = Omnia Ecological Services; SKFN = Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence; SMEC = Saskatchewan Ministry of Economy; SMER = Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources; SMGR = Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations; SMHI = Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways; CMOP = Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan; TRC = technical review comment; WSA = Water Security Agency; BATEA = best available technology economically available; CMD = Commission member document.

Table 2C-2: Rook I Project Engagement-Specific Update Meetings and Communications

Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
18 November 2015	Written correspondence	ENV	NexGen and the ENV exchanged written correspondence regarding updates on engagement activities with local Indigenous communities, including the sharing of meeting notes.
16 January 2020	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to share updates on Indigenous and public engagement activities.
24 February 2020	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC to share respective updates on public and Indigenous engagement activities for the Project, including the JWGs and the IKTLU Studies.
16 April 2020	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC to share respective updates on public and Indigenous engagement activities for the Project, including the JWGs and the IKTLU Studies.
21 May 2020	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC to share respective updates on public and Indigenous engagement activities for the Project, including the JWGs and the IKTLU Studies.
23 June 2020	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC to share respective updates on public and Indigenous engagement activities for the Project, including the JWGs, IKTLU Studies, and COVID-19.
29 June 2020	Email, incoming	SMER	The SMER emailed NexGen asking if they have any information about NexGen's current collaboration/participation agreements and asked if NexGen has any challenges regarding collaboration agreements.
7 July 2020	Email, outgoing	SMER	NexGen emailed the SMER in response to the SMER's 29 June 2020 email. NexGen provided a letter regarding their IR. The letter discussed NexGen's collaborative agreements.
21 July 2020	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates for the month of July on public and Indigenous engagement activities for the Project, including the JWGs, IKTLU Studies, and COVID-19.
20 August 2020	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates for the month of August on public and Indigenous engagement activities for the Project, including the JWGs, IKTLU Studies, and COVID-19.
15 October 2020	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on public and Indigenous engagement activities for the Project, including the JWGs, IKTLU Studies, and COVID-19.
25 November 2020	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on public and Indigenous engagement activities for the Project, including the JWGs, IKTLU Studies, and COVID-19.
17 December 2020	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on public and Indigenous engagement activities for the Project, including the JWGs, IKTLU Studies and other updates on the EA.
21 January 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
18 February 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
18 March 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
15 April 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
20 May 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.

Table 2C-2: Rook I Project Engagement-Specific Update Meetings and Communications

Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
10 June 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to discuss plans for a perception study and potential collaboration with the CNSC and ENV.
17 June 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
19 August 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
16 September 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to provide an overview and update on NexGen's engagement for the Project and the advancing EA. Topics of discussion included: ▪ regulatory compliance; ▪ overview of NexGen's Indigenous and community engagement approach; ▪ ongoing and completed engagement; and ▪ planned engagement. Note: This was Part I of a two-part meeting. Part II of the meeting took place on 5 October 2021.
5 October 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to provide an overview and update on NexGen's engagement for the Project and the advancing EA. Topics of discussion included: ▪ regulatory compliance; ▪ overview of NexGen's Indigenous and community engagement approach; ▪ ongoing and completed engagement; and ▪ planned engagement. Note: This was Part II of the two-part meeting. Part I of the meeting took place on 16 September 2021.
19 October 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
4 November 2021	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen asking if the MN-S have developed an IKTLU Study for the Project.
5 November 2021	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV confirming that the MN-S has developed a IKTLU Study for the Project and indicated that NexGen will provide additional information in a summary e-mail to follow.
16 November 2021	Email, incoming	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV providing additional context regarding the Study Agreement with the MN-S.
17 November 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
30 November 2021	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV, providing a digital copy of the Project community newsletter.
20 December 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
19 January 2022	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
16 February 2022	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
16 March 2022	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
18 April 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV requesting to reschedule the next engagement and EA update meeting from 20 April 2022 to 27 April 2022.
19 April 2022	Email exchange	CNSC, ENV	The CNSC emailed NexGen stating that the CNSC is fine with rescheduling the meeting to 27 April 2022. NexGen emailed back and stated that they will send the meeting invite shortly.
27 April 2022	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
2 May 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV, YNLR	NexGen emailed the YNLR, the CNSC, and ENV, providing introductions for the three parties so that they could connect on the next steps for sharing the YNLR Traditional Knowledge, Land Use and Occupancy (IKTLU) Study for the Project. NexGen asked that the YNLR connect with the CNSC and ENV to confirm and discuss the submission details regarding sharing the IKTLU Study as a public document as part of the Draft EIS submission.
10 May 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV, asking to reschedule their monthly engagement and EA update call to the week of 24 May 2022. NexGen asked to be notified about the ENV's and CNSC's availability.
24 May 2022	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
20 July 2022	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
17 August 2022	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
13 September 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV asking to defer their September Engagement and EA update meeting to 19 October 2022.
4 October 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV requesting to reschedule their Engagement and EA update meeting from 19 October 2022 to 21 October 2022.
13 October 2022	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen, asking if NexGen has provided any funding, or plan to provide funding to the ACFN for engagement between NexGen and the ACFN or for the gathering of traditional knowledge and land use data. The CNSC requested to meet with NexGen on 26 October 2022 or 27 October 2022.
17 October 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC in response to the CNSC's 13 October 2022 email. NexGen stated that the ACFN has not requested any funding for Draft EIS review, nor has NexGen provided any funding. NexGen provided their meeting availability.
21 October 2022	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
27 October 2022	Email, incoming	CNSC, ACFN, ENV	The CNSC emailed NexGen and the ACFN regarding the ACFN's request for the NexGen engagement contact. The CNSC indicated that NexGen's Vice President – Community was copied on the email and was the engagement lead for the Project. The CNSC also inquired if the ACFN was planning to submit a funding application to cover consultation and engagement with the CNSC staff on the Project.
7 November 2022	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and advised that an application for funding from the ACFN was received on 4 November 2022. The CNSC indicated that the funding request was to support the ACFN's participation in

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			engagement activities with the CNSC staff in relation to the Project and to complete an ACFN IKTLU Study. The CNSC inquired as to whether NexGen would be agreeable to work with the ACFN and fund costs related to the study.
7 November 2022	Email exchange	CNSC, ENV	The CNSC emailed NexGen stating that they are fine with rescheduling the Engagement and EA update meeting to 24 November 2022. NexGen emailed back thanks, stating that they will send the updated meeting invite.
8 November 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC requesting a call in regard to the CNSC's 7 November 2022 email regarding the ACFN funding request. The CNSC emailed back stating that they will setup a meeting.
9 November 2022	Meeting	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss the CNSC's 7 November 2022 email regarding the ACFN funding request.
9 November 2022	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC provided a copy of the ACFN funding request as discussed earlier the same day.
15 November 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to thank the CNSC for the follow-up information provided on the 9 November 2022 call and for sharing ACFN funding request made to the CNSC. NexGen advised the request would be discussed internally and asked the CNSC to confirm the procedural aspects as they relate to the Project EA to support the internal discussions. NexGen indicated that from the meeting held during the week of 7 November 2022, it was understood that the information would not be included into the development of the Final EIS and that activities related to the IKTLU Study could be summarized by NexGen in the Indigenous Engagement Report. NexGen noted that the CNSC would consider the information in preparation of the CNSC Commission Member Documents and could inform post-EA approval considerations for monitoring and follow-up programs. NexGen requested for the CNSC to confirm the EA integration process and timelines for the ACFN request.
15 November 2022	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and expressed thanks for continuing to consider the funding request from the ACFN. The CNSC advised that NexGen was expected to incorporate the information from the IKTLU Study in the EIS if it was still in draft form. The CNSC informed NexGen that the information from the IKTLU would be carried into the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* EA Report and into the CNSC Commission Member Document submission if the EIS was in the final stages. The CNSC noted that the IKTLU would be reviewed by CNSC SMEs to conduct a gap assessment and to ensure the information was carried through the submission to the CNSC Commission. The CNSC indicated that a decision from NexGen was required in order to put the CNSC Participant Funding Program in place.
15 November 2022	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and confirmed that the IKTLU Study could also be reflected in NexGen's Indigenous Engagement Report and used to inform follow-up monitoring activities and other related work with the ACFN. The CNSC expressed the importance that the expectations and approach be made clear to the ACFN regardless of who provides the funding and indicated that ACFN's IKTLU Study completion timeline and how it would be in line with NexGen's timeline to finalize the EIS should be determined. The CNSC indicated that a response would be sent to the ACFN once a confirmation was received that NexGen would be open to working with the ACFN on the funding request 'or the proposed IKTLU Study and advised that the CNSC would be happy to work with the ACFN on a funding proposal for consultation and engagement work. The CNSC

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			requested to be updated on NexGen's decision on supporting the ACFN on funding a IKTLU Study in relation to the Project.
24 November 2022	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
28 November 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to thank the CNSC for providing the information regarding the EA integration process as it relates to the ACFN request for IKTLU Study funding and to respond to the items discussed on 23 November 2022 and during the CNSC/ENV/NexGen engagement and EA update meeting held on 24 November 2022. NexGen confirmed commitment to continue working with the ACFN as it pertains to notification and engagement on the Project and has been reflected in the engagement conducted in support of the EA for the project since 2019. NexGen referenced CNSC's email dated 7 November 2022 and noted that IKTLU Studies have not been funded by NexGen for all Indigenous communities; funding was based on recently publicly available information related to traditional land use and followed all regulatory process. NexGen indicated that the approach for all Indigenous communities has resulted in five self-directed IKTLU Studies. NexGen informed the CNSC that since the ACFN has made the request directly with the CNSC under the participant funding program to conduct an IKTLU Study, that NexGen would defer to the CNSC to determine their support for the requested funding. NexGen encouraged the CNSC to reach out to the primarily impacted communities in making the assessment considering the feedback from the CRDN during the meeting held on 26 October 2022 regarding similar matters. NexGen also suggested for the CNSC to reach out to the ENV and noted that the ENV and the ACFN have corresponded regarding traditional use areas since 2019. NexGen confirmed receipt of the ACFN letter received on 28 October 2022 regarding the Indigenous Engagement Report included in the Draft EIS prepared in support of the Project and noted that NexGen would be responding to the letter. NexGen invited the CNSC to reach out if there were any questions.
21 December 2022	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV and presented an overview of the public and Indigenous engagement activities that have taken place throughout the EA.
11 January 2023	Email, incoming	ACFN, CNSC	The ACFN emailed NexGen, copying the CNSC and ENV, regarding the meeting scheduled for 17 January 2023 and advised that the meeting would need to be re-scheduled. The ACFN requested for NexGen to provide several dates of availability for consideration.
12 January 2023	Email exchange	ENV	NexGen and the ENV exchanged emails regarding a letter sent from the CRDN to the province regarding establishing a renewed formal consultation process between the CRDN and the Government of Saskatchewan to address the CRDN concerns relating to uranium exploration and development within the CRDN territory. The ENV provided the letter as an attachment within an email to NexGen. NexGen thanked the ENV for sharing and confirmed receipt of the letter.
18 January 2023	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss updates on Indigenous engagement activities. NexGen and the CNSC shared respective engagement updates for the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, BRDN, YNLR, and ACFN.
18 January 2023	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.

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19 January 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen to provide a letter received from the ACFN in November 2022 and older letters from the CRDN raising concerns related to the ENV's consultation process.
23 January 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to share information on an upcoming meeting planned for 7 February 2023 in Ottawa with the CNSC executives. NexGen noted that it was their understanding that the meetings are planned to be attended by Chief and leadership of local Indigenous Nations as well as members of the NexGen executive team.
3 February 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC exchanged a series of emails with NexGen regarding the updated Indigenous and Public Engagement Program. The CNSC provided additional feedback on the updated Indigenous and Public Engagement Program related to including the identification and description of community and public views, opinions, and concerns in relation to the licensed activities, as well as the means utilized to obtain them. The CNSC noted that inclusion of this information was a requirement the REGDOC-3.2.2 and necessary for approval of the Indigenous and Public Engagement Program. NexGen thanked CNSC for the follow-up and noted that they would discuss internally and would update the CNSC on timelines for resubmission during the next monthly call.
15 February 2023	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
12 April 2023	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with representatives from the CNSC to discuss engagement updates relating to NexGen's Draft EIS.
13 April 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and the ENV to inform that NexGen would be hosting the 2023 community information sessions during the week of 12 June to 16 June 2023 and invited CNSC and the ENV to participate. NexGen indicated the proposed week worked for the Indigenous communities and stated that NexGen would be working with the communities to finalize dates, times, and locations. NexGen advised the CRDN community information session was planned for 16 June 2023 to align with the CRDN Treaty Days. NexGen listed the proposed community information sessions schedule and noted the tentative schedule would be subject to change as NexGen continued working out logistics and timing. NexGen stated that they would share additional information with the CNSC and ENV as they become available or organize a call to discuss details and answer questions. NexGen also noted the community information sessions could be discussed during the monthly engagement and EA update call scheduled for 19 April 2023.
18 April 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC, CRDN	NexGen emailed CRDN, and copied the CNSC, informing of the meeting held with the CNSC during the week of 10 April 2023 and indicated there were a few action items that came from the meeting to keep progressing the Project. NexGen stated that the CNSC would need to connect with the CRDN to get resolution and direction as the implementation and mechanisms of the Benefit Agreement may have already resolved some of the outstanding items. NexGen inquired if the CRDN could reach out to the CNSC to address the action items.
26 April 2023	Email, outgoing	BNDN, CNSC	NexGen emailed the BNDN, and copied the CNSC, informing of the meeting held with the CNSC and indicated there were a few action items that came from the meeting to keep progressing the Project. NexGen stated that the CNSC would need to connect with the BNDN to try and close off the action items. NexGen noted that the implementation and mechanisms of the Benefit Agreement may have already resolved some of the outstanding items that the CNSC would like to address and requested for the BNDN to reach out to the CNSC.

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27 April 2023	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
27 April 2023	Email, outgoing	BRDN, CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the BRDN, and copied the CNSC and the ENV, informing of a meeting held with the CNSC and ENV. NexGen indicated that they want to ensure that the BRDN, CNSC and ENV stay connected to take advantage of opportunities to meet and engage on the Project as well as keep each other up to date on community events and opportunities. NexGen indicated that the BRDN could reach out to the CNSC and the ENV for an introduction.
1 May 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and provided an update on the monthly meeting that was held with the MN-S on 1 May 2023. The CNSC indicated that they informed the MN-S that the CNSC staff would be in Saskatoon and the region in mid-June 2023. The CNSC stated that the MN-S Director of Environment was not aware of the June 2023 outreach dates and that the MN-S Lands and Consultation Coordinator noted that a brief conversation was held with NexGen regarding the June outreach dates several weeks ago. The CNSC advised that the MN-S was informed that things were in the early planning stages and that six CNSC staff planned to visit the northwest and that NexGen would likely reach out regarding dates. The CNSC hoped that the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 would participate in the community information sessions in Buffalo Narrows and La Loche in mid-June 2023. The CNSC advised they would like to meet with the MN-S NR2 while they were in the area and indicated that the MN-S Director of Environment was agreeable for the CNSC to reach out to the MN-S NR2 Regional Director for the meeting. The CNSC stated they will wait for a few weeks or until they hear from NexGen on any discussions with the MN-S NR2 prior to reaching out.
2 May 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC thanking them for providing an update on the meeting held with the MN-S and expressed that NexGen was pleased that the CNSC would be able to set up meetings in June 2023. NexGen informed CNSC that NexGen plans to send out formal communications regarding community information sessions to the CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN soon and noted the dates and venues were recently confirmed with the communities. NexGen indicated they would be happy to share updates and feedback with the CNSC as the planning progresses.
15 May 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV to inquire if it was possible to reschedule the upcoming engagement and EA update meeting from 17 May 2023 to occur during the week of 29 May 2023 to 2 June 2023. NexGen noted they were currently in the process of rescheduling some community meetings due to ongoing fires in the northwest.
30 May 2023	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
5 July 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and provided an update regarding engagement with the CRDN and MN-S pertaining to the FIRT IRs.
19 July 2023	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
23 August 2023	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
28 August 2023	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC to discuss updates related to public and Indigenous engagement activities for the Project.

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28 August 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and thanked them for the discussion held on 28 August 2023. The CNSC listed a few key points for NexGen to keep in mind on how to ensure the next steps on the consultation and regulatory process were efficient and effective from an Indigenous consultation and engagement standpoint. The CNSC stated that all outstanding IRs for the EIS would need to be adequately responded to. The CNSC also indicated the Indigenous communities would need to commit to working with the CNSC on a regular basis by way of monthly meetings and that each Indigenous community would also need to ensure the priority was to meet and work with the CNSC at the working level. The CNSC invited NexGen to reach out if there were any questions.
31 August 2023	Email, incoming	CRDN, ENV, SMGR	The ENV emailed the CRDN and copied NexGen on the correspondence providing an attached letter inviting the CRDN to review and confirm the Duty to Consult Record for NexGen's proposed Rook I Uranium Project. The ENV also attached a copy of the Consultation Report that would be provided as part of the provincial Final EIS by NexGen as well as a copy of ENV's TRCs summarizing the expected impacts of the Project, proposed mitigation measures and technical review findings and information for applying for a Fast Track Grant. The ENV stated that a hard copy of the Notice of Review Period, TRCs, and Fast Track Grant Fact Sheet would also be couriered to the CRDN and requested for any comments by 3 October 2023.
31 August 2023	Email, incoming	ENV, MN-S, SMGR	The ENV emailed the MN-S and copied NexGen on the correspondence providing an attached letter inviting the MN-S to review and confirm the Duty to Consult Record for NexGen's proposed Rook I Uranium Project. The ENV also attached a copy of the Consultation Report that would be provided as part of the provincial Final EIS by NexGen as well as a copy of ENV's TRCs summarizing the expected impacts of the Project, proposed mitigation measures and technical review findings and information for applying for a Fast Track Grant. The ENV stated that a hard copy of the Notice of Review Period, TRCs, and Fast Track Grant Fact sheet would also be couriered to the MN-S and requested for any comments by 3 October 2023.
31 August 2023	Email, incoming	BNDN, ENV, SMGR	The ENV emailed the BNDN and copied NexGen on the correspondence providing an attached letter inviting the BNDN to review and confirm the Duty to Consult Record for NexGen's proposed Rook I Uranium Project. The ENV also attached a copy of the Consultation Report that would be provided as part of the provincial Final EIS by NexGen as well as a copy of the ENV's TRCs summarizing the expected impacts of the Project, proposed mitigation measures and technical review findings and information for applying for a Fast Track Grant. The ENV stated that a hard copy of the Notice of Review Period, TRCs, and Fast Track Grant Fact Sheet would also be couriered to the BNDN and requested for any comments by 3 October 2023.
31 August 2023	Email, incoming	CRDN, ENV, SMGR	The CRDN emailed the ENV and copied NexGen on the correspondence thanking ENV for the update on the Duty to Consult Record for NexGen's proposed Rook I Uranium Project.
31 August 2023	Email, incoming	BRDN, ENV, SMGR	The ENV emailed the BRDN and copied NexGen on the correspondence providing an attached letter inviting the BRDN to review and confirm the Duty to Consult Record for NexGen's proposed Rook I Uranium Project. The ENV also attached a copy of the Consultation Report that would be provided as part of the provincial Final EIS by NexGen as well as a copy of ENV's TRCs summarizing the expected impacts of the Project, proposed mitigation measures and technical review findings and information for applying for a Fast Track Grant. The ENV stated that a hard copy of the Notice of Review Period, TRCs, and Fast Track Grant Fact Sheet would also be couriered to the BRDN and requested for any comments by 3 October 2023.
31 August 2023	Email, incoming	MN-S, ENV, SMGR	The ENV emailed the MN-S and copied NexGen on the correspondence and stated that the ENV's previous email contained the notification letter for Turnor Lake Métis Local #40 instead of La Loche Métis Local #39. The ENV attached the correct letter inviting the MN-S to review and confirm the Duty to Consult Record for NexGen's proposed Rook I Uranium Project. The ENV also attached a copy of the Consultation Report that

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			would be provided as part of the provincial Final EIS by NexGen as well as a copy of ENV's TRCs summarizing the expected impacts of the Project, proposed mitigation measures and technical review findings and information for applying for a Fast Track Grant. The ENV stated that a hard copy of the Notice of Review Period, TRCs, and Fast Track Grant Fact Sheet would also be couriered to the MN-S and requested for any comments by 3 October 2023.
20 September 2023	Email, incoming	ACFN, ENV, SMGR	The ACFN copied NexGen in an email to the ENV providing the Fast Track Grant application for public review of the provincial Final EIS for the proposed Project.
5 September 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen and informed of the request from the ACFN for capacity funding information related to the Rook I Project EIS public review. The ENV stated that they have clarified the process for the ACFN and invited NexGen to reach out if a discussion was needed.
5 September 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV and thanked the ENV for the update regarding the request from the ACFN for capacity funding information related to the Rook I Project EIS public review. NexGen indicated that a follow-up email was sent on 5 September 2023 confirming that the provincial Final EIS review documents were available on the ENV website and attached a copy of the correspondence sent to the ACFN for reference. NexGen informed ENV that they have advised the ACFN of the four Indigenous communities that the duty to consult resides for the Project in previous engagement and noted that NexGen continue to offer the ACFN opportunities to meet and engage on the Project. NexGen stated that the ENV would be apprised of any comments received from the ACFN during the public review period or in relation to the email sent to the ACFN directly.
18 September 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen forwarding the correspondence with the ACFN regarding the ACFN's request to participate in the provincial process that the ENV provided to NexGen on 5 September 2023. The ENV noted that a meeting with the ACFN has been scheduled on 18 September 2023 to discuss ACFN's participation and stated that an update would be provided to NexGen.
18 September 2023	Email, incoming	ENV, MN-S NR2	The MN-S NR2 emailed the ENV and NexGen attaching a letter in support of the Project.
20 September 2023	Email, incoming	ACFN, ENV, SMGR	The ACFN copied NexGen in an email to the ENV providing the Fast Track Grant application for public review of the Provincial EIS for the proposed Project.
20 September 2023	Email, incoming	ACFN, ENV, SMGR	The ENV emailed the ACFN and NexGen providing the consultation letter to the ACFN and stated that the ENV Environmental Assessment and Stewardship Branch was requesting ACFN's participation in the provincial consultation process for the EA of the Project. The ENV also attached information on how to apply for a Fast Track Grant for reference.
21 September 2023	Email, incoming	ACFN, ENV, SMGR	The ACFN copied NexGen in an email to ENV inquiring if the ACFN could provide partial review of the provincial Final EIS for the proposed Project on 3 October 2023 and send additional comments on 8 October 2023.
21 September 2023	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including the EA, and public and Indigenous engagement activities.

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22 September 2023	Email, incoming	ACFN, ENV, SMGR	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the ACFN and confirmed that the ACFN could provide partial comments on the impacts to the ACFN Treaty rights on 3 October 2023 and send additional comments on 8 October 2023.
3 October 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and requested for an update on the meeting that was planned between the MN-S and the CNSC executives on 30 October 2023 in Ottawa. The CNSC inquired who would be attending from the MN-S and the MN-S NR2 and what they hoped to discuss.
6 October 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV to note that they were planning their second annual visit to the high schools in the local priority area to conduct career information sessions for students in Grades 10 to 12. NexGen inquired if the CNSC and the ENV would like to also attend and noted that they had confirmed the dates of 24 October to 27 October 2023 for the event including 24 October 2023 at Buffalo River Dene School, 25 October 2023 at Twin Lakes Community School in Buffalo Narrows and Birch Narrows Dene Community School, 26 October 2023 at Clearwater River Dene School, and 27 October 2023 at Dene High School in La Loche. NexGen noted that the format would be in a station/booth layout, where students would have the opportunity to rotate through a series of informational and interactive stations staffed by NexGen subject matter experts. NexGen also noted that they had invited three training institutions (i.e., the Gabriel Dumont Institute, Northlands College, and the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies) to attend.
6 October 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen to inquire if NexGen could include the consultation activities undertaken with the BRDN in the consultation report. The ENV attached an updated assignment of procedural aspects of consultation letter that reflect the addition of the BRDN in the list of communities to consult.
7 October 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC regarding the planned meeting between the MN-S and CNSC executives on 30 October 2023 in Ottawa. NexGen listed the MN-S NR2 attendees and stated that the MN-S still needed to confirm as to who would be attending. NexGen clarified the meeting would be an introductory meeting and noted that the CNSC would be informed of the MN-S attendees once it has been confirmed.
6 October 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and the ENV to note that they were planning their second annual visit to the high schools in the local priority area to conduct career information sessions for students in Grades 10 to 12. NexGen inquired if the CNSC and ENV would like to also attend and noted that they had confirmed the dates of 24 to 27 October 2023 for the event including 24 October 2023 at Buffalo River Dene School, 25 October 2023 at Twin Lakes Community School in Buffalo Narrows and Birch Narrows Dene Community School, 26 October 2023 at Clearwater River Dene School, and 27 October 2023 at Dene High School in La Loche.exGen noted that the format would be in a station/booth layout, where students would have the opportunity to rotate through a series of informational and interactive stations staffed by NexGen subject matter experts. NexGen also noted that they had invited three training institutions (i.e., the Gabriel Dumont Institute, Northlands College, and the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies) to attend.
10 October 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and thanked them for the update related to the upcoming 30 October 2023 meeting with the MN-S, the MN-S NR2, and NexGen.
12 October 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC, CRDN	The CRDN copied NexGen on an email to the CNSC providing a signed letter confirming community support for the Project. The attached letter from the CRDN outlined the collaborative process undertaken between the CRDN and NexGen to address and resolve the CRDN issues and concerns raised during the Project EA

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			process, and the CRDN confirmed that the way in which NexGen has addressed or responded to the CRDN key issues and concerns has been accepted by the CRDN.
13 October 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC, CRDN	The CNSC copied NexGen on an email to the CRDN acknowledging the letter confirming community support for the Project emailed on 12 October 2023. The CNSC indicated they were waiting on a resubmission from NexGen before undertaking the FIRT technical review of NexGen's IR responses. The CNSC advised the letter from the CRDN would be posted to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project along with the results of the technical review of IR responses.
14 October 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC, CRDN	The CRDN copied NexGen on an email to the CNSC thanking the CNSC for the 13 October 2023 email response to the CRDN letter confirming community support for the Project. The CRDN also informed the CNSC to include the CRDN Chief and the Environmental advisor for the CRDN engagement team on FIRT correspondence moving forward.
16 October 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC, CRDN	The CNSC copied NexGen on an email to the CRDN confirming the CRDN Chief and the Environmental advisor for the CRDN engagement team would be included on all FIRT correspondence moving forward, as requested.
18 October 2023	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
31 October 2023	Email, incoming	BNDN, CNSC	The BNDN copied NexGen in an email to the CNSC providing a letter that confirms the issues and concerns identified by the BNDN in regards to the Rook I Project that could be addressed at this time have been resolved. The BNDN also informed the CNSC that processes have been developed to resolve concerns in the future.
2 November 2023	Email, incoming	BRDN, ENV	The BRDN copied NexGen in correspondence to the ENV providing a letter of support for the Project.
2 November 2023	Email, incoming	BNDN, CNSC	The CNSC copied NexGen in an email to the BNDN thanking the BNDN for providing a support letter confirming that NexGen has satisfactorily addressed all of the BNDN issues and concerns in relation to the Project as part of Federal EA requirements. The CNSC informed the BNDN that the CNSC would be in contact regarding next steps in the EA process and noted the letter would be posted to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry once the FIRT technical review was complete.
3 November 2023	Email, incoming	BRDN, CNSC	The BRDN copied NexGen in an email to the CNSC providing a support letter confirming that NexGen has satisfactorily addressed all of the BRDN issues and concerns in relation to the Project as part of Federal EA requirements.
3 November 2023	Email, incoming	BRDN, CNSC	The CNSC copied NexGen in an email to the BRDN thanking the BRDN for providing a support letter confirming that NexGen has satisfactorily addressed all of the BRDN issues and concerns in relation to the Project as part of Federal EA requirements. The CNSC informed the BRDN that the CNSC would be in contact regarding next steps in the EA process and noted the letter would be posted to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry once the FIRT technical review was complete.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	CRDN, ENV	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the CRDN providing a letter informing that the ENV has given NexGen approval to proceed with the proposed Project. The ENV also attached the Decision and Reasons for Decision for reference and stated that a hard copy would be mailed to the CRDN.

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8 November 2023	Email, incoming	ENV, MN-S, MN-S NR2	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the MN-S providing a letter informing that the ENV has given NexGen approval to proceed with the proposed Project. The ENV also attached the Decision and Reasons for Decision for reference and stated that a hard copy would be mailed to the MN-S.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	BNDN, ENV	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the BNDN providing a letter informing that the ENV has given NexGen approval to proceed with the proposed Project. The ENV also attached the Decision and Reasons for Decision for reference and stated that a hard copy would be mailed to the BNDN.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	BRDN, ENV	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the BRDN providing two letters informing that the ENV has given NexGen approval to proceed with the proposed Project. The ENV also attached the Decision and Reasons for Decision for reference and stated that a hard copy would be mailed to the BRDN.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	ACFN, ENV	The ENV copied NexGen in an email to the ACFN providing a letter informing that the ENV has given NexGen approval to proceed with the proposed Project. The ENV also attached the Decision and Reasons for Decision for reference and stated that a hard copy would be mailed to the ACFN.
16 November 2023	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
19 December 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and requested for an engagement update meeting on 21 December 2023 or 22 December 2023. NexGen inquired if the proposed dates would work or if scheduling a meeting early in 2024 would be preferred.
19 December 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and confirmed availability on 27 December to 29 December 2023 for an update meeting in response to NexGen's email.
20 December 2023	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen met with the CNSC and ENV to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
5 January 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to share updates regarding Indigenous engagement activities for the Project.
17 January 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to share updates regarding Indigenous engagement activities for the Project.
21 February 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and advised that an Environmental Committee meeting with CRDN has been scheduled on 7 March 2024. NexGen inquired if the Rook I Engagement Update meeting with CNSC on the same day could be rescheduled to 8 March 2024.
11 March 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with representatives from the CNSC to discuss engagement updates relating to NexGen's Project and Draft EIS.
20 March 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities and the EA.
21 March 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss engagement updates relating to the Project.
17 April 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities, the EA, and licensing.
15 May 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities, the EA, and licensing.

Table 2C-2: Rook I Project Engagement-Specific Update Meetings and Communications

Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
17 July 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities, the EA, and licensing.
21 August 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC to share respective updates on the Project, including public and Indigenous engagement activities, the EA, and licensing.
22 August 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with representatives from the CNSC to discuss engagement updates relating to NexGen's Project, federal EA, and Draft EIS.
12 September 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and inquired if there was availability during the week of 16 September 2024 or 23 September 2024 to meet and discuss engagement updates. NexGen requested for the CNSC to provide several dates and times that would work for consideration.
12 September 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and informed that scheduling a meeting during the week of 16 September 2024 would not work. The CNSC proposed to meet on 23 September 2024 at 2:00 pm.
12 September 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and confirmed the proposed meeting date of 23 September 2024 would work. NexGen stated a meeting invite would be sent out.
23 September 2024	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with representatives from the CNSC to discuss engagement updates relating to NexGen's Project and the federal EA for the Project.

ACFN = Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation; BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ECCC = Environment and Climate Change Canada; IAAC = Impact Assessment Agency of Canada; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; FIRT = Federal-Indigenous Review Team; IKTLU = Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use; IR = information request; JWG = Joint Working Group; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2; SMGR = Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations; SMER = Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources; YNLR = Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources.

Table 2C-3: Environmental Assessment Technical Workshops and Communications

Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
21 January 2021	Video conference	ENV	NexGen and the ENV met for a technical workshop to discuss an overview of the air quality baseline program, air dispersion modelling assessment, and early-stage preliminary test results. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
27 January 2021	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met for a technical workshop to discuss an overview of the air quality baseline program, air dispersion modelling assessment, and early-stage preliminary test results. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
27 January 2021	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen met with the CNSC for a technical workshop to discuss the Project approach to mine waste and water management. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
2 February 2021	Video conference	ENV, WSA	NexGen, the ENV, and WSA met for a technical workshop to discuss the Project approach to mine waste and water management. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
25 February 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV, SHA	NexGen and the CNSC, ENV, and SHA met for a technical workshop to: ▪ review the process for selection of valued component and receptors for the EA; ▪ discuss how engagement has influenced valued component and receptor selection; and ▪ discuss the current list of valued components, receptors, and intermediate components. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
27 February 2021	Email, incoming	SHA	The SHA emailed NexGen to confirm if the basis of the EA would use the Saskatchewan First Nations Food, Nutrition and Environment Study values for the Boreal Shield area or the Boreal Plains. The SHA representative stated it would be good to be in contact to discuss some potential challenges with either of these or possible ways around those challenges.
1 March 2021	Email, outgoing	SHA	Representatives of NexGen emailed the SHA requesting a meeting to discuss assumptions for consumption values for country foods and provided clarifying information about the Traditional Foods component of their human receptors' diet.
2 March 2021	Email, incoming	SHA	The SHA emailed NexGen with their availability to meet. The SHA stated that they understood that the ENV and CNSC representatives were also interested in attending. The SHA provided additional information about consumption values for country foods.
9 March 2021	Email exchange	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen with information about country foods (specifically active gull colonies on Preston Lake) around the Project. NexGen emailed back thanking the ENV for the information.
10 March 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV, SHA	NexGen and the CNSC, ENV, and SHA met for a technical workshop and discussion following the 25 February 2021 meeting. The purpose of the workshop was to review the human receptors for the human health risk assessment for the Project and to review considerations for human health diet. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
24 March 2021	Email, outgoing	SHA	Representatives of NexGen emailed the SHA thanking them for participating in the follow-up meeting regarding the assumptions for the country foods consumption values from the First Nations Food, Nutrition and Environment Study that they will be applying to the Project. A clarification question about the SHA's value assumptions was posed.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
30 March 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen, the CNSC, and the ENV met for a technical workshop to: ▪ discuss the approach to the design and decision-making processes for tailings disposal and review how decisions have been driven by community feedback and a multiple accounts analysis process; ▪ illustrate technical details, site characterization, and early findings of the tailings disposal approach; and ▪ provide a basis for future conversations on the underground tailings management facility. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
23 April 2021	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met for a technical workshop to: ▪ discuss an overview of solute transport modelling, including a review of inputs and assumptions; and ▪ review inputs to, and assumptions for, source term development of waste rock storage areas, the mine, and the underground tailings management facility. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
30 April 2021	Video conference	ENV, SHA	NexGen, the ENV, and the SHA met for a technical workshop to: ▪ discuss an overview of solute transport modelling, including a review of inputs and assumptions; and ▪ review inputs to, and assumptions for, source term development of waste rock storage areas, the mine, and the underground tailings management facility. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
12 May 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV, SHA	NexGen, the CNSC, the ENV, and the SHA met to review comments related to species selection and diet consumption values developed for the human health risk assessment and presented in the 25 February 2021 technical workshop. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
14 May 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV, WSA	NexGen, the CNSC, the ENV, and the Saskatchewan WSA met for a technical workshop to: ▪ discuss an overview of site-wide water balance and water quality models, and nearfield and lake-wide water quality models; and ▪ review the proposed list of constituents of potential concern for the Project. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
27 May 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV, LRWS	NexGen, the CNSC, the ENV, and the LRWS met for a technical workshop to: ▪ review the transportation risk assessment; ▪ review the accidents and malfunctions assessment; and ▪ introduce the Occupational Health and Safety approach. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
14 June 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen, the CNSC, and the ENV met for a technical workshop to review the climate change assessment, including: ▪ climate change assessment overview; ▪ assessment of the Project on climate change; and ▪ assessment of climate change on the Project. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
29 June 2021	Video conference	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met for a technical workshop to discuss end land use, decommissioning, and reclamation for the Project, including: ▪ approach to decommissioning; ▪ approach to reclamation; and ▪ preliminary decommissioning and reclamation plan for each planning envelope. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
8 July 2021	Video conference	ENV	NexGen and the ENV met for a technical workshop to discuss end land use, decommissioning, and reclamation for the Project, including: ▪ approach to decommissioning; ▪ approach to reclamation; and ▪ preliminary decommissioning and reclamation plan for each planning envelope. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
20 July 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen, the CNSC, and the ENV met for a technical workshop to review the Environmental Risk Assessment, specifically the following: ▪ providing an overview of the approach; ▪ describing the Integrated Model for the Probabilistic Assessment of Contaminant Transport; and ▪ reviewing the constituents of potential concern. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
4 August 2021	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to provide a technical memorandum from Golder (now WSP Canada Inc.) documenting the use of a non-standard ambient background particulate value in conducting the air quality assessment in support of the Project's EA. NexGen stated that use of this approach was discussed and understood to be supported in principle by the ENV team, noting that the ENV highlighted that documentation of this approach would be expected to be reflected in the EIS submission. NexGen stated that in advance of the EIS, this technical memorandum has been developed to document the approach taken for the EIS, reflective of the 21 January 2021 discussions.
16 August 2021	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen with a clarification question about Golder's assumptions for air quality modelling.
17 August 2021	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV in response to the ENV's 16 August 2021 email. NexGen confirmed that 6.5 µg/m^3 is being used as the background concentration for 24-hour $PM_{2.5}$.
24 August 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV, SHA, WSA	NexGen, the CNSC, the ENV, the SHA and the Saskatchewan WSA met for a technical workshop to review the Environmental Risk Assessment, specifically the following: ▪ overview of the Environmental Risk Assessment approach; ▪ preliminary surface water quality results; ▪ toxicity assessment; and ▪ risk characterization. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
10 October 2021	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV, SHA	NexGen emailed the CNSC, ENV, and SHA with a memorandum that summarized the development of the Human Health Traditional Foods diet assumptions, Indigenous and community engagement (and how this informed the Traditional Foods assumptions), and further refinement of the assumptions based on discussions with the ENV, CNSC, and SHA.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
22 November 2021	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen, the CNSC, and the ENV met for a technical workshop to discuss the sources, pathways, and receptors for the Project by focusing on a set of key constituents of potential concern from the Arrow deposit, through to characterization, modelling, and assessment. Meeting minutes were subsequently provided, as were copies of the meeting presentation materials.
4 March 2022	Video conference	CNSC, ENV	NexGen, the CNSC, and the ENV met for a technical workshop to review the Accidents and Malfunctions Assessment, and discussed the following: ▪ overview of the approach; ▪ initial screening of scenarios; ▪ selection of bounding scenarios; and ▪ risk characterization of bounding scenarios.
19 July 2022	Video conference	CNSC, CRDN, DFO, MN-S, ENV, Health Canada, ECCC, Natural Resources Canada, Transport Canada	NexGen, the CNSC FIRT, and the ENV met for a technical workshop to: ▪ provide an overview of NexGen, the Project, and the EA process and next steps; and ▪ provide an overview of the Rook I EIS structure and content to the federal and provincial review team.
29 November 2022	In-person meeting	CNSC	NexGen and the CNSC met to discuss the process and convention for addressing information requests received from the CNSC FIRT on the Draft EIS and the next steps in the federal EA process, more broadly.
7 September 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC to follow up on a technical workshop held in Ottawa on 1 December 2022, and recently monthly Project licencing update meetings. NexGen provided a link to technical reports being submitted to the CNSC in support of licencing for the Project including Best Available Technology and Techniques Economically Achievable for Construction Phase Effluent Treatment, Environmental Release Targets for the Construction Phase Effluent Treatment Plant, Construction Phase Overburden and Cover Deposit Geochemical Source Terms, and Source Terms for Potentially Acid Generating Waste Rock Generated During the Construction Phase. NexGen noted that the reports were completed to align with the requirements outlined in REGDOC 2.9.2, Controlling Release to the Environment and with consideration for feedback provided by CNSC staff during a number of topic-specific technical workshops held since 2021.
11 September 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen to note that they had received NexGen's emailed related to the follow up on technical workshop held in Ottawa on 1 December 2022, and recent monthly Project licencing update meetings.
18 October 2023	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen regarding the Caribou Working Group Workshop scheduled on 30 October 2023 and confirmed the CNSC staff who would be attending the meeting in-person and virtually.
18 October 2023	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and thanked them for confirming who would be attending the Caribou Working Group Workshop scheduled on 30 October 2023 in-person and virtually. NexGen provided phone numbers for the CNSC staff who were attending in-person to call once they arrive for the meeting.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
30 October 2023	In-person meeting	BRDN, CRDN, CNSC, ECCC, ENV, MN-S NR2	NexGen met with the Project Woodland Caribou Working Group and the provincial and federal regulators for a workshop. Stantec presented the caribou offset options and gathered feedback to inform the draft CMOP for the Project.

BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; CMOP = Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; ECCC = Environment and Climate Change Canada; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; FIRT = Federal-Indigenous Review Team; LRWS = Saskatchewan Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2; $PM_{2.5}$ = particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 microns or less; $\mu g/m^3$ = micrograms per cubic metre; SHA = Saskatchewan Health Authority; WSA = Water Security Agency.

Table 2C-4: Other Regulatory Agency Engagement Activities

Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
5 April 2016	In-person meeting	Chipewyan Prairie Industry Relations Corporation, English River First Nation, Métis Local 130, Métis Nation of Alberta – Local 214, Northern Settlement of Descharme Lake, SMGR	NexGen organized an information session to share information about the Project with the Chipewyan Prairie Industry Relations Corporation, the English River First Nation, the Métis Local 130, the Métis Nation of Alberta – Local 214, the Northern Settlement of Descharme Lake community council, and the SMGR. NexGen introduced the Project and provided a summary of the work to date as well as an overview of the planned work to be completed in 2016. Community members raised concerns about the engagement and consultation processes to date. Additional discussions were focused on the safety of uranium mining, local employment and contracting, and traditional land use.
22 April 2020	Phone call, incoming	SHA	A doctor from the SHA telephoned NexGen to confirm how many persons were at the Rook I site and reviewed NexGen's current policies in place as it relates to the COVID-19 crisis in the northern communities. The doctor was happy with the initiative-taking management undertaken by the NexGen team and the mitigation measures put in place to date. The doctor confirmed that the Rook I exploration camp and NexGen are working very well, and they do not have any concerns, but NexGen should maintain the diligence NexGen has shown to date and keep records as NexGen has been doing.
23 April 2020	Email exchange	SHA	An SHA representative emailed NexGen requesting confirmation that all employees on site are required given the outbreak that they are experiencing in the La Loche / Clearwater Dene communities or if activities could be further curtailed. NexGen emailed back stating that they have the minimal crew on site to keep the camp on a care and maintenance mode. NexGen stated that upper management reviews this daily, and if there is a chance to reduce staff, NexGen will act immediately and have staff follow the travel procedures in place due to COVID-19.
14 August 2020	Email, incoming	SMER	The SMER emailed NexGen asking for updated numbers regarding average annual production, capital costs, construction employment, operational employment, and an estimated start date.
19 August 2020	Email, outgoing	SMER	NexGen emailed the SMER the updated numbers requested in the SMER's 14 August 2020 email.
3 September 2021	Email, outgoing	CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the CNSC and ENV and invited them to participate in the planned community information sessions for the Project. NexGen provided information about the timeline and what the community information sessions would entail.
9 September 2021	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen thanking them for the invite to attend the community information sessions. The CNSC stated that due to COVID-19 pandemic travel restrictions and COVID-19 cases in Saskatchewan, Uranium Mines and Mills Division personnel will not be able to attend.
5 October 2021	In-person meeting	SMHI	NexGen attended the North-Northwest Transportation Planning Committee. Discussions at the meeting included the SMHI contract procurement process for highway maintenance opportunities for northern communities; a roundtable review of transportation infrastructure in member communities' respective area; and letters of support for the SMHI's Highway 155 project submission to the federal government. NexGen presented

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
			an update on the Project including an overview of the proposed Project components and activities, Project schedule, and worker and transportation needs.
25 October 2021	Email, outgoing	CNSC, SES	NexGen emailed the SES and acknowledged receipt of their letter dated 14 September 2021 with respect to the Project. NexGen sought to confirm that the letter from the SES was indicative of the SES participating in the CNSC public review process of the Project's EIS and noted that, accordingly, a CNSC employee had been copied in the email. NexGen noted that if the assumption was correct, that a call could be scheduled to complete introductions and have further discussions.
5 November 2021	Video conference	CNSC, SES	NexGen met with the SES and CNSC to follow up on the letter received by the SES on 14 September 2021. The SES confirmed their interest in participating in the CNSC public review of the EIS and that they had received funding via the CNSC Participant Funding Program to do so. NexGen provided an update on timing of the submission of the EIS, and the CNSC provided a summary overview of the EIS review timelines. NexGen offered the opportunity for a remote or in-person meeting with the SES to further discuss the Project or the EIS and extended the invitation for a site tour, if interested.
5 November 2021	Email, outgoing	CNSC, SES	NexGen emailed the SES to thank them for meeting with NexGen and the CNSC and extended an invitation to learn more about the Project via video meeting or in-person and offered to coordinate a site tour, if interested.
9 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NSEQC, SMGR	NexGen emailed the SMGR and NSEQC and advised of the EIS submission to the CNSC and ENV that is scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022.
9 November 2021	Email, incoming	NSEQC, SMGR	The SMGR and NSEQC emailed NexGen and requested notification upon completion of the EIS, as well as a copy of the EIS for review. The SMGR and the NSEQC Manager added that they would like to include NexGen on the agenda at the next NSEQC meeting in early 2022.
9 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NSEQC, SMGR	NexGen emailed the SMGR and NSEQC and advised that the SMGR and NSEQC would be kept informed of the submission of the EIS and any other related information.
13 December 2021	In-person meeting	SMHI	NexGen attended the North-Northwest Transportation Planning Committee. Discussions at the meeting included planned highway and bridge upgrades, submissions to the SMHI regarding upgrades to the northwest transportation corridor, and roundtable review of transportation infrastructure in member communities' respective areas. The SMHI communicated that there is an application process for funding of transportation capital projects.
6 January 2022	Email, outgoing	ENV, Forest Lake Outfitters	NexGen emailed Forest Lake Outfitters and the ENV and formally acknowledged that the previously received request had been followed up on via a meeting between Forest Lake Outfitters and NexGen on 30 November 2021.
18 January 2022	Email, outgoing	CNSC, SES	NexGen emailed the SES and followed up on a previous email sent on 5 November 2021, where NexGen extended an invitation for a call or site tour to learn more about NexGen or the Project.
2 March 2022	Video conference	CNSC, NSEQC, SMGR	NexGen presented at the Spring 2022 NSEQC meeting. NexGen's presentation included: ▪ an overview of NexGen; ▪ an overview of the Project; and ▪ a Project status update, including the EA. Following the presentations, questions were focused on the underground tailings management facility, mining methods, and continued engagement.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
11 April 2022	In-person meeting	SMHI	NexGen attended a North-Northwest Transportation Planning Committee meeting.
12 May 2022	Video conference	SaskWater	NexGen met with SaskWater to provide an overview of the Project and discuss the status of regional waste management initiatives planned in the province's northwest and opportunities for NexGen to participate in the planning process for proposed landfill facilities in the region.
24 May 2022	Email, outgoing	SaskWater	NexGen emailed SaskWater, thanking them for the introductory call on 12 May 2022. NexGen provided the presentation slides from that meeting for their reference.
31 May 2022	Email, incoming	NSEQC, SMGR	The NSEQC emailed NexGen and provided the attached draft agenda for the upcoming June 2022 NSEQC meeting. The NSEQC requested for NexGen to review the allotted presentation time and advise if any changes were required. The NSEQC indicated that any changes must be submitted by 2 June 2022 and requested for a copy of the presentation by 3 June 2022.
31 May 2022	Email, incoming	SES, CNSC, ENV	The SES emailed NexGen and requested an update on the Draft EIS document and asked if it had been submitted to the CNSC.
31 May 2022	Email, outgoing	SES, CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the SES and advised the Draft EIS document was complete and all supporting documentation and EIS have been submitted. NexGen informed that formal cover letters confirming the submission would follow and the team looked forward to the commencement of the CNSC conformance check and the ENV technical review. NexGen noted that a site visit in-person or virtually for an overview of the Project could be arranged.
1 June 2022	Email, incoming	NSEQC, SMGR	The NSEQC and NexGen exchanged e-mails regarding scheduling of NexGen's presentation to the NSEQC on 9 June 2022.
3 June 2022	Email, incoming	NSEQC, SMGR	The NSEQC and NexGen exchanged e-mails regarding the final agenda and presentation for the upcoming General Meeting on 9 June 2022.
6 June 2022	Email, incoming	SES, CNSC, ENV	The SES emailed NexGen regarding the offer to meet or to tour and advised that SES preferred to wait until the EIS has been received. The SES indicated that the CNSC had previously noted that the EIS would probably be available in May 2022 and inquired if NexGen felt that it would be more realistic to aim for a September 2022 to review the documents.
9 June 2022	In-person meeting	NSEQC, CNSC, ENV, SHA, SMGR	NexGen presented at the Spring 2022 NSEQC General Meeting on the following topics: ▪ Project overview; ▪ Project status update and the EA; ▪ engagement including Study Agreements and Benefit Agreements; ▪ business development; and ▪ training and employment planning.
15 June 2022	Email, outgoing	SES, CNSC, ENV	NexGen emailed the SES and agreed that a potential meeting could be scheduled after the SES team has had a chance to start review of the Draft EIS. NexGen confirmed that it took more time completing the submission to the CNSC and ENV, and that NexGen completed the final uploads in late May 2022.
15 June 2022	Email, outgoing	NSEQC, SMGR	NexGen emailed the NSEQC and informed that the CNSC has completed its conformity review of NexGen's Draft EIS for the Project. NexGen advised that the CNSC would accept comments on the Draft EIS during a 90-day public comment period which provides Indigenous nations and communities, members of the public, and government department and agencies an opportunity to submit their views in writing to the CNSC on the information presented in the Draft EIS. NexGen indicated that the CNSC has requested that all written

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
			comments be submitted by 12 October 2022 and provided the website address where the CNSC public comment process for the Project could be found. NexGen noted they looked forward to continued engagement throughout the lifespan of the Project, and invited the NSEQC to contact NexGen if there were any questions.
20 June 2022	Site Tour	CNSC	NexGen hosted the CNSC for a tour of the Rook I site to familiarize CNSC staff with the Project setting and characteristics to aid in their review of the Draft EIS and licence application.
18 July 2022	In-person meeting	SMHI	NexGen attended a North-Northwest Transportation Planning Committee meeting.
19 July 2022	Video conference	CNSC, CRDN, DFO, MN-S, ENV, Health Canada, ECCC, Natural Resources Canada, Transport Canada	NexGen, the CNSC FIRT, and the ENV met for a technical workshop to: ▪ provide an overview of NexGen, the Project, and the EA process and next steps; and ▪ provide an overview of the Rook I EIS structure and content to the federal and provincial review team.
18 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NSEQC, SMGR	NexGen emailed NSEQC to inquire if there were upcoming NSEQC meetings that NexGen could participate in. NexGen also followed up on the previous notification of the Draft EIS and the start of the 90-day public review period and invited the NSEQC to reach out if there were any questions, comments, or if any additional information was required.
18 August 2022	Email, incoming	NSEQC, SMGR	The NSEQC emailed NexGen and advised that the NSEQC term expired on 22 June 2022 and a new Order in Council should be in place by the end of September 2022 or as late as end of October 2022. The NSEQC indicated that there were no meetings currently scheduled and that NexGen would be informed when the new committee has been approved. The NSEQC also noted that there have been no follow-ups received from the last NSEQC group about NexGen's Draft EIS.
18 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NSEQC, SMGR	NexGen emailed the NSEQC acknowledging the update regarding the NSEQC term.
20 October 2022	In-person meeting	GR, SMAE	NexGen met with Saskatchewan Provincial Ministers, Ministerial Staff, and Members of the Legislative Assembly to discuss opportunities for future employment and training that will be available throughout the various phases of the Project.
27 October 2022	Phone call, incoming	SaskWater	SaskWater contacted NexGen to provide an update on the status of the regional waste management initiatives planned in the province's northwest.
31 October 2022	Email, outgoing	SMAE	NexGen emailed the Minister of SMAE and expressed thanks for the meeting held on 20 October 2022 to discuss NexGen's initiatives to maximize benefits throughout the local priority area. NexGen requested for a follow-up meeting to discuss a collaboration strategy to maximize the benefits of the programs.
31 October 2022	Email exchange	SMAE	NexGen exchanged emails with the SMAE regarding NexGen's request for a follow-up collaboration strategy meeting. SMAE advised the request would be discussed with the Minister for consideration and that NexGen would be contacted with availability.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
7 December 2022	Email exchange	LRWS	NexGen emailed LRWS to request confirmation that LRWS received the updated Rook I Health and Safety Program and related documents sent on 23 November 2022. LRWS emailed back confirming that they received the documents and think that they are reflective of discussions to date and LRWS recommendations but noted that their inputs do not constitute formal approval of the documents.
16 December 2022	Email, incoming	NSEQC, SMGR	The NSEQC emailed NexGen to provide an update on the status of the NSEQC and noted that they were still in the process of collecting criminal record checks for the Ministers Order. The NSEQC informed NexGen that the process would continue into 2023 and that the numbers would be reviewed in the New Year. The NSEQC indicated that NexGen could reach out if there were any questions.
16 December 2022	Email, outgoing	NSEQC, SMGR	NexGen emailed the NSEQC to thank the NSEQC for providing an update on the status of the NSEQC. NexGen stated they looked forward to hearing back from the NSEQC in 2023 and invited the NSEQC to reach out if there were any questions or updates required from NexGen in the interim.
15 February 2023	Email, incoming	NSEQC, SMGR	The manager of the NSEQC emailed NexGen to advise that the manager of the NSEQC has accepted a new position outside of the NSEQC and that the week of 13 February 2023 would be their last week. The manager of the NSEQC stated that the NSEQC would remain inactive while they awaited the approval of the Ministers Order and informed NexGen of who to contact for future updates.
27 June 2023	Video conference	SMGR	NexGen met with the SMGR to discuss the process for negotiating and ratifying a Mineral Surface Lease Agreement for the Project.
27 June 2023	Email, outgoing	SMGR	NexGen emailed the ENV to provide a follow-up on a meeting held earlier the same day (27 June 2023) regarding the Mineral Surface Lease Agreement. NexGen thanked the ENV for the discussion and attached the presentation deck provided in the meeting. NexGen also provided an outline of overall objectives of the meeting and next steps.
19 July 2023	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC exchanged emails with NexGen to provide the 2022/2023 year-end adjustment details. NexGen thanked CNSC for the information and confirmed the information received.
20 September 2023	Email exchange	ENV, LRWS, SMGR	NexGen and the ENV exchanged emails related to the Initial Application for an Approval to Construct a Pollutant Control Facility. NexGen thanked the ENV for meeting with them on 18 September 2023 to discuss the initial application and the phased approach to provincial applications, and attached the documents for review. NexGen noted that they looked forward to receiving feedback on the submission and the ENV confirmed receipt, thanking them for the information.
20 September 2023	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen to note that they had received NexGen's submission of 'Mining, Construct, Install, Alter, or Extend a Pollutant Control Facility' and has forwarded it to the applicable Ministry branch for review. The ENV noted that they would contact NexGen if additional information was required and notify when the approval process for the submission was complete.

Table 2C-4: Other Regulatory Agency Engagement Activities

Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
25 September 2023	Email exchange	ENV	NexGen and the ENV exchanged emails related to the submission of the Construct, Install, Alter, or Extend a Pollutant Control Facility documents. NexGen provided additional documentation to support the submission to the ENV including the Rook I Project – Best Available Technology and Techniques Economically Achievable for Construction Phase Effluent Treatment, Rook I Project – Environmental Release Targets for the Construction Phase Effluent Treatment Plant, Rook I Project – Construction Phase Overburden and Cover Deposit Geochemical Source Terms, and Rook I Project – Source Terms for Potentially Acid Generating Waste Rock Generated During the Construction Phase. NexGen noted that the documents were completed to align with the requirements outlined in REGDOC 2.9.2, Controlling Release to the Environment and feedback provided by the CNSC staff. NexGen also noted that they had also included the final CNSC comments to NexGen responses on the effluent and Emissions Plan and the Environmental Monitoring Plan and that the CNSC had no outstanding comments on the Environmental Monitoring Plan.
20 November 2023	Email, incoming	SMGR	The SMGR emailed NexGen an attachment of the Appendix related to the commitments requested of uranium mines. SMGR advised as per their discussion they will be working on the Mineral Surface Lease Agreement template and obtain feedback from their Community Planning Branch.
21 November 2023	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV to advise that they will be hosting a technical workshop with the CNSC staff next Thursday, November 30 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ET (8:00 to 11:00 am CST) to provide an update on the Mine Waste Safety Case developed in accordance with requirements outlined in REGDOC 2.11.1, Waste Management, Volume III: Safety Case for the Disposal of Radioactive Waste, Version 2 and the Adaptive Management Plan for the potentially acid generating waste rock storage area. NexGen suggested that NexGen and the ENV discuss the CNSC Licensing process for uranium mines and mills later in the week.
20 December 2023	Letter, incoming	BNDN, BRDN, CNSC, CRDN, ECCC, ENV, IAAC, MN-S	The CNSC emailed NexGen and attached a letter regarding a CNSC staff request for information related to the current work ongoing at the Rook I site.
5 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	BNDN, BRDN, CNSC, CRDN, ECCC, ENV, IAAC, MN-S	NexGen emailed the CNSC and copied the IAAC, ECCC, the CRDN, the MN-S, the BNDN, and the BRDN, providing a letter in response to the CNSC's 20 December 2023 letter. The letter confirmed several points from the CNSC letter regarding regulatory planning and activities and provided a summary of NexGen's engagement activities with Indigenous Nations and regulatory agencies. NexGen provided responses to each of the information requests from the CNSC's letter.
16 January 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, ECCC, ENV, IAAC, SMER	The ENV copied NexGen in an email correspondence to the CNSC providing a letter confirming that the ENV had no further concerns with the activities on the Rook I Project site as it relates to the conditions of the provincial EA or the items raised in the correspondence from the ENV on 13 December 2023 and the CNSC on 20 December 2023.
26 January 2024	Email, incoming	ECCC	The ECCC emailed NexGen with follow-up questions about the Rook I Project site and a request for additional maps.

Table 2C-4: Other Regulatory Agency Engagement Activities

Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
5 February 2024	Email, outgoing	ECCC	NexGen emailed ECCC in response to ECCC's 26 January 2024 email regarding questions about the Rook I Project site. NexGen stated that they can provide the requested information by 23 February 2024.
8 February 2024	In-person / face-to-face	SMTED, SMHI	NexGen attended a North-Northwest Transportation Planning Committee meeting. Key topics included a discussion of the new gravel stockpile that was developed six miles south of La Loche at the corner of Highway 155 and Highway 956 and the concern related to the number of gravel trucks on the road. It was discussed that the gravel would be used for spot improvements along Highway 155 between Buffalo Narrows and La Loche. NexGen provided a presentation and the SMHI inquired as to what NexGen's plan was for the overburden as the drill digs down to the ore. NexGen responded that the information would be looked into and provided back to the SMHI.
8 February 2024	Email, outgoing	SMTED, SMHI	NexGen emailed the SMTED and the SMHI providing the presentation requested.
8 February 2024	Email, outgoing	SMTED, SMHI	NexGen emailed the SMTED and the SMHI and advised that the previous presentation sent was a blank copy. NexGen attached the correct presentation for review.
12 February 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, ECCC, IAAC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and copied the IAAC and ECCC, providing a letter in response to NexGen's 5 January 2024 letter to the CNSC that responded to the CNSC staff's requests for information. The letter indicated that there would be correspondence to follow requesting some additional information.
23 February 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC, ECCC	The CNSC emailed NexGen a letter, copying ECCC, regarding the pausing of the 24-month time period for Commission Decision on Application to Prepare Site and Construct a Uranium Mine and Mill. The letter stated that the 24-month time period is being paused due to the current status of the Project EA review. The CNSC stated that their staff continues to work on both environmental assessment and licensing aspects of NexGen's file as a matter of priority
23 February 2024	Email, outgoing	ECCC	NexGen emailed ECCC providing the additional information requested by the CNSC's 26 January 2024 email following ECCC's visit to the Project site on 16 January 2024. NexGen stated that the information provided is specific to current activities on the Rook I site, which support the regional exploration program as well as environmental baseline and monitoring and field investigation programs to inform Project design.
19 April 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC and confirmed the dates and venues for the community information sessions from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024. NexGen included the schedule of the sessions and welcomed the CNSC to participate in the event.
19 April 2024	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV and confirmed the dates and venues for the community information sessions from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024. NexGen included the schedule of the sessions and welcomed the ENV to participate in the event.
19 April 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and informed that CNSC staff would be participating in the upcoming NexGen community information sessions from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024. The CNSC noted that the list of participants attending the event as well as any follow-up questions would be provided. The CNSC indicated they would be reaching out to NexGen to arrange a call to discuss in the coming weeks.
22 April 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen regarding the upcoming NexGen community information sessions from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024 and stated that CNSC would be finalizing the number of CNSC staff attending the event as well as looking into accommodations.
22 April 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC acknowledging that the CNSC would be attending the upcoming NexGen community information sessions from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024.

Table 2C-4: Other Regulatory Agency Engagement Activities

Communication Date	Communication Method	Audience	Communication Summary
1 May 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for the additional information related to the NexGen community information sessions from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024. The CNSC confirmed the names of the staff attending as requested and expressed the CNSC's hope the high schools in the communities would be able to participate in the event.
1 May 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC acknowledging the number of CNSC staff attending the NexGen community information sessions from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024 and requested for the names and departments of the attendees. NexGen noted there would be a table provided to the CNSC and indicated that meals would be available throughout each session. NexGen informed that the local training institutes were also planning to attend the sessions to share information related to course offerings and programs. NexGen also indicated that the event invitation has been extended to the schools in each community.
1 May 2024	Email, outgoing	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV and inquired if the ENV was interested in participating in the NexGen community information sessions from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024. NexGen informed that the CNSC and the local training institutes were planning on attending the event.
1 May 2024	Email, outgoing	CNSC	NexGen emailed the CNSC regarding the NexGen community information sessions from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024 and expressed looking forward to seeing the CNSC at the event. NexGen noted that any additional updates would be shared with the CNSC.
1 May 2024	Email, incoming	CNSC	The CNSC emailed NexGen and informed of the number of CNSC staff that would be attending the NexGen community information sessions from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024. The CNSC indicated a table would be required for booth materials during the sessions and inquired if lunches would be provided.
2 May 2024	Email, incoming	ENV	The ENV emailed NexGen regarding the invitation to the community information sessions from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024 and advised that the ENV would be unable to attend. The ENV requested for NexGen to reach out if there was any follow-up required for the ministry following the sessions.
3 May 2024	Email, incoming	ENV	NexGen emailed the ENV and acknowledged that the ENV would be unable to attend the community information sessions from 28 May 2024 to 30 May 2024. NexGen informed that the ENV would be contacted if there were any follow-up items to discuss.
23 July 2024	Email exchange	CNSC	The CNSC and NexGen exchanged emails regarding annual planning. The CNSC provided CNSC's request for annual planning information for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and NexGen confirmed receipt.

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; ECCC = Environment and Climate Change Canada; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; IAAC = Impact Assessment Agency of Canada; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; FIRT = Federal-Indigenous Review Team; SMGR = Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations; LRWS = Saskatchewan Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety; NSEQC = Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee; SES = Saskatchewan Environmental Society; SHA = Saskatchewan Health Authority; SMAE = Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education; SMER = Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources; SMGR = Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations; SMHI = Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways; SMTED = Saskatchewan Ministry of Trade and Export Development; CST = Central Standard Time; BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation.

Appendix 2D Summary of Public Engagement Activities

Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
BNDN	Birch Narrows Dene Nation
BNEDC	Buffalo Narrows Economic Development Corporation
CNSC	Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
CRDN	Clearwater River Dene Nation
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ENV	Saskatchewan Ministry of the Environment
FLO	Forest Lake Outfitters
GDI	Gabriel Dumont Institute
LPA	local priority area
MLTC	Meadow Lake Tribal Council
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
MN-S NR 2	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2
N-19	N-19 Trappers Association
NexGen	NexGen Energy Ltd.
NSDL	Northern Settlement of Descharme Lake
NSEQC	Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee
NVBN	Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows
NVLL	Northern Village of La Loche
Project	Rook I Project
SES	Saskatchewan Environmental Society
SIIT	Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies
SMGR	Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations

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Table 2D-1: Northern Settlement of Descharme Lake

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
14 February 2016	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent the NSDL a notification letter stating that NexGen had applied for permits from the ENV to complete an all-season access road from Highway 955 to the proposed Project site.
6 March 2016	In-person meeting	The NSDL held a meeting to discuss the letter from NexGen dated 14 February 2016 regarding a permit application to construct an access road from Highway 955. The NSDL expressed interest in supporting and working with a preferred contractor for the purpose of contractual and labour market opportunities. The NSDL responded to NexGen's letter to express interest in receiving more information about exploration activities and an overview of the Project.
5 April 2016	In-person meeting	NexGen organized an information session to share information about the Project with the NSDL community council. NexGen introduced the Project and provided a summary of the work to date as well as an overview of the planned work to be completed in 2016. Community council members raised concerns about the engagement and consultation processes to date. Additional discussions were focused on the safety of uranium mining, local employment and contracting, and traditional land use.
6 April 2016	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent the NSDL a letter thanking them for meeting on 5 April 2016. NexGen responded to the concerns regarding engagement and consultation that were expressed at the meeting and noted their commitment to continuing engagement activities with the NSDL.
29 April 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the NSDL to present an overview of the information included in the Project Description, including: ▪ regulatory framework; ▪ Project information; ▪ existing environment; ▪ environmental interactions; and ▪ engagement.
3 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to the NSDL to provide a formal notification of the commencement of the EA process for the Project.
25 November 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the NSDL to review and discuss the activities planned for 2020 on the Rook I property, Project information, and current and future business opportunities.
11 September 2020	Letter, incoming	The NSDL sent NexGen a letter indicating interest in the Project and desire to continue to be involved.
29 September 2020	Letter, outgoing	NexGen responded to the letter of interest received on 11 September 2020 from the NSDL and stated that NexGen remains committed to meaningful engagement and continued dialogue with the NSDL regarding the Project. NexGen provided an update on the anticipated EIS submission date and established their dedication to working with communities to confirm opportunities from the Project are delivered through local employment and business opportunities.
6 November 2020	Letter, incoming	The NSDL sent NexGen a letter to state concerns and ask questions about the Project and to request funding to support engagement efforts. The NSDL stated their interest to understand and work with NexGen in a meaningful way on a long-term basis.
9 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NSDL and provided an update on NexGen's timing for submission of the EIS to the CNSC and the ENV. NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.
10 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NSDL, providing the monthly report delivered on the local radio stations to share updates on the Project EA, community engagement, business and contracting, employment and training, and Rook I site activities.

Table 2D-1: Northern Settlement of Descharme Lake

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
3 April 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with members of the NSDL to provide an update on the provincial and federal approvals processes for the Project, community programs, and education and training initiatives.
13 September 2024	Letter, outgoing	Following up on a request received from the Chairman of the NSDL during a May 2024 community information session, NexGen emailed the Chairman of the NSDL and provided information regarding possible requirements for permitting a gas bar development near Descharme Lake. NexGen emphasized the information was not a formal assessment of all required permitting steps and was also not a commitment from NexGen to develop or participate in the development of the initiative. NexGen confirmed availability between 20 September 2024 and 24 September 2024 to discuss further if needed.

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; NSDL = Northern Settlement of Descharme Lake; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment.

Table 2D-2: Northern Village of La Loche

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
18 May 2013	In-person meeting	Introduction of NexGen to the NVLL. Discussions were focused on employment opportunities, drilling methods, and planning for additional meetings.
25 August 2015	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the NVLL to share an update on the summer exploration program and the proposed winter drilling program. Additional discussions were focused on employment, contracting opportunities, engagement, and community involvement, and NexGen's plans for the Project.
14 January 2016	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the NVLL to discuss the 2016 drilling program at the Rook I property and the near-term plans including environmental baseline studies and upgrading the existing site access road. NexGen and the NVLL also discussed employment and contracting opportunities.
15 March 2016	In-person meeting	NexGen provided an update on the winter 2016 drilling program to the NVLL and discussed the other upcoming programs scheduled for 2016, including a proposed summer student program. NexGen also shared an update about the proposed Rook I property access road and bridge. Other discussions focused on local employment, contracting, and training. The NVLL asked NexGen about the Project infrastructure and employment requirements, to which NexGen replied that no decisions had been made regarding mine and infrastructure designs at this time.
27 January 2017	Email exchange	In response to a request from NexGen to meet, the NVLL confirmed a meeting on 23 February 2017 for an update presentation and stated that a site tour would be requested. NexGen responded that they would be pleased to accommodate the meeting and a site tour.
27 February 2017	In-person meeting	NexGen provided an update presentation to the NVLL on exploration and Project development activities, including: ▪ overview and history of the Arrow deposit; ▪ highlights of metallurgical work; ▪ conceptual Project design; ▪ update on studies planned to support a future EA; and ▪ proposed 2017 activities including baseline studies and engagement planning.
26 April 2017	In-person meeting	NexGen provided a tour of the Rook I site for members of the NVLL Council and members of a local construction company. A ground tour of the Rook I exploration camp and core processing facilities was completed, and a helicopter tour of the proposed Project site was also completed. Positive feedback was provided by the tour members of the NVLL regarding the cleanliness, minimal surface disruption, and recreational opportunities provided at site.
6 September 2017	Email, incoming	The NVLL, the MN-S NR2, the Métis Local #39, and the CRDN emailed NexGen an attached letter requesting an informal meeting to discuss upcoming issues in the uranium exploration industry and each organization's expectations and concerns. A meeting date of 12 October 2017 in Saskatoon was proposed.
12 October 2017	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the NVLL, MN-S NR2, Métis Local #39, and CRDN in Saskatoon to discuss the uranium exploration industry. Consultation and engagement were discussed, as well as economic opportunities and partnerships. The meeting identified the close ties between the NVLL, Métis Local #39, MN-S NR2, and CRDN and that they, collectively, want to confirm that La Loche and the CRDN are considered for economic opportunities that arise from NexGen's exploration and Project development activities.
23 January 2018	In-person meeting	NexGen shared a presentation with the NVLL outlining the work completed to date at the Rook I site and what work will be occurring in 2018. The NVLL was supportive of the Breakfast Club Program and summer student program initiatives. NexGen reported that since last meeting with the NVLL, the catering company at Rook I had employed eight new employees from La Loche and the surrounding area. The NVLL requested that NexGen advertises the initiatives over the local radio and cable channel to keep community members informed.

Table 2D-2: Northern Village of La Loche

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
5 December 2018	In-person meeting	NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities to the NVLL, including: ▪ NexGen introduction and overview; ▪ description of the Project and Arrow deposit; ▪ Preliminary Economic Assessment highlights and summary of Pre-Feasibility Study results; ▪ environmental baseline summary; and ▪ community commitment to training and procurement.
29 April 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the NVLL to present an overview of the information included in the Project Description, including: ▪ regulatory framework; ▪ Project information; ▪ existing environment; ▪ environmental interactions; and ▪ engagement.
3 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to the NVLL to provide formal notification of the commencement of the EA process for the Project.
4 June 2019	Email, outgoing	NexGen sent an invitation letter to a meeting on 18 June 2019 to: ▪ further define the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a Joint Working Group; ▪ collaboratively define the Terms of Reference and requirements necessary to complete an Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Study in the area around the Project; ▪ collaboratively undertake a Traditional Foods Study; ▪ develop a protocol to address and protect the proprietary nature of the information collected and its use by NexGen in the EA and related regulatory processes; and ▪ discuss the framework and timeline for a Benefit Agreement. NexGen informed the CRDN that a representative from both the NVLL and MN-S NR2 have also been invited to attend. NexGen acknowledged that the NVLL is not a rights-bearing Indigenous community and that the CRDN and MN-S NR2 are two distinct and separate Indigenous Groups but that for transparency on information shared, all are being invited to meet collectively.
18 June 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the MN-S and NVLL to introduce the Study Agreement with the MN-S that includes capacity funding for a Joint Working Group, Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Study, Community Coordinator, and dietary study.
13 March 2020	Letter, incoming	The NVLL sent NexGen a letter on 13 March 2020 to request a meeting with NexGen regarding a Benefit Agreement with the NVLL.
29 April 2020	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to the NVLL in response to the letter dated 13 March 2020. NexGen stated that they welcome a meeting, once COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, to discuss opportunities with the NVLL. NexGen stated that current Benefit Agreement negotiations are with rights-bearing communities to address Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.
1 September 2020	Video conference	NexGen and the NVLL met to discuss the positive work that the NVLL was completing to manage the pandemic. The NVLL expressed appreciation to NexGen for the community support during the COVID-19 pandemic.
28 January 2021	Phone call, incoming	The NVLL called NexGen and requested a virtual meeting with the new Mayor and town council. NexGen agreed to meet with the NVLL in early February 2021. The NVLL inquired about Benefit Agreements and NexGen replied that they will continue to support communities like the NVLL through initiatives such as the Breakfast Club of Canada, Canada Day celebrations, and the La Loche Sport, Recreation, and Culture programs.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
25 February 2021	Video conference	NexGen and the NVLL met and discussed: ▪ NexGen overview and the Project; ▪ Project update; and ▪ proposed 2021 field program. A roundtable discussion was also completed.
24 June 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NVLL and thanked them for meeting to review the COVID-19 protocols for the summer program. NexGen requested confirmation of the contact information of a specific NVLL team member. NexGen proposed to meet with the NVLL on 7 July 2021 in La Loche.
6 July 2021	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the NVLL to discuss: ▪ vaccine uptake in area; ▪ the new elementary school being built and NexGen's contribution; ▪ the Project and Project procurement; and ▪ Benefit Agreements with Indigenous communities in relation to the Project and general discussion about a potential path forward for engagement between the NVLL and NexGen.
9 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NVLL and provided an update on NexGen's timing for submission of the EIS to the CNSC and ENV. NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.
19 November 2021	In-person meeting	NexGen hosted a meeting with leadership from local communities (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S, MN-S NR2, and La Loche) to discuss the Project training plan being advanced with training service providers (i.e., Northlands College, the GDI, the SIIT, and the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission). Discussion was held around the challenges faced by local community members in pursuing post-secondary education or training (e.g., lack of resources in community, lack of access to computers/internet, lack of knowledge of potential careers, childcare and financial barriers for adult workers, lack of delivery of training in communities).
2 May 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the May 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
16 May 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the May 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ a NexGen scholarship update; ▪ an introduction to a new NexGen team member; ▪ an update on the completed 2021 Rook I Field Program; ▪ information on Project jobs and opportunities; ▪ updates on Project advancement; ▪ contact information to learn more about the Project; and ▪ a word search.
6 June 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the June 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
22 June 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session in La Loche to: ▪ update local communities on the Project and inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project; ▪ answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the Draft EIS submitted to the provincial and federal regulators; and ▪ provide information about the Draft EIS regulatory review process and how members of the LPA can be involved in the review.
4 July 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the July 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
15 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NVLL and informed that the CNSC has completed its conformity review of NexGen's Draft EIS for the Project. NexGen advised that the CNSC would accept comments on the Draft EIS during a 90-day public comment period which provides Indigenous nations and communities, members of the public, and government department and agencies an opportunity to submit their views in writing to the CNSC on the information presented in the Draft EIS. NexGen indicated that the CNSC has requested that all written comments be submitted by 12 October 2022 and provided the website address where the CNSC public comment process for the Project could be found. NexGen noted they looked forward to continued engagement throughout the lifespan of the Project and invited the NVLL to contact NexGen if there were any questions.
2 August 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the August 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
22 August 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the August 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the current Rook I site activities; ▪ a permitting status and update for the Project; ▪ information on the regulatory process for Project EA; ▪ a summary of how engagement activities informed the EA for the Project; and ▪ NexGen community program updates.
6 September 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the September 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
4 October 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the October 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
11 October 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the October 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the 2022 summer student and scholarship programs; ▪ a summary of the June 2022 community information sessions; ▪ a Project status update; ▪ an introduction to the Project website; and ▪ an update on education, training, and employment initiatives.
21 October 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the NVLL Mayor and Council and presented the results of the EA for the Project.
21 October 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NVLL and provided the presentation from the meeting held on 21 October 2022. NexGen thanked the NVLL for attending the meeting to review the Draft EIS.
1 November 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the November 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
15 November 2022	Email, incoming	NexGen received an email from the NVLL requesting the expense claim information and a copy of the presentation from the meeting held on 21 October 2022.
16 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NVLL and attached a spreadsheet of the meeting reimbursement amounts for the meeting held on 21 October 2022 in response to the NVLL's 14 November 2022 email. NexGen requested the NVLL to provide an invoice based on the spreadsheet provided.
6 December 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the December 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
22 December 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the December 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the education and training initiatives; ▪ an update on environmental monitoring programs; ▪ a summary of community updates and initiatives; ▪ a Project status update; and ▪ a Christmas message.
10 January 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the January 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
14 February 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the February 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
14 March 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the March 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
5 April 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen provided an engagement update letter to share updates on the status of EA approvals for the Project, recent engagement activities, and planned engagement activities.
14 April 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the April 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
21 April 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the April 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the education and training initiatives; ▪ regulatory process updates for the Project; and ▪ a summary of community engagement updates.
2 May 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the May 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
6 June 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the June 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
9 June 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed to provide an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
9 June 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the April 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ information about the upcoming June 2023 community information sessions; ▪ education, training, and employment updates; and ▪ a summary of community updates and initiatives.
13 June 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session in La Loche to: ▪ disseminate detailed information to local communities about the proposed activities at the Rook I site; ▪ address questions and receive and consider feedback specific to the EA and Project; ▪ provide information about and clarify the EA process; and ▪ introduce NexGen and the Project to a wider audience.

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4 July 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the July 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
8 August 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the August 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
1 September 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed to provide an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
3 October 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the October 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
9 November 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the April 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ a summary of the June 2023 community information sessions; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
5 December 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the December 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
9 January 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the January 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
10 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVLL, providing the monthly report delivered on the local radio stations to share updates on the Project EA, community engagement, business and contracting, employment and training, and Rook I site activities.

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31 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVLL and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
6 February 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the February 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
27 February 2024	Email, incoming	The Mayor of the NVLL emailed NexGen and requested a meeting to discuss the community engagement between the NVLL and NexGen. The Mayor requested that NexGen propose several dates for consideration.
5 March 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the March 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVLL and provided the results of the CNSC FIRT review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen also included a link to the results on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project. NexGen informed the Mayor of the NVLL that the comments from the FIRT technical review were being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments.
14 March 2024	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the March 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
22 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVLL and informed that NexGen was planning to be in the area. NexGen inquired if the Mayor of the NVLL would be available to meet on 3 April 2024 at 10:00 am.
26 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVLL as a follow up to NexGen's 22 March 2024 email and inquired if the Mayor of the NVLL would be available to meet on 3 April 2024.
27 March 2024	Email, incoming	The Mayor of the NVLL emailed NexGen and confirmed availability during the week of 1 April 2024 for NexGen to stop by. The Mayor of the NVLL also stated that 15 April 2024 to 19 April 2024 would be tentatively scheduled as a calendar place holder for an official meeting to discuss additional items.
4 April 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the April 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
8 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVLL to inform about the 2024 NexGen community information sessions. NexGen advised they plan to be in the NVLL on 29 May 2024 and proposed to visit the community with a team of experts to discuss NexGen's initiatives and to answer any questions or concerns. NexGen indicated that the CNSC, the province, and training institutes were anticipated to be available. NexGen attached the community information session schedule for review and reference.
1 May 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen, the CNSC, and the NVLL met to discuss updates relating to the Project, including provincial and federal regulatory updates, community program updates, and education and training updates. NexGen and the NVLL agreed to meet again in the following months to review this presentation with additional council members and to discuss additional topics of interest.
8 May 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the May 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
13 May 2024	Email, incoming	The CNSC and the NVLL Mayor emailed NexGen and requested for a meeting with NexGen in early June 2024. The NVLL Mayor requested for NexGen to provide several potential dates for consideration.
15 May 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVLL in response to the request for a meeting with NexGen in early June 2024 and provided three potential dates for consideration. NexGen also thanked the NVLL Mayor for the Project update meeting held on 1 May 2024 and attached the slide deck that was presented at the meeting that could be shared with the NVLL Council.
27 May 2024	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the May 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the upcoming community information sessions; ▪ education and training updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Environmental Committee and Project regulatory process updates.
29 May 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen hosted community information sessions about the Project in the LPA, including at the NVLL on 29 May 2024. At the community information sessions, NexGen shared details about the Project including information about the regulatory process for the Project, environmental protection and monitoring, community engagement and programs, and education, training, and employment opportunities.
4 June 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the June 2024 monthly radio announcement, the topics included: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
7 June 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVLL and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached copies of the NexGen March 2024 and May 2024 newsletter and a copy of the 2024 NexGen Scholarship Program.

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17 June 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen, the CNSC, and the NVLL met to continue discussions related to the 1 May 2024 meeting. NexGen and the NVLL discussed a potential Infrastructure Agreement, community initiatives that NexGen could support, and continued engagement opportunities such as a site tour. Additional discussion topics included community programs, an update on the regulatory process for the Project, traffic and road conditions, and waste disposal for the current exploration site
1 July 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen and individuals from the Summer Student program hosted a BBQ at the La Loche annual Canada Day Celebrations.
8 August 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the August 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
20 August 2024	Multiple/various methods	NexGen met with the Regional Training Working Group to discuss community training and employment programs. Presentations were provided by Lotus Learning Solutions, Gabriel Dumont Institute, Dumont Technical Institute and Morris Interactive. Other topics of discussion included the status of Export, upcoming Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies programs, updates on the La Loche Shop, training program report, training funding, and assessment tool for hands on abilities.
26 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Regional Training Working Group and provided the minutes and materials from the meeting held on 20 August 2024.
3 September 24	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the September 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracts updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site updates
6 September 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVLL and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of ongoing and proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the May 2024 newsletter.

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; EA = Environmental Assessment; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; GDI = Gabriel Dumont Institute; LPA = local priority area; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; MN-S NR2 = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2; NVLL = Northern Village of La Loche; SIIT = Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies.

Table 2D-3: Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
6 April 2016	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the NVBN (Mayor, council members) to provide an update on the exploration activities to date at Rook I and to share an overview of planned activities for 2016, including the proposed environmental and engagement activities. Additional discussions were focused on employment and business opportunities and the status of the permitting process for the site access road.
16 February 2017	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the NVBN and provided an update presentation on exploration and Project development activities, including: ▪ overview and history of the Arrow deposit; ▪ highlights of metallurgical work; ▪ conceptual Project design; ▪ update on studies planned to support a future EA; and ▪ proposed 2017 activities including baseline studies and engagement planning.
30 April 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the NVBN to present an overview of the information included in the Project Description, including: ▪ regulatory framework; ▪ Project information; ▪ existing environment; ▪ environmental interactions; and ▪ engagement.
3 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent the NVBN a letter to provide a formal notification of the commencement of the EA process for the Project.
9 December 2020	Phone call, incoming	The newly elected Mayor of the NVBN called to inform NexGen of the results of the recent community election and to state that they are supportive of how NexGen has engaged with the local communities. The NVBN also expressed support of the Project.
6 July 2021	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the NVBN and provided an overview on the Project and an update on current Project activities.
9 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NVBN and provided an update on NexGen's timing for submission of the EIS to the CNSC and ENV. NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.
3 May 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the May 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
16 May 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the May 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ a NexGen scholarship update; ▪ an introduction to a new NexGen team member; ▪ an update on the completed 2021 Rook I Field Program; ▪ information on Project jobs and opportunities; ▪ updates on Project advancement; ▪ contact information to learn more about the Project; and ▪ a word search.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
7 June 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the June 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
22 June 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session in Buffalo Narrows to: ▪ update local communities on the Project and inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project; ▪ answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the Draft EIS submitted to the provincial and federal regulators; and ▪ provide information about the Draft EIS regulatory review process and how members of the LPA can be involved in the review.
5 July 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the July 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
15 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NVBN and informed that the CNSC has completed its conformity review of NexGen's Draft EIS for the Project. NexGen advised that the CNSC would accept comments on the Draft EIS during a 90-day public comment period which provides Indigenous nations and communities, members of the public, and government department and agencies an opportunity to submit their views in writing to the CNSC on the information presented in the Draft EIS. NexGen indicated that the CNSC has requested that all written comments be submitted by 12 October 2022 and provided the website address where the CNSC public comment process for the Project could be found. NexGen noted they looked forward to continued engagement throughout the lifespan of the Project and invited the NVBN to contact NexGen if there were any questions.
3 August 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the August 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
22 August 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the August 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the current Rook I site activities; ▪ a permitting status and update for the Project; ▪ information on the regulatory process for Project EA; ▪ a summary of how engagement activities informed the EA for the Project; and ▪ NexGen community program updates.
7 September 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the September 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
5 October 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the October 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the environmental assessment (EA for the Project); ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
6 October 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen and the NVBN met for an update meeting to discuss the results of the EA for the Project. The presentation focused on the Draft EIS and its four main themes of assessment and the potential impacts to each, including: atmosphere, water, land, and people.
11 October 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the October 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the 2022 summer student and scholarship programs; ▪ a summary of the June 2022 community information sessions; ▪ a Project status update; ▪ an introduction to the Project website; and ▪ an update on education, training, and employment initiatives.
2 November 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the November 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
7 December 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the December 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
22 December 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the December 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the education and training initiatives; ▪ an update on environmental monitoring programs; ▪ a summary of community updates and initiatives; ▪ a Project status update; and ▪ a Christmas message.
10 January 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the January 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
14 February 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the February 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.

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14 March 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the March 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
5 April 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen provided an engagement update letter to share updates on the status of EA approvals for the Project, recent engagement activities, and planned engagement activities.
14 April 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the April 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
21 April 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the April 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the education and training initiatives; ▪ regulatory process updates for the Project; and ▪ a summary of community engagement updates.
2 May 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the May 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
6 June 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the June 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
9 June 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed to provide an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
9 June 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the April 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ information about the upcoming June 2023 community information sessions; ▪ education, training, and employment updates; and ▪ a summary of community updates and initiatives.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
12 June 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session in Buffalo Narrows to: ▪ disseminate detailed information to local communities about the proposed activities at the Rook I site; ▪ address questions and receive and consider feedback specific to the EA and Project; ▪ provide information about and clarify the EA process; and ▪ introduce NexGen and the Project to a wider audience.
4 July 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the July 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
8 August 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the August 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
1 September 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed to provide an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
3 October 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the October 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
9 November 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the April 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ a summary of the June 2023 community information sessions; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
5 December 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the December 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
9 January 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the January 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on the following: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
10 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVBN providing the monthly report delivered on the local radio stations to share updates on the Project EA, community engagement, business and contracting, employment and training, and Rook I site activities.
31 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVBN and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
6 February 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the February 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on the following: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
5 March 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the March 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVBN and provided the results of the CNSC FIRT review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen also included a link to the results on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project. NexGen informed the Mayor of the NVBN that the comments from the FIRT technical review were being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments.
6 March 2024	Email, incoming	The Mayor of the NVBN emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for the update on the results of the CNSC FIRT review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project.
14 March 2024	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the March 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
22 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVBN and informed that NexGen was planning to be in the area on 2 April 2024 to 3 April 2024. NexGen inquired if the Mayor of the NVBN would be available to meet on 2 April 2024 for a Project update meeting.
26 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVBN as a follow up to NexGen's 22 March 2024 email and inquired if the Mayor of the NVBN would be available to meet on 2 April 2024 for a Project update meeting.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
26 March 2024	Email, incoming	The Mayor of the NVBN emailed NexGen and confirmed availability to meet on 3 April 2024.
27 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVBN and inquired if a meeting on 3 April 2024 at 9:00 am would work.
28 March 2024	Email, incoming	The Mayor of the NVBN emailed NexGen and confirmed availability on 2 April 2024 and not 3 April 2024. The Mayor of the NVBN informed NexGen that a meeting during the morning of 2 April 2024 would work or NexGen could meet with council members on 3 April 2024.
28 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVBN and confirmed that a meeting with council members on 3 April 2024 at 9:00 am would work. NexGen indicated that the Mayor of the NVBN would be informed if NexGen would be back in the area in several weeks.
3 April 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with members of the NVBN Council to provide an update on the provincial and federal approvals processes for the Project, community programs, and education and training initiatives.
4 April 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the April 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
8 April 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVBN to inform about the 2024 NexGen community information sessions. NexGen advised they plan to be in the NVBN on 28 May 2024 and proposed to visit the community with a team of experts to discuss NexGen's initiatives and to answer any questions or concerns. NexGen indicated that the CNSC, the province, and training institutes were anticipated to be available. NexGen attached the community information session schedule for review and reference.
9 May 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the May 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
27 May 2024	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the May 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the upcoming community information sessions; ▪ education and training updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Environmental Committee and Project regulatory process updates.
28 May 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen hosted community information sessions about the Project in the LPA, including at the NVBN on 28 May 2024. At the community information sessions, NexGen shared details about the Project including information about the regulatory process for the Project, environmental protection and monitoring, community engagement and programs, and education, training, and employment opportunities.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
4 June 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the June 2024 monthly radio announcement, the topics included: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
7 June 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVBN and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached copies of the NexGen March 2024 and May 2024 newsletter and a copy of the 2024 NexGen Scholarship Program.
4 July 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the July 2024 monthly radio announcement, the topics included: ▪ Project updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ community engagement updates.
8 August 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the August 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
6 September 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVBN and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of ongoing and proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the May 2024 newsletter.

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; LPA = local priority area; NVBN = Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment.

Table 2D-4: Other Communities

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
Northern Settlement of Bear Creek		
12 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to the Northern Settlement of Bear Creek to provide formal notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
5 April 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen provided an engagement update letter to share updates on the status of EA approvals for the Project, recent engagement activities, and planned engagement activities.
9 June 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed to provide an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
1 September 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed to provide an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
31 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Settlement of Bear Creek and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Settlement of Bear Creek and provided the results of the CNSC FIRT review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information request and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen also included a link to the results on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project. NexGen informed that the comments from the FIRT technical review were being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments.
7 June 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Settlement of Bear Creek and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached copies of the NexGen March 2024 and May 2024 newsletter and a copy of the 2024 NexGen Scholarship Program.
6 September 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Settlement of Bear Creek and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to share regular updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of ongoing and proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the May 2024 newsletter.
Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake		
12 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to the Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake to provide formal notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
16 May 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the May 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ a NexGen scholarship update; ▪ an introduction to a new NexGen team member; ▪ an update on the completed 2021 Rook I Field Program; ▪ information on Project jobs and opportunities; ▪ updates on Project advancement;

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		▪ contact information to learn more about the Project; and ▪ a word search.
24 June 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen held a community information session in Turnor Lake and Birch Narrows Dene Nation to: ▪ update local communities on the Project and inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project; ▪ answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the Draft EIS submitted to the provincial and federal regulators; and ▪ provide information about the Draft EIS regulatory review process and how members of the LPA can be involved in the review.
22 August 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the August 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the current Rook I site activities; ▪ a permitting status and update for the Project; ▪ information on the regulatory process for Project EA; ▪ a summary of how engagement activities informed the EA for the Project; and ▪ NexGen community program updates.
11 October 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the October 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the 2022 summer student and scholarship programs; ▪ a summary of the June 2022 community information sessions; ▪ a Project status update; ▪ an introduction to the Project website; and ▪ an update on education, training, and employment initiatives.
22 December 2022	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the December 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the education and training initiatives; ▪ an update on environmental monitoring programs; ▪ a summary of community updates and initiatives; ▪ a Project status update; and ▪ a Christmas message.
5 April 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen provided an engagement update letter to share updates on the status of EA approvals for the Project, recent engagement activities, and planned engagement activities.
21 April 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the April 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the education and training initiatives; ▪ regulatory process updates for the Project; and ▪ a summary of community engagement updates.
9 June 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed to provide an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
9 June 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the April 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ information about the upcoming June 2023 community information sessions; ▪ education, training, and employment updates; and

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
		▪ a summary of community updates and initiatives.
1 September 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed to provide an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
9 November 2023	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the April 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ a summary of the June 2023 community information sessions; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
10 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake providing the monthly report delivered on the local radio stations to share updates on the Project EA, community engagement, business and contracting, employment and training, and Rook I site activities.
31 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake and provided the results of the CNSC FIRT review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen also included a link to the results on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project. NexGen informed that the comments from the FIRT technical review were being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments.
14 March 2024	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the March 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
27 May 2024	Newsletter	NexGen distributed copies of the May 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the upcoming community information sessions; ▪ education and training updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Environmental Committee and Project regulatory process updates.
7 June 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached copies of the NexGen March 2024 and May 2024 newsletter and a copy of the 2024 NexGen Scholarship Program.
6 September 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of ongoing and proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the May 2024 newsletter.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
Northern Hamlet of Michel Village		
19 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to the Northern Hamlet of Michel Village to provide formal notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
5 April 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen provided an engagement update letter to share updates on the status of EA approvals for the Project, recent engagement activities, and planned engagement activities.
9 June 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed to provide an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
1 September 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed to provide an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
10 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of Michel Village providing the monthly report delivered on the local radio stations to share updates on the Project EA, community engagement, business and contracting, employment and training, and Rook I site activities.
31 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of Michel Village and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
7 June 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of Michel Village and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached copies of the NexGen March 2024 and May 2024 newsletter and a copy of the 2024 NexGen Scholarship Program.
6 September 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of Michel Village and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of ongoing and proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the May 2024 newsletter.
Northern Village of Île-à-la Crosse		
12 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to the Northern Village of Île-à-la Crosse to provide formal notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
Northern Village of Beauval		
12 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to the Northern Village of Beauval to provide formal notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill		
5 April 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen provided an engagement update letter to share updates on the status of EA approvals for the Project, recent engagement activities, and planned engagement activities.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
9 June 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed to provide an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
1 September 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed to provide an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
10 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill providing the monthly report delivered on the local radio stations to share updates on the Project EA, community engagement, business and contracting, employment and training, and Rook I site activities.
31 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill and provided the results of the CNSC FIRT review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen also included a link to the results on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project. NexGen informed that the comments from the FIRT technical review were being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments.
7 June 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached copies of the NexGen March 2024 and May 2024 newsletter and a copy of the 2024 NexGen Scholarship Program.
6 September 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of ongoing and proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the May 2024 newsletter.
Northern Hamlet of Black Point		
5 April 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen provided an engagement update letter to share updates on the status of EA approvals for the Project, recent engagement activities, and planned engagement activities.
9 June 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of Black Point and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
1 September 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed to provide an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.

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10 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of Black Point providing the monthly report delivered on the local radio stations to share updates on the Project EA, community engagement, business and contracting, employment and training, and Rook I site activities.
31 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of Black Point and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of Black Point and provided the results of the CNSC FIRT review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen also included a link to the results on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project. NexGen informed the comments from the FIRT technical review were being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments.
7 June 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of Black Point and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached copies of the NexGen March 2024 and May 2024 newsletter and a copy of the 2024 NexGen Scholarship Program.
6 September 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Hamlet of Black Point and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of ongoing and proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the May 2024 newsletter.
Northern Settlement of Garson Lake		
5 April 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen provided an engagement update letter to share updates on the status of EA approvals for the Project, recent engagement activities, and planned engagement activities.
9 June 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Settlement of Garson Lake and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
1 September 2023	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed to provide an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
31 January 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Settlement of Garson Lake and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share updates on the Project, including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen invited the Mayor to reach out if there were any questions.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Settlement of Garson Lake and provided the results of the CNSC FIRT review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen also included a link to the results on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
		Project. NexGen informed that the comments from the FIRT technical review were being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments.
7 June 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Settlement of Garson Lake and provided an engagement update letter. NexGen advised the purpose of the letter was to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached copies of the NexGen March 2024 and May 2024 newsletter and a copy of the 2024 NexGen Scholarship Program.
6 September 2024	Letter, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the Northern Settlement of Garson Lake and attached an engagement update letter for the Project to share regular updates on the Project including any updates on the EA process, to present a summary of the recent engagement activities completed, and to provide an outline of ongoing and proposed upcoming engagement activities. NexGen also attached a copy of the May 2024 newsletter.

EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; LPA = local priority area; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; FIRT = Federal-Indigenous Review Team.

Table 2D-5: Local Businesses

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
Big Bear Contracting		
12 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to Big Bear Contracting to provide formal notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
Birch Narrows Dene Development Inc.		
14 October 2021	In-person meeting	NexGen and representatives from the BNDN and Birch Narrows Dene Nation Development Inc. completed a tour of the Rook I site. The site visit included a tour of the main camp facilities, the core logging facilities, and the Arrow drilling sites, and a focus was placed on the proposed infrastructure locations for the Project. Positive comments were received regarding the small footprint size of the Rook I exploration camp and Arrow site. Additional discussion was focused on business and employment opportunities.
15 October 2021	Email, incoming	The Birch Narrows Dene Nation Development Inc. emailed the BNDN and NexGen and thanked them for the opportunity to travel to the Rook I site on 14 October 2021.
Buffalo Narrows Economic Development Corporation		
6 April 2016	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the BNEDC to discuss potential economic opportunities from the Project. The BNEDC advised NexGen that there are many skilled community members and shared the community business directory.
16 February 2017	In-person meeting	NexGen met with board members of the BNEDC and provided an update presentation on exploration and Project development activities, including: ▪ overview and history of the Arrow deposit; ▪ highlights of metallurgical work; ▪ conceptual Project design; ▪ update on studies planned to support a future EA; and ▪ proposed 2017 activities including baseline studies and engagement planning.
30 June 2022	Email, outgoing	In response to an enquiry from the BNEDC, NexGen emailed the BNEDC and advised that the BNEDC could call during the week of 4 July 2022 to discuss their questions regarding the highway.
18 July 2022	Email, incoming	The BNEDC emailed NexGen and inquired if there were any discussions regarding highways and a bypass around Buffalo Narrows. The BNEDC indicated that a bypass would be beneficial for the residents of Buffalo Narrows and traffic. The BNEDC informed NexGen that they were planning to contact the Ministry of Highways regarding the matter.
18 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the BNEDC advising that no formal discussions have occurred regarding a bypass road around Buffalo Narrows and noted that the Minister of Highways was in the meeting with the North Northwest Transportation Planning Committee to discuss highway issues and concerns. NexGen suggested that the BNEDC join the next meeting.
18 July 2022	Email, incoming	The BNEDC emailed NexGen to thank them for sharing the information about the highways. The BNEDC advised that the concerns have been passed along to a NVBN council person who was attending the highway meeting.
6 October 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen, the NVBN, and the BNEDC met for an update meeting to discuss the results of the EA for the Project. The presentation focused on the Draft EIS and its four main themes of assessment and the potential impacts to each, including: atmosphere, water, land, and people.
Crudge Holdings		
12 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to Crudge Holdings to provide formal notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
Forest Lake Outfitters		
12 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to the FLO to provide formal notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
29 June 2021	Email, incoming	Forest Lake Outfitters emailed NexGen and noted noise complaints about overhead planes and trucks. Forest Lake Outfitters noted that there has been increased theft.
29 June 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed FLO and requested a meeting in the coming weeks as NexGen team members could visit the outfitting lodge to discuss the concerns. NexGen expressed they would like to continue the positive working relationship with FLO.
30 July 2021	Email, incoming	Forest Lake Outfitters emailed NexGen and requested an update regarding the Project.
6 August 2021	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called FLO to discuss the issue of increased theft at the FLO outpost camp. Forest Lake Outfitters stated that since NexGen completed the Rook I access road from Highway 955, there has been increased theft in the area. NexGen and FLO discussed constructing a gate at the FLO access road to help reduce traffic and potential for theft. NexGen agreed to send a map to FLO to confirm the proposed gate location. NexGen also noted that they would meet with FLO during the week of 20 August 2021 to provide an outline of the Project and to communicate the scope and scale of the Project to assist FLO with considering potential concerns and potential mitigations.
11 August 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed FLO and confirmed that they would be arranging to have a fence/gate installed on the access road to restrict access to the camp. NexGen inquired if a meeting could be scheduled for 3 September 2021.
31 August 2021	In-person meeting	NexGen and FLO met to discuss the Project and the ongoing EA. Forest Lake Outfitters expressed concerns of theft at the FLO outpost camp and potential mitigations were discussed.
25 October 2021	Email, incoming	Forest Lake Outfitters emailed NexGen and advised they had been attempting to contact a member at NexGen but had not heard back. Forest Lake Outfitters requested confirmation of a NexGen email address.
25 October 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed FLO and advised that the specific NexGen member was no longer with NexGen. NexGen noted that prior to the NexGen member's departure, a discussion took place between NexGen and the FLO to discuss how best to assist the FLO during the winter months and had suggested that a follow-up call be scheduled.
24 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen advised they would be happy to meet with FLO and provide information on the near-term programs and the long-term Project objectives.
30 November 2021	In-person meeting	NexGen met with FLO at their residence. The following topics were discussed: ▪ how NexGen and FLO can work together to minimize theft of property because of the Project; ▪ access road being used by trucks who are using their engine retarder brakes, which can be heard during fishing; ▪ Project newsletter to be distributed in the communities during the first week of December 2021; ▪ technical aspects of the Project and the focus on environmental protection; and ▪ production dates and the fate of the camp as it is anticipated that regular clients will not visit due to the perception of the uranium mine.
30 November 2021	Email, incoming	Forest Lake Outfitters emailed NexGen and expressed thanks for the visit on 30 November 2021.
6 January 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed FLO and the ENV and formally acknowledged that the previously received request to meet had been followed up via a meeting with NexGen on 30 November 2021.
3 May 2022	Email, incoming	Forest Lake Outfitters emailed NexGen and inquired if NexGen has decided if they would pull in a sea-can for storage of FLO materials during off-season and who could be contacted regarding the melting of the lakes.

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3 May 2022	Multiple methods	NexGen emailed FLO and advised that a response would be provided soon. NexGen advised FLO to reach out during the week of 9 May 2022 for the sea-can support to be arranged. Through an exchange of follow-up phone calls, it was confirmed that the sea-can was installed effective 7 June 2023.
8 May 2023	Email, incoming	Forest Lake Outfitters emailed NexGen and inquired if they had information on the forest fires north of La Loche.
10 May 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed FLO and stated that there were no fires in NexGen's proximity and indicated the fire in La Loche has been contained and extinguished.
4 June 2023	Email, outgoing	Forest Lake Outfitters emailed NexGen and thanked them for the recent help with the helicopter. Forest Lake Outfitters informed NexGen that they were dealing with theft at the outpost camp and stated that they would like to take up NexGen on the seacan offer to use for storage. Forest Lake Outfitters also indicated the other option would be for NexGen to purchase the property.
5 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed FLO and acknowledged the theft at the outpost camp and informed the FLO that NexGen would inquire with NexGen's Site Services Manager if there were cameras set up on the road to see if anything was captured, and confirmed availability of the seacan. NexGen also indicated that the option of purchasing the camp would be discussed internally.
20 June 2023	Email, incoming	Forest Lake Outfitters emailed NexGen inquiring as to why the helicopter was flying over the lodges and requested for NexGen to inform them not to.
21 June 2023	Email, incoming	NexGen emailed FLO and advised the NexGen exploration and operations team was looking into why the helicopter was flying over FLO lodges.
21 June 2023	Email, incoming	Forest Lake Outfitters emailed NexGen and thanked them for requesting the NexGen exploration and operations team to look into why the helicopter was flying over FLO lodges.
25 June 2023	Email, incoming	Forest Lake Outfitters emailed NexGen and confirmed that FLO have left the lodge. Forest Lake Outfitters thanked NexGen for the assistance and looked forward to conducting business with NexGen.
22 August 2023	Email, incoming	Forest Lake Outfitters emailed NexGen advising that there was someone who was interested in managing the lodge in 2023. Forest Lake Outfitters also indicated that they have been approached by an environmental team to conduct a survey, but that they were not sure what it would entail.
11 October 2023	Email, incoming	Forest Lake Outfitters emailed NexGen and requested for a donation towards the Iron River School Silent Auction. Forest Lake Outfitters also indicated the issues with break-ins and theft has not been resolved.
17 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Forest Lake Outfitters confirming a donation would be provided towards the Iron River School Silent Auction and inquired when the donation would be needed. NexGen acknowledged the break-ins that FLO has experienced and noted that NexGen staff were monitoring the main road as well as the access road to the FLO outpost with no tracks or trails observed during the past winter. NexGen offered to assist FLO with storing valuables in a secure location at the Rook I site camp again if needed. NexGen expressed appreciation for the valuable friendship developed with FLO over the years.
17 October 2023	Email, incoming	Forest Lake Outfitters emailed NexGen and expressed appreciation for confirming that a donation towards the Iron River School Silent Auction would be provided and for the offer to assist FLO with storing valuables in a secure location at the Rook I site camp.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
Lone Wolf Camps		
12 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to Lone Wolf Camps to provide formal notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
PR Services Co.		
12 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to PR Services Co. to provide formal notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
Sakitawak Development Corporation		
8 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Mayor of the NVIC and the SDC, providing a letter to address the feedback received from the NVIC during the federal public comment period on the Draft EIS. NexGen looked forward to the meeting scheduled on 9 November 2023 to discuss business and employment opportunities. NexGen thanked the NVIC and the SDC for sending the proposed meeting agenda.
8 November 2023	Email, incoming	Sakitawak Development Corporation emailed NexGen confirming receipt of the letter and inquired regarding the time of the meeting scheduled on 9 November 2023.
8 November 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the SDC and the Mayor of the NVIC and confirmed the time of the meeting scheduled on 9 November 2023.
9 November 2023	Email, incoming	The SDC emailed NexGen and acknowledged the time of the meeting scheduled on 9 November 2023.
9 November 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the SDC to share introductions and to discuss engagement and business, employment, and contracting opportunities related to the Project.
13 February 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the SDC to discuss the SDC's new business venture.
17 July 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the SDC informing of the contract signed with Export and indicated the web-based system would be used to share career opportunities with the community. NexGen included a list of benefits that Export would provide to the SDC and the next steps to implement the system.
1 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the SDC informing of the contract signed with Export and indicated the web-based system would be used to share career opportunities with the community. NexGen included a list of benefits that Export would provide to the SDC and the next steps to implement the system.
Wolverman Wilderness Outfitters		
12 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to Wolverman Wilderness Outfitters to provide formal notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.

BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; BNEDC = Buffalo Narrows Economic Development Corporation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; FLO = Forest Lake Outfitters; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; NVBN = Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows; NVIC = Northern Village of Île-à-la-Crosse; SDC = Sakitawak Development Corporation.

Table 2D-6: Education and Training Institutions

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
26 August 2021	In-person meeting	NexGen met with representatives of Northlands College, the GDI, and the SIIT to discuss collaborative participation in the development of a training plan for the Project. Meeting discussion topics included: ▪ overview of NexGen's training objectives and expectations (e.g., maximizing local participation); ▪ offerings at each institution (e.g., training type and availability); ▪ available training facilities at each institution; ▪ potential training challenges and opportunities; and ▪ funding sources.
20 September 2021	In-person meeting	A follow-up meeting was held with representatives of Northlands College, the GDI, and the SIIT to discuss challenges to post-secondary education in the region of the Project (e.g., funding, learning supports) and potential solutions and initiatives. Discussions also identified the participation of the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission as a future group for engagement on training planning for the Project.
26 September 2021	In-person meeting	A follow-up meeting was held between representatives of Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission, Northlands College, the GDI, and the SIIT to further discussions from the 20 September 2022 meeting on training challenges and opportunities in the region of the Project.
21 October 2021	Email, outgoing	A draft table of contents of a Project training plan was circulated by NexGen to representatives of Northlands Collage, the GDI, and the SIIT for feedback (feedback was subsequently received via emails).
19 November 2021	In-person meeting	NexGen hosted a meeting with leadership from local communities (i.e., the CRDN, MN-S NR2, and La Loche) to discuss the Project training plan being advanced with training service providers (i.e., Northlands College, the GDI, the SIIT, and the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification). Discussion was held around the challenges faced by local community members in pursuing post-secondary education or training (e.g., lack of resources in community, lack of access to computers/internet, lack of knowledge of potential careers, childcare and financial barriers for adult workers, lack of delivery of training in communities).
23 February 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the Chief Executive Officer of Northern Career Quest to discuss training-to-employment initiatives for Indigenous residents of northern Saskatchewan. NexGen subsequently provided a letter of support for Northern Career Quest's application for government funding.
6 May 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen partnered with the Saskatchewan Roughriders football team to have four Roughrider football players present to students at Clearwater River Dene School and Ducharme Elementary School to promote the importance of education, health, and wellness, and to display the Grey Cup as part of the Grey Cup tour in Saskatchewan.
21 September 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen presented to the Saskatchewan Indian Training Assessment Group on the following topics: ▪ Project overview and update; ▪ engagement including Study Agreements and Benefit Agreements; ▪ business development; and ▪ education, training, and employment planning.
17 October to 21 October 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen visited Birch Narrows Community School, Buffalo River Dene School, CRDS, Dene High School, and Twin Lakes Community School during the week of 17 October 2022 to 21 October 2022 to deliver a presentation to share information about NexGen, the Project, and the potential career opportunities that will be available.
24 October 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen, in collaboration with Northern Career Quest, Northlands College, Dene High School, and Bird Construction, initiated an 18-week Carpentry Applied Certificate program accredited through Saskatchewan Polytechnic, in La Loche.

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31 October 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed a student and staff member from CRDS to thank them for their recent questions at community engagement events (i.e., the June 2022 community information sessions and the October 2022 High School Career presentations) to inform them that NexGen was working on compiling the requested information, and to let them know that NexGen would reach out soon.
1 November 2022	Email, incoming	The CRDS emailed NexGen and acknowledged the update regarding the requested information emailed on 31 October 2022.
1 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed a teacher at CRDS regarding the information requests from CRDS related to existing environmental conditions, the environmental risk assessment, and Traditional Foods consumption restrictions. NexGen requested for CRDS to confirm availability to meet with NexGen's EA team to discuss and understand the requests.
2 November 2022	Email, incoming	A CRDS teacher emailed NexGen and confirmed availability on 10 November 2022 to meet and discuss the CRDS information requests with NexGen's EA team in response to NexGen's 1 November 2022 email.
2 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed a teacher at CRDS and proposed to schedule a meeting to discuss the CRDS information requests with NexGen's EA team on 10 November 2022. NexGen listed the team members who would be joining the meeting and also copied a CRDS student in the email to confirm interest in the meeting.
7 November 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed a teacher at CRDS and attached the summaries for the existing baseline conditions and the environmental risk assessment as a follow up to NexGen's 1 November 2022 email. NexGen requested for CRDS to reach out with any questions in advance of the meeting scheduled on 10 November 2022.
7 November 2022	Email, incoming	A teacher at CRDS emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for providing the summaries for the existing baseline conditions and the environmental risk assessment.
9 November 2022	Email, incoming	A teacher from CRDS emailed NexGen and indicated the meeting scheduled on 10 November 2022 to discuss the summaries for the existing baseline conditions and the environmental risk assessment would no longer work. The CRDS inquired if the meeting could be postponed to the week of 14 November 2022.
9 November 2022	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called Clearwater River Dene School to discuss rescheduling the meeting time from 10 November 2022 to 15 November 2022.
15 November 2022	Video conference	NexGen met virtually with three students and one teacher from CRDS to further discuss questions about the Project that NexGen staff received during community engagement events.
6 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed a CRDS teacher regarding the meeting held on 15 November 2022 to further discuss questions regarding the EA for the Project. NexGen thanked the CRDS teacher and students for the meeting and indicated that NexGen was working on providing the information requests regarding the cyanobacteria results from the fall 2018 water quality study, the health of whitefish and lake trout in Preston and Lloyd Lakes, and the Traditional Foods consumption in the local environment under current existing conditions. NexGen also noted the CRDS teacher's interest in receiving additional information on the upcoming Traditional Foods Study and indicated that NexGen could arrange a meeting to provide an update on the study. NexGen inquired if the CRDS teacher and students would be available to meet virtually in the next several weeks and indicated that NexGen would be available during the morning of 16 January 2023. NexGen requested for the CRDS teacher to confirm if the date would work or if there would be another date more suitable.
9 January 2023	Email, incoming	A CRDS teacher emailed NexGen to confirm availability on 16 January 2023 as proposed to discuss NexGen updates on the Traditional Foods Study. The CRDS teacher inquired if meeting at 10:00 am would work.

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9 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed a CRDS teacher and thanked them for confirming availability on 16 January 2023 to discuss updates on the Traditional Foods Study. NexGen indicated that the proposed 10:00 a.m. meeting time would work and informed the CRDS teacher of the NexGen team members who would be attending. NexGen advised that a Microsoft Teams meeting link would be sent out.
16 January 2023	Video conference	NexGen met virtually with four students and one teacher from the CRDS to provide an update on the regional Traditional Foods Study that will be taking place throughout 2023.
25 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed a CRDS teacher to thank the CRDS for hosting and welcoming NexGen at the CRDS Science Fair held on 24 January 2023 and to share information in response to the questions from the meeting held on 15 November 2022. NexGen provided information related to Traditional Foods, fish health, and cyanobacteria for review. NexGen noted that CanNorth offered to meet with the CRDS if there were additional questions after reviewing the information and indicated that a meeting between the CRDS, CanNorth, and NexGen could be arranged.
26 January 2023	Email, incoming	A CRDS teacher emailed NexGen to thank NexGen for attending the CRDS Science Fair. The CRDS teacher stated that the CRDS staff appreciated NexGen's presence and expressed that the NexGen team members have personalities that many of the students would be able to connect with as the students get acquainted with them. The CRDS teacher noted that they would be looking into the cyanobacteria information with a student during the week of 30 January 2023 and that the student would reach out if there were any questions. The CRDS teacher thanked NexGen for sending the information and indicated that they would also be providing a few ideas.
27 January 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed a CRDS teacher and thanked them for the thoughtful comments regarding NexGen's attendance at the CRDS Science Fair. NexGen requested that the CRDS continue to inform NexGen about other school events that they could participate in and noted that NexGen would continue to find ways to get more students involved. NexGen invited the CRDS teacher and student to reach out if there were any questions, additional information required or if they would like to meet with CanNorth.
1 March 2023	Multiple methods	NexGen hosted students and chaperones from CRDS, Birch Narrows Dene Community School, Buffalo River Dene Community School, Dene High School, and Twin Lakes Community School for its first Youth Mentorship VIP Program conducted in partnership with the Vancouver Canucks (Canucks) in Vancouver, BC, on 1 March and 2 March 2023. The participants – chosen for their outstanding community contributions – enjoyed quality time with Canucks players and coaches, ice time skills, inspirational talks, and experienced the Canucks paying tribute to Indigenous history and culture at the Canucks' 5th Annual First Nations Night where the Canucks played against the Minnesota Wild. The event even included a surprise visit by Saskatchewan-born Indigenous player, Ethan Bear.
17 March 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen hosted a graduation ceremony in La Loche for the eight graduating students of the Carpentry Applied Certificate Program at Northlands College that was initiated by NexGen and completed in collaboration with Bird Construction, Northlands College, Northern Career Quest, and Dene High. Mayor Jolibois and NexGen initiated the ceremony with opening remarks, followed by lunch and speakers from NexGen, Northlands College, and the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission. Members from Bird Construction, Northlands College, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, and NexGen presented the graduating students with their certificates, and Member of the Legislative Assembly for Athabasca, Jim Lemaigre, provided the closing remarks.

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3 June 2023	Email, incoming	Clearwater River Dene School emailed NexGen and indicated that the tree planting program supported by NexGen would proceed as planned on 5, 6, and 7 June 2023 in the local burn from 2023. The CRDS stated that the group would be heading up to NexGen's camp on 8 June 2023 to plant the last couple thousand tress. The CRDS apologized for the short notice and stated that it would be a great opportunity if NexGen was available to see the partnership in action.
3 June 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDS emailed NexGen providing their itinerary for the tree planting program on 5 to 8 June 2023. The CRDS acknowledged that NexGen may not be able to attend due to the short notice and stated that NexGen would always be welcome to any activities hosted by the CRDS.
5 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDS and expressed appreciation for the invitation to the tree planting program on 5 to 8 June 2023. NexGen indicated they would be unavailable to attend due to the community information sessions scheduled during the week of 12 June 2023 and hoped that NexGen's Project Liaison Manager would be able to make it to some of the activities. NexGen encouraged the CRDS students to interact with NexGen staff at the camp during their stay. NexGen also noted that they would be at the CRDN Treaty Grounds on 16 June 2023 for the community information sessions and hope to see the CRDS at the event.
22 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the CRDS teacher and requested for assistance with accessing Preston Lake to conduct sampling. NexGen explained the access road had a locked chain blocking the way and noted the other trails were blocked by deadfall. NexGen stated the sampling crew was hoping to return in July 2023 and inquired if the CRDS teacher had any tips on access or would know who to contact regarding the locked chain. NexGen also noted any pictures or Google Earth screenshots would be helpful.
22 June 2023	Email, incoming	A CRDS teacher emailed NexGen and provided an update on the road conditions to Preston Lake. The CRDS teacher advised the road would be manageable in 2-wheel drive, however, noted that 4-wheel drive was a good idea. The CRDS teacher provided information regarding the area and inquired if NexGen needed photos of the road, cabins, or lake.
22 June 2023	Email, incoming	A CRDS teacher emailed NexGen and indicated that the CRDS has keys to the access road to Preston Lake available at the school. The CRDS teacher informed NexGen the Vice Principal would be around most of July to provide the keys and included the phone number to call. The CRDS teacher also noted that NexGen could make arrangements with the CRDS student who would be working for NexGen in the summer and has access to the keys.
22 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed a CRDS teacher thanking them for the road information to Preston Lake and indicated the information would be passed on to the sampling crew. NexGen informed the CRDS teacher that there were no photos required and stated that NexGen was inquiring more about another trail the CRDS teacher would recommend. NexGen stated they were pleased to hear about the CRDS student who would be working a site job for NexGen and also attached a job posting for an environmental summer student job in case the CRDS teacher knew of a good candidate.
22 June 2023	Email, incoming	A CRDS teacher emailed NexGen thanking NexGen for thinking of the CRDS student for the summer site position and indicated the student has expressed interest in applying for the position next year. The CRDS teacher also noted they would ask around and inform NexGen if there were any students who may want to apply this year. The CRDS teacher advised that they would be reaching out to NexGen in August to set up a meeting and informed NexGen of the new initiative combining Western-based science approaches with local cultural and traditional knowledge that they would be working on with the students. The CRDS teacher also indicated they were hoping to connect with NexGen several times during the school year where the students can gain some educational experience in the field or at basecamp to grow their interest, enthusiasm, and confidence in the opportunities opening up in the area in the future.

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22 June 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed a CRDS teacher and stated that the CRDS student working the summer site position should apply for the position next year. NexGen also indicated that they would be happy to meet with the CRDS teacher to discuss the new initiatives and expressed interest in how NexGen could work with the CRDN members on the initiatives considering the NexGen Benefit Agreement. NexGen advised that late summer would be a good time to set up the meeting.
21 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed a CRDS teacher regarding the site visit scheduled on 4 October 2023 and requested for an 8:00 am arrival. NexGen also indicated that a quick orientation would be provided. NexGen advised that a full day of travelling around site for seed collection was preferred if the CRDS teacher and students were interested and stated that the meeting times for the site visit planned for 5 October 2023 could be decided based on how successful the first day was.
26 September 2023	Email, incoming	The CRDS emailed NexGen and confirmed that the CRDS was agreeable to the plan for the 4 October 2023 site visit in response to NexGen's 21 September 2023 email.
24 October 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen visited the Buffalo River Dene School to present and highlight the potential career opportunities that will be available at the Project through a series of interactive stations/booths. Northlands College, the SIIT, and the GDI also participated.
25 October 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen visited the Birch Narrows Dene Community School to present and highlight the potential career opportunities that will be available at the Project through a series of interactive stations/booths. Northlands College, the SIIT, and the GDI also participated.
25 October 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen visited the Twin Lakes Community School to present and highlight the potential career opportunities that will be available at the Project through a series of interactive stations/booths. Northlands College, the SIIT, and the GDI also participated.
26 October 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen visited the Clearwater River Dene School to present and highlight the potential career opportunities that will be available at the Project through a series of interactive stations/booths. Northlands College, the SIIT, and the GDI also participated.
27 October 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen visited the Dene High School to present and highlight the potential career opportunities that will be available at the Project through a series of interactive stations/booths. Northlands College, the SIIT, and the GDI also participated.
20 December 2023	Email, incoming	The Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission emailed NexGen and requested for the contact information for both the NexGen regional community liaison office in La Loche and the Manager Regional Development and Employment Readiness.
21 December 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission and introduced the NexGen Project Liaison Manager in La Loche.
23 February 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen, in partnership with the Saskatchewan Rush lacrosse organization and the Saskatoon Blades hockey organization, hosted 14 youth and 5 chaperones from the LPA in Saskatoon from 23 to 24 February 2024 for a special mentorship program called the Northern Prospects Experience, for a weekend full of unique learning opportunities and mentorship.
28 February 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the Training Committee members and discussed the following key topics: ▪ university requirements for secondary school math and science; ▪ progress of the Export database; ▪ training to employment needs; and ▪ update on the completed, current, and upcoming training programs.
5 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the regional training working group members and provided the minutes from the Training Committee meeting held on 28 February 2024.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
25 March 2024 to 28 March 2024	In-person meeting	Between 25 March 2024 and 28 March 2024, NexGen met with the five high schools in the LPA to discus: ▪ NexGen's needs for future employment; ▪ Explain the current status of employment with NexGen and contractors; ▪ prerequisites for much of the training required; ▪ Current grade 10 to grade 12 course offerings; ▪ ways / strategies that schools could offer more grade 12 maths and sciences; ▪ ways NexGen could help; and ▪ future interaction with current grade 10 to grade 12 students.
20 August 2024	Multiple/various methods	NexGen met with the Regional Training Working Group to discuss community training and employment programs. Presentations were provided by Lotus Learning Solutions, Gabriel Dumont Institute, Dumont Technical Institute and Morris Interactive. Other topics of discussion included the status of Export, upcoming Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies programs, updates on the La Loche Shop, training program report, training funding, and assessment tool for hands on abilities.
26 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Regional Training Working Group and provided the minutes and materials from the meeting held on 20 August 2024.

CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; CRDS = Clearwater River Dene School MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2; GDI = Gabriel Dumont Institute; SIIT = Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies.

Table 2D-7: Meadow Lake Tribal Council

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
8 April 2016	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the MLTC to provide an update on the Project and to provide an overview of planned activities for 2016, including the proposed environmental and engagement activities. The MLTC provided an overview of the Tribal Council and the expectations for companies working in the region. The MLTC also indicated that some traditional knowledge work had been completed for the region already and that further discussions should occur. Additional discussion was focused on business opportunities.
19 July 2016	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the MLTC to discuss the Project and the economic, engagement, and traditional knowledge opportunities. NexGen provided an overview of the summer student mentorship program at the Rook I exploration site and there were additional discussions regarding working with youth in the community. NexGen agreed to work with the MLTC to arrange a site tour.
5 August 2016	Email, outgoing	NexGen sent an email to members of the MLTC to coordinate a tour of the Rook I exploration camp.
27 October 2016	Multiple methods	The MLTC emailed NexGen regarding a study being completed to assess traditional gathering grounds north of Bolton Lake and to share an English River First Nation newsletter. NexGen and the MLTC exchanged emails to try and arrange a phone call to discuss a presentation in Saskatoon and details about the Saskatchewan Geological Survey Open House Conference that would be taking place in Saskatoon.
1 February 2017	Phone call, incoming	The MLTC called NexGen to discuss the upcoming presentations planned for the local Indigenous Peoples.
3 February 2017	Multiple methods	NexGen and the MLTC discussed the 1 February 2017 meetings in Saskatoon with the BNDN and Buffalo River Dene Nation.
21 February 2017	Email, outgoing	NexGen sent the MLTC an email to share consultation log entries, fulfilling a request by the MLTC.
3 May 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to provide notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
30 May 2019	Phone call, outgoing	NexGen called multiple times and left a message to confirm if the notification letter had been received as registered mail did not confirm delivery.
9 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MLTC and provided an update on NexGen's timing for submission of the EIS to the CNSC and the ENV. NexGen advised that the EIS was now scheduled for submission in the first quarter of 2022, rather than the previously indicated submission date near the end of 2021.
15 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MLTC and informed that the CNSC has completed its conformity review of NexGen's Draft EIS for the Project. NexGen advised that the CNSC would accept comments on the Draft EIS during a 90-day public comment period which provides Indigenous nations and communities, members of the public, and government department and agencies an opportunity to submit their views in writing to the CNSC on the information presented in the Draft EIS. NexGen indicated that the CNSC has requested that all written comments be submitted by 12 October 2022 and provided the website address where the CNSC public comment process for the Project could be found. NexGen noted they looked forward to continued engagement throughout the lifespan of the Project, and invited the MLTC to contact NexGen if there were any questions.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
1 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Chief of the MLTC advising that the ENV has completed its EA Technical Review for the Project and that NexGen has submitted the provincial Final EIS to the ENV. NexGen informed of the next steps under the provincial EA process and explained it was different from the federal EA public review process that occurred for the Draft EIS. NexGen stated they would be available to support the ENV through the process if requested and would be happy to meet and discuss any questions regarding the provincial Final EIS or the provincial EA process with the MLTC. NexGen indicated the provincial Final EIS would be posted on the ENV's website for the commencement of the public review period and noted an updated link to the ENV website would be provided. NexGen updated the MLTC that they were in the final stages of completing responses to the federal technical and public review comments received on the Draft EIS and noted what the next steps would be. NexGen advised that they must also receive positive federal licensing and provincial permitting decisions for the Project to be fully approved and for Construction to begin. NexGen invited the MLTC to reach out if there were any questions.
5 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MLTC and provided a link to the notification regarding the public review period for the provincial Final EIS that has been posted on the ENV website. NexGen also included the link to the ENV website where the EIS and supporting documentation could be downloaded.
30 January 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen attended the career fair in the CRDN community, hosted by the CRDN and MLTC.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the MLTC and provided the results of the CNSC FIRT review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen also included a link to the results on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project. NexGen informed the MLTC that the comments from the FIRT technical review were being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments.
20 August 2024	Multiple/various methods	NexGen met with the Regional Training Working Group to discuss community training and employment programs. Presentations were provided by Lotus Learning Solutions, Gabriel Dumont Institute, Dumont Technical Institute and Morris Interactive. Other topics of discussion included the status of Export, upcoming Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies programs, updates on the La Loche Shop, training program report, training funding, and assessment tool for hands on abilities.
26 August 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the Regional Training Working Group and provided the minutes and materials from the meeting held on 20 August 2024.

BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; MLTC = Meadow Lake Tribal Council; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; FIRT = Federal-Indigenous Review Team.

Table 2D-8: N-19 Trappers Association

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
19 May 2013	In-person meeting	NexGen met with members of the N-19 Trappers Association and the Métis Local #39 (La Loche) to introduce NexGen and to discuss any concerns. Concerns noted by the Métis Local #39 and N-19 Trappers Association included the potential effects of drilling and restricted land use. Additional discussions were focused on employment and business opportunities, as well as ongoing community engagement.
25 November 2013	In-person meeting	NexGen attended an N-19 Trappers Association meeting. The N-19 Trappers Association informed NexGen that they would like to be made aware of industry and exploration activities and expressed interest in employment opportunities.
27 November 2013	Phone call, incoming	The N-19 Trappers Association called NexGen to discuss the meeting on 25 November 2013, as well as employment opportunities.
27 March 2014	Phone call, incoming	The N-19 Trappers Association called NexGen to discuss engagement with the N-19 Trappers Association.
2 June 2014	Phone call, incoming	The N-19 Trappers Association called NexGen to invite them to a Trappers meeting in La Loche on 3 June 2014. NexGen noted that they would be unable to attend and asked if they could be contacted after the meeting to discuss further.
15 March 2018	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the N-19 Trappers Association for a formal introduction to the Chairman.
5 December 2018	In-person meeting	NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities to the N-19 Trappers Association, including: ▪ company introduction and overview; ▪ description of the Project and Arrow deposit; ▪ Preliminary Economic Assessment highlights and summary of Pre-Feasibility Study results; ▪ environmental baseline summary; and ▪ community commitment to training and procurement.
12 June 2019	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to the N-19 Trappers Association to provide formal notification of the commencement of the EA for the Project.
25 February 2021	Video conference	NexGen met with the N-19 Trappers Association and discussed: ▪ NexGen and the Project; ▪ Project update; and ▪ proposed 2021 field program.
9 July 2021	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the N-19 Trappers Association and discussed: ▪ land use and participation in trapping; ▪ fur produced and its value; ▪ social and cultural aspects of trapping; and ▪ if and how the Project might interact with trapping. NexGen provided information about the Project and the ongoing EA. NexGen also held discussions regarding drilling, employment opportunities, fish, and wildlife.
15 July 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the N-19 Trappers Association to thank them for arranging the Trappers Workshop on 9 July 2021. NexGen provided meeting notes from the 9 July 2021 workshop for review and introduced an InterGroup member who was doing work for the EA who would like to reach out with additional questions.
15 July 2021	Email, incoming	The N-19 Trappers Association emailed NexGen and confirmed the meeting minutes from the Trappers Workshop held on 9 July 2021 were approved and that NexGen was welcome to pass contact information on to InterGroup.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
1 February 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the N-19 Trappers Association and confirmed a meeting to take place on 28 February 2022 at the Empowerment Centre in La Loche for the presentation covering the 2022 programs and a Project update. NexGen also requested that the invite was extended to the appropriate N-19 Trappers Association members.
28 February 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the N-19 Trappers Association to share a Project update presentation. After the presentation: ▪ the N-19 Trappers Association requested that NexGen share the results of the baseline studies; ▪ NexGen committed to presenting EA results; ▪ the N-19 Trappers Association noted concerns regarding noise levels for workers due to the proximity of the proposed Project camp to the process plant and other infrastructure; ▪ the N-19 Trappers Association noted the importance of the involvement of Elders on site and NexGen confirmed existing commitments to achieve this in Benefit Agreements with local Indigenous Groups; ▪ the N-19 Trappers Association inquired about compensation for trappers affected by the Project. NexGen noted potential for this to occur under Mineral Surface Lease Agreements with the Provincial government; ▪ the N-19 Trappers Association noted concerns regarding boom-bust cycles associated with mining operations; and ▪ the N-19 Trappers Association inquired about the potential for public input on the Feasibility Study and the EIS.
15 July 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the N-19 Trappers Association and informed that the CNSC has completed its conformity review of NexGen's Draft EIS for the Project. NexGen advised that the CNSC would accept comments on the Draft EIS during a 90-day public comment period which provides Indigenous nations and communities, members of the public, and government department and agencies an opportunity to submit their views in writing to the CNSC on the information presented in the Draft EIS. NexGen indicated that the CNSC has requested that all written comments be submitted by 12 October 2022 and provided the website address where the CNSC public comment process for the Project could be found. NexGen noted they looked forward to continued engagement throughout the lifespan of the Project and invited the N-19 Trappers Association to contact NexGen if there were any questions.
16 March 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the N-19 Trappers Association to present the results of the EA for the Project. The presentation focused on the Draft EIS and its four main themes of assessment and discussed the potential impacts to each, including: atmosphere, water, land, and people. The presentation also included results of specific baseline environmental monitoring programs that have occurred at the Rook I site, as previously requested by the N-19 Trappers Association. As there were also other items of interest such as importance of education, training, and employment that the N-19 Trappers Association wished to discuss, not all EA results items were presented; therefore, a copy of the presentation was left with the N-19 Trappers Association for review. The N-19 Trappers Association provided positive feedback on NexGen's approach to environmental stewardship and early engagement. A follow up meeting was requested by the N-19 Trappers Association at a later date.
1 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the N-19 Trappers advising that the ENV had completed the EA Technical Review for the Project and that NexGen had submitted the provincial Final EIS to the ENV. NexGen informed of the next steps under the provincial EA process and explained it was different from the federal EA public review process that occurred for the Draft EIS. NexGen stated they would be available to support the ENV through the process if requested and would be happy to meet and discuss any questions regarding the provincial Final EIS or the provincial EA process with N-19 Trappers. NexGen indicated the provincial Final EIS would be posted on the ENV's website for the commencement of the public review period and noted an updated link to the ENV website would be provided. NexGen updated N-19 Trappers that they were in the final stages of completing responses to the federal technical and public review comments received on the Draft EIS and noted what the next steps would be. NexGen advised that they must also receive positive federal licensing and provincial permitting decisions for the Project to be fully approved and for Construction to begin. NexGen invited N-19 Trappers to reach out if there were any questions.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
1 September 2023	Email, incoming	The N-19 Trappers Association emailed NexGen and thanked them for the information regarding the public review period of the provincial Final EIS.
5 September 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the N-19 Trappers Association and provided a link to the notification regarding the public review period for the provincial Final EIS that has been posted on the ENV website. NexGen also included the link to the ENV website where the EIS and supporting documentation could be downloaded.
10 January 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed N-19 Trappers Association providing the monthly report delivered on the local radio stations to share updates on the Project EA, community engagement, business and contracting, employment and training, and Rook I site activities.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the N-19 Trappers Association and provided the results of the CNSC FIRT review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen also included a link to the results on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project. NexGen informed that the comments from the FIRT technical review were being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments.
6 March 2024	Email, incoming	The N-19 Trappers Association emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for the update on the results of the CNSC FIRT review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project. The N-19 Trappers inquired about scheduling a time to discuss several items.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the N-19 Trappers Association regarding the N-19 Trappers' request to meet and inquired what date would work best. NexGen also inquired if the N-19 Trappers were looking for an update on the status of the Project and next steps or if there was any other specific information that the N-19 Trappers would like to see.
2 April 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the N-19 Trappers Association to provide an update on the provincial and federal approvals processes for the Project, community programs, and education and training initiatives.

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; N-19 = N-19 Trappers Association; FIRT = Federal-Indigenous Review Team.

Table 2D-9: Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
31 July 2018	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the NSEQC for an introductory meeting to provide background information on NexGen, the Project and Pre-Feasibility Study, community initiatives, and environmental baseline work. The NSEQC provided background information on the role of the NSEQC and their reporting mechanisms. The NSEQC invited NexGen to present at a future meeting.
20 August 2018	In-person meeting	NexGen met with a representative from the NSEQC to provide a tour of the Rook I site.
28 November 2018	In-person meeting	NexGen provided an update on exploration and Project development activities to the NSEQC, ENV, and SMGR, including: ▪ NexGen introduction and overview; ▪ description of the Project and Arrow deposit; ▪ Preliminary Economic Assessment highlights and summary of Pre-Feasibility Study results; ▪ environmental baseline summary; and ▪ community commitment to training and procurement.
10 July 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen presented on the Project to the NSEQC (meeting also attended by the CNSC and Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources).
4 September 2019	In-person meeting	NexGen attended a meeting hosted by the CNSC and NSEQC. The CNSC provided an overview of the role of the CNSC and shared updates on CNSC-regulated projects.
9 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NSEQC and SMGR and advised of the EIS submission to the CNSC and the ENV that is scheduled for the first quarter of 2022.
9 November 2021	Email, incoming	The NSEQC and SMGR emailed NexGen and requested notification upon completion of the EIS, as well as a copy of the EIS for review. The NSEQC Manager added that they would like to include NexGen on the agenda at the next NSEQC meeting in early 2022.
9 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NSEQC and SMGR and advised that the NSEQC would be updated regarding the submission of the EIS and any other related information.
25 January 2022	Video conference	NexGen met with the NSEQC to discuss logistics for the upcoming NSEQC meeting in March 2022, at which a Project update was scheduled for presentation by NexGen.
25 February 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NSEQC and thanked them for providing the final agenda for the NSEQC meeting. NexGen and the NSEQC subsequently exchanged communications on logistics for the March 2022 meeting.
1 March 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NSEQC and provided the presentation for the NSEQC meeting scheduled on 2 March 2022 and included a description of the Project Update presentation.
2 March 2022	Video conference	NexGen presented at the Spring 2022 NSEQC meeting. NexGen's presentation included: ▪ an overview of NexGen Energy Ltd.; ▪ an overview of the Project; and ▪ a Project status update, including the EA. Following the presentations, questions were focused on the underground tailings management facility, mining methods, and continued engagement.

Table 2D-9: Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
9 March 2022	Email, incoming	The NSQEC emailed NexGen and provided documents from the Keewatin Community Development Association regarding a summary of exploration activities in northern Saskatchewan as attachments.
31 May 2022	Email, incoming	The NSEQC emailed NexGen and provided the attached draft agenda for the upcoming June 2022 NSEQC meeting. The NSEQC requested for NexGen to review the allotted presentation time and advise if any changes were required. The NSEQC indicated that any changes must be submitted by 2 June 2022 and requested for a copy of the presentation by 3 June 2022.
1 June 2022	Email, exchange	The NSEQC and NexGen exchanged e-mails regarding scheduling of NexGen's presentation to the NSEQC on 9 June 2022.
3 June 2022	Email, exchange	The NSEQC and NexGen exchanged e-mails regarding the final agenda and presentation for the upcoming General Meeting on 9 June 2022.
9 June 2022	In-person meeting	NexGen presented at the Spring 2022 NSEQC General Meeting on the following topics: ▪ Project overview; ▪ Project status update and the EA; ▪ engagement including Study Agreements and Benefit Agreements; ▪ business development; and ▪ training and employment planning.
15 June 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NSEQC and informed that the CNSC has completed its conformity review of NexGen's Draft EIS for the Project. NexGen advised that the CNSC would accept comments on the Draft EIS during a 90-day public comment period which provides Indigenous nations and communities, members of the public, and government department and agencies an opportunity to submit their views in writing to the CNSC on the information presented in the Draft EIS. NexGen indicated that the CNSC has requested that all written comments be submitted by 12 October 2022 and provided the website address where the CNSC public comment process for the Project could be found. NexGen noted they looked forward to continued engagement throughout the lifespan of the Project, and invited the NSEQC to contact NexGen if there were any questions.
16 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NSEQC to inquire if there were upcoming NSEQC meetings that NexGen could participate in. NexGen also followed up on the previous notification of the Draft EIS and the start of the 90-day public review period and invited the NSEQC to reach out if there were any questions, comments, or if any additional information was required.
18 August 2022	Email, incoming	The NSEQC emailed NexGen and advised that the NSEQC term expired on 22 June 2022 and a new Order in Council should be in place by the end of September 2022 or as late as end of October 2022. The NSEQC indicated that there were no meetings currently scheduled and that NexGen would be informed when the new committee has been approved. The NSEQC also noted that there have been no follow-ups received from the last NSEQC group about NexGen's Draft EIS.
18 August 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NSEQC acknowledging the update regarding the NSEQC term.
16 December 2022	Email, incoming	The NSEQC emailed NexGen to provide an update on the status of the NSEQC and noted that they were still in the process of collecting criminal record checks for the Ministers Order. The NSEQC informed NexGen that the process would continue into 2023 and that the numbers would be reviewed in the New Year. The NSEQC indicated that NexGen could reach out if there were any questions.
16 December 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NSEQC to thank the NSEQC for providing an update on the status of the NSEQC. NexGen stated they looked forward to hearing back from the NSEQC in 2023 and invited the NSEQC to reach out if there were any questions or updates required from NexGen in the interim.
15 February 2023	Email, incoming	The manager of the NSEQC emailed NexGen to advise that they have accepted a new position outside of the NSEQC and that the week of 13 February 2023 would be their last. The manager of the NSEQC stated that the NSEQC would remain inactive while they awaited the approval of the Ministers Order and informed NexGen of who to contact for future updates.

Table 2D-9: Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
15 February 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the manager of the NSEQC and acknowledged the update that they have taken a position outside of the NSEQC. NexGen informed the manger of NSEQC that it had been a pleasure working together and wished them the best on the new opportunity.
6 October 2023	Email, incoming	The NSEQC emailed NexGen regarding the NSEQC meeting planned for 14 November and 15 November 2023 and indicated the meeting was discussed with NexGen's Project Liaison Manager. The NSEQC advised that a presentation from NexGen has been requested and noted the meeting was generally attended by community-appointed representatives, industry, and multiple branches of government. The NSEQC provided background information on the committee and hoped to hear back from NexGen soon.
17 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NSEQC and thanked the NSEQC for reaching out to request NexGen to present at the upcoming NSEQC meeting. NexGen inquired if there was availability to present in the afternoon of 14 November 2023 to provide a brief update on the Project as well as share information about NexGen's education, training, and employment initiatives. NexGen informed the NSEQC the NexGen Project Liaison Manager would be the main contact for the presentation.
17 October 2023	Email, incoming	The NSEQC emailed NexGen and advised that the presentation schedule in the afternoon of 14 November 2023 for the upcoming NSEQC meeting was fully booked. The NSEQC proposed for NexGen to present over the lunch hour and inquired if the option would work.
18 October 2023	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NSEQC regarding the upcoming NSEQC meeting scheduled on 14 November 2023 and proposed that NexGen and Northern Career Quest present to the NSEQC during the lunch hour.
14 November 2023	In-person meeting	NexGen presented at the NSEQC meeting. NexGen's presentation focused on updates relating to engagement with local communities and education, training, and employment initiatives.
6 March 2024	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the NSEQC and provided the results of the CNSC FIRT review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project as part of the federal EA process. NexGen also included a link to the results on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the Project. NexGen informed that the comments from the FIRT technical review were being reviewed and that NexGen was working to submit responses to all outstanding comments.
6 March 2024	Email, incoming	The NSEQC emailed NexGen and thanked NexGen for the update on the results of the CNSC FIRT review of NexGen's responses to the federal technical information requests and advice to proponent comments on the Project. The NSEQC indicated the information would be shared with the committee.
4 June 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen presented at the June 2024 NSEQC meeting to share updates related to the Project and the regulatory authorizations required for the Project, NexGen's approach to environmental protection, and updates on NexGen's education and training initiatives.
27 September 2024	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the NSEQC to share updates related to the Project, required regulatory authorizations and agreements, regional development in the LPA, continued engagement, a proposed site visit, NexGen's human resources policies, and education and training initiatives.

CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; NSEQC = Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; SMGR = Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations.

Table 2D-10: Other Public Organizations

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
Royal Canadian Mounted Police		
16 March 2016	In-person meeting	NexGen met with the La Loche Royal Canadian Mounted Police to provide an overview of the Project and an outline of NexGen plans in the coming years. NexGen shared information of the current Rook I exploration camp facilities and the upcoming plans. The La Loche Royal Canadian Mounted Police expressed their appreciation for the update and requested a letter from NexGen.
5 April 2016	Letter, outgoing	NexGen sent a letter to thank the La Loche Royal Canadian Mounted Police for meeting on 16 March 2016, and to share a written overview of NexGen's activities.
Saskatchewan Environmental Society		
14 September 2021	Letter, incoming	The SES sent NexGen a letter noting requests with respect to the Project. The SES requested NexGen add the SES to the list of stakeholders for the Project public engagement process. The SES requested information regarding the status of the EIS and asked if NexGen could advise of when the final version might be submitted to the CNSC. The SES stated they will be participating in the CNSC review of the EIS.
25 October 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the SES and acknowledged receipt of their letter dated 14 September 2021 with respect to the Project. NexGen sought to confirm that the letter from the SES was indicative of the SES participating in the CNSC public review process of the Project's EIS and noted that, accordingly, a CNSC employee had been copied in the email. NexGen noted that if the assumption was correct, a call could be scheduled to complete introductions and have further discussions.
5 November 2021	Video conference	NexGen met with the SES and the CNSC to follow up on the letter received by the SES on 14 September 2021. The SES confirmed their interest in participating in the CNSC public review of the EIS and that they had received funding via the CNSC Participant Funding Program to do so. NexGen provided an update on timing of the submission of the EIS, and the CNSC provided a summary overview of the EIS review timelines. NexGen offered the opportunity for a remote or in-person meeting with the SES to further discuss the Project or the EIS, and extended the invitation for a site tour, if interested.
5 November 2021	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the SES to thank them for meeting with NexGen and the CNSC and extended an invitation to learn more about the Project via video meeting or in person, and offered to coordinate a site tour, if interested.
18 January 2022	Email, outgoing	NexGen emailed the SES and followed up on a previous email sent on 5 November 2021, where NexGen extended an invitation for a call or site tour to learn more about NexGen or the Project.

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Table 2D-11: Community Information Sessions

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
24 June 2019	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: La Loche, Descharme Lake, Bear Creek, Black Point, Garson Lake ▪ Location: La Loche ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement, social media, website ▪ Attendees: 163 ▪ Purpose: o Inform local communities of the nature of proposed Project activities. o Answer questions and receive initial feedback specific to the Project for consideration during the EA. o Initially identify valued components and local land use by community members in attendance. o Provide information about the EA process. o Introduce NexGen and the Project to the broader community.
25 June 2019	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: Turnor Lake ▪ Location: Turnor Lake ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement, social media, website ▪ Attendees: 32 ▪ Purpose: o Inform local communities of the nature of proposed Project activities. o Answer questions and receive initial feedback specific to the Project for consideration during the EA. o Initially identify valued components and local land use by community members in attendance. o Provide information about the EA process. o Introduce NexGen and the Project to the broader community.
26 June 2019	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: Dillon, Michel Village, St George's Hill ▪ Location: Buffalo River Dene Nation ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement, social media, website ▪ Attendees: 27 ▪ Purpose: o Inform local communities of the nature of proposed Project activities. o Answer questions and receive initial feedback specific to the Project for consideration during the EA. o Initially identify valued components and local land use by community members in attendance. o Provide information about the EA process. o Introduce NexGen and the Project to the broader community.
27 June 2019	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: Buffalo Narrows ▪ Location: Buffalo Narrows ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement, social media, website ▪ Attendees: 44 ▪ Purpose: o Inform local communities of the nature of proposed Project activities. o Answer questions and receive initial feedback specific to the Project for consideration during the EA. o Initially identify valued components and local land use by community members in attendance. o Provide information about the EA process. o Introduce NexGen and the Project to the broader community.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
22 June 2022	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: La Loche, Descharme Lake, Bear Creek, Black Point, Garson Lake ▪ Location: La Loche ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement ▪ Attendees: 62 ▪ Purpose: o Update local communities on the Project. o Inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project. o Answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the Draft EIS. o Provide information about the Draft EIS regulatory review process and how members of the LPA can be involved in the review.
22 June 2022	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: Buffalo Narrows ▪ Location: Buffalo Narrows ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement ▪ Attendees: 62 ▪ Purpose: o Update local communities on the Project. o Inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project. o Answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the Draft EIS. o Provide information about the Draft EIS regulatory review process and how members of the LPA can be involved in the review.
23 June 2022	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: Clearwater River Dene Nation ▪ Location: Clearwater River Dene Nation ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement ▪ Attendees: 132 ▪ Purpose: o Update local communities on the Project. o Inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project. o Answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the Draft EIS. o Provide information about the Draft EIS regulatory review process and how members of the LPA can be involved in the review.
24 June 2022	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: Turnor Lake, Birch Narrows Dene Nation ▪ Location: Turnor Lake ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement ▪ Attendees: 39 ▪ Purpose: o Update local communities on the Project. o Inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project. o Answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the Draft EIS. o Provide information about the Draft EIS regulatory review process and how members of the LPA can be involved in the review.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
25 June 2022	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: Dillon, Michel Village, St. George's Hill ▪ Location: Buffalo River Dene Nation ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement ▪ Attendees: 72 ▪ Purpose: o Update local communities on the Project. o Inform community members on the results of the EA conducted for the Project. o Answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the Draft EIS. o Provide information about the Draft EIS regulatory review process and how members of the LPA can be involved in the review.
5 October 2022	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: Citizens of Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 ▪ Location: La Loche ▪ Notification: No NexGen notification methods conducted as the MN-S coordinated notifications ▪ Attendees: 7 ▪ Purpose: o Provide a Project update for Métis citizens. o Discuss the results of the Draft EIS (including predicted effects to atmosphere, water, land, and people). o Answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the Draft EIS. o Provide an overview of the Draft EIS regulatory process and how Métis citizens could be involved in the review.
6 October 2022	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: Citizens of Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 ▪ Location: Buffalo Narrows ▪ Notification: No NexGen notification methods conducted as the MN-S coordinated notifications ▪ Attendees: 62 ▪ Purpose: o Provide a Project update for Métis citizens. o Discuss the results of the Draft EIS (including predicted effects to atmosphere, water, land, and people). o Answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the Draft EIS. o Provide an overview of the Draft EIS regulatory process and how Métis citizens could be involved in the review.
12 June 2023	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: Buffalo Narrows ▪ Location: Buffalo Narrows ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement, engagement update letters ▪ Attendees: 16 ▪ Purpose: o Disseminate detailed information to local communities about the proposed activities at the Rook I site. o Address questions and receive and consider feedback specific to the EA and Project. o Provide information about and clarify the EA process. o Introduce NexGen and the Project to a wider audience.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
13 June 2023	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: La Loche, Clearwater River Dene Nation, Descharme Lake, Bear Creek, Black Point, Garson Lake ▪ Location: La Loche ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement, engagement update letters ▪ Attendees: 112 ▪ Purpose: o Disseminate detailed information to local communities about the proposed activities at the Rook I site. o Address questions and receive and consider feedback specific to the EA and Project. o Provide information about and clarify the EA process. o Introduce NexGen and the Project to a wider audience.
14 June 2023	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: Birch Narrows Dene Nation, Turnor Lake ▪ Location: Birch Narrows Dene Nation ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement, engagement update letters ▪ Attendees: 62 ▪ Purpose: o Disseminate detailed information to local communities about the proposed activities at the Rook I site. o Address questions and receive and consider feedback specific to the EA and Project. o Provide information about and clarify the EA process. o Introduce NexGen and the Project to a wider audience.
15 June 2023	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: Buffalo River Dene Nation, Dillon, Michel Village, St. George's Hill ▪ Location: Buffalo River Dene Nation ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement, engagement update letters ▪ Attendees: 33 ▪ Purpose: o Disseminate detailed information to local communities about the proposed activities at the Rook I site. o Address questions and receive and consider feedback specific to the EA and Project. o Provide information about and clarify the EA process. o Introduce NexGen and the Project to a wider audience.
16 June 2023	In-person meeting	▪ Target Communities: Clearwater River Dene Nation, La Loche, Descharme Lake, Bear Creek, Black Point, Garson Lake ▪ Location: Treaty Grounds, Clearwater River Dene Nation ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement, engagement update letters ▪ Attendees: 302 ▪ Purpose: o Disseminate detailed information to local communities about the proposed activities at the Rook I site. o Address questions and receive and consider feedback specific to the EA and Project. o Provide information about and clarify the EA process. o Introduce NexGen and the Project to a wider audience.
28 May 2024	In-person / face-to-face	▪ Target Communities: Buffalo River Dene Nation, Dillon, Michel Village, St. George's Hill ▪ Location: Buffalo River Dene Nation Hall ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement, engagement update letters

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
		▪ Attendees: 28 ▪ Purpose: o Disseminate detailed information to local communities about the proposed activities at the Rook I site. o Provide information about the regulatory process for the Project, environmental protection and monitoring, community engagement and programs, and education, training, and employment opportunities.
28 May 2024	In-person / face-to-face	▪ Target Communities: Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows, citizens of Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 ▪ Location: Buffalo Narrows Lakeview Complex Arena ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement, engagement update letters ▪ Attendees: 39 ▪ Purpose: o Disseminate detailed information to local communities about the proposed activities at the Rook I site. o Provide information about the regulatory process for the Project, environmental protection and monitoring, community engagement and programs, and education, training, and employment opportunities.
29 May 2024	In-person / face-to-face	▪ Target Communities: Northern Village of La Loche, Clearwater River Dene Nation, citizens of Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2, Descharme Lake, Bear Creek, Black Point, Garson Lake ▪ Location: La Loche Friendship Centre ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement, engagement update letters ▪ Attendees: 11 ▪ Purpose: o Disseminate detailed information to local communities about the proposed activities at the Rook I site. o Provide information about the regulatory process for the Project, environmental protection and monitoring, community engagement and programs, and education, training, and employment opportunities.
29 May 2024	In-person / face-to-face	▪ Target Communities: Clearwater River Dene Nation ▪ Location: Clearwater River Dene Nation Hall ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement, engagement update letters ▪ Attendees: 30 ▪ Purpose: o Disseminate detailed information to local communities about the proposed activities at the Rook I site. o Provide information about the regulatory process for the Project, environmental protection and monitoring, community engagement and programs, and education, training, and employment opportunities.
30 May 2024	In-person / face-to-face	▪ Target Communities: Turnor Lake, Birch Narrows Dene Nation ▪ Location: Turnor Lake and Birch Barrows Community Food Centre ▪ Notification: mail card, posters, radio announcement, engagement update letters ▪ Attendees: 11 ▪ Purpose: o Disseminate detailed information to local communities about the proposed activities at the Rook I site. o Provide information about the regulatory process for the Project, environmental protection and monitoring, community engagement and programs, and education, training, and employment opportunities.

EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement.

Table 2D-12: Youth Workshop (Local Schools)

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
12 March 2020	In-person meeting	NexGen held a regional youth workshop in La Loche for youth to engage with the Project. The regional workshop included youth from Birch Narrows Dene School, Buffalo River Dene School, Clearwater River Dene School, Dene High School, and Twin Lakes Community School. The workshop included the following topics: ▪ uranium overview; ▪ Project background; ▪ employment, training, and educational opportunities; ▪ mentorship program; and ▪ scholarship opportunities.

Table 2D-13: Other Multi-stakeholder Engagement Activities

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
February 2019 to present	Website access	Project website maintained to provide updates on Project activities, regulatory filings, engagement activities, and career opportunities.
2019/2020 (intermittent due to COVID-19) July 2021 to present	In-person meetings	Dedicated office in La Loche to act as an accessible location for members of local Indigenous Groups and communities to seek Project information and help increase opportunities for face-to-face meetings.
November 2021	Newsletter	Target communities: the NSDL, the CRDN, the NVLL, the BNDN, Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake, Northern Hamlet of Black Point, Northern Hamlet of Bear Creek, Northern Settlement of Garson Lake, the BRDN, Northern Hamlet of Michel Village, Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill, and the NVBN. Community newsletter to provide Project information to local communities and to highlight alternative ways people can engage with NexGen, including via the Project website, email, and telephone number. November 2021 newsletter content included a Project overview and key Project components, commitment to protection of people and the environment, community programs, education and training requirements, jobs and opportunities, and next steps in the EA process.
16 May 2022	Newsletter	Target communities: the NSDL, the CRDN, the NVLL, the BNDN, Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake, Northern Hamlet of Black Point, Northern Hamlet of Bear Creek, Northern Settlement of Garson Lake, the BRDN, Northern Hamlet of Michel Village, Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill, and the NVBN. NexGen distributed copies of the May 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ a NexGen scholarship update; ▪ an introduction to a new NexGen team member; ▪ an update on the completed 2021 Rook I Field Program; ▪ information on Project jobs and opportunities; ▪ updates on Project advancement; ▪ contact information to learn more about the Project; and ▪ a word search.

Table 2D-13: Other Multi-stakeholder Engagement Activities

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
22 August 2022	Newsletter	Target communities: the NSDL, the CRDN, the NVLL, the BNDN, Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake, Northern Hamlet of Black Point, Northern Hamlet of Bear Creek, Northern Settlement of Garson Lake, the BRDN, Northern Hamlet of Michel Village, Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill, and the NVBN. NexGen distributed copies of the August 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the current Rook I site activities; ▪ a permitting status and update for the Project; ▪ information on the regulatory process for Project EA; ▪ a summary of how engagement activities informed the EA for the Project; and ▪ NexGen community program updates.
11 October 2022	Newsletter	Target communities: the NSDL, the CRDN, the NVLL, the BNDN, Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake, Northern Hamlet of Black Point, Northern Hamlet of Bear Creek, Northern Settlement of Garson Lake, the BRDN, Northern Hamlet of Michel Village, Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill, and the NVBN. NexGen distributed copies of the October 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the 2022 summer student and scholarship programs; ▪ a summary of the June 2022 community information sessions; ▪ a Project status update; ▪ an introduction to the Project website; and ▪ an update on education, training, and employment initiatives.
22 December 2022	Newsletter	Target communities: the NSDL, the CRDN, the NVLL, the BNDN, Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake, Northern Hamlet of Black Point, Northern Hamlet of Bear Creek, Northern Settlement of Garson Lake, the BRDN, Northern Hamlet of Michel Village, Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill, and the NVBN. NexGen distributed copies of the December 2022 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the education and training initiatives; ▪ an update on environmental monitoring programs; ▪ a summary of community updates and initiatives; ▪ a Project status update; and ▪ a Christmas message.
21 April 2023	Newsletter	Target communities: the NSDL, the CRDN, the NVLL, the BNDN, Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake, Northern Hamlet of Black Point, Northern Hamlet of Bear Creek, Northern Settlement of Garson Lake, the BRDN, Northern Hamlet of Michel Village, Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill, and the NVBN. NexGen distributed copies of the April 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the education and training initiatives; ▪ regulatory process updates for the Project; and ▪ a summary of community engagement updates.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
9 June 2023	Newsletter	Target communities: the NSDL, the CRDN, the NVLL, the BNDN, Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake, Northern Hamlet of Black Point, Northern Hamlet of Bear Creek, Northern Settlement of Garson Lake, the BRDN, Northern Hamlet of Michel Village, Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill, and the NVBN. NexGen distributed copies of the April 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ information about the upcoming June 2023 community information sessions; ▪ education, training, and employment updates; and ▪ a summary of community updates and initiatives.
9 November 2023	Newsletter	Target communities: the NSDL, the CRDN, the NVLL, the BNDN, Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake, Northern Hamlet of Black Point, Northern Hamlet of Bear Creek, Northern Settlement of Garson Lake, the BRDN, Northern Hamlet of Michel Village, Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill, and the NVBN. NexGen distributed copies of the April 2023 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ a summary of the June 2023 community information sessions; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
14 March 2024	Newsletter	Target communities: the NSDL, the CRDN, the NVLL, the BNDN, Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake, Northern Hamlet of Black Point, Northern Hamlet of Bear Creek, Northern Settlement of Garson Lake, the BRDN, Northern Hamlet of Michel Village, Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill, and the NVBN. NexGen distributed copies of the March 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ education, training, and employment updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Project regulatory process updates.
27 May 2024	Newsletter	Target communities: the NSDL, the CRDN, the NVLL, the BNDN, Northern Hamlet of Turnor Lake, Northern Hamlet of Black Point, Northern Hamlet of Bear Creek, Northern Settlement of Garson Lake, the BRDN, Northern Hamlet of Michel Village, Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill, and the NVBN. NexGen distributed copies of the May 2024 issue of the community newsletter to the LPA. Topics included: ▪ an update on the upcoming community information sessions; ▪ education and training updates; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ Environmental Committee and Project regulatory process updates.

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Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
CHPN – La Loche Radio Station		
2 May 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the May 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
6 June 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the June 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
4 July 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the July 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
2 August 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the August 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
6 September 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the September 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
4 October 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the October 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
1 November 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the November 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
6 December 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the December 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
10 January 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the January 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.

Table 2D-13: Other Multi-stakeholder Engagement Activities

Communication Date	Communication Method	Description
14 February 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the February 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
14 March 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the March 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
14 April 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the April 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
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3 October 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the October 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
5 December 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the December 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
9 January 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the January 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
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3 September 24	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the September 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the environmental assessment (EA) for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracts updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site updates
CIBN - Buffalo Narrows Radio Station		
3 May 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the May 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
7 June 2022	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the June 2022 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; and ▪ business and contracting updates.
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8 August 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the August 2024 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
Buffalo River Dene Nation Radio Station		
5 December 2023	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the December 2023 monthly radio announcement to share updates on: ▪ the Project and the status of the EA for the Project; ▪ community engagement updates; ▪ business and contracting updates; and ▪ Rook I site activities.
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3 July 2024	Radio, public	NexGen delivered the July 2024 monthly radio announcement, the topics included: ▪ Project updates; ▪ employment and training updates; and ▪ community engagement updates.
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BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; NSDL = Northern Settlement of Descharme Lake; NVBN = Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows; NVLL = Northern Village of La Loche; LPA = local priority area.

Appendix 2E Summary of Community Information Sessions

Summary of Questions, Comments, and Responses

Abbreviations and Units of Measure

Abbreviation	Definition
BN	Buffalo Narrows
BNDN	Birch Narrows Dene Nation
BRDN	Buffalo River Dene Nation
CNSC	Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
CRDN	Clearwater River Dene Nation
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ENV	Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment
LL	La Loche
LNG	liquified natural gas
LPA	local priority area
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
MN-S NR2	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2
NexGen	NexGen Energy Ltd.
Project	Rook I Project
RCMP	Royal Canadian Mounted Police
UGTMF	underground tailings management facility

Unit	Definition
%	percent
m	metre
mm	millimetre

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The following represents a summary of conversations held during community information sessions hosted in Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN), La Loche, Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN) / Turnor Lake, Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN) / Dillon, and Buffalo Narrows, Saskatchewan. This summary provides the results for the following community information sessions:

- communities of La Loche, BNDN / Turnor Lake, BRDN / Dillon, and Buffalo Narrows between 24 June 2019 and 27 June 2019;
- communities of La Loche, CRDN, BNDN / Turnor Lake, BRDN / Dillon, and Buffalo Narrows between 22 June 2022 and 25 June 2022;
- communities of La Loche and Buffalo Narrows between 5 October 2022 and 6 October 2022;
- communities of La Loche, CRDN, BNDN / Turnor Lake, BRDN / Dillon, and Buffalo Narrows between 12 June 2023 and 16 June 2023; and
- communities of La Loche, CRDN, BNDN / Turnor Lake, BRDN / Dillon, and Buffalo Narrows between 28 May 2024 and 30 May 2024.

For the June 2019, June 2022, October 2022, June 2023, and May 2024 community information sessions, the sessions were drop-in formats with a series of 10 poster stations consisting of 3 posters each that were staffed by NexGen and its consultants. While the format of the community information sessions was generally consistent, some items were specific to each set of events:

- June 2019: A video was available to show an overview of the Project. There was also an interactive station where attendees were invited to provide feedback on valued components and to identify locations of land use in the area of the Project.
- June 2022: Several stations included additional displays such as examples of equipment used for water sampling and drill core, as well as a scintillometer. Representatives of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and / or Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (ENV) were also in attendance to discuss their roles as regulatory agencies and to answer questions. The CRDN and BRDN invited NexGen to host the community information sessions as part of the CRDN and BRDN Treaty Day celebrations, respectively.
- October 2022: The October 2022 community information sessions were requested and organized by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S). The purpose of these community information sessions was to present the results of the Project Environmental Assessment (EA) to the MN-S Northern Region 2 (NR2) citizens and answer any questions raised by the community members. Several stations included additional displays such as examples of equipment used for water sampling and drill core, as well as a scintillometer. In addition to the poster stations, NexGen delivered a presentation of the EA results to the MN-S during a community dinner. Following the time allocated to NexGen for this presentation, NexGen exited the community information session dinner at the request of the MN-S to allow the opportunity for the MN-S to discuss the Project and the EA results with the NR2 citizens and an MN-S EA consultant.
- June 2023: A YSI water meter demonstration was provided at one of the poster stations. In addition, representatives of the CNSC and Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment ENV were in attendance to discuss their roles as regulatory agencies and to answer questions. The CRDN invited NexGen to host the community information session at the CRDN Treaty Days celebration.
- May 2024: The May 2024 community information sessions were held during May so that school students and staff in the communities could be invited and encouraged to attend. Several stations also included

displays such as drill core and the milling process, and a small cloud chamber was created and used a demonstration to discuss and explain aspects of radiation. Local training institutions (e.g., Northlands College, Gabriel Dumont Institute, Saskatchewan Institute of Technologies) were invited to attend the sessions. Representatives of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission were also in attendance to discuss their role as a regulatory agency and to answer questions.

Table 2E-1 to Table 2E-5 present a summary of the questions and comments received during the community information sessions (i.e., June 2019, June 2022, October 2022, June 2023, May 2024) as well as the responses from NexGen at that time, where applicable. Questions and comments are presented by location of the community information session (i.e., La Loche, CRDN, BNDN / Turnor Lake, BRDN / Dillon, and Buffalo Narrows).

For the June 2019 community information sessions, interactions were primarily in a question-and-answer format; however, occasionally, comments were made that did not result in a conversation or response. Where questions were posed or comments were made and answers provided, the answers are summarized in the response column in Table 2E-1a, Table 2E-2a, Table 2E-3a, and Table 2E-4a. Where comments were made that did not result in a conversation or response, this is noted as “comment received during community information session” in the response column in Table 2E-1a, Table 2E-2a, Table 2E-3a, and Table 2E-4a.

For the June 2022 community information sessions, as the sessions included participants other than NexGen (e.g., regulatory representatives, other industry representatives), questions and comments raised often resulted in a discussion or redirection to (or group discussion with) other attendees at the session (e.g., CNSC, ENV). For this reason, only the topic and question or comment received are summarized in Table 2E-1b Table 2E-2b, Table 2E-3b, Table 2E-4b, and Table 2E-5a.

For the October 2022 community information sessions, interactions were primarily in a question-and-answer format conducted in an open forum following the presentation provided by NexGen. Some comments were made that did not result in a conversation or response. Where questions were posed or comments were made and answers provided, the answers are summarized in the response column in Table 2E-1c and Table 2E-4c. Where comments were made that did not result in a conversation or response, this is noted as “comment received during community information session” in the response column.

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For the May 2024 community information sessions, interactions were primarily in a question-and-answer format conducted in an open forum. Some comments were made that did not result in a conversation or response. Where questions were posed or comments were made and answers provided, the answers are summarized in the response column in Table 2E-1e, Table 2E-2d, Table 2E-3d, Table 2E-4e, and Table 2E-5c. Where comments were made that did not result in a conversation or response, this is noted as “comment received during community information session” in the response column.

Table 2E-1a: Summary of Questions and Comments from La Loche (June 2019 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
LL-1	Accidents and spills	Concerns about NexGen having spills on the land and ice and trying to cover it up.	NexGen noted that there have been no spills covered up and that current site work (i.e., exploration activities) is reported in the closure report submitted for programs conducted each year. The programs and activities performed at site are fully permitted through the ENV and meet or exceed the Best Management Practices and permit regulations.
LL-2	Accidents and spills	A participant shared photos of multiple sites that contained spills.	NexGen noted that the photos shared are not images of the Rook I Site. The pictures appear to represent routine operations rather than spills.
LL-3	Accidents and spills	Concerns about how mill solutions are being handled in the mill and inquiries about the possibility of spills on the mill terrace and at Patterson Lake.	NexGen noted that the mill process takes place inside a building with a concrete foundation (primary containment). Engineering design criteria is set to make sure that there is adequate surge capacity and process control to keep process solutions, solids, and slurries inside the building. Berms, collecting ponds, and dykes will be set up to collect and contain any site runoff. All contaminated water will be pumped back into the mill for treatment.
LL-4	Accidents and spills	A participant noted that individuals have heard of or witnessed yellowcake spills on the road from past mining experiences. They were disappointed in how Cluff Lake handled the spill and how it related to cancer cases. The concern is how NexGen will transport yellowcake and handle these spills.	NexGen noted that yellowcake is soluble in water and calcined uranium (which is the uranium concentrate product proposed for the Project) is not. There is relatively less risk when the calcined uranium gets into a spill situation, and it is easier to contain the spilled area (than for yellowcake).
LL-5	Air quality	Will you have air scrubbers on the mill stacks?	NexGen noted that all exhaust stacks from the mill will be fitted with appropriate scrubbers to limit the release of contaminants to the atmosphere. The exhaust will also be periodically tested to confirm concentrations of contaminants are within predicted levels.
LL-6	Air quality	Concerns about dust on the road killing vegetation and highlighted the need for more frequent application of calcium chloride.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-7	Assessment process	A participant noted that some people did not know that the Project had to go through an EA process prior to approval.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-8	Assessment process	A participant noted that some people believed the Project had already been approved.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-9	Capacity building	How will funding from NexGen help the Elders in the community?	NexGen noted that they care about meaningful community support and will consider the suggestion in planning for funding support.
LL-10	Commercial	A participant asked if NexGen was the same group that went to Pinehouse a few years ago and wanted to bury waste from nuclear power plants.	NexGen noted that they are not the same group and are currently in the process of developing a new mine and mill at a different site. NexGen noted that the group the individual is referring to was the Nuclear Waste Management Organization. The community of Pinehouse asked to have a study done in 2010. However, the First Nation and Métis communities in the area decided not to pursue the storage of spent nuclear fuel in their community after an initial study was completed.

Table 2E-1a: Summary of Questions and Comments from La Loche (June 2019 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
LL-11	Community benefits	Concerns that La Loche will face similar circumstances (e.g., lack of engagement) to those which occurred with respect to the Cluff Lake Mine.	NexGen noted that they are committed to listening to the communities to confirm that benefits are sustainable and lasting beyond the Project lifespan.
LL-12	Community benefits	Concerns that there will not be compensation (benefit funding) for the community, similar to what occurred in Cluff Lake.	NexGen noted that they are already showing a commitment to the community in the early consultation and engagement stage with current programs and initiatives. NexGen noted that they will continue to work with communities and leadership in a transparent fashion to create sustainable benefits both culturally and financially.
LL-13	Community benefits	A participant noted that when Cluff Lake Mine was operating, La Loche did not receive any benefits. NexGen is spending millions of dollars and will make millions when it is a producing mine. NexGen must share some of the money with La Loche when it is producing uranium and not just take the money south.	NexGen noted that both of the other uranium companies operating in northern Saskatchewan have signed Community Collaboration Agreements with northern communities, which include financial measures. It is anticipated that NexGen will enter into similar agreement with the appropriate communities local to the Project.
LL-14	Community benefits	Desire for a share of the royalties from the Project to be distributed locally (not just to leadership).	Comment received during community information session.
LL-15	Community benefits	Need for profits from the company to support local economic development.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-16	Community benefits	A participant noted concern with the election process for local leadership.	NexGen noted that they cannot speak for individual communities. However, they have and will continue to be transparent in the process and will work to keep local communities fully involved and aware throughout the entire Project.
LL-17	Community opinion and knowledge	Concerns expressed that there are likely many unknown burial locations in the region.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-18	Construction	Will you use concrete underground?	NexGen confirmed that concrete would be used underground and noted that areas close to the uranium or in the uranium ore will consist of shotcrete with fine sand/cement/water coating. NexGen noted that this shields workers from gamma radiation and is used in other mines in northern Saskatchewan. About 50 mm of shotcrete is typically sprayed and sometimes there will be multiple coatings up to 150 mm or 200 mm. A radiation technician will measure the effectiveness of the initial shotcrete coating and will ask the miners to apply more, if required.
LL-19	Construction	How will you get underground?	NexGen noted that they will use a shaft and an elevator-like lift to transport people underground and stated that it takes about two minutes to travel from surface to the underground workings area. People, materials, and equipment will be sent down the shaft. NexGen noted that it is a smooth ride, and most people find it is much like travelling in an elevator.
LL-20	Construction	When will construction begin?	NexGen noted that they are currently in the permitting process stage and that they are working on the EIS and that once the EIS is submitted, the permitting process is expected to take 18 months to two years to complete.

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LL-21	Consultation and engagement	Could we have a message sent out on the radio after the event regarding the turnout and what was communicated?	NexGen noted that they would take the suggestion into consideration.
LL-22	Consultation and engagement	Can I interview you regarding all the initiatives NexGen is working on in the community?	NexGen noted that they would need a formal approval for any interviews conducted and said that they would look into additional information regarding the inquiry and respond back to the individual.
LL-23	Consultation and engagement	A participant noted that people have difficulties understanding uranium mining and highlighted the need for more discussions/meetings so that people in La Loche learn and understand more about uranium mining.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-24	Consultation and engagement	NexGen should continue to meet regularly with the people in La Loche, even after the mine is approved and operating.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-25	Consultation and engagement	How will the media be informed about the Project?	NexGen noted that local media has been broadcasting the information about the community information sessions and that information on the Project is posted publicly.
LL-26	Consultation and engagement	Concerns about the format of the meeting and that it doesn't give everyone a chance to hear the same message.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-27	Consultation and engagement	Concerns about the lack of consultation for exploration (not limited to NexGen).	Comment received during community information session.
LL-28	Consultation and engagement	Individuals inquired about why there were people from other communities at their session.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-29	Consultation and engagement	A participant noted that they do not always receive information as sometimes leadership does not share all details with them.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-30	Decommissioning	Who monitors once decommissioning is complete?	NexGen noted that following the decommissioning stage, the site will be monitored by NexGen for a period of approximately 10 years. Once the monitoring results demonstrate that the site is in safe, stable, and improving in condition, it will be transferred to the Government of Saskatchewan as part of the Institutional Control Program. The Government of Saskatchewan will be responsible for ongoing, periodic monitoring, and inspection after that point of transfer.

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LL-31	Decommissioning	What happens if something fails once decommissioning is complete (e.g., seismic event that alters the UGTMF)?	NexGen noted that the likelihood of failure is low due to the majority of materials being stored underground in competent basement rock. It is currently envisioned that no materials will be left on surface once decommissioning is complete, other than waste rock. To make sure the UGTMF design is sound, the EA includes assessing the current underground conditions (e.g., water quality, flow rate, and direction), the potential for contaminant mobility from the tailings, and where the water that intersects the tailings will go, including predicting effects for a 10,000-year period. Monitoring during operations and decommissioning will verify predictions. The predictions are considered in the context of the likelihood of factors such as potential seismic activity and future climate change scenarios so that we can be confident that the predicted environmental effects are low. The Government of Saskatchewan will not assume care and custody of the site until they are confident that the site is safe, stable, and improving. If something was to happen after the site was transferred to Institutional Control, the Government of Saskatchewan would be responsible for managing it.
LL-32	Decommissioning	Who is responsible for the clean up when the mining is complete?	NexGen noted that this is the responsibility of the proponent (i.e., NexGen). NexGen stated that they are not allowed to walk away from remediation and clean-up responsibilities when the mining is complete and that they are required to clean up the area so that it meets regulatory and community expectations.
LL-33	Employment and training	Will training for jobs at the mine be provided in town or at the mine?	NexGen noted that training plans have not yet been finalized but said that they are committed to maximizing the use of a local workforce and supporting opportunities for necessary training.
LL-34	Employment and training	An individual asked if they could have a site coordinator contact them about opportunities.	NexGen noted that they would discuss with the site coordinator to get in touch and look at opportunities that would align with the individual's trade (construction).
LL-35	Employment and training	Are there work programs for disabled citizens and have you considered that in the plan such as the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability?	NexGen noted that this is not something that has been fully considered but they will review the possibility for this type of program.
LL-36	Employment and training	How would someone get a job that is 40 years and older that does not have high school education?	NexGen noted that they promote high school requirements to encourage the youth and current young adults to stay in school and finish their grade 12. NexGen stated they understand there are experienced persons throughout the area that do not have the education requirements but have worked in the industry and have the appropriate level of experience. This will be taken into consideration.
LL-37	Employment and training	Various individuals inquired if there any job opportunities.	NexGen noted that they have a low turn-over of employees at this time and that when construction begins for the development of the mine there will be additional job opportunities. NexGen noted that timing of employment opportunities is not certain yet, but all jobs are posted on their website under the 'careers' menu. At any point, individuals can submit resumes for future consideration to careers@nxe-energy.ca.

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LL-38	Employment and training	An individual indicated that they graded NexGen's road (through a contracting company) in the past and have since been laid-off and they would like to come work for NexGen. Asked for a positive reference.	NexGen noted the individual's resume submission and assured them that all who apply get an equal opportunity. NexGen has a low turn-over of employees and when the construction begins for the development of the mine there will be additional job opportunities. Timing of these opportunities is not certain at this point.
LL-39	Employment and training	There is a need to have training in La Loche for jobs that will arise from the construction and operation of the Project. NexGen must work with the communities to confirm that Northland College or the Gabriel Dumont Institute set up training programs in La Loche for things like environmental technicians, radiation technicians, underground surveyors, and some of the trades listed on the posters in the community information session.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-40	Employment and training	Northlands College has done this kind of training, but the focus has always been on La Ronge with only a few courses/classes being offered in Buffalo Narrows in the past. We need this training in La Loche.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-41	Employment and training	When the mines lay off people, it is always the northerners that are the first to be laid off.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-42	Employment and training	When people lose their jobs because the mine shuts down or lays off people, the workers become depressed and cause problems in the community.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-43	Employment and training	How many workers will be hired?	NexGen noted that about 500 workers are required during the operating period.
LL-44	Employment and training	Concerned that all the jobs would be preferentially awarded to those related to community leadership.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-45	Employment and training	How will you staff? How many people will be employed from the area?	NexGen noted that they will be looking to staff with as many people from the area as possible. Opportunities will be available in a number of areas including management, technical, trades, mill operators, and miners. Some positions will require formal education (e.g., degrees, certificates) while others will be trained locally or on the job.
LL-46	Environment	How will we know the Project will protect the environment in the long term?	NexGen noted that the EA will assess the long-term effects of the Project and then throughout the life of the Project. These predictions will be updated based on current information and performance results.
LL-47	Environmental monitoring	Participant noted desire for independent environmental and radiation monitoring done by local people from La Loche.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-48	Environmental monitoring	How has environmental performance been at the other uranium operations?	NexGen noted that active uranium mines and mills in northern Saskatchewan have shown good environmental performance beyond property boundaries. NexGen will adopt both proven technologies and best practices used across the industry to achieve excellence in environmental performance.

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LL-49	Fish and fish habitat	Will the fish be protected?	NexGen noted that the EA will assess the quality of the water that is discharged from the Project into Patterson Lake and will analyze the effect of the change in water quality on the health of the fish. NexGen said that they will use regulatory guidelines to determine if the water quality is acceptable to maintain the health of the fish and that if results determine that the water quality is unacceptable, then adjustments will be made to redesign the water management system.
LL-50	Fish and fish habitat	Whitefish (*Coregonus clupeaformis*) and jackfish (*Esox* lucius) were frequently mentioned.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-51	Fish and fish habitat	Many observations of fewer fish in the lakes around the Project area than in the past with the following suggested as possible reasons: pollution (with concerns about drilling on Patterson Lake noted by many people) overfishing (with one individual noting that a lot of this occurred during the Cluff Lake era when workers would come south to fish, and another person suggesting that this was a result of outfitting/guiding/sport fishing in places) overharvesting of minnows for bait	NexGen appreciates the comment provided.
LL-52	General comment	A participant indicated that they appreciated the layout and the information NexGen presented.	NexGen thanked the individual for their feedback.
LL-53	General comment	Does NexGen have any other operating uranium mines?	NexGen noted that they do not have any other operating mines and is focused primarily on the development of the Project.
LL-54	General comment	How does NexGen get financing for the Project? Is NexGen aware of foreign ownership rules regarding Project ownership?	NexGen noted that full funding for building the Project has not been secured yet and that they are aware of restrictions regarding foreign ownership rules for nuclear projects.
LL-55	General comment	Will La Loche become the next Fort McMurray?	NexGen noted that they have plans to build an airstrip at the site and that workers will be flown in and out of site. The plan is to use local skilled personnel and not relocate people to La Loche and other communities.
LL-56	Highways and roads	Does Highway 955 need to be improved to allow for Project construction and shipping? Clearwater Bridge may have to be replaced.	NexGen noted that roadway maintenance will need to take place for shipping and receiving. A traffic study is currently being conducted to inform the level of construction or maintenance that will be necessary for the Project to function.
LL-57	Highways and roads	A participant suggested that big trucks on the highway and north of La Loche will make the highway very dangerous for locals to travel on. In the past, truckers would drive down the middle of the road and the dust from the trucks caused a lot of bad accidents on the highway to Cluff Lake. What is NexGen going to do about the road?	NexGen noted that for Highway 102/905 from La Ronge to the mines, dust suppression chemicals are spread on the entire length of the road during the summer, and this works very well. In addition, during the past decade, the Ministry of Highways has widened the road and there are a lot of “pull-outs” along the highway, which have improved the safety of travel.

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LL-58	Highways and roads	Can NexGen open new roads so that we can fish some of the lakes that we cannot get to now?	NexGen cannot open new roads without permission from the Ministry of Highways and permits from the ENV. The ENV will not issue a permit for any new roads or trails without specific reasoning. Accessing fishing locations does not fall within the usual criteria.
LL-59	Highways and roads	Concerns about traffic volumes.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-60	Highways and roads	Concerns whether the highway could physically support the heavy trucks without roads being damaged.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-61	Highways and roads	Need for upgrades to the highway.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-62	Human health	How will I know that the Project won't give me cancer?	NexGen noted that the mine and mill are designed to limit the risk of worker exposures to sources of radiation. Radiological exposures are closely monitored to confirm that levels remain well below those that increase the risk of cancer. Independent medical studies have demonstrated that the modern controls used to protect workers are effective. By comparison, lifestyle factors such as smoking have a greater influence on the likelihood of developing cancer.
LL-63	Human health	When there is more money in the community from people working at the mine, there will be more drug and alcohol problems in La Loche. We have to consider this beforehand and plan ways to address associated issues before they occur.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-64	Hunting, trapping, and gathering	NexGen must compensate trappers for destroying their trap lines.	NexGen noted that the government requires proponents to fairly compensate legitimate claims by registered trappers if Project activities affect commercial trapping activities.
LL-65	Hunting, trapping, and gathering	Concerns from the local trapper about use of his land; possible spills occurring at site; and why we are only talking to him.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-66	Hunting, trapping, and gathering	Fur Block N-19 is representative of the overall traditional territory and areas used by the people.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-67	Hunting, trapping, and gathering	Everyone who uses the fur block is likely to be affected by the Project and should be compensated.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-68	Hunting, trapping, and gathering	An individual noted locations along Preston Lake that are important for harvesting gull eggs.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-69	Land use	People use the area extensively, and the area around Patterson Lake is part of the corridor used between La Loche all the way to Uranium City.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-70	Operations	When will the mine and mill open?	NexGen noted that they do not know the specific date. However, the Project is in the EA process, and they expect to submit the EIS at the end of Q2 2020 or about a year from now. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission will review the EA submission and a public commenting period will be held to allow for the public to have a chance to comment on the submission.

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LL-71	Operations	How long will the mine and mill run?	NexGen noted that the Project completed a Pre-feasibility Study at the end of 2018, and it demonstrated a mine life of a least 9 years. NexGen examined the known resources of the Arrow deposit and the Project life was extended out another 15 years, for a total of 24 years of mine and mill life. The longer mine life of 24 years was used in the Project Description that was recently submitted for public comment and regulatory review.
LL-72	Operations	Are the other uranium mines successful environmentally?	NexGen noted that there are successful mines in terms of environmental performance. NexGen is committed to maintaining the welfare of the environment and noted that the industry is always improving.
LL-73	Operations	How long will the operation run?	NexGen noted that construction is expected to take 3 years, operations will be 20 to 25 years, followed by 5 years of decommissioning and 10 years of closure.
LL-74	Permitting	Why are the local community members not involved in the exploration permitting process?	NexGen noted that the permitting process is completed in conjunction with the regulators and NexGen. Members of the public may participate in consultation and engagement activities as part of the EA process.
LL-75	Radiation	How far from the mine do you monitor radioactivity?	NexGen noted that the mine lease area will be continually monitored, and radioactivity diminishes exponentially away from the source. As the mining area is monitored and controlled, any areas of increased radioactivity will be tracked and contained.
LL-76	Radiation	NexGen is not doing enough to protect the environment during exploration drilling (e.g., drill cuttings on surface with high radiation).	NexGen has strict protocols for all its drilling activities and all drilling, including the management of drill cuttings and radiation exposure, is closely monitored by both NexGen and provincial regulators. This will continue during all exploration, construction, and operations as the Project proceeds to becoming a mine.
LL-77	Radiation	One individual had images of cuttings from exploration with a Geiger counter reading (only one image was legible at a reading of 36 but the individual noted another reading of 99.99). Although the individual stated these were from the Patterson Lake area, there was nothing to substantiate the geography and no way to be sure it was from NexGen or another exploration company.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-78	Safety	What is your plan for security?	NexGen noted that security is currently being evaluated and that there may be opportunities to provide security services on a contractor basis, or internally, but these opportunities will be considered during the design phase.
LL-79	Tailings	For the design of UGTMF, have other mines done this before? Any reference information on the environmental performance?	NexGen noted that there are 20 other mines in the world using this approach; however, they do not have further information about their performance on hand. NexGen committed to look into this and have the information available.
LL-80	Tailings	Is putting paste tailings underground new, has it been done before?	NexGen noted that there are quite a few mines in Canada that place paste tailings underground. However, they only place about 20% to 30% of their tailings underground. NexGen is unique in their commitment to place 100% of the paste tailings underground.

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LL-81	Tailings	For many years, we have been asking why the tailings at the mine could not be put back underground where the ore came from, and the answer has always been that it is not safe for workers or could not be done because of the milling process. Will NexGen really be able to put the tailings underground safely and permanently? Why are other mines not able to do this?	Although not in northern Saskatchewan, other mines around the world have been doing this and NexGen's studies to date indicate that they will be able to implement underground tailings management as proposed.
LL-82	Tailings	Will there be any seepage from the tailings?	NexGen noted that there will not be any seepage from the tailings and that the EA will assess the performance of the facility in the short and long term, up to 1,000 years.
LL-83	Tailings	Underground tailings storage concept was well received.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-84	Tailings	How will you prevent the tailings from leaking?	NexGen noted that tailings will be contained in competent basement rock underground and cemented. Water flows very slowly in the basement rock and any movement of water from the tailings will occur slowly, over a very long period of time.
LL-85	Water quality and quantity	Is NexGen draining the lake / is your Project draining Patterson Lake?	NexGen noted that the Arrow deposit is on the land and NexGen has no plan in any lake dewatering activity.
LL-86	Water quality and quantity	How do you know the water quality entering Patterson Lake is safe?	NexGen noted that water will be treated, sent to a monitoring pond for storage, and tested in an on-site laboratory to confirm it meets discharge criteria before it is released to Patterson Lake. Any water that does not meet discharge criteria will be recycled for additional treatment. Routine water sampling in Patterson Lake will also confirm that surface water quality objectives are met.
LL-87	Water quality and quantity	What happens if the quality of treated water does not meet discharge criteria?	NexGen noted that if the results from the on-site laboratory determine that water quality does not meet criteria, the water is sent back to the effluent treatment plant for further treatment. The effluent treatment plant has been designed with sufficient capacity to confirm that it could handle increased volumes if water needed to be retreated.
LL-88	Water quality and quantity	Why is the mine so close to the water?	NexGen noted that the mine is located where it is due to where the ore body is located. The ore body is located under the land, not under the water. The operation needs water and must release (treated) water.
LL-89	Water quality and quantity	What is the interaction and influence on groundwater?	NexGen noted that they are currently developing a model to determine the current flow of groundwater and where it comes to surface. The EA will assess the effect of the Project and the underground workings on the groundwater flow and if this changes where the groundwater comes to surface. The EA will also assess the effect on the surface waterbodies and how the changes in groundwater will influence the surface water.
LL-90	Water quality and quantity	How will the Project affect the water?	NexGen noted that the EA is assessing water quality, water quantity, and fish populations and that final results will not be available until the analysis is complete.
LL-91	Water quality and quantity	Concerns about similarities to Cluff Lake.	Comment received during community information session.

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LL-92	Water quality and quantity	What protections are in place to prevent effects on the lake?	NexGen noted that effects on the lake will be prevented through a combination of design, containment, controls, and monitoring efforts to confirm effects are avoided. Defence in depth.
LL-93	Water quality and quantity	Concerns about fresh water, with several people explaining the drainage pattern from Patterson Lake and how effects on the lake could extend throughout traditional use areas.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-94	Water quality and quantity	Many concerns about Fission Uranium Corp.'s exploration activities and what would be done to Patterson Lake to allow that project to proceed. Participants understood this could include activities such as draining the lake, building a dam to access parts of the lake, and creating a channel to drain parts of the lake into other water bodies to access the ore.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-95	Wildlife	Will animals be exposed to radioactivity?	NexGen noted that areas of increased radioactivity through mining, such as the mill and underground pumps, will be secure from animal interaction. The mining footprint will be continually monitored for radioactivity and exposure to radioactivity decreases exponentially with distance.
LL-96	Wildlife	How will NexGen make sure that the product applied to roads to control dust will be safe for wildlife?	NexGen confirmed that they will use approved products that are deemed safe for the environment, including wildlife.
LL-97	Wildlife	There are fewer beavers (*Castor canadensis*) in many of the lakes and rivers than in the past. A participant noted that beavers are the 'shapeshifters' as they can alter habitat.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-98	Wildlife	Observation that bears (*Ursus* species) are coming closer to town.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-99	Wildlife	Concerns about wildlife and their exposure to radiation.	Comment received during community information session.

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ID	Topic	Question or Comment
LL-100	Assessment process	A participant from MN-S NR2 inquired about EA process / approval timelines.
LL-101	Community benefits	A participant was concerned about how benefits would be dispersed between communities based on population and the number of people that are impacted.
LL-102	Business opportunities	A trapper's association member inquired about the use of workers or companies from outside the LPA.
LL-103	Highways and roads	A participant wanted more information on mutual assistance and emergency response related to transportation incidents on Highway 155 and Highway 955.
LL-104	Highways and roads	A participant wanted more information on transportation routing and controls implemented on Highway 955.
LL-105	Environment	A participant requested additional information on the baseline and risk assessments, fish, and traditional foods and health consumption restrictions.
LL-106	Highways and roads	A participant was concerned with dust, traffic increase, accidents, spills, and emergency response.
LL-107	Accidents and spills	A participant inquired about how community members could participate in emergency response.
LL-108	Employment and training	A participant wanted to know how many people from La Loche were currently working with NexGen as part of exploration activities.
LL-109	Employment and training	Multiple participants inquired about the types of employment and training opportunities available for the Project.
LL-110	Employment and training	A participant was interested in the level of education required for various positions at the Project?
LL-111	Employment and training	Multiple participants inquired about opportunities for summer students as part of NexGen's current activities.
LL-112	Environment	A participant asked if a person could travel by boat to the different lakes from Patterson Lake to Lloyd Lake.
LL-113	Hunting, trapping, and gathering	A participant asked if the Project could increase access for hunters (implying a negative effect on wildlife).
LL-114	Consultation and engagement	A participant was concerned about the provincial permitting process and wanted to ensure meaningful consultation is conducted with impacted communities.
LL-115	Consultation and engagement	A participant inquired about consultation within the community and how NexGen was reaching people other than leadership.
LL-116	Consultation and engagement	A participant was interested in Dene translation for the session.
LL-117	Environmental monitoring	Multiple community members were interested in what kind of environmental monitoring would be conducted for the Project.
LL-118	Environmental monitoring	A participant asked if NexGen has seen any changes to the environment.
LL-119	Environmental monitoring	A participant requested additional information on water sampling equipment on display at the poster station.
LL-120	Environmental monitoring	Multiple community members were interested in the ability to be involved in environmental monitoring for the Project.
LL-121	Accidents and spills	A participant expressed concern with Fission operating on the same lake and responsibilities if the lake were to become contaminated.
LL-122	Reclamation	A participant noted that they want to see tree planting for disturbed areas.
LL-123	Tailings	Multiple participants had questions about tailings including if the paste backfill was solid or liquid as well as prevention of the paste back fill from migrating into the surrounding rock.
LL-124	Traditional Foods	A participant asked about the safety of consumption of Traditional Foods under baseline conditions.
LL-125	Traditional Foods	Multiple participants were interested in the safety for consumption of fish from Patterson Lake under existing and future conditions.
LL-126	Traditional Foods	Multiple participants were interested in the safety for consumption of moose from the Patterson Lake area under existing and future conditions.

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ID	Topic	Question or Comment
LL-127	Traditional Foods	Participants were interested in how assurance will be provided in the future that fish will be safe to consume and that water will be safe for multiple uses.
LL-128	Radiation	A participant was interested in the safety of Project workers, with specific reference to radiation protection.
LL-129	Radiation	Multiple participants wanted additional information about the safety of uranium, potential health effects, and what radon was.
LL-130	Water quality and quantity	A participant asked if NexGen monitors Lloyd Lake as they have a cabin in the area.
LL-131	Water quality and quantity	A participant expressed various concerns about water quality.
LL-132	Water quality and quantity	A participant asked about the processes by which NexGen will make sure the Project does not impact surface water, and if impacts were to be observed, what actions would be taken.
LL-133	Water quality and quantity	A participant asked for additional scientific information on how NexGen is protecting the environment.
LL-134	Wildlife	A participant noted that it was good that NexGen had information from the Project site (referring to the wildlife pictures included in the session).
LL-135	Wildlife	A participant noted that fires have a big effect on forests and animals change where they live after a fire.
LL-136	Wildlife	A participant had questions about the potential effects of the Project on the migration patterns of birds.
LL-137	Wildlife	A participant had questions about the potential effects of the Project on the movement of animals through the area.

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ID	Topic	Question of Comment	NexGen Response
LL-138	Air quality	On a windy day, will there be any impact on our communities?	Based on the findings in the assessment, no. The predicted impacts on air quality will be very local to the site and would not impact the communities.
LL-139	Assessment process	How long has the EA process taken so far?	Baseline data collection started at the site in 2014 and the formal EA process started in 2019.
LL-140	Commercial	Will NexGen be removing gold with the uranium?	There will be little gold with this uranium; not enough to be economically viable.
LL-141	Consultation and engagement	Why wasn't this information brought to us earlier?	NexGen has been providing information to the MN-S as the information becomes available. The MN-S Joint Working Group has been involved since we started the formal EA process in 2019.
LL-142	Consultation and engagement	How was Métis Knowledge included in the EA?	Métis Knowledge collected through discussions with the MN-S Joint Working Group and a self-directed Traditional Land Use Study conducted by the MN-S NR2 was included in the EA, where applicable.
LL-143	Decommissioning	How are you handling waste on site? Cluff Lake buried equipment on site during decommissioning.	We will have a number of different waste management streams during Operations and throughout Closure. Radioactive material will likely be disposed of in the underground mine during decommissioning. Everything will be scanned for radiation and only if it meets a specified criteria will it be allowed off site.
LL-144	Environment	Could ground shifting occur after closure?	The tailings will be stored in the basement rock, which is a competent rock in an area with very little seismic risk or risk of shifting ground.
LL-145	Environment	Has NexGen looked at alternative energy (such as green energy – solar/wind)?	Alternative energy was not included in the draft EIS, but NexGen are considering a number of alternative energy options in addition to LNG. In the EA we model the "worst case" scenario in terms of potential impacts, which is using LNG for all the required power generation.
LL-146	Monitoring, employment, and training	Independent monitors are important to the communities. Will there be independent monitors?	The Benefit Agreement commits to independent Indigenous Monitors for the entire life of the Project.
LL-147	Monitoring, employment, and training	How many Indigenous Monitors will there be?	There will be four monitors; one from each Indigenous Group. There will be quarterly reporting carried out by each Environmental Committee and independent Indigenous monitor under the Benefit Agreement.
LL-148	Monitoring, employment, and training	Will NexGen pay for the training of the Indigenous Monitors?	Yes, NexGen will pay for this training.
LL-149	Operations	Why hasn't construction started yet?	We must complete the EA process and then apply for and secure various licenses and permits from both the CNSC and ENV to begin the construction phase.
LL-150	Operations	Cluff Lake buried waste in a hole/pit. How big will the NexGen pit be?	There will not be a "hole" or pit on site, as this will be an underground mine. Because there are no open pits and no storage of tailings on site, the Project site will have a relatively small disturbance footprint compared to Cluff Lake.
LL-151	Radiation	Can trucks that are on site then be used off site?	On-site trucks may only be used off site if they have been scanned for radiation and meet the criteria for off-site use.

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ID	Topic	Question of Comment	NexGen Response
LL-152	Tailings	Is the idea of storing tailings underground new?	Putting some tailings underground is not new; as many mines have done this. The difference is NexGen is planning to put all of the tailings underground. Therefore, unlike other uranium mines in the Athabasca Basin, NexGen will have no storage of tailing on surface during operations or after decommissioning.
LL-153	Tailings	How high will the ponds be?	The ponds are designed to handle the maximum precipitation event. Ponds are built by digging down and constructing berms and then lining the entire pond with a plastic (high density polyethylene) liner.
LL-154	Tailings	Will you have a contingency pond for emergency; a pond that you can pump to if something goes wrong?	Each of the ponds will be designed for a 1-in-100 precipitation event, and yes, NexGen will have a contingency pond on site.
LL-155	Water quality and quantity	What is the worst-case scenario for water processing?	NexGen is designing all water collection and treatment processes for a worst case (1-in-100 year) rain event to make sure can handle and treat that volume. Many of the ponds will have lining and a leak detection system installed.
LL-156	Water quality and quantity	Can you drink the water after it is treated?	The draft EA predicts very little changes to the water in Patterson Lake during operation of the Project.
LL-157	Wildlife	Will you be monitoring the quality of the wildlife?	Yes, NexGen will be conducting several monitoring programs, including for wildlife. Harvest food studies will also be an important aspect related to wildlife monitoring.
LL-158	Wildlife	Birds will migrate here from the site – will that be assessed?	Yes, NexGen have assessed the potential impacts to migratory birds and other types of wildlife.

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ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
LL-159	Air Quality	Question on air quality monitoring and impacts to the environment.	NexGen outlined area assessed, EA results, and areas where temporary exceedances could occur (i.e., Project site and areas to the north over Patterson Lake). NexGen also noted dust levels would be higher during Construction than Operations. NexGen offered to take the participant's details if they wanted more information. The participant was satisfied with the responses provided by NexGen and did not request more information.
LL-160	Air Quality	Question on air quality and workers.	NexGen described Construction dust, workforce health and safety procedures, and the company not wanting its workers to get sick from environmental effects, including air quality. This was accepted as making sense to the participant who also noted the Project would bring good opportunities to the community.
LL-161	Contamination	Concerned about oil coming from ground in Clearwater region.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-162	Cumulative Effects	What are the long-term effects of the mining on water and the land?	NexGen mentioned monitoring would be required and/or performed by the government, NexGen, and each LPA primary Indigenous Group.
LL-163	Education	Multiple participants inquired about scholarships and training opportunities.	NexGen provided information on scholarships programs and training opportunities ongoing and planned by NexGen.
LL-164	Employment	Multiple participants inquired about employment opportunities in housekeeping, kitchen, heavy equipment operator.	NexGen confirmed that it contracts housekeeping and kitchen work for the existing exploration camp, and that contractors are obliged to preferentially hire LPA residents. NexGen indicated that contractors would be the ideal point of contact to find employment as a heavy equipment operator.
LL-165	Employment	Multiple participants inquired about contractor opportunities.	Comment received during community information session. NexGen referred individuals to the NexGen Director, Regional Development (who was in attendance) for further information.
LL-166	Employment	Multiple participants asked about assistance with starting their own business.	NexGen stated that they can put them into contact with the Métis representatives responsible for funding such initiatives.
LL-167	Employment	Wants to bring more direct employment to members of La Loche, rather than third-party contractors.	Comment received during community information session.

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ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
LL-168	Employment	A participant asked about education, employment, and training opportunities and asked what happens to employees when the mine is no longer operating.	NexGen shared that NexGen's Director, Regional Development, Director, Employment and Training, and Project Liaison Manager were working closely with LPA community representatives on education, training, and employment initiatives. NexGen mentioned that the Director, Employment and Training could provide more information about the regional Training Committee recently formed with representatives from the LPA. It was noted that NexGen is focused on having as many people from the LPA employed at the Project as possible, for careers and not just entry-level jobs. NexGen shared that training is being discussed so that training can align with the positions that will be needed on site for the different phases of the Project. NexGen listed examples of the carpentry program and high-school career presentations as initiatives completed to date. NexGen indicated that the Director, Regional Development is focused on economic development in the area for LPA businesses that can support the Project but can also support other projects or business areas so that when the Rook I Project is decommissioned and closed, so the businesses can still thrive.
LL-169	Engagement	Question on event advertising (i.e., how we informed people about the community information session) and employment opportunities for youth.	NexGen explained the various ways they communicated the event such as radio, newsletters, social media, and posters. The participant noted that most youth use Facebook or Instagram and that they did not see this event advertised; the participant just happened to be here at the time. The participant then discussed their interest in education and training opportunities for youth and their desire to seek employment. The participant had a lot of ideas on getting youth to engage in opportunities, so the participant was directed to speak to the NexGen Director, Employment and Training and the NexGen Director, Regional Development. The participant also asked when the Project was going ahead; NexGen outlined the process and suggested they speak to the CNSC and ENV about their thoughts on the Project going ahead, which the participant did for over 30 minutes.
LL-170	Environment	A participant stated that NexGen is already clearing and it will not be the same, there will be destruction.	NexGen differentiated work being conducted as part of exploration and explained that there will be reclamation, end land use planning, a seed collection program, and tree planting for the Project; initiatives that NexGen is working closely with LPA community representatives on.
LL-171	Environment	Comment about drilling and radiation affecting the entire environment (land, water, animals, etc.) around it.	NexGen listed the ways in which NexGen protected the environment when conducting exploration drilling, including using centrifuges for radioactive drill cuttings and properly storing the cuttings, minimizing the surface footprint when drilling by making drill pads as small as possible, ensuring that the area is cleaned and reclaimed properly once the drill hole is complete, and following all other regulatory requirements. NexGen noted that studies have been ongoing at the Project since 2015 to monitor the water, wildlife, vegetation, and other aspects, and that these studies will continue throughout the life of the Project. NexGen noted that the EA findings were that the Project is not predicted to result in significant adverse effects to the environment.
LL-172	Fish and Fish Habitat	A participant noted that there was a fish kill in Patterson Lake before the Project and no water testing was conducted.	NexGen explained what they currently monitor and why.

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ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
LL-173	Highways and roads	A participant asked about Highway 955.	NexGen confirmed that transportation risk had been assessed the in the EA and further explained the responsibilities for highway infrastructure improvements and maintenance being with the province.
LL-174	Human Health	Concern about cancer rates from uranium mining (in particular, referenced Uranium City).	NexGen noted that health and safety is the number one priority and that there are measures in place to protect people. NexGen indicated that the NexGen Director, Health, Safety, and Radiation could discuss further, or that members of the CNSC could also provide additional details.
LL-175	Monitoring	A participant asked how NexGen monitors radiation in the environment, and in particular, the water.	NexGen explained that they have conducted a baseline gamma survey on the land and have measured radionuclides in the surface water as part of baseline monitoring, and would monitor radionuclides at appropriate locations throughout the Project lifespan.
LL-176	Project Information	What does ALARA mean?	As low as reasonably achievable. For the environment, this means NexGen is continually improving and evaluating if better controls can be reasonably put in place to bring potential exposure levels down. NexGen highlighted that this is also a key focus area of regulatory oversight from the CNSC, who would be a lifecycle regulator for the Project.
LL-177	Project Information	What do you mean by “creating more natural surfaces” *pointed to reclamation poster*.	NexGen explained the need to level areas for foundations during Construction and Operations, but for long-term land use, NexGen wants to create an environment that, following Closure, more closely resembles the current environment (not perfectly level) and meets the communities needs.
LL-178	Project Information	How are you going to power the mine? Hydro?	NexGen indicated the power source would be LNG with some diesel generators.
LL-179	Project Information	What is this? *pointing* to the footprint on the large banner map.	NexGen indicated that this showed the Project footprint, including the UGTMF, highlighting that the mine and mill surface footptint would be approximately the same size as Mosaic stadium.
LL-180	Project Information	Asked if NexGen was drilling on the lake.	NexGen stated that they are not currently drilling on the lake; noted that the last time NexGen had drilled on the lake was in the winter of 2015 and had not done since. NexGen noted the Project footprint and ongoing exploration drilling was entirely land-based.
LL-181	Project Information	Comment that he liked the way the EA master linkage diagram poster was explained to him (how the valued components for the EA are connected and linked). He noted everything in the environment (land, wildlife, water, people, etc.) is connected.	NexGen thanked the participant for their positive feedback on the explanation.
LL-182	Project Information	Asked what is going on at site (he had previously delivered groceries to camp and was familiar with the site).	NexGen provided a brief overview that the Project is still following the regulatory process and that currently, an exploration program was underway, as well as a site infrastructure and confirmation program was occurring, which is to expand the camp for regional exploration workers and complete improvements to the existing site access road, as examples.

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ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
LL-183	Project Information	Asked what the mining method would be.	NexGen noted it was a conventional underground mine with long hole stopping. Pointed to the 'Rook I Project Overview' and 'Mine Overview' posters to display the illustrated surface infrastructure and provided an overview of the UGTMF.
LL-184	Project Information	How deep is the shaft? How big is it?	NexGen described the shaft depth (503 and 603 m) and size. NexGen also talked about how equipment will be lowered into the mine (disassembled to assembled).
LL-185	Project Information	When will mine be built?	NexGen described the regulatory approval processes for the Project and encouraged the participant to also talk with the ENV and CNSC.
LL-186	Regulatory Process	Asked if the mine was approved?	NexGen confirmed that the Project was not yet approved. NexGen provided an overview of the EA process, including what an EA and what an EIS were, and confirmed that the Draft EIS was submitted to the ENV and CNSC in May 2022 and that a Final EIS had not yet been submitted to either agency. NexGen noted that in addition to positive EA decisions from the ENV and CNSC, that a positive licensing decision would also be required from the CNSC and that permits would be required from the ENV before the Project would be fully approved and Construction could start.
LL-187	Safety	What are the measures in place to ensure radiation safety?	NexGen discussed dose limits, equipment used, and protocols. The UGTMF was also discussed.
LL-188	Traditional Foods	A participant commented that they do not eat the moose or the fish around the Project area.	NexGen confirmed that it is completing a baseline regional Traditional Foods Study this year and would welcome the participant to participate if they are comfortable in doing so.
LL-189	Training	How will training be structured? Where will it take place?	NexGen brought in their Director, Regional Development to describe NexGen' goal for local education centres and how the training programs for the Project are currently ongoing and would continue to take place in the future.
LL-190	Vegetation	What about the trees?	NexGen indicated that a tree planting program and progressive reclamation would be completed.
LL-191	Water	How do you track where the water flows?	NexGen discussed hydrology, downstream and upstream water flows, what baseline monitoring has been completed, and monitoring that would continue to be conducted throughout the Project lifespan.
LL-192	Water	Where are you getting the water from?	NexGen indicated on the map where the freshwater intake would be located and noted that there would be monitoring locations throughout Patterson Lake including flows and water levels (person said this is important to stress to communities).
LL-193	General comment	Feels there is corruption amongst band leadership (La Loche Mayor, MN-S NR2 Director, CRDN Chief).	Comment received during community information session.
LL-194	General comment	Political power centralized in Buffalo Narrows. Cleaner there, wants to bring that same stability to La Loche.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-195	General comment	Feels the Benefit Agreements will not benefit the whole community.	Comment received during community information session.

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ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
LL-196	General comment	Mentioned being unregistered. Unregistered members of the community do not know where they fit in.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-197	General comment	Wants to feel like a better future will reach his grandchildren.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-198	General Comment	Looking for help for Métis people.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-199	General comment	A participant inquired about what the Project is about.	NexGen provided an overview of the Project.
LL-200	General Comment	A participant commented that there was no support for youth.	NexGen indicated that there was tree planting last week with students and fall 2022 high school sessions have also occurred. NexGen reviewed the community initiatives NexGen has been conducting in the LPA, including the ongoing youth initiatives.
LL-201	General Comment	Discussed Descharme Lake interests. Very positive. Was meeting with VP, Community and Director, Regional Development later in the day.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-202	General Comment	Discussed trapping. Indicated “no one was trapping since Covid when the fur prices fell, and the prices haven’t come back”. Also noted that “the Elders who used to trap in the Project area and up north were no longer trapping; they are getting too old”. This was not viewed as a negative but more a reality of the times. The individual wasn’t sure if/when they would be trapping again as “who knows if fur prices will ever jump up, or if fur buyers will ever start buying again”.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-203	General comment	A participant inquired about what the Project is about.	NexGen provided an overview of the Project.
LL-204	General Comment	A participant commented that there was no support for youth.	NexGen indicated that there was tree planting last week with students and fall 2022 high school sessions have also occurred. NexGen reviewed the community initiatives NexGen has been conducting in the LPA, including the ongoing youth initiatives.

Table 2E-1e: Summary of Questions and Comments from La Loche (May 2024 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
LL-205	Benefit Agreements	A participant asked questions regarding timeline of MN-S NR2 Benefit Agreement and how the trappers were included in negotiations. The individual also asked about available job opportunities with NexGen as a driver.	NexGen explained the involvement of MN-S and MN-S NR2 leadership in negotiation and execution of the Benefit Agreement for the Project, and the agreement signing date. NexGen explained that they had created a timeline for the MN-S NR2 to share with community members and discussed the role of the Environmental Committee as well as the planned establishment of an end land use committee. The participant expressed interest about being on the committee as a Métis trapper. NexGen collected the individual's information to pass along to the MN-S NR2 Environmental Committee.
LL-206	Benefit Agreements	A participant asked if NexGen continues to fund the La Loche Paw Protection.	NexGen noted that they provided initial funding to support the program, but did not in provide funding in 2024. The participant stressed the importance of governance and transparency within the community for community-run programs. NexGen noted that whenever they provide funding to support a program, a proposal and breakdown of where associated costs will be spent is required before funding is dispersed. The participant noted that he is an advocate in the community for helping the stray dog population.
LL-207	Operations	A participant asked for confirmation that NexGen is proposing to build both a mine and a mill as part of the proposed Project.	NexGen confirmed that they are proposing to build both a mine and mill.
LL-208	Project Components	A participant noted that nuclear is the way of the future and it is important for community members to receive information about the Project. The individual asked how often NexGen hosts information sessions.	NexGen noted that the community information sessions take place annually; however, there are more opportunities for information sharing with community leadership, members, and schools throughout the year in the various events hosted by NexGen. NexGen stated that they also have radio reports, newsletters, and other public engagement materials available.
LL-209	Project Components	An individual explained that they had a lot of mining industry experience (and that their two children work at the Rook I site currently). The individual noted that they are an avid supporter of NexGen and appreciates what NexGen is trying to achieve for the Local Priority Area.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-210	Project Components	A participant asked if the mine was going to be underground.	NexGen confirmed that the Project would include an underground mine accessed by a shaft from surface.
LL-211	Project Components	A participant noted that they have a successful business that is supported by NexGen's current activities and highlighted that as a leader of the community, they also needs to consider traditional land use, community economy, and the overall health of the people.	Comment received during community information session.

Table 2E-1e: Summary of Questions and Comments from La Loche (May 2024 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
LL-212	Project Components	An individual shared that they have been in uranium mining for years and that the industry has provided themselves and their family financial security over the years. The individual noted that two of their children work at the Rook I exploration site. The individual furthered that they had worked underground for many years. The individual noted that there were times when they were not allowed underground due to heat and such, as it was too dangerous.	Comment received during community information session.
LL-213	Tailings	An individual asked if there would be a risk of exposure to workers if tailings are put back underground.	NexGen explained that the tailings would be place in areas of the mine that are specially designated for tailings, as well as previously mined out areas which are no longer active with people or operations. NexGen indicated that tailings would be formed into concrete-type material, making it more stable.
LL-214	Tailings	An individual was concerned about the proximity of tailings to the workers and that NexGen would be mining under the lake.	NexGen explained that the ore body for the Project does not extend under the lake.
LL-215	Training and Employment	An individual indicated that they are currently looking for a job. The individual shared that they have experience working as an equipment operator but does not have proper certification. The individual further explained the hardships of Dene people getting work in the area. The individual indicated that they recognized that younger people should have the opportunity to work, but that there are many people in their 50s/60s who are unemployed and would like to work as well.	NexGen asked the member about prior experience working. NexGen explained that NexGen may look to have training programs recognizing previous experience to support residents to get certified to work and that NexGen are committed to employing as many local people as possible for the Project.
LL-216	Training and Employment	An individual noted that the Project will provide jobs for the younger generations and that they support the Project, however with their years of experience, they understand the extensive education, experience, and safety measures that needs to be considered. The individual stated that the more we educate the youth on mining the better.	Comment received during community information session.

LL = La Loche; % = percent; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; mm = millimetre; LNG = liquified natural gas; LPA = local priority area; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2 = Northern Region 2; UGTMF = underground tailings management facility.

Table 2E-2a: Summary of Questions and Comments from Birch Narrows Dene Nation / Turnor Lake (June 2019 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	Response
BNDN-1	Air quality	Concerns were expressed about air quality and the potential for black exhaust affecting their area.	NexGen noted that air quality will be assessed as part of the EA and that they do not expect there to be any black exhaust associated with the Project.
BNDN-2	Consultation and engagement	Many thanks from Elders and the older community members who attended the information session. An Individual voiced that they were very happy with the session and shared the need to balance sustainability for youth through development opportunities but stated the importance of also keeping culture alive.	NexGen thanked the individual for their stories and the comment on the sessions and noted that they are working with communities to understand their questions and concerns. NexGen is listening to what is important to the community throughout the Project.
BNDN-3	Employment and training	Our young people need to be trained for the jobs. NexGen must work with the communities to confirm that there are training programs in our communities for the jobs that will be available during construction and operation of the mine.	NexGen noted that they will work together with leadership to make sure training is available and affordable for students.
BNDN-4	Employment and training	Will NexGen provide job opportunities?	NexGen noted that they have a low turn-over of employees at this time and there will be many more job opportunities when construction begins for the development of the mine. While timing of opportunities is not certain at this point, NexGen noted that individuals can post their resumes to the careers portal on NexGen's website and continue to check the portal as any new job opportunities will be posted there.
BNDN-5	Employment and training	How many jobs will be available?	NexGen noted that approximately 1,000 jobs during construction will be created as a result of the Project and approximately 600 during operations.
BNDN-6	Environmental	What will happen with the topsoil and vegetation that is cleared away during construction?	NexGen noted that they are planning to salvage the topsoil and vegetation, stockpile it, and eventually redistribute the organic matter as growth media to support revegetation activities during operations and decommissioning.
BNDN-7	Environmental monitoring	How do I get involved with independent, community-based wildlife monitoring programs in and around my community?	NexGen is currently collecting information regarding wildlife as part of the EA and plans to share this information as part of the EIS. NexGen is always looking for opportunities to support local initiatives. At this stage of Project development, recommend reaching out to local leadership and to the ENV to understand what is currently being monitored and to provide suggestions on how to advance the idea.
BNDN-8	Environmental monitoring	What type of independent monitoring exists?	NexGen shared that there are examples of programs in northern Saskatchewan and through the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission where independent monitoring is used to verify/validate results provided by the companies. There is opportunity for this type of monitoring program, but it is not yet clear what form this might take as we are still early in the process.
BNDN-9	Financial	How do I invest in the Project?	NexGen is a publicly traded company, and you can purchase shares in the company through a brokerage on the Toronto Stock Exchange.
BNDN-10	Fish and fish habitat	Concerns were expressed about the health of fish (lake whitefish, northern pike, walleye [*Sander vitreus*], lake trout [*Salvelinus namaycush*]) in Patterson Lake.	NexGen noted that fish health will be assessed as part of the EA. The EA will assess the effects of the Project.

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ID	Topic	Question or Comment	Response
BNDN-11	General comment	Will the Project look the same as Uranium City?	NexGen noted that there are many differences between the Project and the uranium mines near Uranium City; the Project will include improvements as a result of stronger environmental regulations over the past decades and improvements in technology.
BNDN-12	Highways and roads	Will the Project result in increased traffic through communities?	NexGen noted that road traffic is anticipated to increase as a result of the Project. Part of the EA includes assessing the potential implications of increased road traffic.
BNDN-13	Highways and roads	Will the Project require upgrades to the road?	NexGen noted that a traffic study is planned as part of the EA, which will include an assessment of road conditions to determine whether upgrades are required.
BNDN-14	Highways and roads	What will be done to ensure the safety of the roads?	NexGen noted that a transportation study is currently underway as part of the EA. Roads are provincial jurisdiction, but NexGen hopes to be able to work with the province to find ways to see improvements to the roads to support the development of the Project.
BNDN-15	Highways and roads	Will Highway 955 improve?	NexGen noted that Highway 955 will be serviced and maintained to support safe transportation of product and supplies to and from the mine site. This should result in an overall improvement of the highway.
BNDN-16	Highways and roads	Concerns about the bridges on Forrest Lake/River and the Clearwater River and if they can handle the traffic associated with the Project.	NexGen noted that traffic will be assessed as part of the EA.
BNDN-17	Hunting, trapping, and gathering	A participant noted a trapping area that extended all the way to Cree Lake.	Comment received during community information session.
BNDN-18	Land use	Will people still be able to use the land and lake?	NexGen noted that it is too early in the Project to say exactly where the Project surface lease boundaries will be and the conditions of surface lease agreements. However, NexGen is working to understand how the land has and is being used. Water sampling will make sure that treated water released to Patterson Lake meets environmental protection criteria. People will be able to continue to use Patterson Lake for things like fishing during both construction and operations. The current objective is to decommission the site to allow for unrestricted access and traditional and recreational land use.
BNDN-19	Operations	What is the operating life of the Project?	NexGen noted that the current estimated operating life of the Project is 24 years based on the uranium resource as we understand it today. There is potential for this to increase once we are underground and exploration continues during operations.
BNDN-20	Operations	How do nuclear power plants work? What do they do?	NexGen noted that nuclear power plants are essentially a sophisticated way of making water boil. The heat generated from the fission will heat water and the steam from the water turns turbines to generate electricity. This is an environmentally attractive aspect of nuclear energy: the emissions generated from the plant as a result of this process is steam.
BNDN-21	Radiation	Does radiation explode?	NexGen noted that radiation is not explosive.

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ID	Topic	Question or Comment	Response
BNDN-22	Radiation	A participant noted that radiation is scary.	NexGen noted that uranium mining is heavily regulated, and that with a robust radiation monitoring program, radiation exposure to the workers and the environment can be reduced to levels lower than what the average Canadian receives annually.
BNDN-23	Shipping	Will the product be trucked or flown out?	NexGen noted that the airstrip will be used to bring people to and from site, but all supplies and products, including uranium concentrate, will be shipped to and from site by road using trucks.
BNDN-24	Tailings	Even though tailings will be placed underground, doesn't all groundwater eventually make its way to the surface?	NexGen noted that the UGTMF is located approximately 400 m below surface within competent basement rock, which means groundwater flows very slowly. NexGen is currently conducting baseline monitoring to comprehensively understand the deep geological conditions, including how fast and where groundwater flows, and where the groundwater might daylight on surface.
BNDN-25	Tailings	Will NexGen really be able to put the tailings underground permanently?	NexGen indicated that all studies to date indicate that they will be able to implement underground tailings management as proposed.
BNDN-26	Traditional knowledge	What do you do with the rocks you do not use? Can someone partner with NexGen to get special rocks for traditional or medicinal purposes?	NexGen plans to exclusively mine and extract uranium though we continue to evaluate the potential for extraction of other metals. For medicinal purposes, we are not familiar with this market but are unlikely to pursue this as the nature of uranium mining places restrictions on what material can be removed and used off site.
BNDN-27	Traditional knowledge	An Elder shared the history of the community, including stories about the time they signed treaty and/or accepted scrip payments from the Hudson's Bay Company officers, which effectively determined whether you became Métis or First Nation. Noted that Treaty 10 was a vast area, but it was not really honoured. Described a negative experience with the Hudson's Bay Company officer at Patuanak, who only did exactly what he was told to do, and nothing more. The Elder shared a story of how a Dene woman got into an argument with a local priest around Treaty Day, explaining that the land that was given to the people was given by the Creator and that payment from the Hudson's Bay Company could not buy that land. The natural resources transfer act in the 1930s resulted in the establishment of fur blocks, which in some cases reduced the area where some could harvest. N-17 is the community's fur block. The Elder spoke of a process where the Dene of Treaty 10 presented in Geneva to have a Denesųłiné declaration presented that would allow for a centralized administration	Comment received during community information session.

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ID	Topic	Question or Comment	Response
		to provide hospital, strategic planning, economic development, and education for the Dene in the north. The declaration was eventually dropped. The Elder shared that traditional use areas are east of the area shown on the map. The Elder indicated that there is a need for income, so they do not oppose the Project and believes that their children need an education.	
BNDN-28	Traditional knowledge	Importance of teaching the younger generation how to live on the land.	Comment received during community information session.
BNDN-29	Uranium ore	Why do we even need to mine uranium in Saskatchewan? The current mines are all closed because they cannot sell the uranium they mine. We do not need another mine in Saskatchewan.	NexGen noted that based on its work to date, they believe that it will be able to mine uranium economically and secure the necessary markets to sell the uranium produced by the Project.
BNDN-30	Water quality and quantity	Will you be draining the lake?	NexGen confirmed that the Project does not propose draining the lake. NexGen takes the protection of Patterson Lake very seriously. The Arrow deposit is completely land-based, and the mine will incorporate various protection measures such as the development setbacks, containment, and water treatment to confirm that Patterson Lake remains protected.
BNDN-31	Water quality and quantity	Rivers attach all the lakes so concerns about downstream effects and potential groundwater changes.	Comment received during community information session.
BNDN-32	Wildlife	What types of approvals or permits are required to raise bears, wolves (*Canis lupus*), or beavers for eating?	NexGen noted that this is not something they would be involved in and suggested the individual contact the province, either through the local Conservation Officer or the ENV Lands Branch to discuss this interest.
BNDN-33	Wildlife	A participant noted that caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*) hunting exists in areas west of Cree Lake.	Comment received during community information session.
BNDN-34	Wildlife	A participant shared the observation of a significant drop in wildlife in the last three years; cut lines and exploration were provided as possible reason.	Comment received during community information session.
BNDN-35	Wildlife	Concerns were expressed about the decline in the woodland caribou numbers over the past few years.	NexGen discussed the decline in caribou populations over the past few years but noted that this is not in relation to the Project.
BNDN-36	Wildlife	Concerns about the noise level associated with the Project and the influence on caribou.	NexGen noted that noise levels and potential effects on wildlife will be assessed as part of the EA.
BNDN-37	Wildlife	Concerns were expressed about the moose (*Alces alces)* numbers decreasing over the past three years.	NexGen noted that this is not in relation to the Project. However, the EA will look at the existing conditions for wildlife and determine what influence the Project will have on wildlife.
BNDN-38	Wildlife	Concerns were expressed about how noise associated with the exploration activities are affecting wildlife.	NexGen acknowledged the individual's concerns regarding the potential effects of noise on wildlife.

Table 2E-2b: Summary of Questions and Comments from Birch Narrows Dene Nation / Turnor Lake (June 2022 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment
BNDN-39	Community benefits	A participant inquired about NexGen providing support for a community garden.
BNDN-40	Business opportunities	A participant noted plans to form a partnership with an environmental company.
BNDN-41	Business opportunities	Multiple participants made note of their own companies, which were available for contracting opportunities.
BNDN-42	Business opportunities	Multiple participants inquired about contracting opportunities and the types of contracts that would be available, as well as how far in advance local contractors would be notified of opportunities.
BNDN-43	Employment and training	Multiple participants inquired about the kinds of employment opportunities available.
BNDN-44	Employment and training	Multiple participants inquired about employment, training, and scholarship opportunities for youth/students.
BNDN-45	Employment and training	A participant stated they wanted their kids to work for NexGen and that they wanted NexGen to talk to the students in the high school about employment opportunities.
BNDN-46	Consultation and engagement	A participant inquired about how NexGen was consulting Elders and older people in the community.
BNDN-47	Environmental monitoring	A participant wanted more information on how the trail camera used in the baseline and monitoring studies worked.
BNDN-48	Decommissioning	A participant was interested in Project activities after mine closure.
BNDN-49	Socio-economic	A participant shared that not all Indigenous Communities are alike; negative social issues like substance abuse or mental health vary from community to community, and from family to family.
BNDN-50	Tailings	A participant was curious as to the production of tailings.
BNDN-51	Traditional Foods	A participant was generally interested in Caribou.
BNDN-52	Traditional Foods	A participant noted they want the opportunities to work but only if NexGen can protect the water, fish, and wildlife.
BNDN-53	Highways and roads	Multiple participants were interested in planned upgrades to the roads and highways along the Project transportation corridor.
BNDN-54	Radiation	Multiple participants wanted to know more about what radiation was, if it was safe, and the potential health effects associated with radiation.
BNDN-55	Radiation	Multiple participants were interested in measures used to protect workers from radiation.

Table 2E-2c: Summary of Questions and Comments from Birch Narrows Dene Nation / Turnor Lake (June 2023 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
BNDN-56	Employment	Multiple participants asked about employment opportunities.	Participants were directed to NexGen's representatives for employment and training and provided further information on current and future opportunities for education, training, and employment.
BNDN-57	Employment	How can someone start a business to work with NexGen?	NexGen described how to contact leadership (Chief and council) and discuss an idea. NexGen noted that financial details would be an important component.
BNDN-58	Monitoring	*points at YSI (water sampling device) * What do you use this for?	NexGen explained that it was used for water sampling during baseline monitoring (the participant was very interested and impressed with a game camera on display).
BNDN-59	Project Information	What do the rocks look like at the mine?	NexGen confirmed that the Arrow Deposit is entirely basement-hosted in very competent hard rock that is like granite (noted it had a lot of quartz). NexGen used the 'Mine Overview' poster to show that there is a layer of overburden, followed by a layer of sandstone, but that the deposit was deeper in the basement rock and that the mine workings would not be in the sandstone. NexGen explained that these technical characteristics were very positive.
BNDN-60	Project Information	Asked what was going on at the site right now.	NexGen provided an overview explaining that the Project is following the regulatory process and that currently exploration programs for the Project and NexGen's other regional exploration properties was underway. NexGen also indicated that a site infrastructure and confirmation program was occurring which is to expand the camp for regional exploration workers and complete improvements to the existing site access road, as examples.
BNDN-61	Training	Participant asked about training opportunities.	Participants were directed to NexGen's representatives for employment and training and provided further information on current and future opportunities for education, training, and employment.
BNDN-62	Vegetation	Are you clearing trees now?	NexGen confirmed that there is some clearing for exploration but not the Project. NexGen provided information related to the Project, including that the surface footprint would be small, and that the mine and mill surface areas would be about the same size as Mosaic stadium. NexGen highlighted that the Project would implement progressive reclamation.
BNDN-63	Water	Are you going to be moving/diverting lakes or creeks?	NexGen explained that there would be no moving or diverting of lakes, and that putting tailings in lakes is an old practice, which is why NexGen was using an UGTMF.
BNDN-64	Water	Do you look at creeks?	NexGen stated that they do and have conducted hydrology surveys and baseline monitoring in creeks.
BNDN-65	Water	What are we doing to protect the water? What happens to the water when we are drilling?	The NexGen Environmental Lead discussed the monitoring and treatment plans for the Project and described the closed loop system put in place when conducting exploration drilling that encounters mineralization.
BNDN-66	Water	Emphasized that water was a big topic for locals and that that they needed more specific messaging around it.	NexGen provided an overview of studies conducted as part of the EA and monitoring that would be conducted for the Project.

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ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
BNDN-67	Wildlife	Where will the animals go?	NexGen stated that they will do wildlife monitoring, end land use planning, and progressive reclamation as part of Project activities to minimize potential effects to animals.
BNDN-68	General Comment	Quite content with my lifestyle (sustenance).	Comment received during community information session.

Table 2E-2d: Summary of Questions and Comments from Birch Narrows Dene Nation / Turnor Lake (May 2024 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
BNDN-69	Benefit Agreements	A participant had questions regarding initiatives funding applications that could be brought forward by community members. The individual gave an example of the kitchen needing help supporting people, and that funding could assist, asking if there was any grant money for the community outside of initiatives funding.	NexGen explained the process of the initiatives funding available to communities and the process for application and approval of applications made on behalf of the community (e.g., who needs to approve it from the community leadership). NexGen discussed broader funding initiatives available to community members and discussed potential pathways to make funding available outside of the formal initiative funding process.
BNDN-70	Environment	An individual stated that the completion of a baseline study on Turnor Lake for concerns related to impacts from Fort McMurray would be beneficial for NexGen to complete so the community members do not blame the new mine for impacts from Fort McMurray. The individual indicated that this was brought up in a meeting previously and that they understood that NexGen was going to look into it.	NexGen stated that community programs (e.g., Indigenous monitoring program) are good opportunities for monitoring within the communities and companies like CanNorth can assist in these initiatives. NexGen stated that they can bring this back to the team for discussion of those opportunities in the community.
BNDN-71	Environment	What happens to the water from the lake? Will the lake levels drop? An individual indicated some concern for the lake drying up.	NexGen indicated that water from Patterson Lake would be used in the milling process; however, would be treated and returned back to the receiving environment. NexGen discussed regulatory requirements for water treatment that would be required before it could be returned to the lake, and that if it does not meet the criteria, NexGen must “re-treat” the water until it passes requirements. NexGen also provided additional comments on environmental protection and compliance.
BNDN-72	Exploration	Where are you conducting exploration drilling this summer?	[Pointed to map indicating location.] Exploration will be focussing on Patterson Corridor East (an area separate from the proposed Project).
BNDN-73	Operations	In the underground, what are the colored light boxes used for?	NexGen stated that it is a ‘traffic light’ system of green, yellow, and red which is used underground to indicate the radon levels of the mine.
BNDN-74	Operations	A group of students from a local radiation/environmental technician program had questions about what its like to work at a mine site. The students also described their understanding of the milling process at a high level and requested confirmation of their understanding of what happens inside the mill building indicating that they had just been studying it in school over the past couple of weeks.	NexGen provided responses to questions about radiation and the likely tasks they would encounter as radiation/environmental technicians. NexGen highlighted that radiation technicians work on surface, in the mill, and underground. NexGen discussed the various circuits that can be found in the milling process and highlighted the areas that would be applicable to a radiation technician.
BNDN-75	Project Components	A participant indicated that they were happy to see how the process for engagement being taken by NexGen was different than the Uranium City and Cluff Lake mine with more reviews, planning, and meetings before opening. The individual indicated that mines used to ‘just open’. The individual indicated that they tell people in communities that NexGen’s project is a deep mine that will not impact the lake and clarifies that the mining would not include an open pit.	NexGen thanked the participant for helping people in the area understand what mining is and how to be involved in the process.

Table 2E-2d: Summary of Questions and Comments from Birch Narrows Dene Nation / Turnor Lake (May 2024 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
BNDN-76	Project Components	Are there outfitters near you?	NexGen confirmed that Forrest Lake Outfitters are situated within close proximity to the existing Rook I exploration site.
BNDN-77	Regulatory Process	Do communities get notified of the public hearing?	NexGen stated that the CNSC notifies all communities of opportunities to participate in the public hearing. NexGen stated that they would also provide updates through its established communication channels.
BNDN-78	Regulatory Process	When will the hearing be?	NexGen stated that no hearing is scheduled yet. NexGen noted that the CNSC is currently reviewing NexGen responses to the remaining 49 information requests related to the federal EA. NexGen stated that once the technical comments are accepted as resolved by the CNSC, a hearing date for the Project can be set.
BNDN-79	Tailings	What do you do with the waste from processing (i.e., tailings)?	NexGen stated that tailings would be placed underground in mined out stopes or in the underground tailings management facility (i.e., purpose-built chambers ~half the size of the gym that was hosting the session).

BNDN = Birch Narrows Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; m = metre; UGTMF = underground tailings management facility.

Table 2E-3a: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo River Dene Nation / Dillon (June 2019 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	Response
BRDN-1	Accidents and spills	How long would it take to respond to a product spill or accident on the transportation route?	NexGen noted that it depends on where the accident happens, but as a condition of Project approval, NexGen will be required to have an Emergency Response Assistance Plan, which would include a contact phone number that will activate emergency response. The Project site would be secured as soon as emergency services could respond and, if necessary, trained, and qualified clean-up crews would likely arrive within hours. First responders such as the RCMP and ambulance will quarantine the area immediately. There will be a 24-hour response team that will be dispatched immediately.
BRDN-2	Community benefits	How will NexGen give back to the communities?	NexGen stated that they are currently in conversation with community leadership about working together.
BRDN-3	Community benefits	A participant expressed concern about NexGen needing to ensure that they give back to the people that use the land.	Comment received during community information session.
BRDN-4	Consultation and engagement	Which Indigenous Groups are you engaging with?	NexGen confirmed that the primary Indigenous Groups for the Project are the Clearwater River Dene Nation, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2, Birch Narrows Dene Nation, and Buffalo River Dene Nation.
BRDN-5	Employment and training	How long before jobs at the mine will be available?	NexGen indicated that current plans are to submit the EIS in June 2020. Following submission, it is typically a two-year process before a regulatory decision is made. Construction is anticipated to take three years once approval is granted.
BRDN-6	Employment and training	Do you need to have a high school education to work on the site when it becomes a mine? There are a lot of community members that have great experience and are certified with things like heavy machinery operator certification.	NexGen noted that they promote high school requirements to encourage the youth and current young adults stay in school and finish their grade 12. NexGen understands there are experienced persons throughout the area that do not have the education requirements but have worked in the industry and have the appropriate level of experience. This will be taken into consideration.
BRDN-7	Employment and training	How will the community members get jobs if they are not from La Loche?	NexGen noted that they hire from all the communities they engage with including Buffalo River. NexGen indicated that one student from the mentorship program participating in the community information session is from Buffalo River.
BRDN-8	Employment and training	Will the communities like Buffalo River Dene Nation get the same chance for employment and business opportunity that La Loche has been getting?	NexGen noted that they will continue to work with leadership and the broader communities to create sustainable businesses and careers that will outlast the Project and provide skillsets to move across the industry.
BRDN-9	Employment and training	How many jobs are available with the Project?	NexGen noted that approximately 500 jobs will be available during operations.
BRDN-10	Employment and training	Will you need people with experience on stopers or jacklegs? Will there be track haulage?	NexGen noted that the Project will use mechanized mining equipment and only a minor amount of handheld equipment. The mine development equipment will be on rubber tire.
BRDN-11	Employment and training	Will you need miners and trainers?	NexGen noted that they will need miners and people to train the new generation of workers.
BRDN-12	Employment and training	One participant had the perception that only La Loche residents were eligible for employment with NexGen.	Comment received during community information session.

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ID	Topic	Question or Comment	Response
BRDN-13	Environment	How big is Patterson Lake?	NexGen showed the individual where Patterson Lake was on the map and noted that Patterson Lake is a large lake in the region with substantive flow.
BRDN-14	Environment	Is NexGen going to drain Patterson Lake?	NexGen noted that the Project will use water from Patterson Lake, but there are no plans to drain the lake.
BRDN-15	Environmental assessment	Does the Project already have approval to proceed?	NexGen noted that they have approval to do exploration work. They are working on getting approval for the Project. They are starting the EA process.
BRDN-16	Fish and fish habitat	A participant asked about the fish that move through the groundwater. Elders say this happens.	NexGen noted that they are not aware of fish moving underground.
BRDN-17	General comments	Will the Project be the same as Cluff Lake?	NexGen noted that there are many differences between the Project and Cluff Lake. The Arrow deposit is located underground (no open pit). NexGen plans to deposit tailings underground, meaning no surface tailings facilities is proposed. The Project has a smaller disturbance footprint because of this. Improvements in technology allow for greatly improved environmental performance.
BRDN-18	General comment	I like the Project, what you guys are doing, and how you are doing it!	Comment received during community information session.
BRDN-19	General comment	Will the northern staff be treated like they were at Cluff Lake with minimal opportunities?	NexGen noted that their workforce plans consider hiring employees from the region and providing opportunities to people from the area.
BRDN-20	General comment	A participant noted that everything is important to the people.	Comment received during community information session.
BRDN-21	General comment	A participant noted uncertainty about the proposed Project, noting it is “pretty close to home.”	Comment received during community information session.
BRDN-22	General comment	A participant appreciated the fact that NexGen presented information to the community and stated this was different than how other companies and projects had communicated information in the past.	Comment received during community information session.
BRDN-23	Highways and roads	A participant noted that Highway 155 is terrible. How can the government get it fixed, especially with this Project being what it is economically?	NexGen noted that the Project does not require any road upgrades, but NexGen has heard this concern about the roads and will voice this concern when working with the government.
BRDN-24	Nuclear power	How many reactors are in Canada?	NexGen noted that they are not sure exactly how many reactors are in Canada at the time of the question.
BRDN-25	Operations	Once it gets to Saskatoon, is the yellowcake trucked by rail or by road?	NexGen noted that uranium concentrate from the Project will be shipped by truck from site to its final destination (most likely a coastal port or the Cameco Blind River Refinery).
BRDN-26	Project components	How high will the stopes be?	NexGen noted that the primary stopes will be 30 m high, 15 m wide, and 15 m long.

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ID	Topic	Question or Comment	Response
BRDN-27	Project components	How do you get underground? How deep is the mine?	NexGen noted that workers will have underground access through an elevator compartment (or cage) to the underground levels. The levels start at 380 m below surface and go to about 650 m below surface. The mine is about 500 m below surface, so it will take about a minute and a half to travel to the underground at the 500 m level.
BRDN-28	Project timelines	What is the timeline for the Project?	NexGen stated that the Project considers 3 years for construction and 24 years for operation. When they can start, depends on the regulatory approval process.
BRDN-29	Radiation	When will you be ramping up your radiation program?	NexGen indicated that they are continually developing their radiation management program. A radiation department will be established prior to underground development.
BRDN-30	Tailings	How do you seal the tailings off underground?	NexGen indicated that the UGTMF is located approximately 400 m below surface within competent basement rock, which means groundwater flows very slowly. NexGen is currently conducting baseline monitoring to comprehensively understand the deep geological conditions including how fast and where groundwater flows and where the water might daylight on surface. The EA includes an assessment of seismic underground conditions to understand the likelihood of earthquakes that would shift underground conditions. As we deposit tailings during operations, we will be monitoring the performance of the facility and the surrounding environment to make sure it remains contained.
BRDN-31	Tailings	I am concerned about tailings ponds and the effect on the environment. How will tailings be handled?	The proposed management plan for tailings is to place tailings back underground. There will be no tailings ponds on surface and placement of tailings underground is anticipated to have a minimal effect on the environment in the long term.
BRDN-32	Traditional knowledge	Are you working with leadership on Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional land use?	NexGen confirmed that they are working with leadership of all local Indigenous Groups to provide opportunities to be fully involved in the Project, including their traditional activities and knowledge in relation to the Project area.
BRDN-33	Water quality and quantity	Will we be able to drink the water from the lake?	NexGen noted that it is not currently recommended that water from any of the lakes in the region be consumed without treatment. While they do not expect to have a measurable effect on water quality downstream of the Project, it is still recommended that water be treated prior to drinking.
BRDN-34	Water quality and quantity	What happens when the groundwater comes in contact with the tailings? How will this affect the fish?	NexGen indicated that the effects of tailings on groundwater and fish will be assessed as part of the EA.
BRDN-35	Water quality and quantity	A participant noted that fresh water is the basis for all life and needs to be protected.	Comment received during community information session.
BRDN-36	Water quality and quantity	A participant stated that water is the most important feature because “water is the source of life.”	Comment received during community information session.

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ID	Topic	Question or Comment	Response
BRDN-37	Water quality and quantity, economy	A participant wanted a balance between jobs and the environment. In particular, the individual noted that water quality was a key focus for both drinking water and healthy fish populations. They also stated that economic benefits may reduce substance abuse problems in the community if people were working.	Comment received during community information session.
BRDN-38	Water quality and quantity, employment and training	A participant wanted clean water and a clean environment (general comment) plus jobs for youth so they can stay in the community as adults. They placed an emphasis on training programs, especially environmental training, to create a skilled work force.	Comment received during community information session.

Table 2E-3b: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo River Dene Nation / Dillon (June 2022 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment
BRDN-39	Assessment process	A participant wanted more information (and expressed an interest in continuing to learn more) about the environmental assessment process and suggested methodologies such as advertisement and community communication.
BRDN-40	Community benefits	A participant expressed excitement for the future of the Project site and the positive effects the Project could bring to communities.
BRDN-41	Community benefits	A participant expressed the need for support systems to be put into place for communities in addition to jobs.
BRDN-42	Employment and training	Multiple participants inquired about employment and training opportunities (including opportunities for youth).
BRDN-43	Environment	A participant wanted more information on the proposed location of the Project, and specifically, Patterson Lake.
BRDN-44	Environment	A participant stated we need to protect Mother Earth.
BRDN-45	Environmental monitoring	Multiple participants expressed interest in what kind of environmental data collection and monitoring was conducted to date and for the Project.
BRDN-46	Environmental monitoring	A participant wanted more information on how the water sampling equipment on display at the poster station worked.
BRDN-47	Environmental monitoring	A participant inquired about the community doing their own monitoring at the mine.
BRDN-48	Socio-economic	A participant noted the negative effects that can result from jobs and money (drugs and alcohol, etc.).
BRDN-49	Traditional Foods	A participant noted that they used to work in the oil sands and witnessed people get sick due to tailings ponds polluting the water and stated they did not want that to see a similar impact from the Project.
BRDN-50	Highways and roads	A participant noted that Buffalo River Dene Nation is even more isolated with the gravel road, especially in bad weather.
BRDN-51	Radiation	Multiple participants wanted additional information about the safety of uranium and potential associated health effects.

Table 2E-3c: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo River Dene Nation / Dillon (June 2023 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
BRDN-52	Community Funding	Multiple participants asked about access to funding for sports programs and equipment.	Participants were directed to NexGen's representatives for employment and training and provided further information on current and future opportunities for education, training, and employment.
BRDN-53	Community Wellbeing	Comment that being away from home and working at site for two weeks at a time is hard for many people (especially those with families).	NexGen noted that support systems would need to be put in place by both LPA communities and NexGen for workers and their families and agreed that there would be clear expectations to help set people up for success.
BRDN-54	Contracting	Contractor expressed interest in contracting opportunity.	NexGen explained the Benefit Agreement process and interest in pursuing the contractor company's options.
BRDN-55	Contracting	Participant asked about how they can bid on contracts.	NexGen stated that LPA personnel have priority, and explained the procurement process administered through the Benefit Agreements with the BRDN.
BRDN-56	Employment	Why doesn't the map showing the LPA extend farther south to include Canoe Lake (individual's community) as they will experience impacts? What about employment opportunities for people outside of the LPA?	NexGen provided an overview of the LPA and that it was the communities that would be most impacted by the Project and that this area was being focused on for education, training, and employment. NexGen noted that employment opportunities are not only for the LPA and that these opportunities would be available to communities outside of the LPA as well. NexGen indicated that the LPA were the target communities but that the opportunities would expand out and away from the LPA as well.
BRDN-57	Engagement	Does NexGen engage with the northwest trappers? Noted he is the President of the northwest side.	NexGen shared that they engage with the N-19 Trappers Association and meets with them to share information and discuss the Project and any questions they may have. NexGen indicated that a trapper's workshop was held in 2021 and that NexGen recently met with the N-19 Trappers in March 2023.
BRDN-58	Engagement	Said that there is no N-19 Trappers Association anymore and that they all stepped down and that they're hoping to have an election at the end of June or early July 2023.	NexGen noted that they had heard the Chairman of N-19 had stepped down when they last met with the N-19 Trappers in March 2023 and that it was positive that an election would be held soon.
BRDN-69	Engagement	Asked if he could be invited to the next Trappers meeting with NexGen because he should know about it.	NexGen noted for the participant to follow up to the N-19 Trappers to request an invititation.
BRDN-60	General Comment	Very happy to see changes compared to Cluff Lake Mine and the emphasis on safety, environment and talking with the community.	NexGen provided examples of the small Project footprint and UGTMF.
BRDN-61	General Comment	Comment that it was hard to get healthy food to the community, and if a truck does come in, then it flies off the shelves. Noted that it was hard for Elders to eat healthy and suggested NexGen offer meals to the Elders in the community as many do not know how to cook.	NexGen noted there was a Benefit Agreement between NexGen and the BRDN and that perhaps funding could be used towards an initiative for that and suggested following up with the BRDN Implementation Coordinator.
BRDN-62	General comment	Very interested in an environmental science program.	Comment received during community information session.

Table 2E-3c: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo River Dene Nation / Dillon (June 2023 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
BRDN-63	Human Health	Comment that many people have concerns about the safety of uranium mining and developing cancer. He said safety is important, and so is personal hygiene when working in the mine.	NexGen agreed that safety is the number one priority and that there are measures in place to protect people. NexGen indicated that the NexGen Director, Health, Safety, and Radiation could discuss further, or that members of the CNSC could also provide additional details.. NexGen furthered that so many things are currently done and will continue be done to protect workers from radiation. NexGen agreed that personal hygiene is important when working in uranium mining.
BRDN-64	Project Information	Could I come up and tour the mine so I can tell my community about the changes I saw with my own eyes?	NexGen explained that there is no regulatory approved yet, so no mine to tour yet, but NexGen will continue to work with their community and could organize something like that down the road. NexGen confirmed that tours with BRDN leadership have been conducted at the proposed Project site.
BRDN-65	Project Information	When will the mine be built?	NexGen described how the Project is still in the regulatory process for the EA, which would need to be approved by both the provincial and federal agencies; NexGen added that the Project also requires federal licensing and provincial permitting approvals to commence construction.

Table 2E-3d: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo River Dene Nation / Dillon (May 2024 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
BRDN-66	Benefit Agreements	A participant had questions on Benefit Agreements, and how the community members receive money directly from the agreement.	NexGen provided a high-level explanation of the benefits within the agreement, explaining local employment opportunities, training initiatives, and Environmental Committees established to monitor the Project's environmental performance, as well as supporting community initiatives.
BRDN-67	Benefit Agreements	A participant asked what the Benefit Agreement was. The individual also asked about applying for a job at NexGen's existing exploration camp.	NexGen provided a summary of the purpose of the Benefit Agreement and discussed the employment and training opportunities for LPA residents. NexGen advised the individual to send a resume to NexGen's HR email. The member indicated that they did not have a resume created, so NexGen encouraged the member to connect with the Economic Development group of BRDN to help with registering in Export (a resource tool utilized by BRDN and NexGen that supports registration for employment).
BRDN-68	Benefit Agreements	A participant stated that it was important for local leaders to think about improving prosperity in the region, not just for their own communities but in a spirit of collaboration rather than competition.	NexGen agreed, and reiterated NexGen's approach of having all communities within the Local Priority Area be healthy and to realize benefits from the Project
BRDN-69	Engagement	What is this place about?	NexGen explained the purpose of the community information session, and shared information about the Project.
BRDN-70	Environment	Is the Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee still active?	NexGen confirmed the committee is still active and NexGen would be presenting at the next meeting being held in La Ronge on 4 June 2024. NexGen also shared that discussions are ongoing to host members of the committee at the Rook I site for a tour
BRDN-71	Operations	Will the mill be at the Project site? Don't want yellow cake transported through the community.	NexGen showed on Project layout map that the mill would be located on site. NexGen stated that with both mine and mill located in same proposed footprint, there would be less interaction of hazardous goods travelling through the community.
BRDN-72	Operations	How long does the milling process take?	NexGen explained that the process is not singular activity with a defined start and finish. NexGen stated that it is always running a process line; as long as ore is going in, the mill is producing uranium concentrate. NexGen furthered that the processing of ore would be approximately 12 hours to 24 hours from start to finish.
BRDN-73	Operations	How deep does the mine go?	NexGen stated that the mine goes several hundred meters underground.
BRDN-74	Exploration	How deep do NexGen drill for exploration?	NexGen stated that exploration drilling is typically between 400 m and 700 m; however, this can vary depending on the nature and contents of the area being drilled.
BRDN-75	Operations	How do you know there is uranium in the rock?	NexGen stated that they use specialized tools to measure the radioactivity in the rock, which is used to identify where uranium may be present.

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ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
BRDN-76	Project Components	A participant had a question regarding employment benefits such as Registered Retirement Savings Plan matching. The individual indicated that they had previously worked for another company in Southern Saskatchewan and wanted to know if NexGen was planning on similar programs.	NexGen stated that they could not comment on the future plans regarding that topic, but confirmed that such initiatives are common with companies today.
BRDN-77	Project Components	How long does the regulatory process take?	NexGen explained that the formal provincial and federal approval processes began in 2019, and highlighted the thorough nature of these processes. NexGen stated that the timing depends on completeness of information submitted and regulatory review timelines.
BRDN-78	Project Components	What is the anemometer used for?	NexGen explained that an anemometer is used for measuring windspeed.
BRDN-79	Project Components	A participant asked when NexGen would receive approval from the CNSC on the Project.	NexGen stated that they had submitted the required information to the CNSC as part of the ongoing EA technical review, and that the CNSC is currently reviewing this information. NexGen indicated that it is unknown when the Project will receive approval. NexGen explained that the federal EA process requires a Final EIS to be submitted, a hearing date to be established by the CNSC, and an approval decision from the CNSC Commission.
BRDN-80	Project Components	A participant asked when the hearing date will be set for the Project.	NexGen stated that they do not yet know the timing of the hearing date.
BRDN-81	Project Components	An individual had a question about whether the mine is 'like what is happening in Ontario'. The individual clarified that this was in reference to recent new articles of long-term radioactive waste storage in the Canadian shield.	NexGen stated that the proposed Project is not the same in scope, , explaining the materials in Ontario are coming from a nuclear power plant. NexGen stated that materials generated from the Project are coming from mining and milling activities and are not the same type as what is being discussed in Ontario.
BRDN-82	Project Components	A participant noted that they support the Project and believes that it is a wonderful opportunity for their community members, youth, and especially their family members. The individual noted that they have three children of their own who all have graduated from high school and now work in the oil fields in Alberta. The individual also mentioned that they have been in the uranium mining industry for years and has lost two people they knew to cancer, referencing potential exposure to radiation. The individual stated that, despite this experience, if mining is done right, it can be a positive thing for the community. The individual also highlighted the importance of educating younger generations as much as possible about the effects of mining in their home territories and how they can protect themselves from radiation and understand all the opportunities that responsible natural resource development it can bring to their communities as well.	Comment received during community information session.

Table 2E-3d: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo River Dene Nation / Dillon (May 2024 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
BRDN-83	Tailings	What happens to the tailings?	NexGen explained that the tailings from the process would be mixed with concrete-type material and pumped back underground into areas that were previously mined out or into separate areas designed to hold the tailings.
BRDN-84	Tailings	If the tailings are put back underground, is there risk of exposure to workers?	NexGen explained that the tailings would be placed in areas of the mine that are specially designated for tailings, as well as previously mined out areas which are no longer active with people or operations. NexGen explained that tailings will be formed into concrete-type material, making it more stable.
BRDN-85	Tailings	[Referencing one of the displays] Are the tailing examples / samples in jars radioactive?	NexGen explained that the display is made out of non-radioactive materials.
BRDN-86	Training and Employment	Students asked about NexGen's Summer Student Program and the application process. A follow-up question was asked about transportation for them from BRDN to the Rook I site for work	Students had the application in hand and were instructed to scan the QR code to go to the registration page. NexGen explained the program and the types of jobs that would be available working at the existing exploration site during the program. NexGen asked if they had any particular interests that they would like to focus on, but they did not. NexGen explained the process of shuttle from BRDN to La Loche and then from La Loche to the existing Rook I exploration camp.
BRDN-87	Training and Employment	A comment was received on communication of job postings within the Nation. It was indicated that not all jobs are not known to community members and there needs to be better communication with leadership to know what is available when it becomes available.	NexGen discussed NexGen's internal process that includes working with designated community representatives to provide information to share with community members. NexGen asked for feedback on additional platforms that could be utilized to make sure that more people have awareness of postings when they become available. NexGen shared information about the current activities at the existing exploration site and what opportunities are currently available.
BRDN-88	Training and Employment	What kind of jobs are available (i.e., what can NexGen teach me)?	NexGen provided details on the of the summer student and scholarship programs.
BRDN-89	Training and Employment	Where can I take a chemical technician course?	NexGen provided a description of the types of positions that would need either a chemical technician (i.e., two-year diploma or four-year university degree). It was shared that Saskatchewan Polytech in Saskatoon is one location to take the two-year chemical technician diploma program.
BRDN-90	Training and Employment	What is the salary of a chemical technician?	NexGen indicated that they did not have specific numbers, but indicated that laboratory wages typically ranged from $50,000 to $100,000 depending on the type of position in the department.
BRDN-91	Training and Employment	A participant mentioned that they would like the Project to start soon so that it can create job opportunities for community members. The individual indicated that they own a taxi business in Michel Village and noted that they used to work at the Cluff Lake Mine as a janitor.	Comment received during community information session.
BRDN-92	Training and Employment	A participant noted that they have two grandchildren, and that they want to make sure they grow up and have education and job security as well.	Comment received during community information session.

Table 2E-3d: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo River Dene Nation / Dillon (May 2024 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
BRDN-93	Training and Employment	A participant talked about having a decent work ethic and indicated that if children are not seeing the adults working, questioned how they will obtain these skills. The individual noted that we cannot tell youth what to do, we need to show them.	Comment received during community information session.
BRDN-94	Training and Employment	A participant talked about raising their children and grandchildren in the community and that they had overcame addiction years ago so that they can have a better future for their children. The individual noted that having education and job security is an effective way to prevent their children and grandchildren from addictions in the future. The individual noted that instead of telling our children what they should do, that we need to start showing them and leading by example.	Comment received during community information session.
BRDN-95	Water	Where is the water used?	NexGen explained the use of water for industrial processes to mine and mill the uranium ore. NexGen described the benefit of recycling water in process to reduce water usage and the departments that are responsible for the water management on mine sites.
BRDN-96	Water	Do you recycle water?	NexGen responded explaining the use of water for industrial processes to mine and mill the uranium ore. NexGen described the benefit of recycling water in process to reduce water usage and the departments that are responsible for the water management on mine sites.
BRDN-97	Water	Who handles water and where is it used in the process?	NexGen responded explaining the use of water for industrial processes to mine and mill the uranium ore. NexGen described the benefit of recycling water in process to reduce water usage and the departments that are responsible for the water management on mine sites.
BRDN-98	Water	A youth participant asked if NexGen would lower lake levels and was concerned about it being low now and drying already.	NexGen explained the water use and how little the Project would affect the lake levels, explaining the consideration of climate change in assessments conducted as part of the Project EA, and monitoring that would continue throughout the operational life of a mine.

BRDN = Buffalo River Dene Nation; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; m = metre; RCMP = Royal Canadian Mounted Police; UGTMF = underground tailings management facility.

Table 2E-4a: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo Narrows (June 2019 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	Response
BN-1	Accidents and spills	Will the mine incorporate a fire break and fire protection?	NexGen confirmed that they will have a fire protection program.
BN-2	Community benefits	A participant noted they want equal distribution of benefits to all communities.	NexGen stated that they are working with leadership to determine mutually acceptable agreements.
BN-3	Community benefits	When Cluff Lake Mine was operating, the Métis people on the west side did not get anything. It was like Buffalo Narrows did not exist.	NexGen noted that both of the other uranium companies operating in northern Saskatchewan have signed Community Collaboration Agreements with northern communities, which include financial measures. NexGen anticipates that they will enter into a similar agreement with the west side communities, which include the Métis.
BN-4	Consultation and engagement	A participant expressed concerns about education for communities about the Project.	NexGen acknowledged the individuals concerns and discussed employment and job opportunities.
BN-5	Consultation and engagement	“It is the first time that I have seen a company actually have different technical people who could answer my questions about their area of expertise and actually having people interact with the community. Usually, it is just a presentation by one or two people with questions after. Your people actually wanted to interact with us. I also noticed that there are local young people involved with NexGen already.”	Comment received during community information session.
BN-6	Cumulative effects	A participant noted that locals can smell the oil from the oil sands in Buffalo Narrows at certain times of the year.	NexGen listened to the individual’s concerns and confirmed that the EA will assess the potential for cumulative effects.
BN-7	Cumulative effects, air quality	What is the influence of the oil sands on the Project? Concerns about black snow seen over in the oil sands, will it be the same here?	NexGen noted that they do not expect there to be any black snow as a result of exhaust from the Project. The EA will look at cumulative effects from other operations.
BN-8	Decommissioning	What is the plan with the buildings during decommissioning?	NexGen noted that following the removal of any hazardous substances and waste dangerous goods, most buildings will be demolished and placed underground. Some buildings may be sent off site for recycling and/or salvage.
BN-9	Employment and training	Will you need heavy equipment operators?	NexGen confirmed that heavy equipment operators will be needed for construction and operation, both for surface and underground equipment.
BN-10	Employment and training	What are the shifts going to be like? Where do you fly from?	NexGen noted that shifts will be two weeks in and two weeks out and that the Project will have multiple pick-up points, with exact locations to be determined.
BN-11	Employment and training	How long before contractors can bid on work?	NexGen noted that there is some work happening at site right now, but contracts associated with the mine and mill construction (i.e., the Project) is likely about three years away. The plan is to submit the EIS approximately one year from now and the regulatory approvals process is anticipated to take approximately two additional years.

Table 2E-4a: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo Narrows (June 2019 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	Response
BN-12	Employment and training	A participant noted that there is a need to have training for jobs before NexGen gets approval and starts construction.	NexGen agreed and said that some of the jobs like environmental technicians, radiation technicians, and trades will be needed before the mine and mill start operations. Some positions will be needed before and during construction. NexGen noted that Northlands College has offered many of the relevant training programs, but courses have generally been offered in other communities. NexGen is working with community leaders and Northlands College to discuss training opportunities.
BN-13	Employment and training	A participant noted that there is not much in the way of jobs locally (government, some forestry, some mining). Would be nice to keep kids up here because they have something to do.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-14	Environment	A participant noted that there is opposition to a project that would drain Patterson Lake.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-15	Environment	A participant expressed the need to keep the Project clean.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-16	Environmental assessment	A participant expressed the importance in conducting a good EA and the need for employees at the mine to understand the laws protecting the environment and what can/cannot be done on the site. This individual felt these meetings were very important for the community to be informed about the Project details. The meetings were very helpful in their opinion.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-17	Fish and fish habitat	A participant stated walleye and pike were the primary fish species they caught at Patterson Lake.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-18	General comment	A participant shared awareness of NexGen's plan to store tailings underground and their support of the concept.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-19	General comment	A participant noted that there was historic gold exploration at Langley Lake (south of Lloyd Lake) about 60 to 70 years back.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-20	General comment	A participant noted that forestry used to go as far north as La Loche but is now farther south.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-21	Highways and roads	A participant indicated that Highway 955 is in poor condition.	NexGen noted that the EA will assess the road and safety of the highway as it relates to traffic increase associated with the Project.
BN-22	Highways and roads	Would a road be built around Buffalo Narrows for transportation? A participant noted that they would like to see traffic through town so Buffalo Narrows could provide services.	NexGen noted that it is not likely and asked if it is a concern that transport vehicles would be travelling through Buffalo Narrows.
BN-23	Highways and roads	A participant expressed interest in whether there would be seasonal road closures or weight restrictions for heavy trucks.	Comment received during community information session.

Table 2E-4a: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo Narrows (June 2019 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	Response
BN-24	Hunting, trapping, and gathering	A participant noted that there is not as much trapping as there was in the past. More of a hobby now.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-25	Hunting, trapping, and gathering	A participant expressed interest about what will be done with trappers in the area.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-26	Land use	A participant was interested in protecting the land and the water. This individual was also interested in whether it is still safe to pick berries close to the site.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-27	Operations	Several participants stated a desire for NexGen to build upon lessons learned at other uranium mines regarding best practices to protect the environment.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-28	Processing	How much uranium is in the final product?	NexGen noted that after the calcining process, the yellow cake is converted to nearly 100% uranium. This calcining process also reduces the radiation of the final uranium concentrate product.
BN-29	Project components	Will we be able to fish and use Patterson Lake during operations and after decommissioning? Another project indicated that a tailings dyke will go into Patterson Lake.	Throughout construction, operations, decommissioning, and afterwards, Patterson Lake will be accessible so fishing and canoeing can continue. The Project is not putting up a dyke in Patterson Lake.
BN-30	Project components	How long until you build an airstrip?	NexGen noted that they do not have a timeline on an airstrip at this time.
BN-31	Radiation	Have NexGen completed background site gamma surveys, and can the results be provided when available?	NexGen noted that they will be performing site-wide gamma surveys potentially as soon as this summer and can provide the results when available.
BN-32	Safety	A participant noted that safety is important for their people.	NexGen agreed.
BN-33	Tailings	Several participants indicated they were supportive of the UGTMF concept.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-34	Tailings	A participant noted that people need to be educated about the UGTMF because it is a new idea.	NexGen noted that this was a great idea and will be strongly considered as part of ongoing engagement.
BN-35	Tailings	A participant heard that NexGen is planning to put the tailings underground permanently and that no one else is doing this. Is that true?	NexGen noted that no other currently operating uranium mine in Saskatchewan is putting tailings underground. All of NexGen's studies to date indicate that they will be able to implement underground tailings management as proposed. This will reduce the disturbance footprint of the mine on surface and reduce the decommissioning at the end of operations.
BN-36	Tailings	Will the tailings be decommissioned underground at the end of operations?	NexGen noted that during operations, the tailings will be moved underground with cements and put into mined-out stopes or "purpose-mined" caverns where it will remain.

Table 2E-4a: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo Narrows (June 2019 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	Response
BN-37	Tailings	Multiple participants expressed support for the idea of underground tailings storage facility rather than surface storage.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-38	Water quality and quantity	A participant expressed concerns about another project and how it would affect Patterson Lake (use of dams, diversions, drilling under the lake).	Comment received during community information session.
BN-39	Water quality and quantity	A participant asked as to whether there was an aquifer under the site.	NexGen noted that hydrology and groundwater studies would be part of the EA.

Table 2E-4b: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo Narrows (June 2022 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment
BN-40	Assessment process	Multiple participants were interested in how they could get involved in the EA process, opportunities to access and provide comments on the draft EIS, and the next steps in the EA process.
BN-41	Community benefits	Multiple participants wanted more information about how community youth would be supported through the Project life cycle.
BN-42	Community benefits	Multiple participants wanted more information about how they could become involved the breakfast program and why there was a breakfast program in La Loche but not for Buffalo Narrows.
BN-43	Community benefits	Multiple participants noted a need for youth sports equipment and playground equipment in the community.
BN-44	Land use	A participant was interested in the timeline for end land use planning for the Project.
BN-45	Environmental monitoring	A participant was interested in the timelines for monitoring, and specifically, how long the Project site would be monitored after mining is complete.
BN-46	Environmental monitoring	A participant was interested in the frequency of regulatory inspections once a project is approved.
BN-47	Reclamation	A participant was interested in tree planting as part of site reclamation activities and confirmation that tree planting was part of planned activities.
BN-48	Reclamation	A participant was interested in activities undertaken during Closure to decommission and reclaim (i.e., “clean”) the Project site.
BN-49	Reclamation	A participant was interested in how much radioactive material would be left on surface after mining is complete.
BN-50	Traditional Foods	A participant noted that they are worried that they might get sick from eating sick animals hunted near the mine.
BN-51	Traditional Foods	A participant noted that NexGen must protect the water, fish, and wildlife that community members depend upon to eat.
BN-52	Employment and training	Multiple participants were interested in where Project training would be conducted, and specifically, if training be available in local communities or if community members would be required to travel for training (e.g., go to La Ronge).
BN-53	Employment and training	Multiple participants inquired about employment and training opportunities for the Project.
BN-54	Highways and roads	A participant inquired as to whether NexGen would be upgrading roads along the Project transportation corridor, expressing concern with road quality under existing conditions and the potential for increased traffic.
BN-55	Water quality and quantity	A participant expressed concern about water quality, indicating that they had heard of places in northern Saskatchewan where water can not be consumed anymore.
BN-56	Water quality and quantity	A participant asked whether Patterson Lake would be drained as part of the Project activities.
BN-57	Wildlife	A participant noted that they were surprised that porcupines were seen during the baseline surveys, indicating that they did not know they were found that far north.
BN-58	Wildlife	A participant commented that the caribou shown on the trail camera image on a poster was skinny.

Table 2E-4c: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo Narrows (October 2022 Community Information Sessions)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	Response
BN-59	Assessment process	What has NexGen done to reduce the potential bias involved in an environmental impact assessment?	NexGen have consultants working on their behalf for the EA and local companies to acquire the baseline data needed for the assessments and strive to be as objective as possible. The people on the NexGen team care about the work they do and about the environment. Two Worlds Consulting reviews the draft EIS on behalf of the MN-S NR2.
BN-60	Assessment process	The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) gave NexGen approval to provide the MN-S with the draft EIS 30 days prior to when it was sent out for public review. Why wasn't this done?	NexGen was following the outlined regulatory process. Once the draft EIS was submitted to the CNSC, the CNSC completes a 30-day conformance check to make sure it is complete, and then it is posted for public review. NexGen did not want to provide MN-S with an EIS that may not have met conformance. NexGen noted that the public review period was extended by the CNSC for an additional 30 days for the Project. Normally the public review period is 60 days; however, it was extended to 90 days for NexGen's draft EIS; therefore, the extra time provided for the public review process offset the time required to complete the conformance check.
BN-61	Assessment process	Will the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be looked at by a third party?	Two Worlds Consulting has reviewed the draft EIS and has made recommendations. Technical capacity funding is provided by NexGen through the Study Agreement [for the MN-S to retain third party technical consultants to support reviews].
BN-62	Construction	Has construction already begun on the mine?	Construction has not yet started as we are still in the regulatory process and require EA, Licensing, and permitting approvals prior to Construction.
BN-63	Construction	Construction is predicted to take place for the next 4-5 years and there is an airstrip planned to be part of the mine site. When will this be constructed?	The Project airstrip would be built as part of the construction phase, the timing of which would be subject to acquiring the necessary regulatory approvals.
BN-64	Community benefits	Comment made from a community member thanking NexGen for sponsoring the community's wellness camp out this summer.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-65	Decommissioning	What is left behind and what will the mine site look like when it is decommissioned?	There will be waste rock left on the surface, though efforts will be made for the site to look as similar as possible to how it did prior to the mine. NexGen will be progressively reclaiming the site during Operations and will take lessons learned from other projects to inform this work. There will be no tailings stored at the surface, which will make a difference when it comes to reclamation. A Métis Environmental Monitor position will be established to assist with this process.
BN-66	Employment and training	There is a training center on site in Buffalo Narrows that is not currently in use. What will the training look like for workers? Is there consideration for those who will work in janitorial or kitchen staffing positions?	Employment and training opportunities are a top priority for NexGen. NexGen will be visiting high schools in the LPA to encourage students to stay in school and discuss future employment opportunities that will be offered at the mine. These opportunities would include a wide range of positions for the Project. There is an upcoming carpentry course offered through Northlands College taking place in La Loche. NexGen is looking to set up and offer more courses in 2023 and beyond for students in the LPA.

Table 2E-4c: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo Narrows (October 2022 Community Information Sessions)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	Response
BN-67	Employment and training	Are there training programs planned for Buffalo Narrows and surrounding communities?	NexGen had a meeting today with the mayor of Buffalo Narrows to discuss future training opportunities and has an upcoming meeting with the Gabriel Dumont Institute. The carpentry course mentioned earlier is the first course being offered, which is open to all residents of the LPA. are excited to offer more in the near future.
BN-68	General Comment	Can you discuss the “track record” or history of the company?	The Rook I Project is NexGen’s first and only development-stage project; however, NexGen is comprised of a number of leading subject matter experts from across the mining industry with experience in exploration, mine development, and operations.
BN-69	General comment	How does the Project compare to the mine situated on the eastern side of the province which is known to have had many issues?	The uranium mineralization is hosted in the underground basement rock and the tailings will be stored back underground approximately 300-600 m below the surface. The mine will operate safely and will have fewer interactions with the surrounding environment based on the tailings management strategy.
BN-70	General comment	Comment made from a community member stating that they sat on the Economic Board previously and have been working together with NexGen for a long time. They are looking ahead into the future to build a positive relationship going forward.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-71	Highways and roads	There will inevitably be damage to the roads surrounding the community before an airstrip is built for the site while materials are hauled to the site. What is NexGen going to do to support maintenance of the roads?	When an airstrip is constructed, the roads surrounding the site will still be used. NexGen will support any community-led initiatives and help facilitate opportunities for communities to work with the Government of Saskatchewan to improve roadways. A member of the NexGen team is a member of the North Northwest Transportation Planning Committee and is supporting those conversations. The Project airstrip will be just for personnel transportation to and from the mine site and the roads will still need to be used for material and supply transportation.
BN-72	Highways and roads	Concern about the potential for accidents on the roads and safety. Comment made regarding the need for there to be fair and equal treatment of all communities within the LPA.	NexGen will be fair and provide equal treatment to all communities within the LPA.

Table 2E-4d: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo Narrows (June 2023 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
BN-73	General comment	Multiple participants noted that the previous community information session last week held with MN-S was beneficial.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-74	General comment	A participant asked if there is a camp.	NexGen clarified that there is currently an exploration camp on the Rook I Property that serves to support exploration activities in the region, and that the camp for the Project would be constructed once regulatory approvals are received.
BN-75	General comment	A participant noted that people may not know of this community information session.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-76	General comment	A participant noted that there is tension within the community due to a large portion of the Métis population about to receive First Nation status. Some Métis residents regard this as not aligning with Métis heritage.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-77	Employment	A participant inquired about applying for a summer student position.	NexGen confirmed that applications for general summer student positions had closed for summer 2023 but asked the individual to email the NexGen engagement team for more information on the environmental summer student position.
BN-78	Employment and Training	Multiple participants were pleased with the number of education and training opportunities. One particular participant was pleased with the direction and transparency on what employment is currently available with NexGen and would be available for the Project.	Comments received during community information session.
BN-79	Highways and roads	Comment that the current roads going through Buffalo Narrows are narrow and not in great condition.	NexGen noted that road conditions are a concern that is raised often by community members in the LPA and that NexGen supports conversations to encourage road upgrades to support the health and safety of those travelling and to support the Project, recognizing that the upgrades and maintenance of the highway network is a responsibility of the provincial government.
BN-80	EA Process	A participant asked why NexGen conducted its own EIS instead of bringing in an independent party.	NexGen confirmed that third-party external consultants and subject matter experts are utilized by NexGen as part of the EIS, and also highlighted the regulatory review process by both provincial and federal regulators is part of the overall EA review and approval process. NexGen confirmed that as part of the Study Agreement signed with the MN-S, the MN-S retained third-party technical subject matter experts that participated in review if the EIS directly with NexGen and as part of the provincial and federal EA processes.

Table 2E-4e: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo Narrows (May 2024 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
BN-81	Engagement	A participant commented that NexGen did a great job of advertising for the sessions, indicating that they saw the posters, invite and community newsletter.	Comment received during community information session.
BN-82	Exploration / Geology	How deep do you drill for exploration?	NexGen explained that drilling for exploration is typically between 400 m and 700 m.
BN-83	Exploration / Geology	How do these rocks occur in the ground? Is the Athabasca above or below this rock [pointing to basement rock sample on display at the station]?	NexGen explained that the Athabasca sandstone lies on top of the basement rocks.
BN-84	Exploration / Geology	Can you get uranium in these rocks [referencing rocks on display at the station]?	NexGen confirmed that uranium can be obtained in the sandstone, at the unconformity between the sandstone and basement, and in the basement.
BN-85	Exploration / Geology	Is there any uranium in these rocks [referencing rocks on display at the station]?	NexGen stated that none of the rocks on the table have any uranium, they are just to show what core looks like and different rock types present during exploration drilling and in the area of the proposed Project.
BN-86	Exploration / Geology	What rock type is Arrow in? Sandstone or Basement?	NexGen explained that the Arrow deposit is basement hosted.
BN-87	Exploration / Geology	How does the sparkly mineral [quartz] get in there [referencing rocks on display at the station]?	NexGen explained that a small break in the rock was created that allowed a fluid rich in silica to pass through. NexGen furthered that as the fluid leaves the rock or cools off, it leaves behind the silica it was carrying which eventually allows the small quartz crystals to form.
BN-88	Exploration / Geology	How do you know there is uranium in the rock?	NexGen explained that they used specialized tools to measure the radioactivity in the rock which is used as an indicator as to whether uranium may be present.
BN-89	Operations	How big will it [the Project] be? The individual shared previous experience as an operator with Site Services and indicated that they were looking for a job.	NexGen stated that the proposed surface footprint of the mining and milling facility would be approximately the size of a football stadium and parking lot. The NexGen team member encouraged the participant to send a resume to NexGen's human resources email regarding potential employment. The member indicated that they did not have a resume created but stated they were a Métis Citizen, so NexGen encouraged the member to connect with the Economic Development group of MN-S NR2 to help with registering in Export (a resourcing tool used by NexGen and MN-S NR2 with respect to employment opportunities).
BN-90	Training and Employment	A group of students from a radiation/environmental technician program held discussion about their course and when they could work for companies.	Discussion occurred.
BN-91	Training and Employment	A participant commented on the importance of letting students know about available careers.	Comment received during community information session.

Table 2E-4e: Summary of Questions and Comments from Buffalo Narrows (May 2024 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
BN-92	Training and Employment	A participant indicated that they like working with their hands and computers but did not want to go to college, asking what kind of job they could do with the NexGen team?	NexGen stated that geotechnicians and field technicians are examples of hands-on roles that are currently utilized at the existing exploration site NexGen explained that geotechnicians work with the core and do a variety of data collection tasks including measuring the length, measuring the radioactivity, drawing lines, and more, adding that much of this data is then entered into NexGen's database on the computer. NexGen furthered that field technicians will spot holes and perform surveys before drilling begins, adding that after a drillhole is complete, they go to the drill and perform a downhole survey with specialized tools to measure the radioactivity and that after they finish, NexGen will take the data and put it in the database.
BN-93	Training and Employment	What qualifications do I need to be a geologist?	NexGen explained that typically an individual will need a four-year Bachelor of Science degree in geology.

BN = Buffalo Narrows; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = Environmental Assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; LPA = local priority area; m = metre; MN-S = Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; NR2= Northern Region 2; UGTMF = underground tailings management facility.

Table 2E-5a: Summary of Questions and Comments from Clearwater River Dene Nation (June 2022 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment
CRDN-1	Assessment process	A participant was concerned about not being represented in the engagement activities or agreements.
CRDN-2	Business opportunities	A participant inquired about business opportunities related to equipment needs.
CRDN-3	Employment and training	Multiple participants inquired about the kinds of employment and training opportunities available.
CRDN-4	Employment and training	A participant was interested in learning about community employment opportunities once mining is complete.
CRDN-5	Environment	A participant noted that they do not support the Project due to the fact that there is not a 100% guarantee that there will be no effects of the Project on the environment.
CRDN-6	Environment	A participant inquired to the location of Lloyd lake in reference to materials available in the community information session.
CRDN-7	Environment	A participant noted they wanted to see more of the environmental baseline to see what is there now (i.e., under existing conditions).
CRDN-8	Hunting, trapping, and gathering	A participant expressed concerns related to impacts on the ability to harvest meat.
CRDN-9	General comment	A participant noted the importance of strong connections to the land and water and protecting the environment. The participant noted the information provided gave them confidence in the Project.
CRDN-10	General comment	A participant noted that they previously had a cabin south of Patterson Lake.
CRDN-11	General comment	Multiple participants expressed interest in the core sample (non-radioactive) brought to the community information session indicating it helped with their understanding of the rock in which mineralization for Project occurred, and where the tailings management facilities would be constructed.
CRDN-12	Consultation and engagement	An individual inquired about visiting the site for a tour.
CRDN-13	Environmental monitoring	Multiple participants inquired as to how NexGen will protect the environment, including biodiversity. Interest was also expressed in additional, scientific information to be shared.
CRDN-14	Reclamation	Multiple participants were interested in reclamation planned for the Project.
CRDN-15	Water quality and quantity	Multiple participants were interested in the lakes currently monitored by NexGen as part of baseline monitoring.
CRDN-16	Water quality and quantity	A participant noted that their father drinks water straight from local lakes.
CRDN-17	Fish and fish habitat	Multiple participants were interested in fish health. A participant noted that they used to be a commercial fisherman in the Patterson Lake area.
CRDN-18	Traditional Foods	Multiple participants were interested in, and had additional questions, on the results of the EA and context in terms of safety of drinking water and eating fish.

Table 2E-5b: Summary of Questions and Comments from Clearwater River Dene Nation (June 2023 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
CRDN-19	Employment	Multiple participants expressed interest in employment opportunities.	Participants were directed to NexGen's representatives for employment and training and provided further information on current and future opportunities for education, training, and employment.
CRDN-20	General comment	Chatted about youth involvement, tree planting and training programs with a person, the participant did not have questions, it was just a general discussion.	Comment received during community information session.
CRDN-21	General comment	Asked about the rocks on the table at the mining/geology posters.	NexGen explained what the different rocks represented.
CRDN-22	General comment	What is NexGen doing with the empty trailer they left on CRDN last year?	Comment received during community information session.
CRDN-23	General comment	Participant had interest in anemometer (wind meter).	NexGen discussed how wind and air samples from various locations around the Project site are taken to determine how things are currently (i.e., baseline), and then how predictions are made regarding the ways in which the Project will affect the baseline, and how environmental effects can occur and to what extent. NexGen expanded that the purpose is to know what could happen so that any necessary Project design changes are made and plans, procedures, and environmental monitoring is in place to ensure that the mine and mill is constructed and operated according to environmental guidelines and conditions applied by the regulators. NexGen also discussed the area that would be affected by the Project and the goal for continued land use activities in the future.
CRDN-24	Human Health	Are there any links to increased cancer risk in workers?	NexGen talked about dose limits, the measures taken, and the studies that have been done. NexGen provided an example explaining that airline pilots see more radiation than nuclear workers.
CRDN-25	Monitoring	Multiple participants asked about the water sampling device on display.	NexGen explained that the type of water sampling device is used at the Project site to collect baseline water quality data, what baseline monitoring is, and why baseline monitoring is important.
CRDN-26	Monitoring	What do you monitor for? How do you know if contaminated?	NexGen explained what baseline monitoring is and why it is important and confirmed that monitoring is conducted for metals, nutrients, and radionuclides. NexGen explained how water monitoring would be completed throughout the Project lifespan.
CRDN-27	Monitoring	What about the wildlife monitoring?	NexGen explained that game cameras were used and what baseline monitoring is, and why baseline monitoring is important.
CRDN-28	Project Information	Where will the Rook I Project be?	NexGen pointed out the location on a map banner and asked if participants have been in the area. NexGen and the participants then discussed the ongoing regional Traditional Foods Study.
CRDN-29	Water Quality	How do you clean things up if the water is contaminated?	NexGen explained that monitoring ponds, various controls (e.g., engineered ponds, administrative release criteria), water sampling, and risk assessments are completed to make sure water quality is suitable for release to the environment.

Table 2E-5c: Summary of Questions and Comments from Clearwater River Dene Nation (May 2024 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
CRDN-30	Project Components	A participant had questions regarding the general Project – location, purpose, design, design of Project, etc.	NexGen provided responses to the questions about the Project, underground tailings, minimal surface disturbance, and location, referencing materials available at the community information sessions.
CRDN-31	Regulatory Process	Multiple questions were received about the current status of regulatory processes for the Project and when approval will be obtained.	NexGen explained that they are advancing provincial and federal approvals in parallel and the current status of regulatory approvals. NexGen stated that once the federal EA review is complete by the CNSC staff, a CNSC Commission hearing date can be set which will be the final step in receiving a federal approval decision for the Project.
CRDN-32	Regulatory Process	Do you have all provincial approvals?	NexGen explained that they have provincial EA approval and have submitted information to the Ministry of Environment regarding other provincial approvals required and are working with the Ministry of Environment to obtain these approvals.
CRDN-33	Environment	A participant stated that it is important to make sure wildlife and water is protected.	NexGen highlighted the ongoing baseline monitoring to understand pre-development conditions and ongoing monitoring and assessment that would be required during Project activities to ensure that mitigations are effective and the environment remains protected.
CRDN-34	Project Components	A participant shared that they appreciated having the CNSC in attendance and noted that they asked them a lot of questions.	Comment received during community information session.
CRDN-35	Project Components	Is the mine going to be under the lake?	NexGen explained that the ore body stops just on the edge of the lake and that there would not be mining under the lake.
CRDN-36	Project Components	Is the yellowcake in the jar real [referencing items on display at one of the stations]?	NexGen explained that this was just for display, but it is an accurate representation of the color and texture of actual yellowcake.
CRDN-37	Operations	Will you have an acid plant?	NexGen confirmed that an acid plant is planned as part of the Project.
CRDN-38	Operations	How will you package yellowcake?	NexGen explained that the current design for uranium concentrate packaging is a manual system; however, NexGen also shared that opportunities are being evaluated to optimize and automate this process.
CRDN-39	Operations	How much additional traffic will be on the 955?	NexGen explained that there will be increased traffic and confirmed that this was assessed as part of the Project EA, confirming that NexGen are working with the Government of Saskatchewan and communities on plans to make sure that the road remains safe during Project activities.
CRDN-40	Operations	After an explanation of the milling process, a participant asked what NexGen would be shipping off site.	NexGen stated that packaged uranium concentrate would be shipped off site in 45-gallon drums. NexGen furthered that the drums would be cleaned and checked for contamination before leaving site, highlighting that there are special rules called “Transportation of Dangerous Goods” that specify transportation requirements.
CRDN-41	Exploration / Geology	Where does NexGen conduct exploration?	[Pointed to map and discussed 2024 summer plans focussing on Patterson Corridor East].

Table 2E-5c: Summary of Questions and Comments from Clearwater River Dene Nation (May 2024 Community Information Session)

ID	Topic	Question or Comment	NexGen Response
CRDN-42	Project Components	A participant noted that they are in support of the Project, although noted concerns for continued traditional land use. The individual noted that the Project would be a way to provide more training and jobs to the community.	Comment received during community information session.

CRDN = Clearwater River Dene Nation; % = percent; EA = Environmental Assessment.

2019 Community Information Sessions

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Invitation Materials



Figure 1: Front of invitation mail card for June 2019 Community Information Sessions.

JUNE 24 LA LOCHE COMMUNITY HALL

JUNE 25 BIRCH NARROWS ARENA

JUNE 26 BUFFALO RIVER ARENA

JUNE 27 BUFFALO NARROWS LAKEVIEW COMPLEX

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NexGen recently commenced an environmental assessment for the development of a new uranium mine and mill at the Rook I Project, located 155 km north of La Loche. At the community information session, NexGen will outline details of the Rook I Project.

Sessions are come and go and will be from 3 pm to 7 pm. Refreshments will be served.

To learn more about the Rook I Project:

Visit our website at **www.saskatchewanuranium.ca**
Email us at **info@saskatchewanuranium.ca**
Phone us at **1-833-333-8895**
Write to us at **Suite 200, 475-2nd Ave South, Saskatoon SK, S7K 1P4**

Figure 2: Back of invitation mail cards for June 2019 Community Information Sessions.



Figure 3: Poster Advertisement for the Community Information Sessions.

2.2.3 Radio Announcement

During the week leading up to the Community Information Sessions, invitation announcements were made on local radio stations including CHPN 89.9 FM in La Loche, CKBR 92.7 FM Dillon/Buffalo River Dene Nation and CIBN 89.3 FM in Buffalo Narrows. Table 4 outlines the script read at each location.

2019 Community Information Sessions

Poster Sessions

Welcome



Thank you for attending the June 2019 information session for the Rook I Project

We have invited you here to:

- Update you on the Rook I Project
- Provide information about the environmental assessment process
- Answer questions and get your feedback on the Project

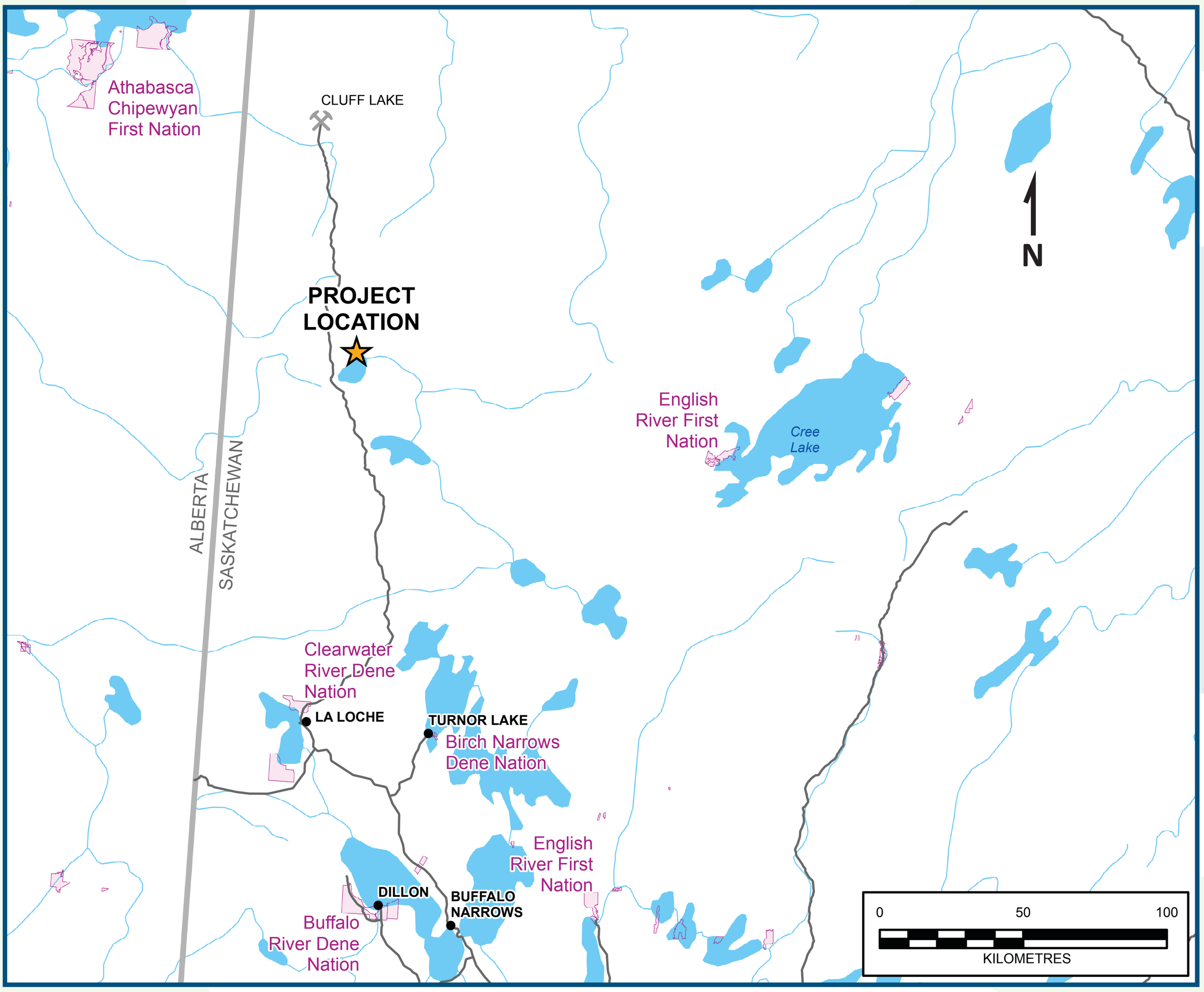
We look forward to seeing you at future information sessions!

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Who We Are

NexGen is a Canadian uranium development company committed to setting elite standards for:

- Human health and safety
- Environmental performance
- Supportive communities
- Regulatory compliance



Rook I Project location.

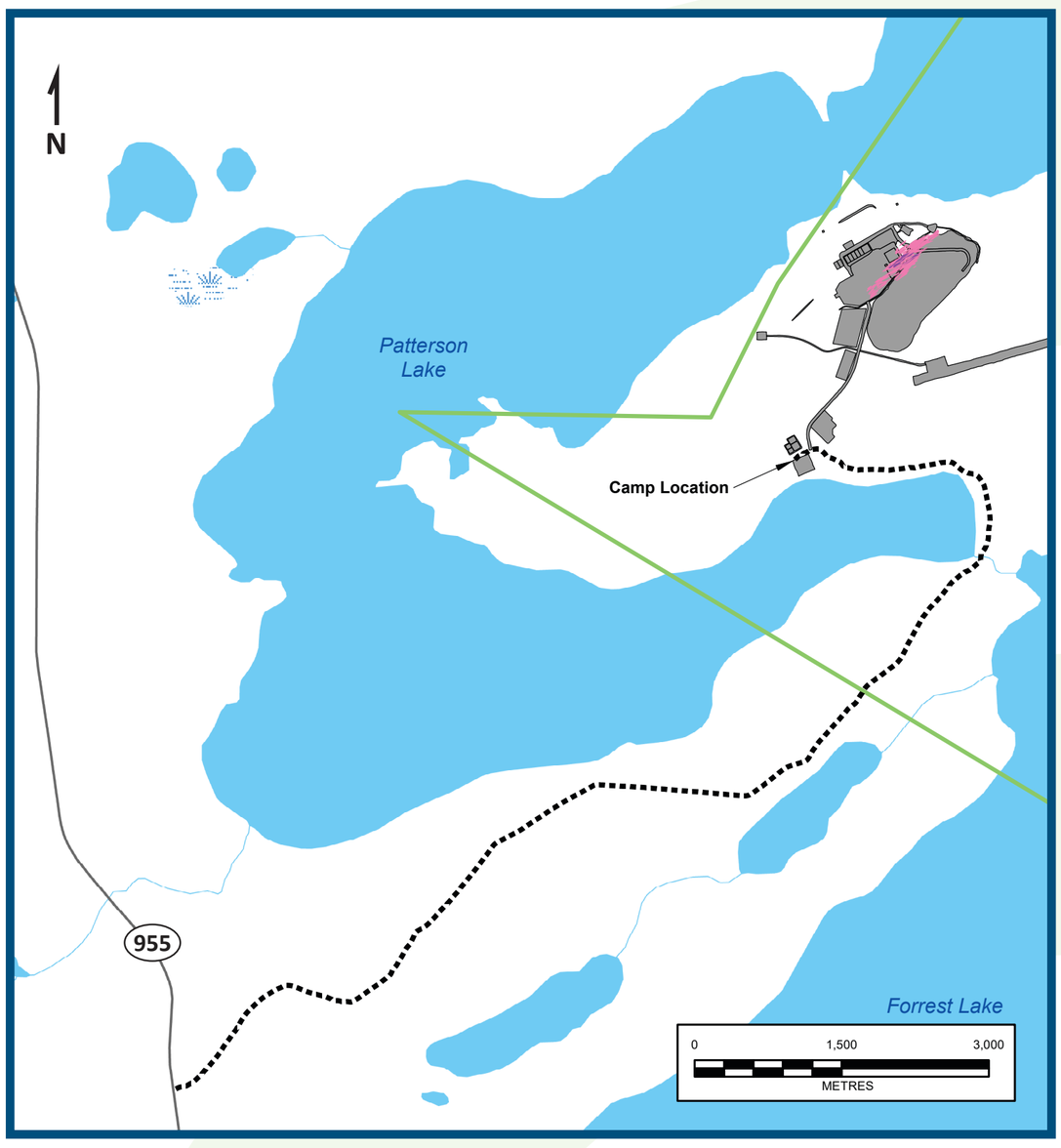
NexGen is on track to become a world-leading uranium producer delivering the energy needs of the future, **while ensuring any person or organization dealing with the company in any capacity has a positive experience**.

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The Rook I Project

The Rook I Project (the "Project") is:

- Host to the Arrow uranium deposit and proposed underground mine and surface mill facility
- 100% owned and operated by NexGen Energy
- Located entirely under land, 600 m away from Patterson Lake and completely contained within competent basement rock

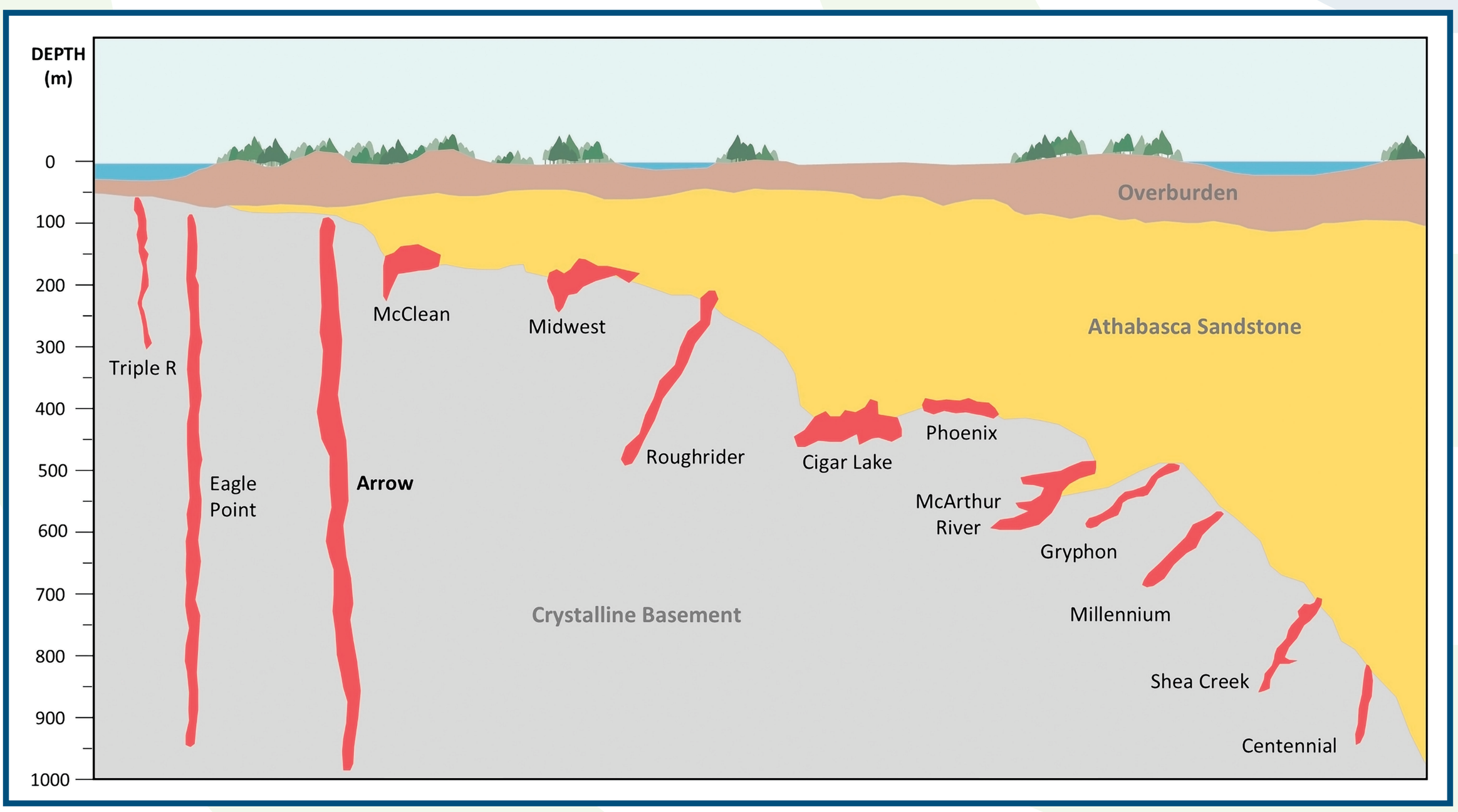


Rook I Project location

Project Timelines



Technical Simplicity



Schematic of uranium deposits in northern Saskatchewan showing location in relation to surface features and geological setting. Arrow is located under land and hosted within competent basement rock.

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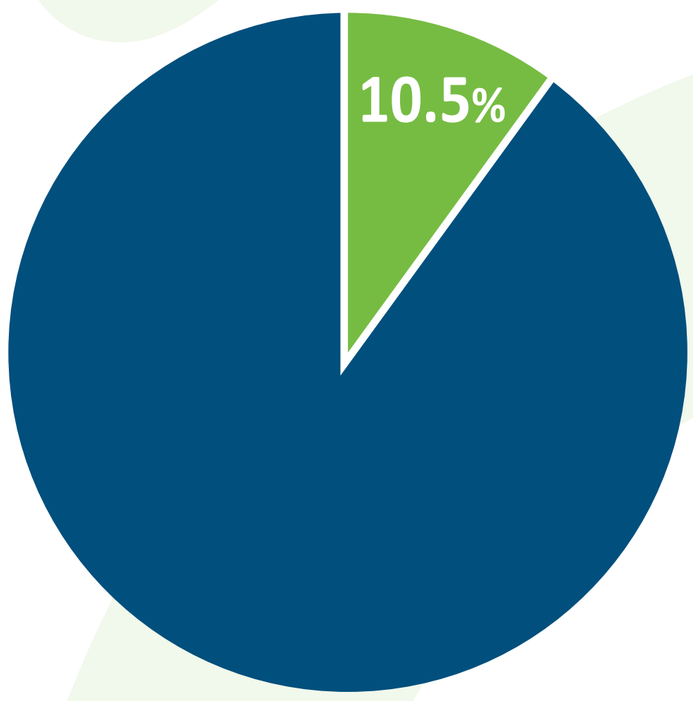
Need For The Project

There is a global need for reliable and stable sources of electricity that have low-carbon emissions; nuclear power is the only energy source that meets that criteria.

Operable Reactors Globally



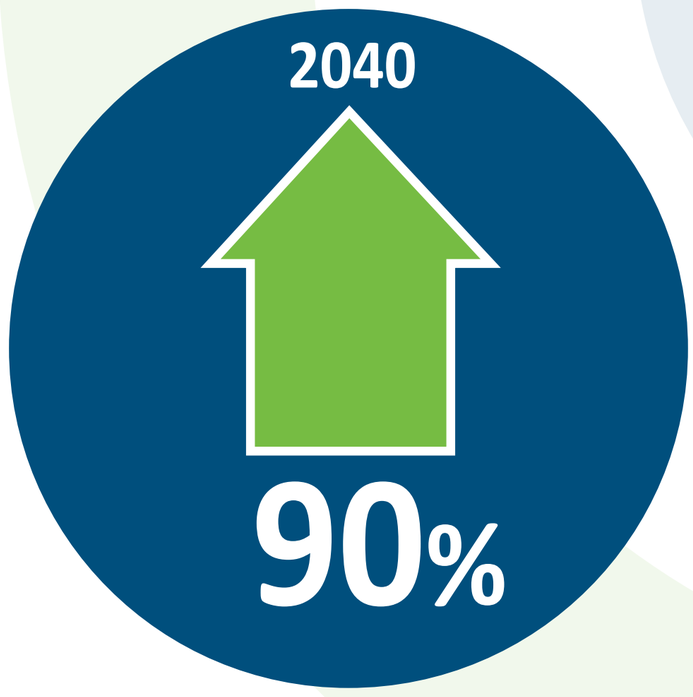
Nuclear's Share of Global Electricity Generation



Reactors Under Construction



Global Demand for Electricity



The Project will supply uranium required to fuel nuclear reactors as countries around the world seek to boost electrical energy production from low-carbon emitting sources.

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Conventional Underground Mining

indicated resources
256.6m lbs U_3O_8

2.89m tonnes

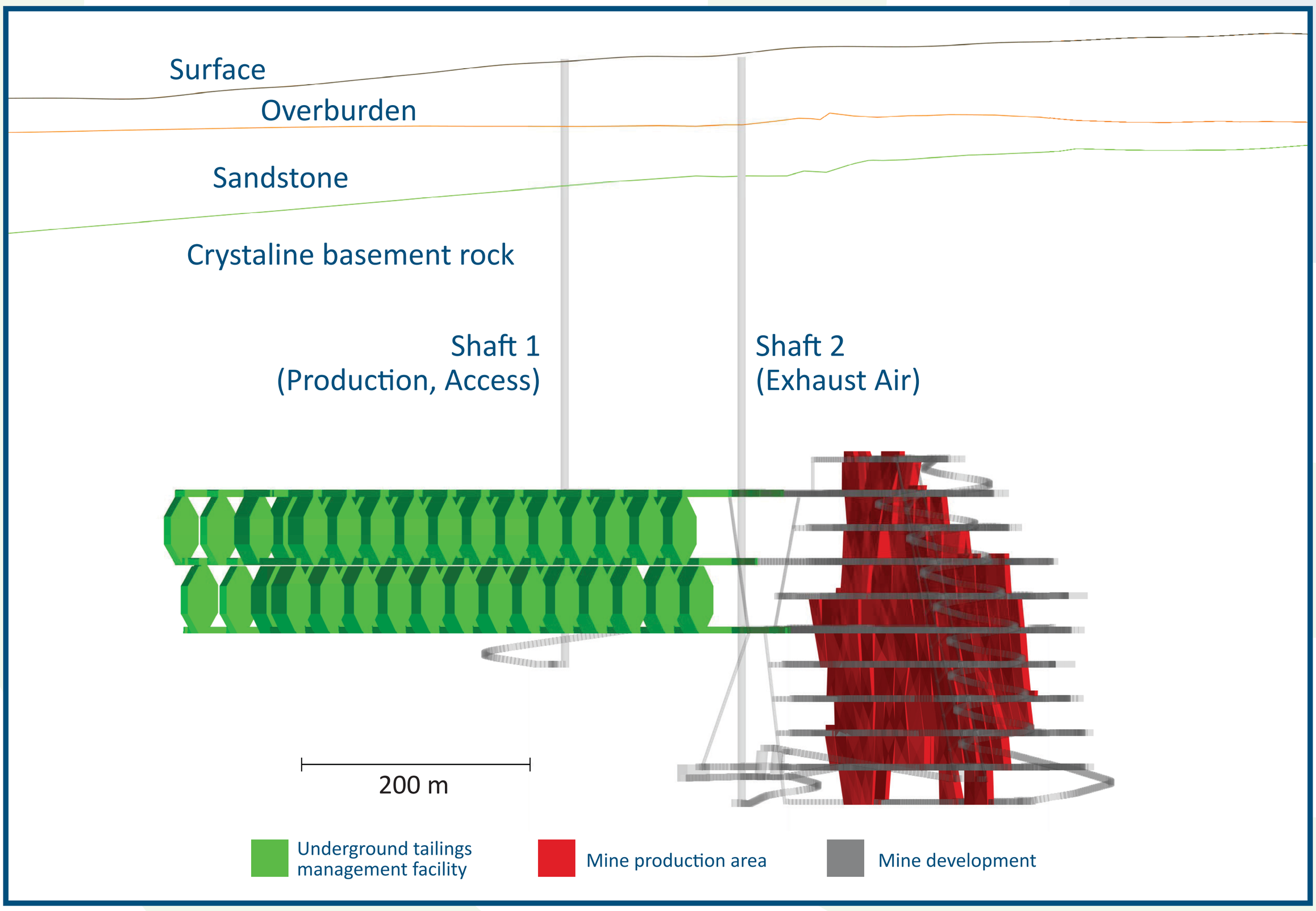
average grade of
4.03%

The mine will be a conventional underground mine using the longhole stoping mining method.

There will be two vertical shafts used for access, ventilation and transporting materials.

Ore will be crushed underground and brought to surface for conventional milling to produce uranium for nuclear power reactors.

Mine Cross Section



Cross section through mine.

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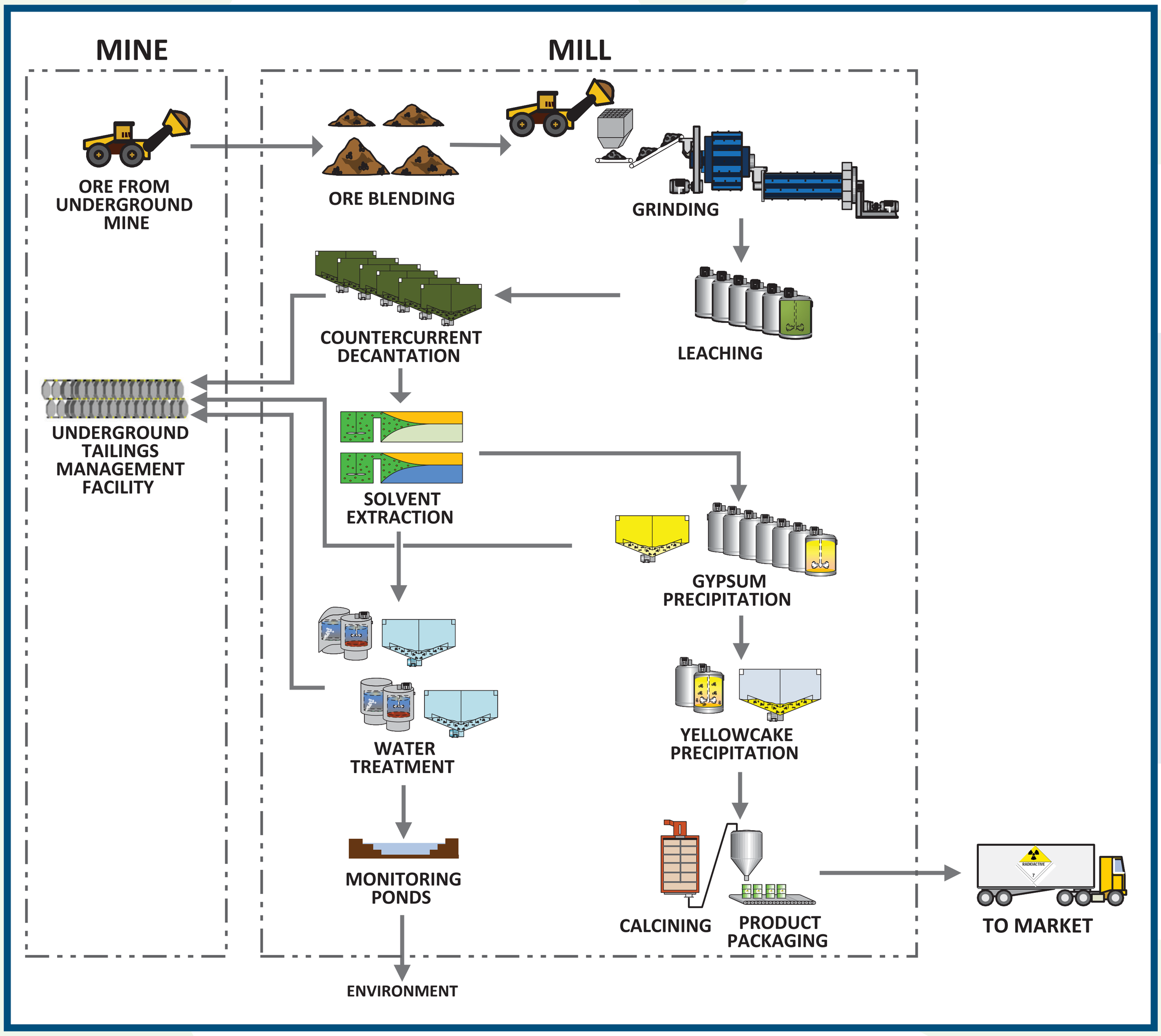
Conventional Ore Processing

Conventional
Acid Strip
Milling

up to
31 m
lbs U_3O_8
annually

1400
tonnes/day

Milling Process



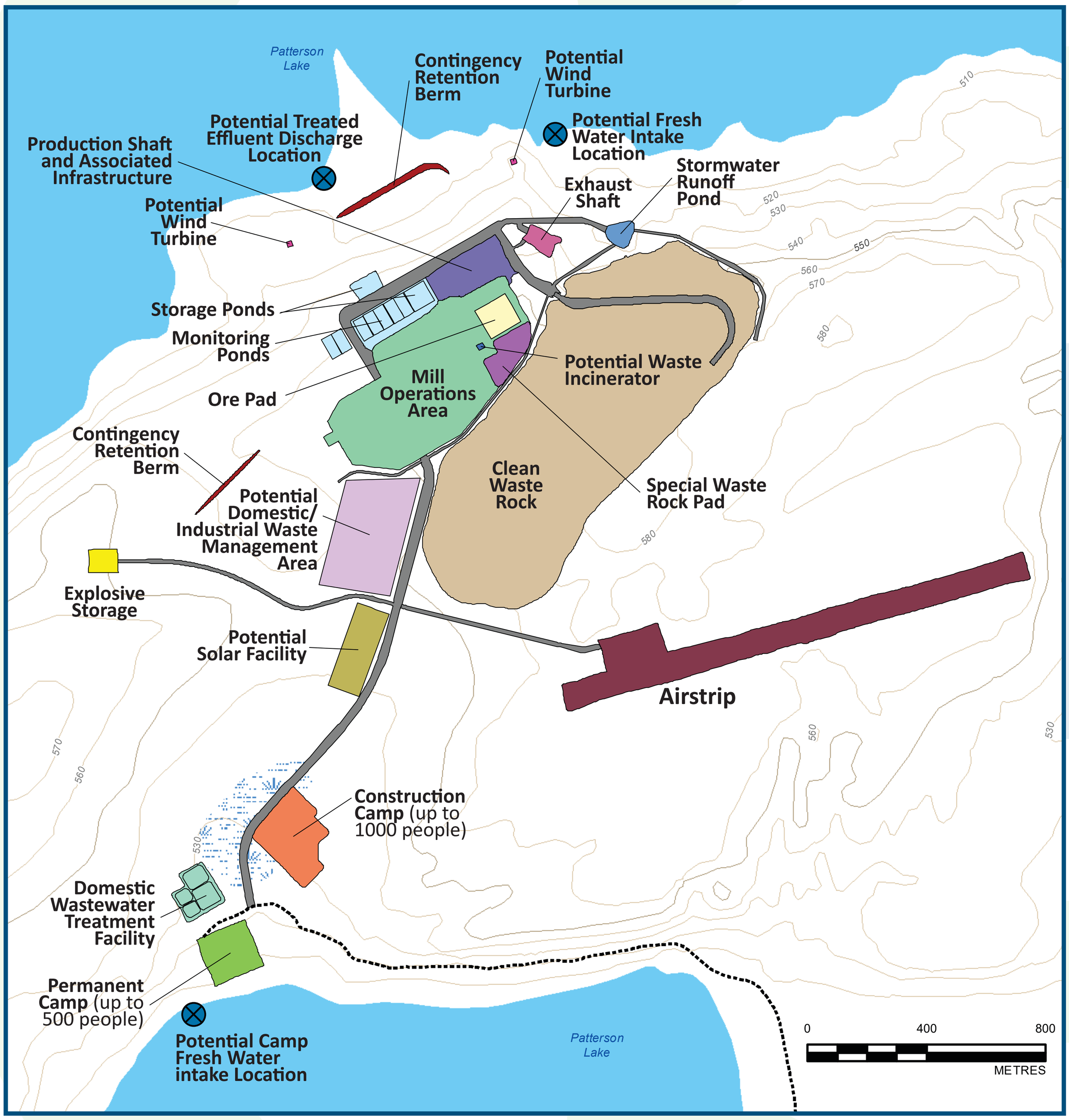
Early Alternatives Assessment: Ammonia Strip vs Acid Strip

Acid strip has been selected for environmental performance reasons to minimize ammonia in effluent discharged.

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Infrastucture to Support Operations

Proposed surface layout of the Rook I Project



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Underground Tailings

Rook I will employ industry-leading practices for tailings management that will:

- Permanently store tailings underground
- Represent progressive decommissioning during mining operations
- Minimize the surface footprint of the Project

There will be **no tailings management facility on surface**.

TAILINGS = milled rock + gypsum + solids from water treatment

Tailings will be mixed with cement and returned underground into:

- Mined-out areas
- A purpose-built underground tailings management facility (the “UGTMF”)

Early Alternatives Assessment: Tailings Management

UGTMF vs **surface in-pit** vs **cellular surface pits** vs **above ground tailings management**

The UGTMF was selected to set elite standards in environmental mine management.

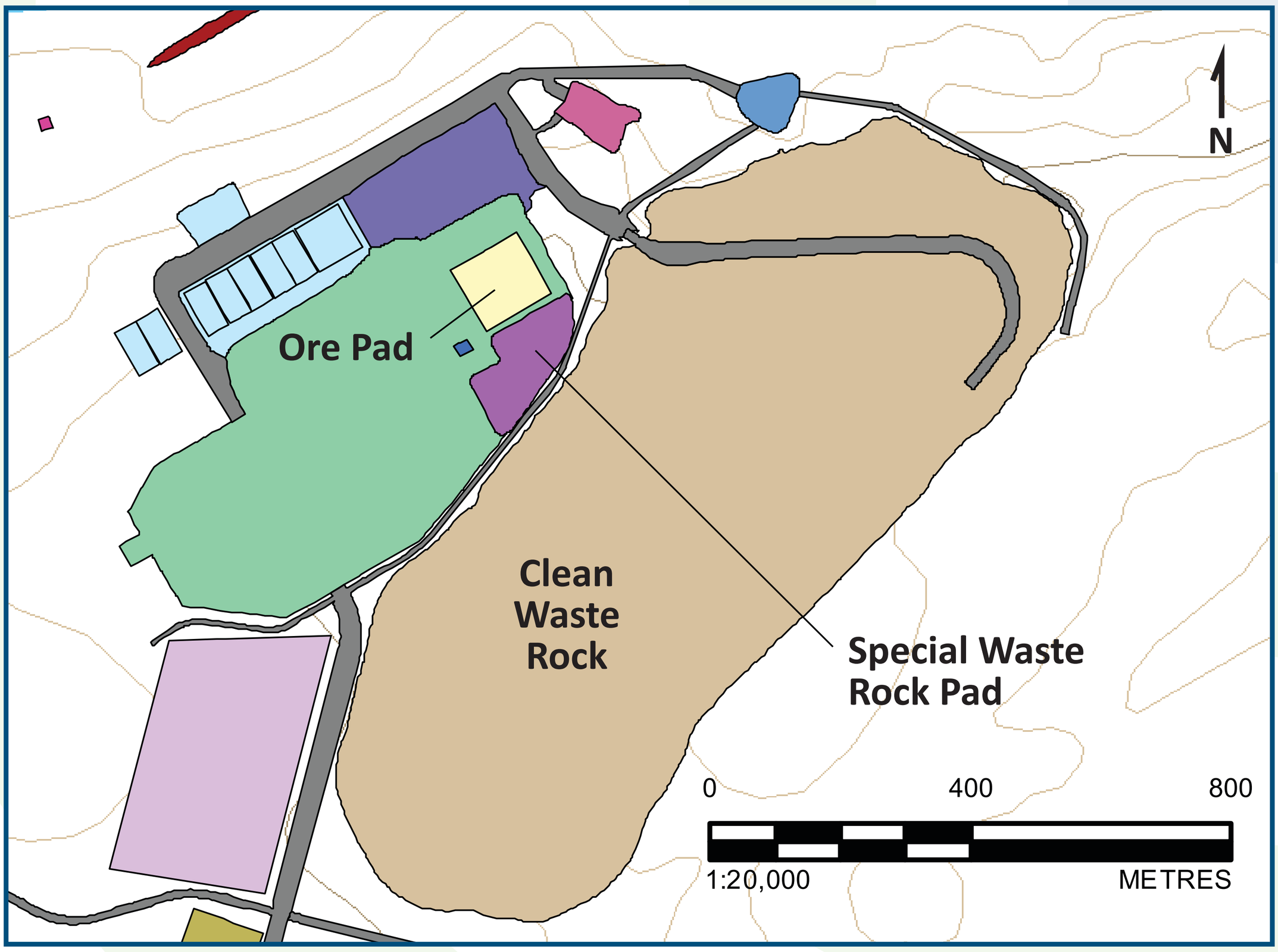
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Mine Rock Handling

During construction and operation of the Project rock will be moved from underground to the surface.

This rock will be tested in real time and will be separated and managed as follows:

- **Ore:** Temporarily stored on a double-lined storage pad before being sent to mill.
- **Special Waste Rock:** Stored on a double-lined storage pad during operations to collect and treat runoff before returned underground at the end of mine life.
- **Clean Rock:** Placed on surface and contoured into the landscape below the regional topographic high. Could be a source of clean material for construction activities and roadbuilding.



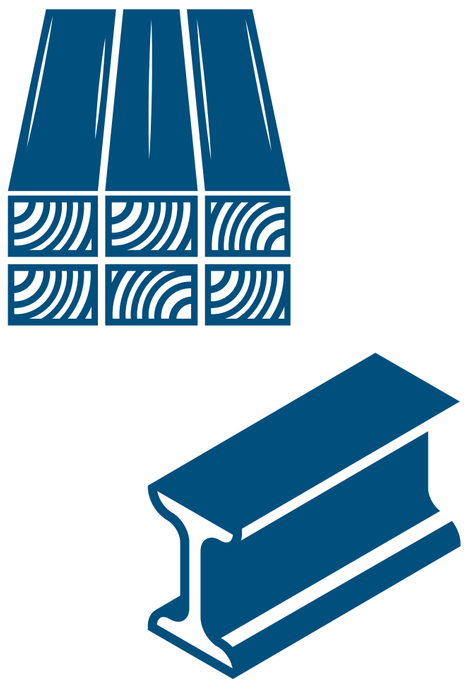
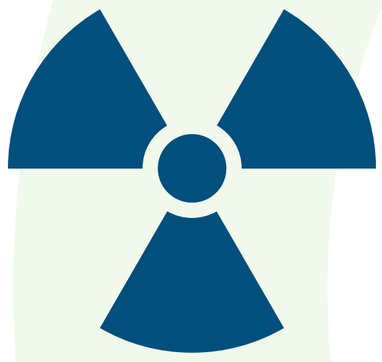
Surface layout of Rook I rock pads.

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Waste Management

The Project is designed to operate in a manner that:

- Protects people and the environment
- Minimizes the generation of waste
- Optimizes reuse, recovery and repurposing of materials
- Meets all regulatory requirements

Domestic	Industrial	Radiological	Hazardous
			
Recycle **Compost** **Incinerate** **On-site landfill** **Off-site landfill**	**Recycle** **Reuse** **Incinerate** **On-site landfill** **Off-site landfill**	**Underground disposal** **Incinerate**	**Recycle** **Off-site disposal**

Disposal options by waste stream.

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Decommissioning and Closure

Plans for closure of Rook I include:

- Maximizing recycling and salvaging of materials
- Shipping non-radiologically contaminated materials off-site to approved facilities for disposal
- Placing radiologically contaminated materials in underground mine workings
- Filling mine shafts with rock and capping with reinforced cap
- Water treatment plant will continue to operate as required during the decommissioning
- Site will be contoured and revegetated to resemble conditions before construction began



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Decommissioning Commitments

The Project has been designed with decommissioning in mind.

Progressive decommissioning will occur during operations by:

- Storing tailings underground
- Contouring the clean waste rock pile so it blends into the surrounding landscape

Before construction begins:

- A closure plan will be developed
- A financial assurance will be posted by NexGen to guarantee that the cost of decommissioning will be covered



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Decommissioning Commitments





Active environmental monitoring throughout and after decommissioning will verify that land, water, air, wildlife and human health is protected.

After final closure, the site will be free from access restrictions, and the Project area will be suitable for recreational and traditional land use.

The final decommissioning plan will include input from local communities.

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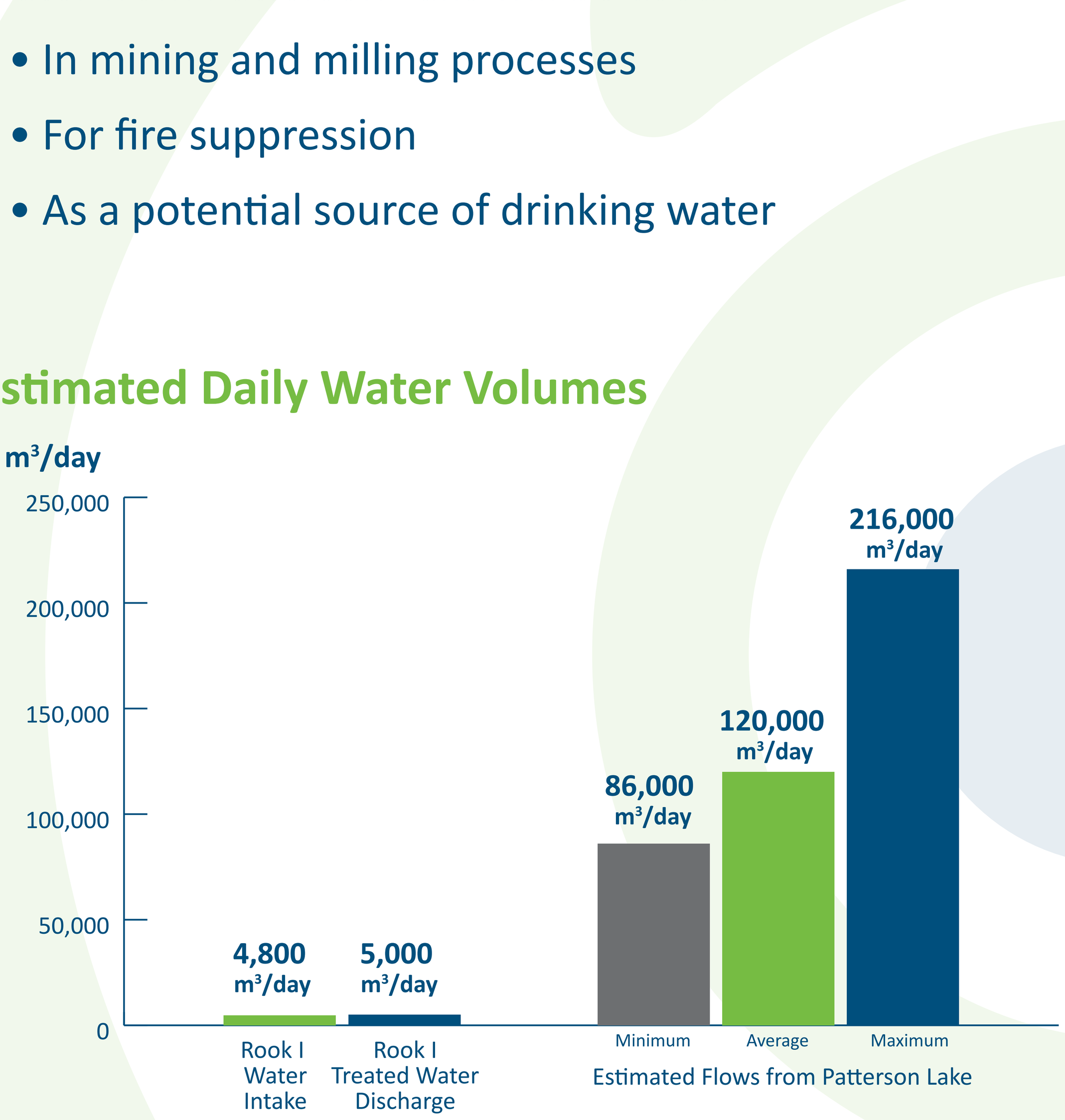
Water Use

Industry-leading water management practices will be used to ensure fresh water use is minimized and water quality is protected.

Water from Patterson Lake will be used:

- In mining and milling processes
- For fire suppression
- As a potential source of drinking water

Estimated Daily Water Volumes



The Project is not expected to have an effect on water levels or flow rates. This will be fully evaluated during the environmental assessment.

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Water Protection

Protection of water resources is a priority for NexGen. Protection measures include:

- Establishing a minimum 300m buffer between mining and milling facilities and water bodies
- Diversion of clean rainwater and runoff away from site infrastructure
- Collection, storage and treatment of all water from the Project, including surface run-off from site
- Designing storage ponds to contain all water during a major precipitation event



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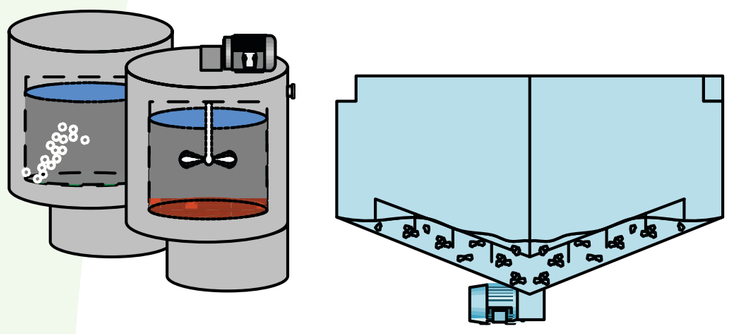
Water Treatment

Industry-leading water management practices and a comprehensive monitoring system will protect water resources at all stages of the operation including decommissioning.



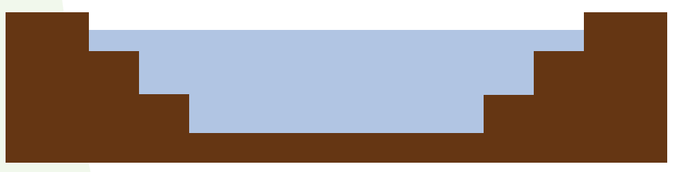
Collection Pond

- Lined with leak detection
- Collect and store surface run-off
- Mine and mill water pumped to collection ponds for treatment



Water Treatment Facility

- Proven, two-stage water treatment system



Monitoring Ponds

- Water will be held until samples are collected and tested in an accredited on-site lab

Release to Patterson Lake

- Water will be released in batches, only after confirmation that water quality meets all criteria for release

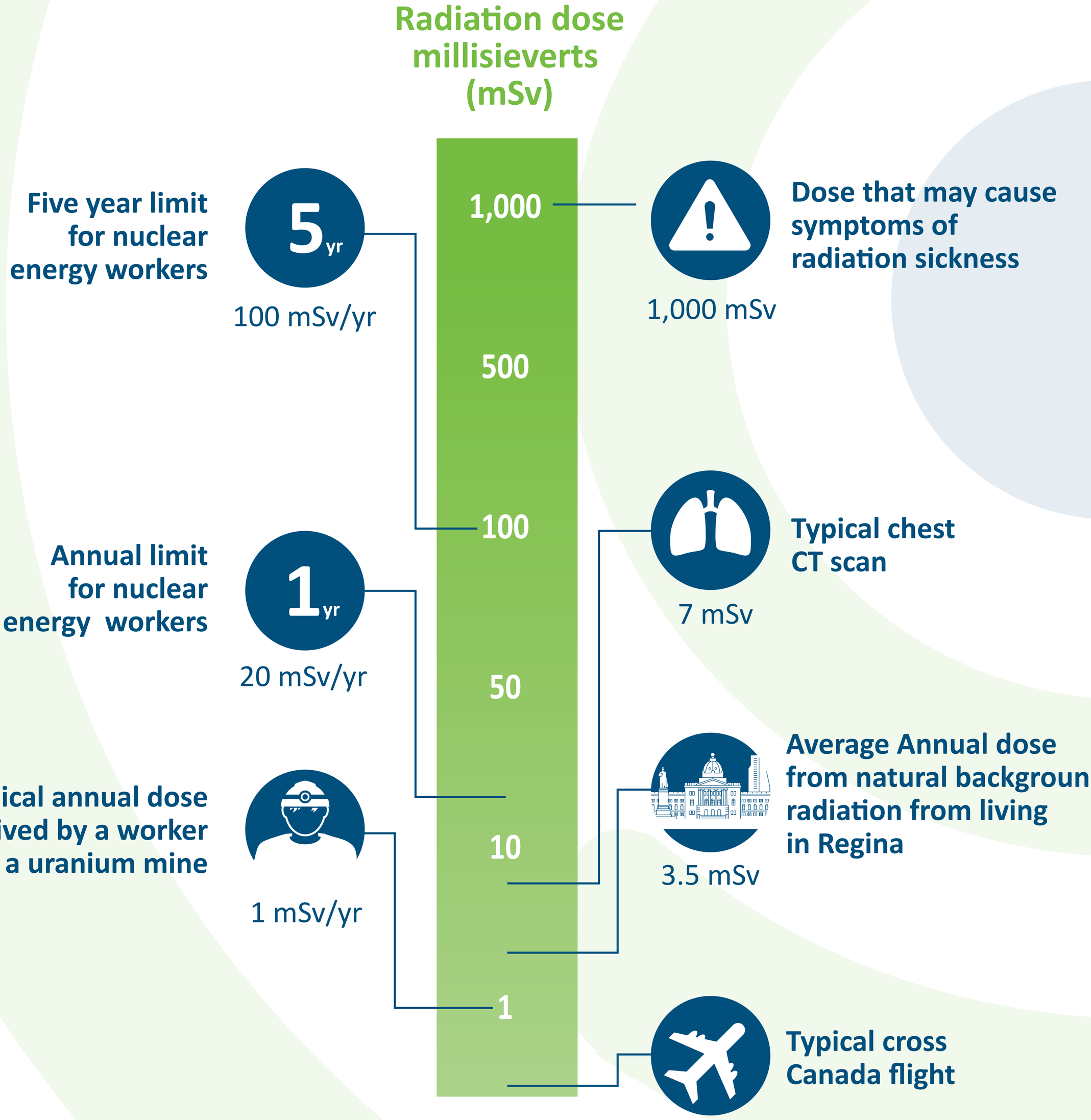
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Radiation Information

Radiation is energy in motion and occurs naturally in water, air and soil.

Uranium is a natural element that gives off ionizing radiation. The type of radiation that is emitted can be alpha, beta or gamma.

Dose is the amount of radiation people are exposed to and can be measured using monitoring equipment. Doses are reported in millisieverts (mSv) and include doses from alpha, beta and gamma radiation.



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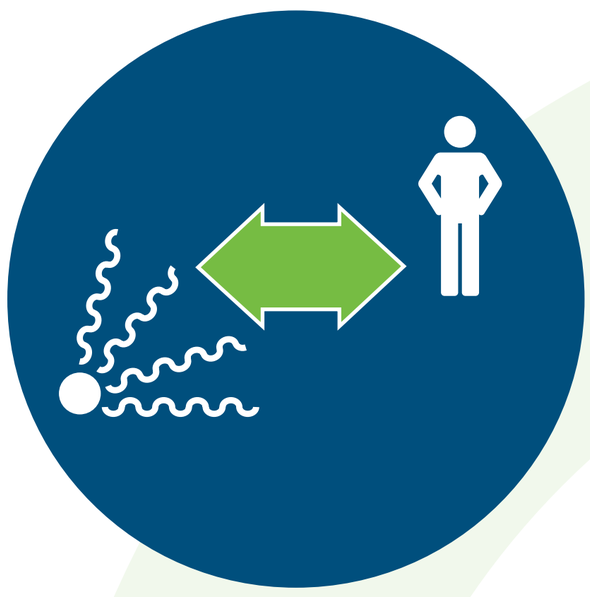
Radiation Protection at Rook I

Uranium mining is a highly regulated industry and uranium has been safely mined in northern Saskatchewan for over 50 years.

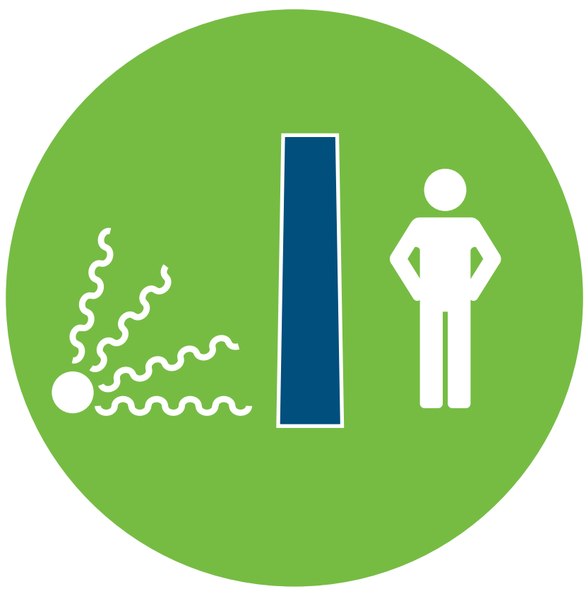
We follow the **ALARA** principle to keep exposure to radiation “As Low As Reasonably Achievable”. This will be done by:



Spending less time near radiation



Putting more distance between people and radiation



Putting material between people and radiation



Controlling radioactive dust

There will be a department at Rook I whose only job will be to monitor radiation, keep workers safe, and look for ways to keep radiation ALARA.

Monitoring results will be tracked and given to employees. They will also be shared with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, who will regulate all activities at Rook I.

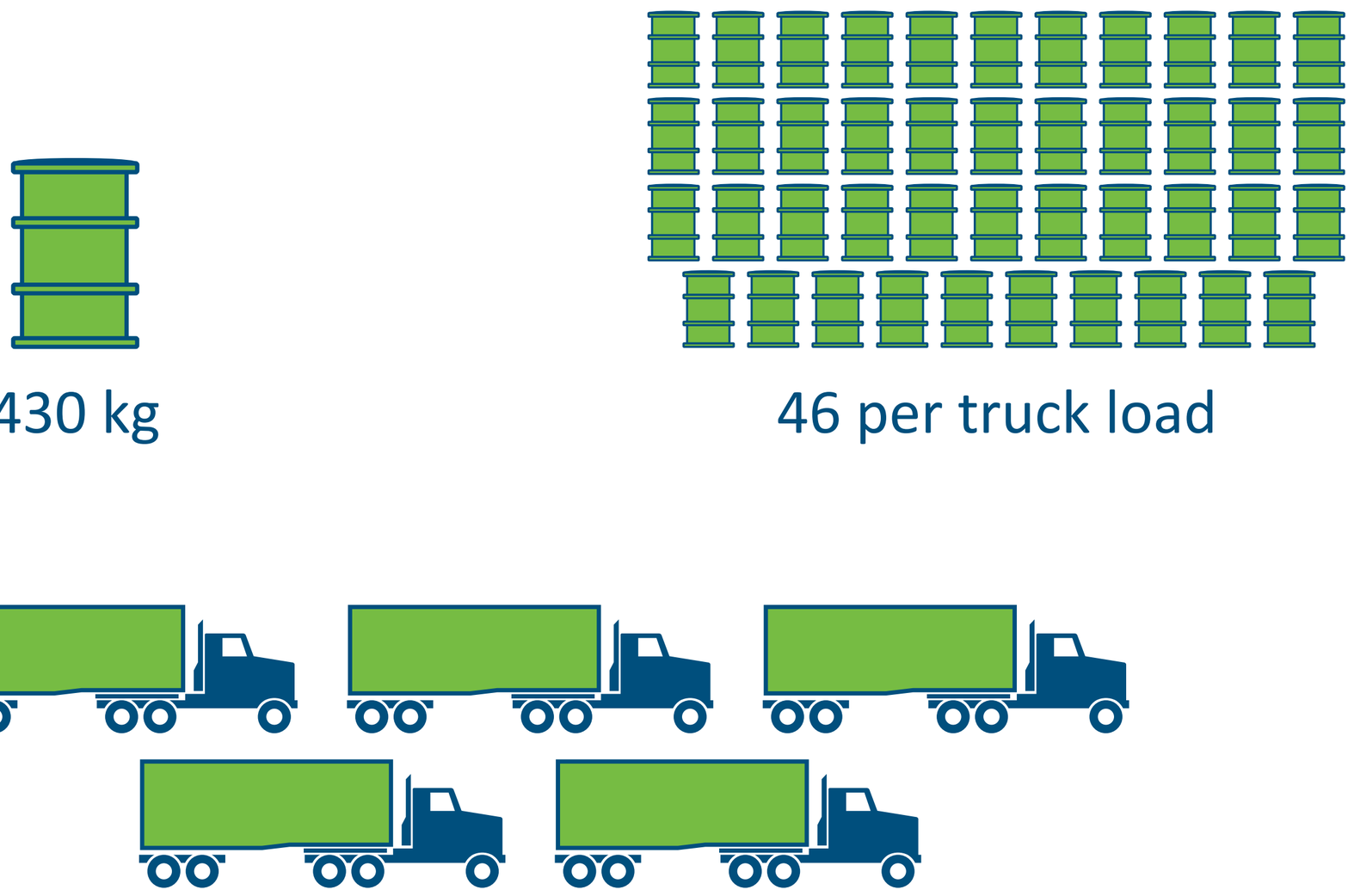
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Transportation of Uranium

Uranium oxide or ‘yellowcake’ powder is the final product from Rook I. It is a heavy metal and is not very radioactive.

The transport of yellowcake is highly regulated. During transportation:

- Yellowcake will be sealed inside reinforced steel drums
- The drums will be secured in enclosed semi-trailers so that they can’t shift during transport



During peak production, there will be approximately five trucks/day leaving the site.

Protection of human health and the environment is a top priority for NexGen. Robust safety protocols will ensure safe transportation of yellowcake. A detailed Emergency Response Plan will ensure rapid response in the unlikely event of an emergency and will ensure environment and human health are protected.

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Environmental Performance

NexGen is committed to achieving environmental excellence throughout all phases of the Project from construction through to decommissioning and final closure. The Project is being designed to protect the environment.

Examples of how we are minimizing effects include:

- Underground storage of tailings
- Minimizing fresh water use through reuse and recycling of treated water
- Collection and treatment of all *potentially* contaminated water
- Discharging water in batches
- Minimizing surface footprint
- Clean waste rock is the only surface feature remaining at closure





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Environmental Assessment

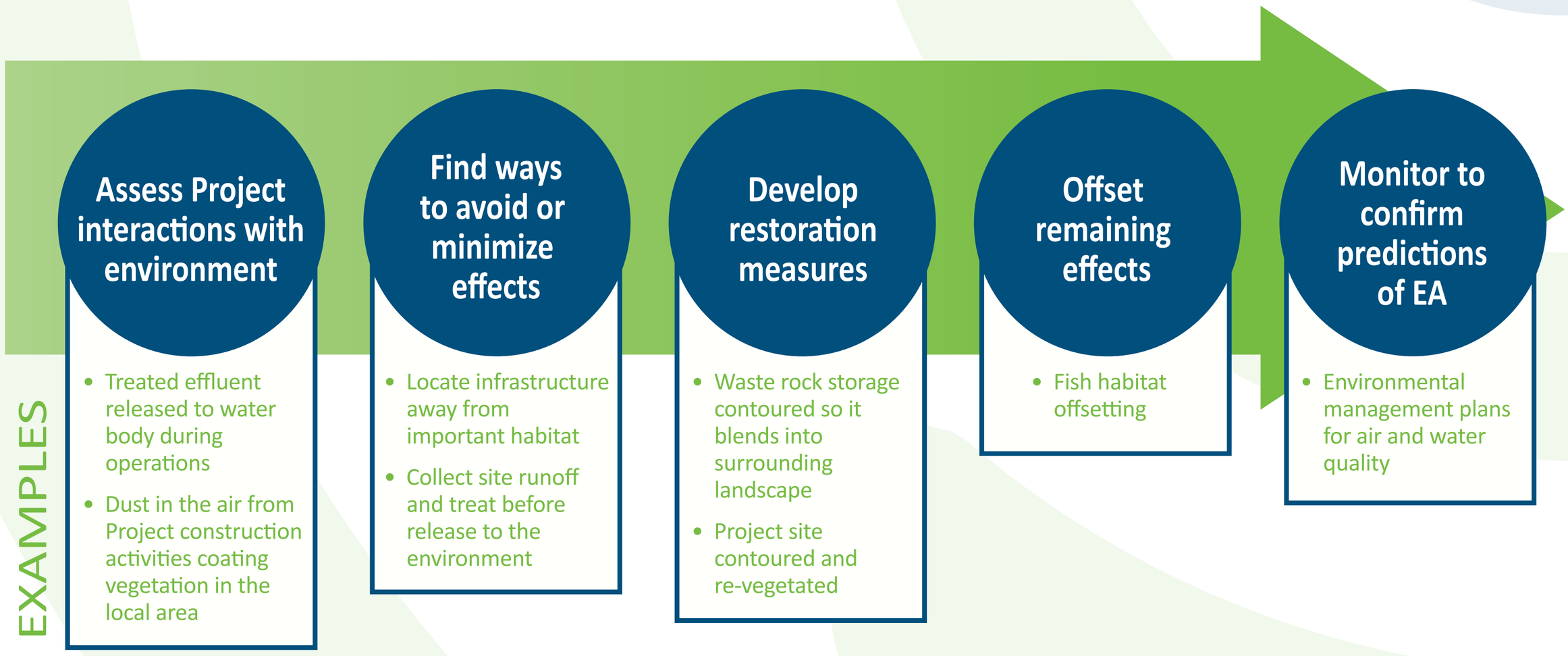
An environmental assessment (EA) is a process used to understand potential environmental and social effects of a project before a decision is made to allow the project to proceed.

EA is a planning tool that will enhance potential benefits while safeguarding both the community and environment.

The Project is subject to an EA by provincial and federal governments. The EA will be overseen by the:

- Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
- Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment

An EA predicts effects of a project on the environment and identifies what measures will be put in place to both protect the environment and enhance the benefits. The following process is followed:



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Environmental Assessment

ENGAGEMENT THROUGHOUT THE EA PROCESS

Scoping of EA Consideration of Alternatives

- Focus of the EA is discussed with communities and stakeholders
- Project design alternatives are identified and considered

Characterization of Existing Conditions Baseline Data Collection

- Existing environmental components are described
- Information is collected to complete data sets

Impact Predictions Mitigation Applied

- Potential effects of the Project on the environment are predicted
- Measures to avoid, minimize, reclaim and offset effects are applied, including potential Project design changes

Classification and Determination of Significance of Potential Effects

- Criteria and professional judgement used to determine the significance of residual effects of the Project

EA Report Completed and Submitted to Regulators

Input from Indigenous groups, community members, regulators and other stakeholders is a critical part of the EA.

NexGen is committed to continued effective communication throughout all phases of the Project.

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Valued Components

One of the first steps in the environmental assessment process is the identification of Valued Components.

Valued Components are areas of the environment that people consider most important. They can be in either the:

- Natural environment, for example animals, plants and waterways, or the
- Human environment, for example land use and economic development



Valued Components may be important:

- Scientifically
- Ecologically
- Socially
- Culturally
- Economically
- Historically
- Archaeologically
- Aesthetically

The EA investigates the influence of the Project on all environmental and social components.

Specific attention is given to Valued Components and the impacts from the Project.

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You can shape the assessment!

Your input on Valued Components is important to NexGen and to the environmental assessment process.

Please fill out the survey on Valued Components to provide your feedback on what is important to you.

Natural environment:

- Air
- Water
- Fish
- Plants
- Wildlife





Human environment:

- Land and resources use
- Economic and social
- Heritage and culture

Project design and mitigation:

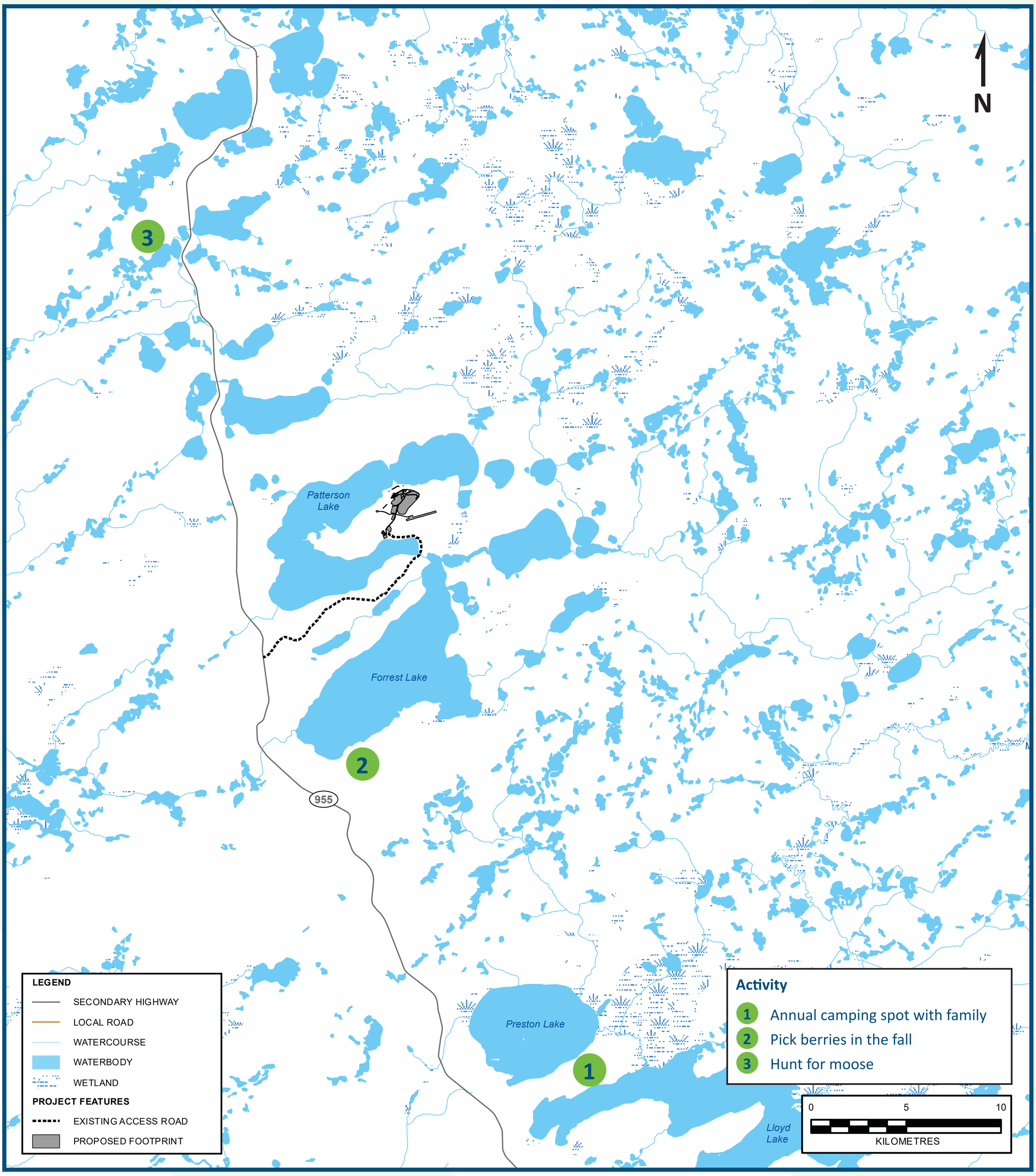
- Reduce Project effects

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Tell us what is important to you!

Using the map provided, place stickers to identify locations and let us know why that location is important to you.

Example



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Community First

NexGen is an active member of the communities near the Project. We will continue to work together to build long-term opportunities that contribute to a sustainable future.

NexGen recognizes the importance of working together with local communities and are committed to meaningful engagement throughout the life-cycle of the project.

Commitments in Action





The Summer Student Program builds skills and confidence in young adults and the **NexGen Bursary** supports advanced education. To date, over 30 students have been employed in the Summer Student Program and 4 have received bursaries.



The Recreational Programming Program provides opportunities for youth by supporting sports and recreation such as volleyball and hockey and the arts by suppling musical instruments and lessons.

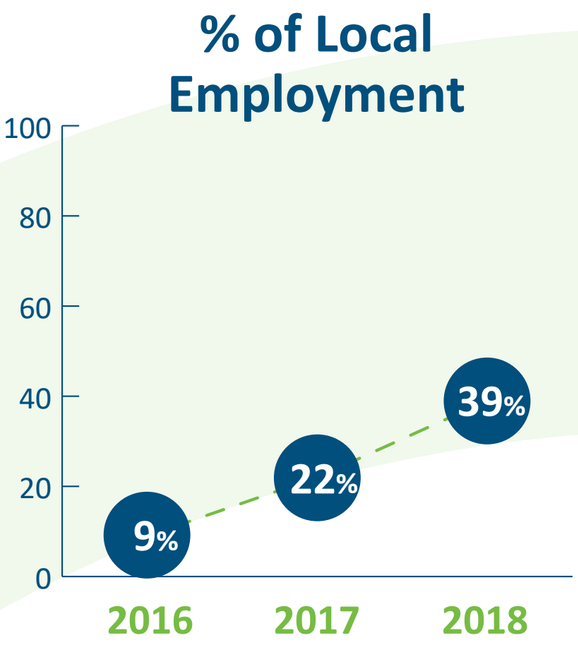


The School Breakfast Program, through a partnership with the Breakfast Club of Canada, makes healthy breakfasts available to over 1,100 students each school day and employs eight cooks to prepare breakfast.

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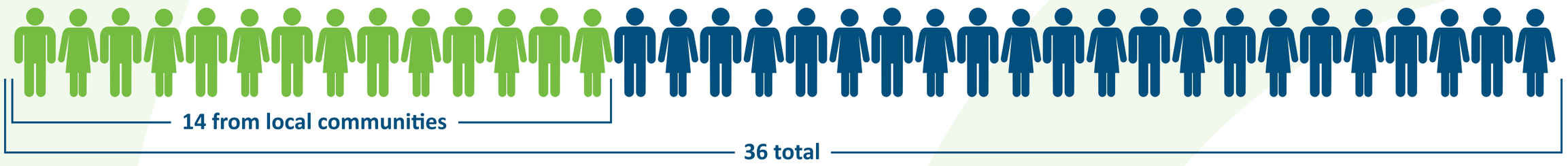
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Maximizing employment opportunities for local residents is a top priority. Year over year, employment of local residents at Rook I has increased, and include supervisory and technical positions.



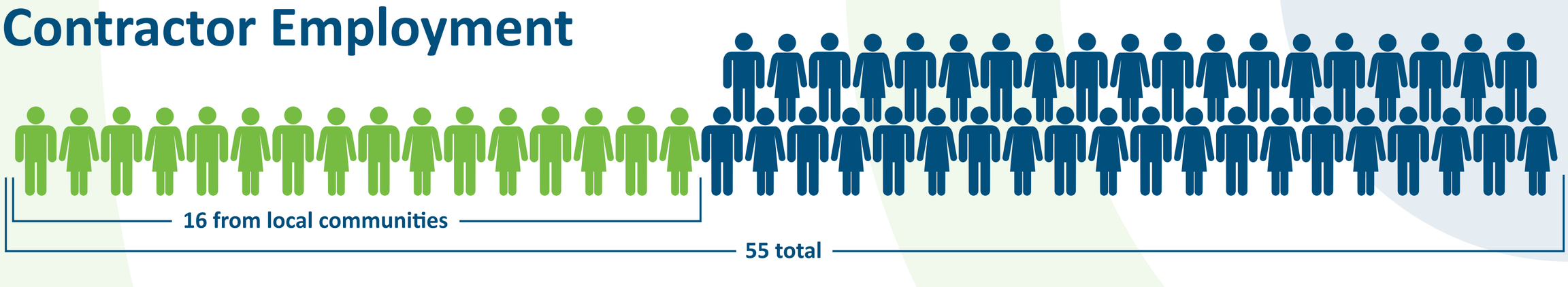
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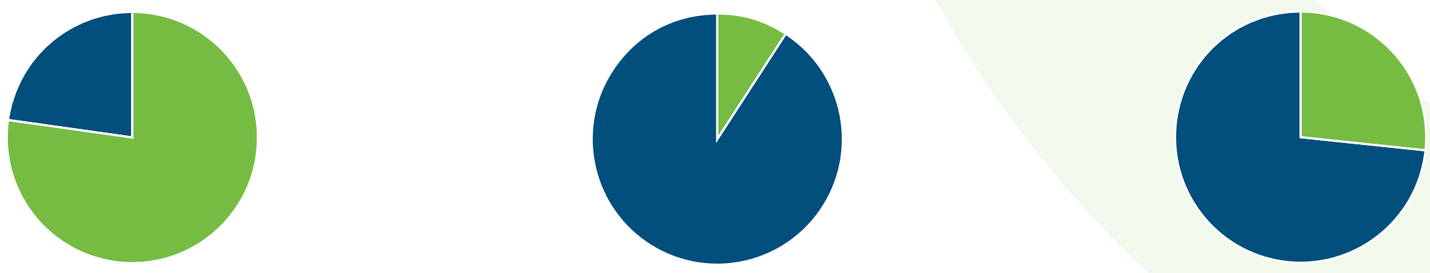
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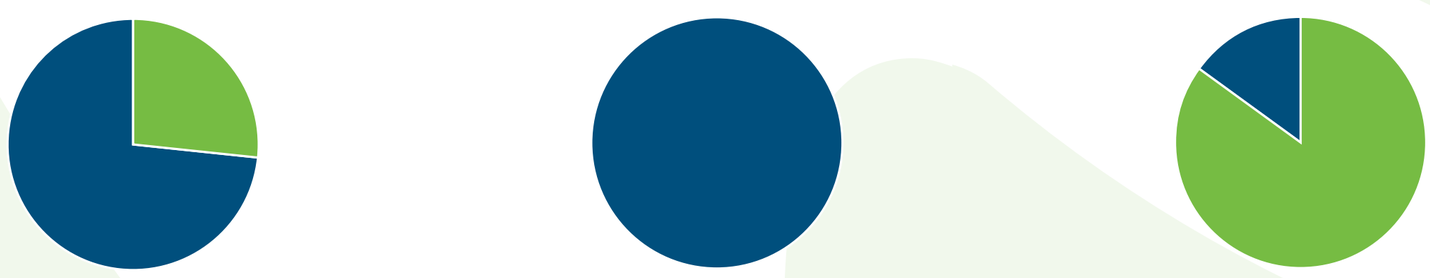




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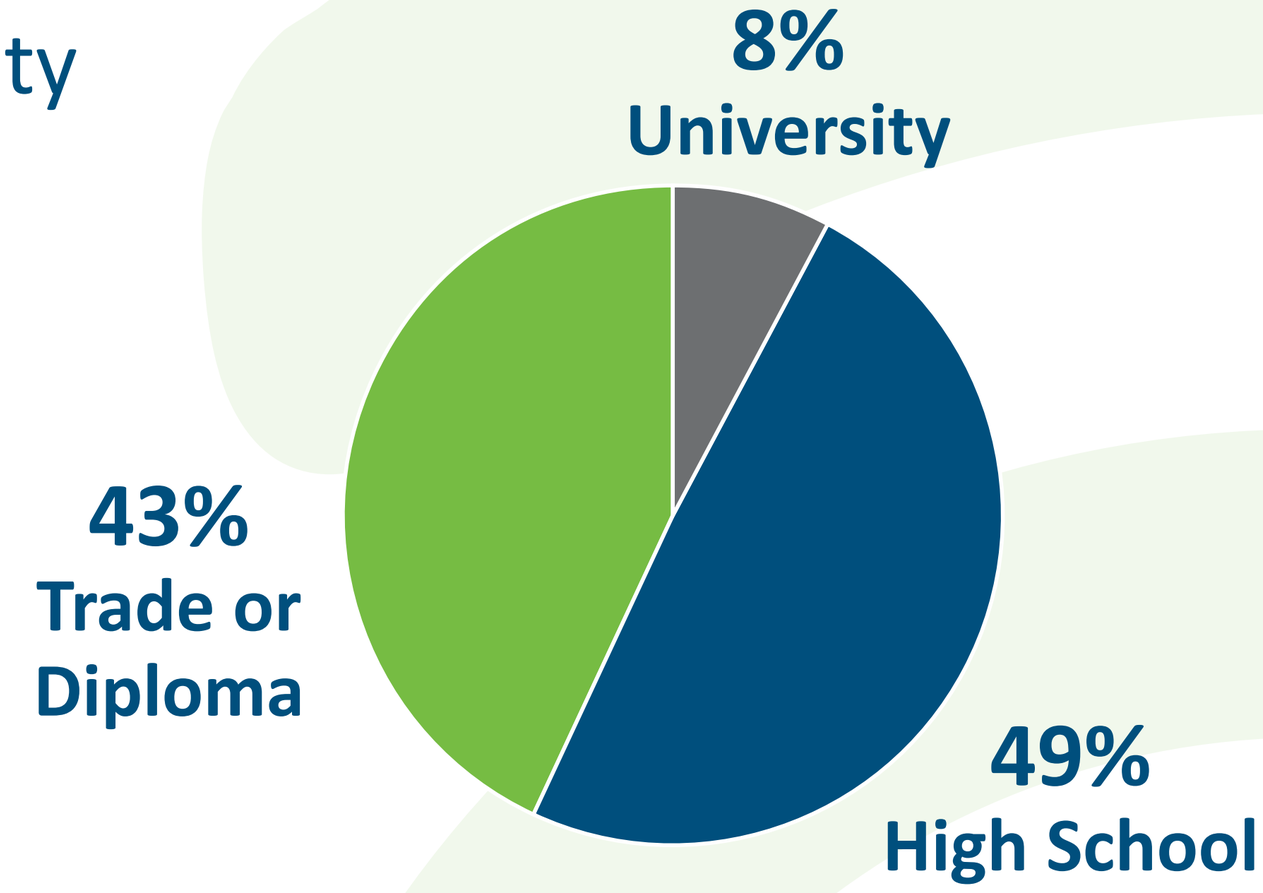
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Future Employment Opportunity

During operations, we are predicting 459 jobs at Rook I across all departments. Of these, we expect:

- 8% to require a university degree
- 43% to require a trade or diploma
- 49% to require a high school diploma with on-the-job training.



Examples of careers available during operations are:

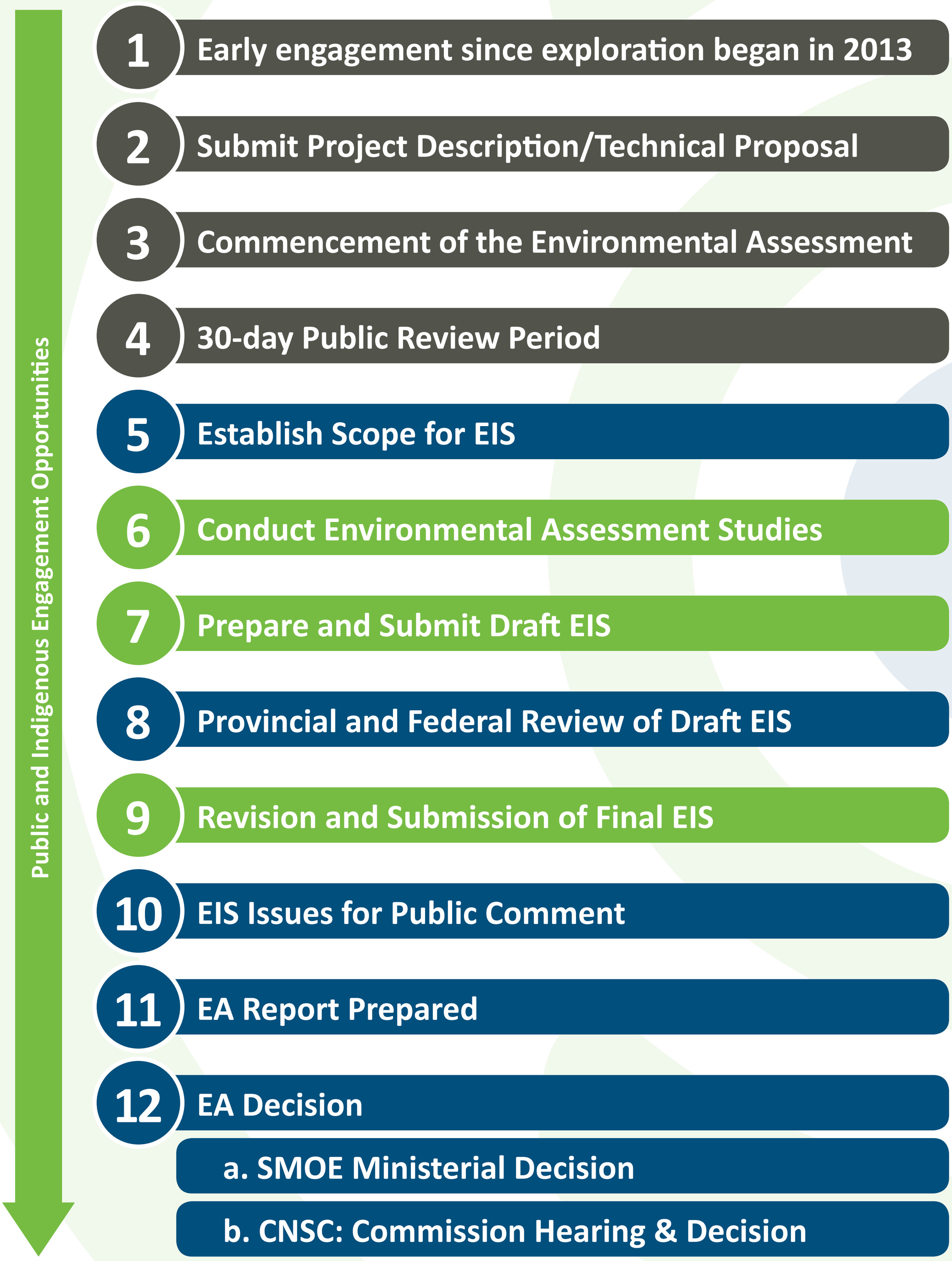
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• Underground Miners • Heavy Equipment Operators • Mill Operators • Warehouse Person • Custodians	• Surveyors • Geological Technicians • Environment Technicians • Laboratory Technicians • Mechanics • Electricians • Plumbers • Instrumentation Technicians • Radiation Technicians • Office Administrators • Health and Safety Officers • Procurement Coordinator • Chefs and Bakers	• Geologists • Engineers • Environmental Scientists • Radiation Specialists • IT Specialists • HR Specialists • Accountants • Occupational Health Nurse

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Moving Forward

The environmental assessment process is just beginning, and comments provided will be considered and used to help inform project planning and the environmental assessment.

The following graphic outlines the next steps in the environmental assessment process:



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Thank you!

Thank you for attending our information session about the Rook I Project. We hope that you found the session informative.



Input from local communities, Indigenous groups, regulators and other stakeholders is a critical component of the EA.

Please fill in a survey to provide your feedback.

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Contact Cards

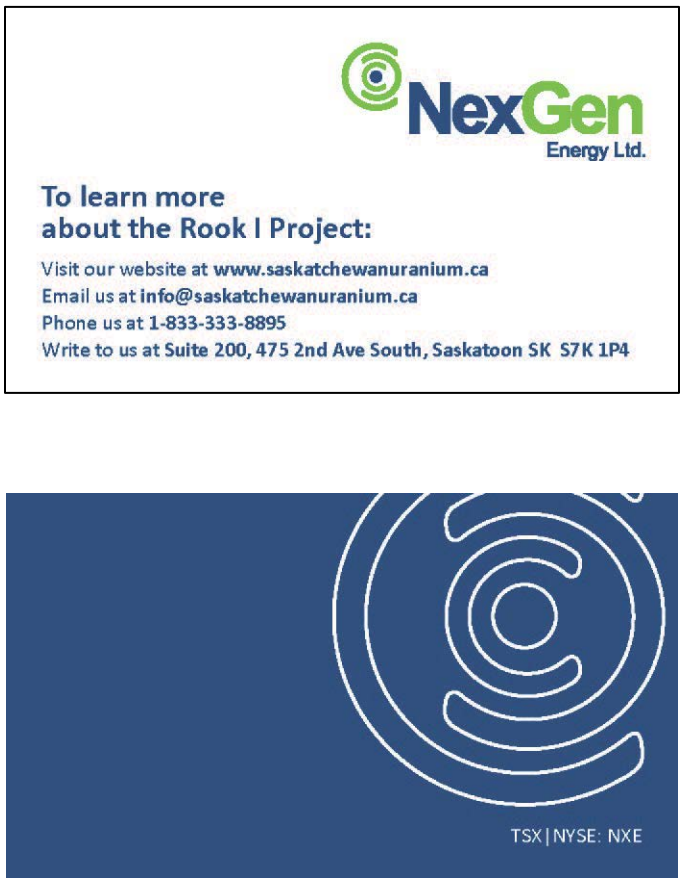


Figure 11: Front and back image of the contact cards available at the community information sessions.

2019 Community Information Sessions

Executive Summaries of the Project Description in English, Dene, and Cree

Executive summary of the Rook I Project Description, English

ROOK I PROJECT

Project Description

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Executive Summary

The Rook I Project (Project) is a proposed new uranium mining and milling operation that is 100% owned by NexGen Energy Ltd. (NexGen). It is located adjacent to Patterson Lake in the southern Athabasca Basin in northern Saskatchewan approximately 155 km north of the town of La Loche, 80 km south of the former Cluff Lake Mine site (currently in decommissioning) and 640 km by air north west of Saskatoon. The mineral resource basis for the proposed Project is the Arrow deposit, a land-based, 100% basement hosted high grade uranium deposit.

The current indicated Mineral Resource estimate for the Project totals 2.89 million tonnes at an average grade of 4.03% triuranium octoxide (U_3O_8), for a total of 116.4 million kg (256.6 million pounds) U_3O_8. (NexGen 2018). The Inferred Mineral Resource estimate is 91.7 Mlbs U_3O_8 in 4.84 million tonnes at an average grading of 0.86% U_3O_8. The Probable Mineral Reserve estimate is 234.1 Mlbs U_3O_8 contained in 3.43 million tonnes at an average grading of 3.09% U_3O_8. The proposed processing plant will be capable of producing up to 14 million kg (31 million lbs) of U_3O_8 per year with a projected mine life of 24 years based on current global resource estimates.

The Project will help meet the needs of the increasing global demand for low emissions power generation by supplying uranium for fueling nuclear reactors around the globe. Market demand for uranium is driven primarily by current or planned nuclear reactors operating globally, while market supply is driven by the global supply of uranium. Given the projected expansion in global demand for nuclear power as part of the overall energy supply, demand for uranium for fuel fabrication is projected to increase in the foreseeable future with increasing electricity demand and a growing need for low carbon dioxide emitting sources in electricity generation.

The Project includes underground and surface facilities to support the mining and processing of uranium ore from the Arrow deposit. The main components included in the scope of the Project for environmental assessment purposes, include:

- underground mine development;
- an on-site mill to process an average of 1,400 tonnes of ore per day;
- surface facilities to support the short and long-term storage of waste rock and ore;
- an underground tailings management facility (UGTMF);
- water handling infrastructure and an effluent treatment circuit with associated treated effluent discharge; and
- additional infrastructure that will include a camp for personnel, an airstrip and supporting waste and water management facilities, a maintenance shop, warehouse, and offices.

Vehicular access to the site will be via an existing access road that connects the site with Provincial Highway 955 which extends from La Loche to Cluff Lake. The access road will be used to transport equipment and supplies to and from the Project, as well as the ground transport of U_3O_8 product to market. Personnel will be flown to and from site. Electricity for both surface and underground operations will be provided by on-site diesel generators, although liquid natural gas (LNG), and renewable options are also being considered.

Access to the mine will be through two shafts. The first shaft will be used as a production shaft to transport personnel and materials, to deliver ore and waste rock from the workings, and to deliver fresh air from surface and into the mine. The second shaft will be used as an exhaust ventilation shaft and will provide secondary emergency egress. The Project will be primarily mined using a combination of longhole stope mining methods. Waste generated from the milling process as well as waste generated from the underground mining activities and radiologically contaminated waste generated on site will be

progressively decommissioned through permanent storage underground, either as cemented paste backfill in mined out stopes or within a purpose-built underground facility, referred to as the UGTMF.

Clean waste rock will be permanently stored on surface and where possible, will be used as a source of aggregate material for construction activities. Mineralized and any yet to be identified potentially acid generating waste rock (special waste rock) will be segregated, temporarily stored on surface on a lined pad and used as blend material in the milling process with any remaining balance to be returned underground during operations and decommissioning.

Freshwater for operations, domestic purposes and emergency firewater will be drawn from Patterson Lake. To the extent practical, mine water collected underground will be used as process water and recycled to minimize the amount of surface water required and reduce the volume of treated water discharged to the environment.

Domestic and industrial water treatment facilities will be constructed with sufficient capacity to meet operational requirements and manage non-routine inflows from underground and surface runoff from a 24-hour 1:100 year storm event. Treated effluent will be batch released to Patterson Lake.

Upon completion of mining and milling, the Project will be decommissioned and reclaimed in accordance with a Detailed Decommissioning Plan approved by both the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. It is envisioned that following decommissioning, the site will be free from access restrictions and suitable for recreational and traditional land use.

EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

The Project is situated along the southwestern rim of the Athabasca Basin, which covers much of northern Saskatchewan and part of northern Alberta. The climate is typical of a sub-Arctic climate for mid-latitude continental areas.

The topography of the Project area is variable with drumlins, lakes and wetlands dominating the northwest and southeast parts of the Project area, respectively, and lowland lakes, rivers, and muskegs dominating the central part of the Project area. The northwest part of the Project area is adjacent to Patterson Lake and Forrest Lake, which are two of the largest waterbodies within 100 km of the Project. Both lakes are part of the Clearwater River watershed. The Clearwater River extends east-southeast from Beet Lake and eventually drains south off the Property. The Project area is covered by boreal forest common to the Canadian Shield.

The most common trees are jack pine and black spruce, with few poplar and birch clusters. Tamarack, stunted black spruce, willow, and alder are also common in the lower wetland areas. Wildlife species known to occur in the region include moose, woodland caribou, deer, black bear, wolf, and all other mammal species commonly found in boreal forest ecosystems. Fish species include walleye, lake trout, northern pike, whitefish, and perch.

Environmental baseline studies have been undertaken to gather detailed information on the current conditions for the biophysical, cultural and socioeconomic environment in the area of and relation to the Project. Baseline studies provide information on the current condition of the area, providing a basis for future Environmental Assessment and long-term monitoring programs.

ENVIROMENTAL INTERACTIONS AND ASSESSMENT APPROACH

Based upon a preliminary screening level review of the Project and expected interactions between the Project and the environment, possible areas of concern related to potential environmental effects have been identified. A comprehensive assessment of the Project impacts that includes the implementation of mitigative measures will be completed during the Environmental Assessment.

Potential environmental effects that have been identified at this preliminary screening phase based on a review of interactions include:

- potential for air quality changes related to emissions generated by Project activities and/or components;
- potential for groundwater resources changes related to the underground storage of process waste as engineered paste backfill;
- potential for surface water and aquatic environment changes related to water management;
- potential for terrestrial environment changes related to the Project footprint and Project activities;
- potential for human and ecological health changes associated with the Project activities;
- potential for local land and resource use changes; and
- potential for socio-economic changes in local communities.

NexGen is committed to managing the Project in such a way that we avoid or minimize effects to the environment to the extent possible. For instance, the construction, operation, and closure of the Project can potentially result in changes to air quality from air emissions generated from Project activities, equipment and infrastructure. Changes in air quality and associated deposition may have direct and/or indirect effects on surface water quality, fish, and fish habitat, soils, vegetation, wildlife and wildlife habitat. Environmental design features will be identified and considered during the design of the Project to limit or eliminate potential effects associated with air emissions, as well as other effects identified in the Environmental Assessment.

All potential environmental effects will undergo a detailed assessment during the Environmental Assessment to understand the potential short and long-term impacts and to identify mitigation measures as may be necessary to minimize or eliminate impacts identified. In addition, the Environmental Assessment will identify monitoring programs to verify the Environmental Assessment predictions and to evaluate the environmental response in relation to the Project activities.

The Project is located in a remote, largely undeveloped region of Saskatchewan and there is currently no other industrial activities occurring in the immediate vicinity of the Project. There are two commercial outfitters operating in the area and the area is the focus of active uranium exploration by a number of companies. These and any other potential industrial projects and recreational activities in the area will be considered in the cumulative effects assessment of the Environmental Assessment.

ENGAGEMENT

NexGen recognizes the importance engaging with local and indigenous communities, residents, businesses, organizations, land users and the various regulatory authorities, collectively referred to as 'stakeholders', as an important aspect of responsibly developing the Rook I Project. Since exploration commenced in 2013, NexGen has:

- undertaken to meet regularly with identified stakeholders to discuss and provide updates on activities at the site;
- become involved in initiatives and activities in the local communities (i.e., breakfast program); and
- has sought to provide opportunities directly to local residents and businesses.

NexGen was recently recognized for their involvement in community outreach initiatives by the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) with the 2019 Environment and Social Responsibility Award. These outreach initiatives have focused on youth and relate to education, health and wellness, and fostering economic capacity.

As NexGen proceeds through the regulatory process and advances development of the site, engagement activities will evolve as necessary to ensure the inclusion of applicable stakeholders in a manner that provides the opportunity for effective information exchange and dialogue specific to each stage of the Project.

For the purposes of developing effective plans for engagement, NexGen has identified three broad stakeholder categories in relation to the Project. These categories include:

- regulatory authorities;
- Indigenous communities; and
- the general public.

NexGen is committed to ongoing engagement throughout the entire life-cycle of the Project and recognizes that engagement is a dynamic process subject to change based on the needs of the parties or as new or emerging information becomes available. NexGen will take an adaptive approach to engagement to allow for adequate opportunity to respond to the needs of various stakeholders, while also respecting specific government policy and/or legislation.

Preliminary engagement for the Project has been underway in the communities closest to the Project since early 2013. Activities to date have been well received and serve to keep the communities up to date with the exploration activities. NexGen has developed a comprehensive outreach program that exceeds regulatory requirements and shows commitment to local communities. NexGen has initiated early engagement with identified Indigenous communities. NexGen's Engagement Plan has established and will continue positive relationships with public and Indigenous stakeholders of the Project, while obtaining information required for a successful EA and licensing submission.

CONCLUSION

The Project hosts a uranium deposit which merits advancement towards development work. The proposed Project includes underground and surface facilities to support the mining and processing of uranium ore. The Project will include a mill and additional infrastructure including a camp for personnel, an airstrip, a wastewater treatment plant, and supporting waste and water management facilities. Project construction, operation and closure is anticipated to proceed over approximately a 42 year time span which includes a 24 year operating period.

It is anticipated that the Project will be subject to both a provincial and federal Environmental Assessment and that the assessment would be a cooperatively managed process between the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (SMOE).

Executive summary of the Rook I Project Description, Dene

ROOK I PROJECT TSAMBA K'É LA K'E

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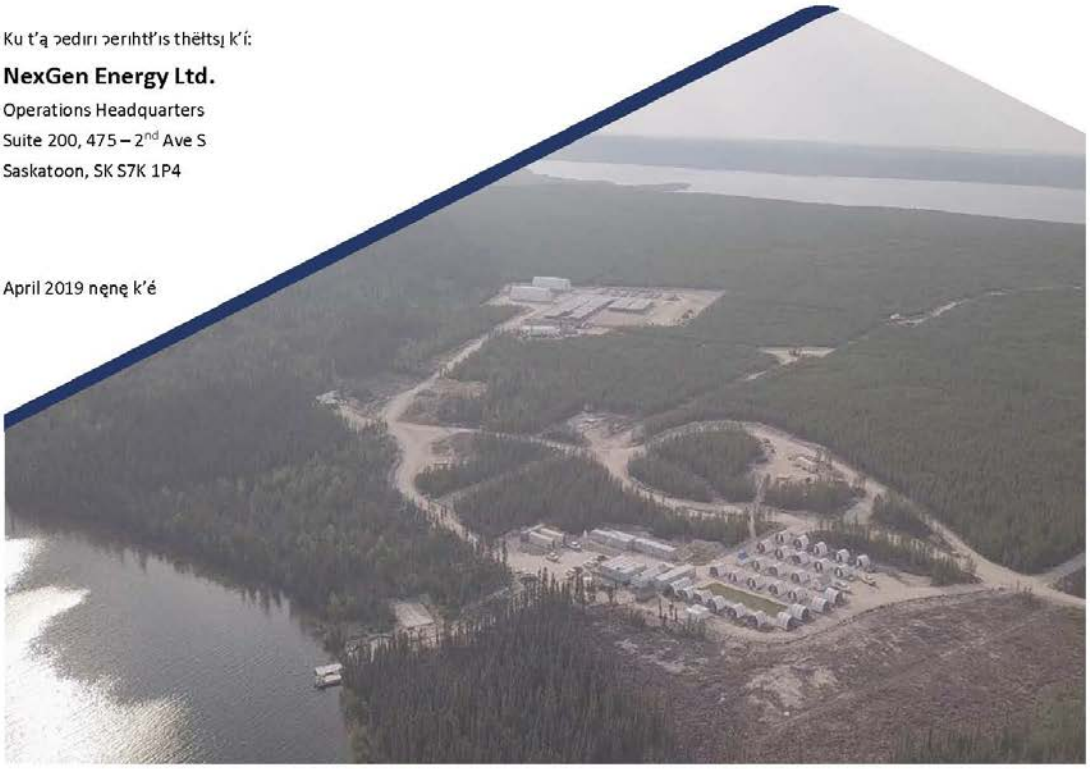
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Ku ɔedırı Rook I Project tsamba k'é (Project tsamba k'é) Nahıé ha hılɔı de nǫyághë hóts'ı tthe naldeth godhë tsamba k'e hël tthé nadzıs kuę hoté ha, ku ɔɔëdırı horëlyu 100% NexGen Energy Ltd. (NexGen) bëts'ıɔąné hoɔą ha. T'ok'ë beghalada hade Patterson Lake hogah nazı ts'ęn yutthı Athabasca basın k'eyaghë tthızı Saskatchewan hots'ęn La Loche hots'ı 155 km tthızı ts'ęn ha, ku Cluff Lake tthe hëldëdhë tsamba k'e ghılé (duhų bëdı halyá sí) 80 km nazı hoɔąsí. Ku Saskatoon hots'ı yedadzërëdılı ɔá de 640 km tthızı dázı hanıltha sı. Nahıé t'a tsamba tthe hųlı hade Arrow deposit tthé tsamba hųlı sı nıh k'ë 100% Nǫyaghé hots'ı tthe hëldëdhë t'oɔá nërıdhá ha 100% hųlı sı.

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ʔëdırı Project tsamba k'é t'oɔá horët'ı hade bëdı nats'ëltı híjá ɔá k'arëɔų bëts'ı ɔasıë bëch'ërëdhı hël ɔëyı tthe bët'a horëlyu nęnę nuclear reactors ɔıdıná k'oné dałtsí k'é hëtł'ël hası. T'ok'e bęnę nıyế hųlı hú bëdı náts'ëltı híjá ɔëyër hoɔá duhų horëlyu nǫk'ë ghëtł'ël bënënıyế hųlı hoɔá horëlyu hųlı ɔëdırı tthe naré. ʔëdırı Project tsamba k'é ëłų hoɔązı horıchá halye horëlyu nënë k'ë bëdı nats'ëltı nuclear power ɔıdına k'oné hote k'é bët'a horëlyu energy supply hoɔązı horët'ı ɔëdırı ɔıdına kón tthé ha nahıé ha de t'a bet'a tu nıdhíl ha tsątsąne fuel fabrıcatıon hoté dezą hoɔązı hane honıdhën ha nųnıdher de ɔeyı ɔıdına kǫn tl'ulı tth'ı bëdı nats'ëltı chu hųtł'ëdhë carbon dıoxıde hoté ch'a ɔasi k'enats'edé dezą kǫntl'ulı hëtł'ël ɔá.

ʔëdırı Project tsamba k'é Nǫyaghé chu nı k'é hote ha bët'a nǫyërıldëth de ɔeyı hots'ı ɔídına kǫn tthé łes deltthogh hoté ha ɔeją Arrow deposit tsamba hųlı hots'ı. Nahıé hoɔązı hula hade ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é nıh bası t'ąt'u honıdhën hoté hası ɔëdırı nët'ı há:

- nǫyaghé tthe hëldëdhë hoté t'at'u hoté hadánıdhęn;
- ʔeyër tthe nadzıs kuę 1400 tonnes hanëlt'ë ɔí dına kǫn tthé łes deltthogh selʔı ha dzınë donëlt'u;
- ʔeyer tsamba k'e naré nı k'e t'ok'é nǫyaghé hots'ı tthe beyé ɔıdına kǫne natserhılé bek'onı chu t'a bet'oredhí ha ɔełotsele hots'ı tha hots' ęn ɔeyer bek'onı ha beyé hots'ı ɔí dına kǫn tthé bëk'onı ha;
- nǫyaghé tthe hëldëdhë hots'ı tthé nadzıs kuę hots'ı tthesasé tué n ǫyaghé bek'onı há (UGTMF);
- tutth'í bëk'onı hël boghëdı nahıé tu soreldhęn kuę tu dëlk'alí hanëlye ha; ɔeyı chu
- ʔałų nahıé ɔasıë hoté horët'ı de t'ok'é nats'ëde k'e kuę, yedághédzërëdılı nanédıł k'e, ɔeyı chu tu soreldhęn kuę hoté ha tu ch'elé chu tu soreldhęn ha boghëdı k'e kǫë hël chu tsątsąne ghalada kuę hu ɔasi k'onı chu ɔerıhtł'ıs ghalada kuę horelyu hoté ha.

Ku dụhų tulu ye dene tłësbëschënë ɔeją tsamba k'é ghą nadél hodorelɔıh dé tulu Provıncıal Highway 955 ɔeją ga heɔá sı La Loche chu Cluff Lake tulú k'é ts'ıdhílé. ʔëdırı tulu nıɔá ɔasıë bët'a ɔëghádáládá ha bëschënë hël ɔasıë nahıé ɔeją la k'é nare ɔeyı k'é nılye ha nahıé ɔasıé ɔeją hots'ı nalye ha. Tulu k'e t'a ɔıdına kón tthé łes deltthogh U_3O_8 ta holı tth'ı nalyế ha t'ok'ë bënënıyế hųlı ts'ế n. Nahıé dënë ɔeją ɔëghádáląná tth'ı yedadzërëdılı k'ë ɔeją la k'é ts'ęn nıdél ha ɔeyer hots'ı tth'ı yunaghé nadeł ha. Ku ɔeją la k'é naré t'a kontl'ule bet'oɔá hadé bonëlt'u nǫyaghé chu ɔeyer honaré dıesel tłes generators bet'oɔeɔá huto lıquıd natural gas (LNG) tth'ı honet'ı ha.

Tok'ë nǫyaghé tthe hëldëdhë tsamba k'é ts'ęn hoyıɔá hade náhts'ęn nǫyaghé hóyıɔá há. Nahıé tthë hoyëh de dënë ɔëghádáląná chu t'a ɔasıë bët'orëʔá ɔeyer nǫyélyé ha, ku t'a nǫyaghé hots'ı t'a ɔídına kǫn tthé chu tthé t'a beyé ɔıdına kǫne natserhılé ɔeyer halyé ha nǫyaghé hots'ı. Ku t'a nǫyı ɔá hadé nıłts'í nǫyaghé ts'ęn hełts'í ha hoɔą ha huto dué nųnıdher dé ɔeyer hots'ı tth'ı dene ba hoɔą ha nǫyédél ha. ʔëdırı Project tsamba k'é tthe hëldëdhë longhole stope tthe hëldëdhë t'orëɔá

ha nǫyaghé ts'ęn. Ku tthé t'a bet'oredhílé sı waste rock hulyé k'ı chu tthénadzıs kuę hots'ı tthezas tué nǫyaghé ts'ęn bek'onı ha cement ɔuʂí t'ok'é tthé hılchú k'e hoɔą nıʂí yé (UGTMF) hulyé ha ɔeyer t'ok'é ɔeyı ɔasi bek'onı ha thá hots'ęn.

Ku t'a tthe beyé ɔıdıná kǫné natserhılé k'í nı k'é bek'onı ha ku ɔeyı hël ɔasië hoté de bët'orëʔá ha ɔeyı tthé ɔá. Nąnë ɔasië nahıé hulą de. Ku nahıé tthé mıneralızed huto ɔeyı bek'oją hılë huto acıd k'esɬestué ɔereɬtsí dé (nahıé tthe t'á kǫt'é sı) tthënë ts'ến nonëndı hú nı k'é bëk'onı hú ɔeyer honaré,ɔ ëɬtah ɔasië tthe hëldëdhë hël bët'orëɔá hú nǫ́yaghé nonëndı ha horëlyu ɔasië nahıé hoté bëlaghë bek'onı ha tthe dechęntel k'é bek'oní ha ɔeyer hots'ı nahıé ɔeyı tthé nadzıs kuę hutl'ır tth'ı ghonı t'oho bet'oredhí hadé ɔeyer tl'ąghe de nǫyaghe ts'ęn bek'onı ha.

Ku ɔeją t'a tu bët'orëɔá hade ɔëyer honarë ɔasië k'ënats'ëde ha hú horeką de hoba Patterson Lake hots'ı hedzeɬ hu bet'orëɔá ha. Kú tthe hëldëdhë hots'ı tu nahıé nǫ́yaghé hots'ı hedzel k'ı ɔeyı k'ı tu bët'orëdhı ha la k'é honaré ɔeyı hël tu ɬą bet'oredhı haılé chu t'a tu soreldhęn kuę tu hutl'ır ha ɬą haılé ɔeyı t'á.

Tu t'a bet'orëɔa chu tu bet'a ɔedek'ënatseltsëlë ha tu soreldhęn kuę hoté ha bët'a nahıé ɔasi k'ënats'ëde chu bet'a hëtl'ël hu nǫ́yaghé hots'ı t'a tu hedzel chu nahıé bët'edhë hëtl'ël dzıne dąneɬt'u nonëną dıghı sarıtl'ısë boghédı ha ɔeyı datedhë 1:100 ɔıɬah nënë hochohëdhı ląde ha sorıt'é ha tu hılbąní ch'á ɔeyer honaré ha hotıé boghedí hoɔą nıh ɔesohúné ch'á. Nahıé tu t'a bet'orıdher sı tu soreldhęn kuę tu hutl'ır halyá tl'ąghé dé Patterson Lake ts'ến nídıɬ nadłı ha.

Ku horelyu ɔenahút'ë de ɔeją la k'é naré tthe hëldëdhë chu t'ok'e tthé nadzıs kuę horelyu nanelyé ha, ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é bëdı halye hú senahulye ha ɔeyer honaré t'ąt'u nıh sehénut'á ha Detaıled Decommıssıonıng Plan hulyé ɔerıhtl'ıs nedhé hoté ha nahts'ęn nıh ts'ęn k'oldé hobebá Saskatchewan Mınıstry of Envıronment chu Canadıan Nuclear Safety Commıssıon hobets'ęn. Ku horelyu nıh k'e senáhulyá dé decommıssıonıng hudher tl'ąghé dé, ɔeją la k'e ghıłé naré sehénut'á ha ɔasi bek'e ɔasi hoté nadłı ha są hú dene yek'é nakoreldé nadłı há yunadhé dé.

ʔëduhu Nıh K'e T'ahúɔą

ʔëdırı Project tsamba k'é t'ok'ë hade nazıdázı Athabasca Basın narë hoɔąsı, tthızı Saskatchewan k'ëyaghë hots'ęn ɔeyı hël tthızı yudá Alberta ts'ế n hanıɬtha hoɔąsí. Ku nıh k'e t'ahut'ë hade hok'ath nęnę sub-Arctıc ląt'ë tanızı yutthı t'a nıh hoɔą honarë.

Ku ɔëdırı nıh k'e duhu t'ahut'ë ɔeją Project tsamba k'é honarë ɔëɬaduną̈ë hane huto shëthɔazë hel tu tth'ı dathëlá sı ɔeyer honaré, ɔeyı chu nıh tsëlë hoɔąnëlt'ë tthızıdázı chu nazısayızı ts'ı ɔeją Project tsamba k'é honarë, ku ɔeyı chu tu narëdhılë narë hú, des hú, nıntelë tanızı hułı sı ɔeyı ts'ı Project tsamba k'é honarë. ʔëdırı tthızıdázı hots'ı Project tsamba k'é honarë bënasesk'adhë Patterson Lake chu Forrest Lake tu thëlá sı, ku ɔëyı náke tu thëlą k'í t'a hoɔąghëlyą hadé 100 km ɔeyer honaré Project tsamba k'é honarë hułı ɔeją la k'é gá. Ku bonëlt'u ɔeyı tu k'ı Clearwater Rıver desnedhé ts'ęn daıłı sí. Clearwater Rıver des nedhé bëts'ıɔąnë hoɔązı tëlın sı sayızı-nazısayızı Beet Lake hots'ı hël ɔeɬá hëtl'ël nazı ts'ến ɔëyër hoyaghë. Ku ɔëyı Project tsamba k'é honarë nahıé dëchën danıye hade Canadıan Shield k'ëzı t'a dechęn danıyé hułı sı kǫt'é sı.

Nahıé dëchën t'a hoɔązı hułı hadé gąnı hú, ts'u dëlzën hu, k'ës hu, k'ı tth'ı hułı sı. Nıdhe tth'ı hułı, ts'u duɔazë dëlzën tth'ı hułı, k'aí chu k'áílesën tth'ı horelyu ɔeją naré hułı ɔeją nıh tsëlɔazë honarë. Nahıé t'a tech'ádıe ɔëyër honarë hułı hade dënıé hu, tądzıé ɔëtthën hu, yáhtuë, sas dëlzën, nuniế hël honezı ɔëch'ërë t'a nahıé dëchën yaghë hułı sı ɔëdırı k'í. Ku t'a ɬuë hułı hade ɔëch'uë, ɬuëząnë, ɔuldaı, chu ɬu, ɔëch'uazë tth'ı heɬ.

Nıh ts'ı nahıé ɔasië k'oją ɔërıhtl'ıs ɔëɬah nılya hotıë bënërëdı ha duhu t'ahut'ë chu bıophysıcal t'a nıh k'e ɔasi hułı sı basi, ɔeyı ɔa t'a tëch'adıe naradé chu t'a ɔëja[hułı socıoeconomıc envıronment hułı ɔëyër honarë ɔeją Project tsamba k'é bası. Nıh hots'ı t'a ɔasië bek'oją ɔërıhtl'ıs bët'a t'a bëk'oją t'ahuɔą hok'enarë beneredí ha sehudé sı duhun, ku ɔeyı tth'ı bët'a yunadhë hobasí nıh k'e t'ahuɔą honıdhęn Envıronmental Assessment ɔerıhtl'ıs nedhe hoté sı thá hots'ến nıh boghëdı besdółé ch'a.

Nıh k'é T'ahuʔą chu T'ąt'u Beghaladá ha Assessment Approach hulyé ɔëdırı Honet'ı há

Nahıé t'a tthë bënanóta ɔeją honaré ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é chu t'abonëldhënë ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é nıh bası ɔeyer honarë bëghą hotthé bënanóde hade t'ąt'u nıh bëk'e t'ahúne hasi hotthé bek'oją hoɔą. Hotıë nıh basi yatí nezų hołé assessment hulyé ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é bët'a t'ahúne ghonı hasi ɔëdırı bël yatí halye ha mıtıgatıve measures hulyé t'a begharé hudzaí hotthé hołe ha Environmental Assessment ha ɔerihtl'ıs nedhé hołe ghą nųnıdhér de.

Nıh k'e t'ahúne honıdhën ɔëdırı nët'ı chú ɔeyı tth'ı hotthé honët'ı nahıé ɔasi hade:

- t'ahune ha honıdhęn nıłts'ı ts'ëjı basí ɔëładunë nahıé bëch'ëredhı hane ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é ɔasië k'ënats'ëde ɔá chu /huto bëts'ıɔąnë;
- t'ahune ghonı nǫyaghé hots'ı tu ɔëładunë hane ghonı hël nǫyaghé hots'ı tu bëk'onıh bëts'ıɔąnë tthé nadzıs kuę hots'ı tthesas tué nǫyaghé bek'onı bëdarëlyé ɔá;
- t'ahune hadé nı k'é hots'ı tu chu bënarë hots'ı tu ɔëładunë tu hané ghonı t'ok'é bëk'onı bası;
- t'ahune ghonı ɔeyer nıh honarë ɔasië t'á danıye ɔedırı t'a ɔëładunë hane ghonı ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é bası hël Project tsamba k'é t'a ɔasië k'ënats'ëde ɔá;
- t'ahune ghonı t'ą dënë ɔeyer honaré chu nıh t'a bek'e sehóɔą ɔëładunë ghonı ɔedırı Project tsamba k'é ɔasië k'ënats'ëde ɔá;
- t'ahune ghonı nıh t'a bët'orëɔá chu bëk'e ɔasi ɔehëna bet'a ɔëładunë ghonı; ɔeyı chu,
- t'ahune ghonı la basí ɔeją honaré ɔedırı socıo-economıc basí tth'ı ɔëładunë ha ɔëyër honarë t'ą dënë naradé hobëba.

NexGen hotıë nıh hoghëłnı ha, ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é hųtł'ëdhë bët'a nıh k'e ɔesohúné ch'a. Nahıé ɔasië k'ësı hade ɔëyı Project tsamba k'é hołé, hotıé ɔeghadalaná halye ha, ɔeyı chu t'oho la k'é hodarëntı de bët'a nıłts'ı hıjı ɔëładunë hane huto ha t'oʔá hade nahıé ɔasië bëch'ërëdhı Project tsamba k'é k'ënats'ëde ɔá t'a nahıé ɔasië t'orëʔá chu t'a holı ɔá. Nıłts'ı ts'ëjı ɔëładunë hájá hade bët'a nahıé ɔasië hërıdı huto hërıdı hılë tu yé, ku łuë dé, t'a łuë t'ok'ë naráde, nǫzënę, nǫnëhshe halyé ha nıh k'é , ku ɔëch'ërë hadé, t'a ɔëch'ërë t'ok'ë narade sı nıh k'é benanótá ha. Ku nih bası ɔasie t'ahuɔą hotıé hotthé bëk'oją hoɔą ɔeyı horelyų nët'ı huto ha ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é hołé de bët'a t'a bëdı halye walı ha nahıé nıłts'ı hıjı t'oɔá nuhëxa ɔëładunë hane hërëdhı de, ku ɔeyı hël tth'ı honazı nahıé ɔasië bët'a ɔëttth'ı hılë bek'oją hade Environmental Assessment gharë beneredí há.

Horëlyų nıh k'e t'ahúɔą hadé bek'e ɔëładunë hahúne hotıë honët'ı ha Envıronmental Assessment hołé gharé ɔeyer de bët'a bënërëdı wale ha thelë chu thá bët'a t'ahune k'oją hël nët'ı mıtıgatıon measures bët'a t'ahune nëchılë halye huto bëdı halye nahıé ɔasië ɔëttth'ı hılë hajá de. Ku ɔeyı hël Environmental Assessment k'e yatí hołé k'é t'ahune honıdhën chu t'a nët'ı ɔëdırı nıh t'ahune nıdhęn ha net'ı bek'etł'a hots'ęn ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é k'ënats'ëde ɔá.

ʔëdırı Project tsamba k'é t'ok'ë hoɔą hade dene ch'así nıdhá hoɔąsı, ku t'ok'é tthe hëldëdhë nare dëne ɔasië k'ënadé hılë sı ku ɔeją Saskatchewan k'ëyaghë ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é naré. T'a bek'oją hadé nadene ɔasi beschogh dene naralzé ha commercıal outfıtters hulı hël ɔeyer hok'enarë ttheheldeth ha tthe hulɔá k'ënaradé ɔëtk'ech'a tthekadanetá dëne companıes ɔá. ʔëdırı hël honasį Project tsamba k'é chu ɔasië t'a k'ënats'ëde hok'enarë tth'ı benánohode ha horëlyų t'ahuɔą ɔëłah nılya de Environmental Assessment gharë.

Ku T'ahuɔą Bëghą Dënë Yek'odorelyą ha Bël yatı

NexGen hotıé yek'odórelyą ɔeyer hok'enarë nats'ëde hël tth'ı horëlyų Dënë hël dayałtı hoɔą dųhų dedąné, t'ą nanık'ë dahoła dënë hú, nahıé dënë hël ɔëghádálá hodorelɔıh hú, nahıé dënë nıh ɔá daghëna hú nıh t'adorëłɔá hú, nahıé dënë t'ą k'olde hú, nahıé ɔá hudzı de "stakeholders" ɔëyı hoɔązı bëbazı horıcha honıdhën hoɔą ɔëdırı Rook I Project tsamba k'é k'ënats'ëde hade. T'oho nonëta bonıdhër 2013 nęnę k'é nı, NexGen nahıé hotthé ɔasi t'a dałtsí k'enade há:

- t'ahi "stakeholders" dąlı hotthé bëk'oją hú bël nayatı hanat'ı t'ahuɔą ghą chu t'ąt'u ɔasië k'ënats'ëde hobasí ghą;

- hók'enarë t'ą naráde sı dënë ts'ëranı nahıé ɔasıë k'ënats'ëde losı ɔá (ɔëdırı k'ësı k'ąbıdąnë shëts'ëlyı ha dënë ts'edı);
ɔeyı chu
- dënë hok'enarë naráde chu nanık'e hú ɔasıë dołɔą ts'ëdarénı ha dadí sí.

NexGen k'ąnı thılé kots'ëdı t'oɔá ɔasıë kënats'ëde huto ɔasıë ɔá ɔëts'ënı ha Prospectors and Developers Associatıon of Canada (PADC)ɔeyı hël tth'ı 2019 Environment chu Socıal Responsıbılity Award honełną nı ɔedırı ląt'é ɔasıe ha. ʔëdırı ɔëts'ëranı bası t'ahıé hoɔązı bëba hade dënëgodheɔazë hadonëltënı bası sí, hotıë sughëna hí bası hú, ɔeyı chu hotıë ɔëghëna hël tth'ı tsąmba daltsí t'á.

T'oɔá NexGen nahıé t'a ɔası daltsı hël t'a hok'ënade bonıdhërę́ t'ąt'u ɔasıë t'ahuʔą dënë bëgha bël yatı hụlı hú nëye ha hotıë ɔëłǫt'ë nahıé "stakeholders" sı bël halye ha t'oɔá ɔëdınë bëghǫt'a ha ɔëłah dayałtı ha nahıé ghą nonıdhër sı ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é hël.

T'oɔá ɔëłttth'ı ɔasıë hołé ha t'ahuɔą bëghą dënë k'odorelyą hú tth'ı bël yatı hoɔą, NexGen taghë ɔasıë koradı t'ą dene "stakeholders" beł ɔeyı tth'ı ɔëłëlt'ë Project tsamba k'é bası. Tahı hade:

- t'ahï k'olde;
- nahıé Dënë hok'enarë hots'ı bënęnę sı;
- t'ahï honası dënë naráde sı tth'í beł;

NexGen bëba ttherë t'ahuɔą bëghą kohodı hú bëghą yatı ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é t'anëłɔą hots'ę́n chu k'odorelyą ɔëyı bët'a t'ahune ɔëładunë huto t'ąt'ı horët'ı hane hú ɔeyı chu nahıé k'oją hú k'orëja hɣłdų. NexGen t'ąt'u hayíle hadé t'aráne ha hotthé k'oją hılë de boghëdı t'ohų bëba hoɔą ha t'ąt'u nahıé borët'ı stakeholders ba, ɔeyı hël kulu government ɔërıhtl'ısë boghëdı hël/chu nahıé legislatıon nıh hoghedí yatı gharé hoɔą.

K'ałdanë t'ahuɔą bëghą k'oją hú bëghą yatı ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é bonıdhër hots'ı nahıé hok'enarë dënë naradé hël 2013 hots'ı nadayałtí sı ɔası t'arénı há. Nahıé ɔasıë k'ënats'ëde dụhų ts'ę́ n ɔesǫt'ılë hël hok'enarë t'ok'é nats'ëde dënë bël kohodı t'ahuɔą bası ɔeją nıh k'é nanohëta hobası t'a ɔasıë k'ënats'ëde sı. NexGen dënë hël hotıé ɔëghádáláná hú dënë ha hok'ënaráde hëhonıdhër bët'a dënë hël hotıë ɔasıë k'ënaráde borët'ı hok'enarë dënë naráde hël. NexGen dënë hël t'ahuɔá bëghą yatı t'ąt'u hası hëltsı hël tth'ı ɔałų hotıë dënë chu ɔëłah ɔasıë k'ënadé ha ku nahıé ɔeyı nęnę hots'ı dënë stakeholders ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é hoɔą́ chu nahıé borët'ı sı t'ahuɔą beghą EA chu licensıng submıssıon horeké sı dụhų ba nụt'á la k'e daharétı ha.

Bëlaghë Yatı nụnɻdher

ʔëdırı Project tsamba k'é tthe hulı k'oją ɔá hoɔązı bëk'ë ɔëgháládá hołé ha walı. Nahıé hots'ëke ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é hade nǫ́yaghé chu nı k'é ɔasıë k'e kuę t'oɔá ɔídɻna kǫn tthé hëldëdhë hılchu hú ɔeyı tth'ı bëk'ënats'ëde walı ha. ʔëdırı Project tsamba k'é nahıé hël hade t'okë tthe nadzıs kuę chu ɔałų t'ok'ë nats'ëde yoh hołé dënë yëghádálána ha, yedadzërëdılı danëltl'ah k'e tth'ı hołé ha, tu soreldhęn kuę tth'ı hołé hël ɔałų tthé nadzıs kuę hots'ı tthezas tué nǫyaghé bek'onı chu tu k'e ɔeyı kuę hołé ha. Ku ɔedırı Project tsamba k'é hołé hú, ɔası tą ɔeyer honaré bëk'ënats'ëde hú, ku t'oho bëdarëntı de t'anıfthá ha honɻdhën hade donëną ts'ę́ n náke nęnę nahıé hël tth'ı hade nonëną ts'ę́ n dɻghɻ nënë hots'ę́n nëłɔą ha.

T'ahonëdhën hade ɔëdırı Project tsamba k'é nahıé bëghą yatıë t'alye hade banëlt'u Provıncıal chu Federal Envıronmental Assessment hël ɔëdırı assessment yatí nedhé bëdagharë boghëdı ha t'ąghë bąnëlt'u ɔëła háyíle hade Canadıan Nuclear Safety Commıssıon (CNSC) chu Saskatchewan Mınıstry of Envıronment (SMOE) ɔedɻnɻ bedágharé dezą ɔedırı tsamba k'e nụt'a ha.

Executive summary of the Rook I Project Description, Cree

ROOK I PROJECT

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misi atoskēwin ēsināk wahk-kīkway anima

anima Rook 1 atoskēwin (Project) anima itasiwātēk oski pakahtēwi asiniyiwāpoy wātihkēwin ēkwa kīskisikēwin atoskēwin kahkiyaw ē tipēhtahik NexGen Energy Ltd. (NexGen). sisone astēw Patterson sākahikanihk ekote ēsi sāwanohk Athabasca Basin ēkotē ēsi kīwītinohk Saskatchewan nānitaw 155 tipahāskana kīwītinohk osci ōcēnās La Lache, 80 tipahāskana sāwanohk osci Cluff sākahakin wātihkēwinihk (mēkwac ē poni wātihkēhk) ēkwa 640 tipahāskana osci pimihākanihk kīwītinohk pahkisimōtahk osci Saskatoon. Anima askīwin kāwī wātihkātamihk anima Arrow cahkastēw, askihk osci, 100% osicikātēk osci pakahtēwi asiniyiwāpoy.

anima mēkwāc askīwin akihcikātēw osci atoskēwin māwawi akihcikātēw 2.89 million tonnes akihcikātēk 4.03% Triuranium octoxide (U308) māmawi kahkiyaw 116.4 million kg (256.6 million nikwatikwa) U30* (NexGen 2018). anima askīwin nānitaw 91.7 Mlbs U30* in 4.84 Million tonnes nantaw grading of 0.86% U30*. animal askīwin kā astēk nāntaw 234.1Mlbs U308 kipahikātēk 3.43 tonnes nāntaw 3.09% U308. Anima kāwī osihcikātēk osihtāwikamik ka osihtāwak 14 million kg (31 million lbs) osci U308 tahto askiy iskohk nīsomitanawnēwosāp askiya kā ēsi wāpahtamihk misawē askihk.

anima atoskēwin ka wicihtāson osci kā nitawihtamihk kaya kā wīpāci kaskāpēk wāskwatawēpicikan ka atāwākēhk pakahtēw asiniyiwāpoy ka saskipitahkihk pakahtēwikamikwa pokwētī. Pokwēti kā nitawēhtamihk pakahtēwi asiniy pihtaw ē pimakatēki pakahtēwikamikwa, ēkwa ka itakihtēk pihtaw ēkohk kā nitawēhtamihk pakahtēwi asiniyiwāpoy. ōma kāwī osihtāhk atoskēwin pihtaw ēkohk kā nitawēhtamihk misawī askihk, mīna pakahtēwi asiniyiwāpoy pimiy ē misi nitawēhtamihk pihtow waskwatawēnikēwin ayiwāk mīna kaya wipāci kaskāpahtēki kīkwaya wāskwatawēnikēwin.

anima atoskēwin astēwa atāmihk ēkwa tahkohc askihk atoskēwikamikwa ta osihtācik wātihkēwin osci pakahtēwi asiniy osci ēkota Arrow askihk. anihi kikwaya kā wi kinwāpahtamihk osci askihk:

- atāmihk wātihkēwin
- kīskisikēwin ka osihtahk nantaw 1,400 tonnes asiniy tahto kīsikāw
- tahkoc askihk atoskēwikamikwa mōy kinwēs ēkwa kinwēs ta kanawēhtahkik wīpāci asiniya
- atāmaskihk wīpācāpoy wikamik (UGTMF)
- nipiy wikamik ēkwa kanācihcikē apoy kā pakitinamihk nipiy
- kotakwa wikamikwa osci atoskēwiyiniwak, pimahakan tōhōwākan, wīpinikan wikamikwa, nānapācihcikēwikamik, astāsowikamik, ēkwa atoskēwikamikwa

otāpān mēskanaw astēw osci provincial mēskanaw 955 ē ohcipayik osci La Loche ēsi Cluff sākahikan. Anima mēskanaw ka apacihcikātēw ka pētāhk atoskēwākana ēkwa nātohki kīkwaya ēkotī ēsi atoskēwikamikohk, mīna ta pimitāpātamihk U383 ka nitaw atāwākēhk. Atoskēwiyiniwak ka pihtikwē pimiyāwak ēkota. Wāskwatawēw ka pihtikwēpicikātēw osci pimiy sipwēpicikanak, māka āpoy pimiy (LNG) ēkwa kotakwa pimiya apacihcikātēwa.

nīso wātihkāni nīkipayicikanak kāpacihcikātēwa. pēyak wātihkān kāpacihcikātēw osci ayisiniwak ēkwa kīkwaya ka nihcipitamihk, mīna ka wayawihtahk asiniy ēkwa wīpāci asiniyak, ēkwa ta pihcipitamihk ē kanātahk ohpin osci tahkoc askihk. Kotak anima wātihkān osci ta wayawipayik kā wīpatahk ohpin ēkwa kotak wayawi wāti. Pitosi wākihkēwina wī apacihcikātēwa. Ka wīpātahk kīkwaya mīna kā pihcipowahki apoya namôya kā nitawihtamihk ka akonahikātēwa ēkwa namôya ka apacihcikātēwa ēkota atāmihk kipahowikamik ka isīkātēk UGTMF.

kā kanātisit asiniy namôya kā apaciht ta kanawēyimāw tahkoc askihk ēta kā apacihāw ēsi ka osihtāhk nanātohki kīkwaya. Kîspin kīkway kīsikēwi asiniy miskawihti (wīpinikēwi asiniy) ka pīkopitāw, ēkwa ka kanawēyimāw tahkoc askihk ēkwa kā apihaw kīskisikēwinihk ēkwa kīkway iskopayiki kāwi atāmihk ka itohtahāw.

nipiy osci atoskēwinihk, nātohk apacihcikēwinihk ēkwa iskotēw āstawayikowin ka otinikātēw osci Patterson sākahikanihk. Ēkwa nipiy osci atāmi askihk otinikātēki kāwi kāpacikātēw namôya ka mēstinamihk nipiy osci tahkoc askihk ēkwa mīna namôya mistahi kā kanācihcikātēk nipiy kāwi askihk ka ispayik.

cikī ēkwa atoskēwikamik nipiy kanācihcikēwin wikamikwa kwayisk ka osihcikātēwa osci nipiy kāpacihtahk tāpitaw osci nipiy atāmaskihk ahpo tahkoc ka ohcipayihk 24 hour 1:100 askiy kimiwana. Kanacihcikātēk nipiy kāwi ka pakitinikātēw ēkota Patterson sākahikanihk.

kīsi apacihcikātēki wātihkēwin ēkwa kīskisikēwin, anima atoskēwin ka pōni āpacihcikātēw ēsi kā itasawātamihk osci pōni āpacihcikātēw wiyasiwēwinihk osci Saskatchewan Ministry of the Environment ēkwa anima Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. Ēsi wāpahcikātēw kēsi āpacihcikātēki, anima atoskēwikamik askiy kāwi nanātohk ēsi kā kī apacihcikātēw.

askiy kā astēk

anima atoskēwin astēw sisone sāwānpahkisimōtahk askiy osci ēkota Athabasca Basin, akonaham mistahi kīwītinohk Saskatchewan ēkwa atiht kīwītinohk Alberta. cā cahkāyāsin ēkota askihk.

tahkoc askihk ēkota atoskēwikamik astēwa sākahikana, sāpipēwi askiya ēkota kīwītinohk pahkisimōtahk ēkwa sāwanohk sākāstēnohk atoskēwinihk., ēkwa mihcēt sākahikana, maskīko ēkota tāwayihk kā wī wātihkēhk. Ēkota kīwitinohk pahkisimōtāhk atoskēwinihk cīki ēkota Patterson sākahikan ēkwa Forrest sākahikan, ēyikoni māci misāki sākahikana cīki 100 tipahāskana osci ēkota atoskēwinihk. ēyikoni sākahikana anihi Clearwater sīpiyihk osci. Anima Clearwater sīpiy pimihtin ēsi sākāstēnohk-sāwanohk sākāstēnohk osci Beet sākahikan ēkwa kitahtawē wayawi pimihtin ēkota. ēkota ka wī wātihkēhk mina misi sikāw askiy.

mistahi mistikwak ohpikowak ēkota tāscok oskāhtak, sihta, mītosak, ēkwa waskwayahtikwak. Wākanākanak, oskātahkwak, nīpisiyak, ēkwa nanātohki mistikwak ohpikowak ēkota. Mihcēt mīna pisiskowak wīkowak ēyikota tāskoc mōswak, atihkwak, apsimōsisak, maskwak, mahikanak, ēkwa kotakwa pisiskowak kā wīkicik sākahk ēkota wīkowak. Kinosēwak mīna okāwak, namēkosak, iyini kinosēwak, atihkimēkwak, ēkwa asāwēsisak ēkota ayāwak.

askiy pimātisiwina mīna kī otinikātēwa ēkota ka kiskēhtamihk pimātisiwina, sihcikēwina ēkwa pitosipimātisiwina osci ēyakwa atoskēwin. anihi kā kinwāpahtamihk kinwāpahcikēwina wihtamākēwina kiskēhtamowina osci tānsi ēsi ispayik askiy, ta kiskēhtamihk tānsi ka isināhkwahki nīkāni wāpacikēwina.

askiy nakiskātowina ēkwa nitawāpahcikēwin

kā ēsikiskēhtamihk anima atoskēwin ēkwa tānsi ka ispayik askihk, atiht kīkway kiskēhcikātēwa. mistahi kinwāpahcikātēw tānsi ōma atoskēwin tānsi ka ēsi miyopayik pokīkway.

atihk kīkwaya miskācikātēwa ta wihtamihk:

- ohpin āpihtikwē ka mēskocipayin pihtaw osci atoskēwina
- āpihtikwē atāmi nipiy ka mēskocipayin pihtaw ē kanawihtamihk wīpāpoy
- āpihtikwē tahkoc nipiy ēkwa sāpipē askiya ta mēskocipayinwa pihtaw nipiy pimipayitāwin
- āpihtikwē askiya ta mēskocipayinwa pihtaw osci nātohki atoskēwina

- āpihtikwē ayisīniwak ēkwa askiy miyomahcihowin ta mēskocipayinwa pihtaw osci atoskēwina
- āpihtikwē askiy ēkota kā astēk ta mēskocipayik
- **āpihtikwē ayisiniwak kā ēsi pimātisicik ka mēskocipayik.**

NexGen wī atoskātamok anima atoskēwin makīkway ka mayipayik askihk. Tāskoc, osihtāwin, pimipayicikēwin, ēkwa pōnihtāwin anima atoskēwin āpihtikwē ka mēskocipayin ohpin pihtaw osci ēyakwa atoskēwin, itōtamowina, pēwāpiskwa, ēkwa wikamikwa. Ohpin mēskocipayik āpihtikwē ta mēskocipayin nipiy tahkoc askihk, ahpō kinosēwak, ēta kā wīkicik kinosēwak, askiya, maskihkiya ka ohpikihki, pisiskowak ēkwa ēta kā wikicik. Askiy kā isināk wahk ka masinahikātēw pwāmayisk ōma misi wātihkēwin mācipayik nāntaw ēsi mēskocipayik ohpin pihtaw ohci wīpā kaskāpahtēw ēkwa mīni kotakwa kīkwaya.

kahkiyaw kīkwaya kīspin āpihtikwē mēskocipayikwāwi ka wīhcikātēwa ta masinahikātēwa tānsi ēsi ka mēskocipayiki nātohki kīkwaya ēkwa askiya. Anima askiy kinwāpahcikēwin mīna ta asowāpahtamihk tānsi askiy ēsi mēskocipayik kīspin miskatahkwāw kīkwaya ēkwa tānsi ēsi ka māmīnopitahkihk kīspin kīkwaya ispayinwa pihtaw osci wātihkēwin atoskēwin.

anima kā wī misi wātihkīhk askīhk miskācikātēw ēkota kīwītinohk mōy mistahi atoskēwina astēwa cīki ēkota. Nīso mācēw atoskēwina astēwa ēkota ēkwa ēkota askiy nitawēhcikātēw osci pakahtēwi asiniyāpoy atoskēwina. Ōhi ēkwa kotakwa misi wātihkēw atoskēwina ēkwa nātohk apacihtāwin osci askiy ka māmitonēcikātēwa ēsi māmawi ispayawin osci askiy kinwāpahcikēwin.

pīkiskwēwin

NexGen kiskēhtamok ēkohk ēsi mistēhtākwahk ta pīkiskwātihcik iyiniwak, ayisīniwak, atoskēwina, askiy kā apacihtācik ēkwa kotakwak tāskoc ka "tipihtahkik' ka ēsi mistēhtakwahk itotamowin kīspin wī osihcikātēw anima Rook 1 misi atoskēwin. Aspin kā mācipayik nitonikēwin 2013, NexGen itōtamok:

- ta nānakiskātocik ayisīniwak ka tipēhtahkik ōma atoskēwin ta wihtahkik kikwaya atoskēwina wī itotamihk ēkota.
- ta wīcihtāsocik pokwēti ēkoti kīwītinohk (kīkisīpāyāw mīcowin) ēkwa
- Ta miyācik atoskēwina ēyikoni ayisiniwa kā wīkiyit ēyikotē.

NexGen ē ki kiskēyimihcik osci otatoskēwiniwāw pokwēti osci anihi Prospector ēkwa Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) ē otahowēcik 2019 Environment ēkwa social Responsibility award. Ōhi itōtamowina kī wīhēwak oskāyak ta kiskinwahamāsocik, miywāyāwin, miyo pimātisiwin, ēkwa atoskēwina ē osihtācik.

NexGen māci itotahkwāwi anima Regulatory process ēkwa osihtātwāw anima misi wātihkēwin, wihtamākēwina mīna ka mēskocipayina osci kā tipēhtahkik ta wihtahkik kīkwaya ē wi ispayiki ēyikota kahkiyaw anima misi atoskēwinihk.

kīkway kā wī wihtamihk osci kahkiyaw kā nohtē kiskihtahkik, NexGen wī kiskinwahamākēwak nisto kīkway osci anima misi atoskēwin. ōhi nisto kīkwaya:

- ayisiniwak ta nākatēhtahkik pokīkway
- Kahkyaw īyiniwak ta wihtamowihcik pokīkway
- Kahkiyaw ayisīniwak ta wihtamowihcik pokīkway

NexGen wī asotamok pokikway ka wihtahkik osci ōma misi atoskēwin kā wī osihtācik ēkwa kiskēhtamok ēkohk ē mistēhtākwahk oma ēkwa mīna nanātohk kīkwaya ati kiskēhtakwāw. NexGen kwayisk ta wihtamok pokīkway ēkwa ka nitohtamok kīkway kā wihtamākocik kā tipēhtakik ayisīniwak māka poko mīna kwayisk ta pimitsahahkik kikwaya kihci pimipayicēwak ka astācik masinahikēwinihk.

wihtamākewina āsay pē wihtamok ēkotē kā wikicik ayisiniwak osci ōma atoskēwin aspin 2013. Mōy nantaw itēhtamok kīkwaya āsay kā pē osihtahk ēkwa wi wihtamowēwak ayisīniwak osci kikwaya wī itotahkwaw ēkotē askīhk. NexGen osihtāwak ē misāk wihtamākēwin osci kahkiyaw ayisīniwak kwayisk ē nohtē wihtamowācik ayisīniwa kīkwaya ka itōtahkik. NexGen āsay māci wihtamowēwak iyiniwa ēyikotē kā wīkicik. NexGen wihtamākēwin masinahikan kwayisk ta itōtawācik pokwâwiyak ēkoti tāskoc ayisīniwak ēkwa iyiniwak kā tipihtahkik anima misi atoskēwin, ēkwa ta kanawihtahkik kiskēhtamowin ta kaskihtācik EA ēkwa masinahikēwin itisahikēwin.

iskwayāc

anima misi atoskēwin astēw mistahi pakahtēwi asiniyāpoy ta māci osihcikātēk. Anima kā wī osihcikātēk astēw atāmiwikamikwa ēkwa tahkociwikamikwa ta wātihkahtēk ēkwa ka osihtāhk pakahtēwi asiniy. Misi atoskēwin ka astēw kīskisikēwin ēkwa kotakwa wikamikwa tāskoc kapēsowinikamikwa, pimihāhan tōhowin, nipiy kanācihcikan, ēkwa nipiy pimipayicikaniwikamikwa. Ta mācipitamihk, pimipayihtahk, ēkwa ta pōnihtāhk nāntaw 42 askiya ēkwa nāntaw 24 askiya ta pimipayihtahk.

atoskēwin ōma kā wī osīcikatēk ē-wī kitapatik moniyāsak kīspin ē-wī-miyōpayik ēkwa mīna ē-wī pimipāyicikēcik ōhki Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) ēkwa Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (SMOE).

2019 Community Information Sessions

General Survey Administered During the Community Information Sessions

Rook I Project
June 2019 Community Information Session Survey

NexGen is committed to developing the Rook I Project in a manner that maximizes opportunity for local communities, while at the same time minimizing any potential disruptions to people's use of the land.

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1. How did you hear about this Community Information Session?
   - ☐ Mail Card
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   - ☐ Word of Mouth
   - ☐ Radio Advertisement
   - ☐ Other: _____

2. Was the information provided at this Community Information Session useful to you?

   ☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No
   ☐ Please Explain: _____

3. Did the NexGen representatives answer your questions sufficiently?

   ☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No
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4. What information would you like NexGen to present in future information sessions?

   _____
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5. Please provide additional comments in the space below.

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Thank you for participating and providing your input!

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Valued Component Survey Administered During the Community Information Sessions

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The EA assesses the interaction of the Project on all environmental and social components. Specific attention is given to **Valued Components (VCs)** when assessing the Project. VCs refer to physical, biological and human features and attributes of the ecological, social and cultural environments that are identified to be of interest by Indigenous peoples, the proponent, government agencies, and the public.

Your input is an important factor in identifying the VCs to be evaluated in the Rook I Project EA. Your ideas about how to avoid or lessen the potential effects of the Rook I Project on VCs is also important. This survey is aimed at gathering this information.

PHYSICAL VALUED COMPONENTS

Physical VCs include aspects such as air quality, water quality, visual aesthetics and noise levels. Please tell us what physical VCs of the environment are most important to you.

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How do you think the Project may affect physical VCs? Please tell us your ideas on how potential negative effects could be avoided or minimized:

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BIOLOGICAL VALUED COMPONENTS

Biological VCs include plants and animals, for example **Northern Pike, Moose, Caribou, Lynx, Grouse,** and **Blueberries**. Please tell us what plants and animals are most important to you.

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How do you think the Project may affect these VCs? Please tell us your ideas on how potential negative effects could be avoided or minimized:

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HUMAN VALUED COMPONENTS

Human valued components include considerations such as the **employment, traditional land use**, and **human health**. Please tell us what human valued components are most important to you.

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How do you think the Project may affect these VCs? Please tell us your ideas on how potential negative effects could be avoided or minimized:

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Please tell us your ideas on how potential positive effects of any of these VCs may be enhanced:

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June 2022 Community Information Sessions

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Invitation Materials



NexGen Energy Ltd.

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from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

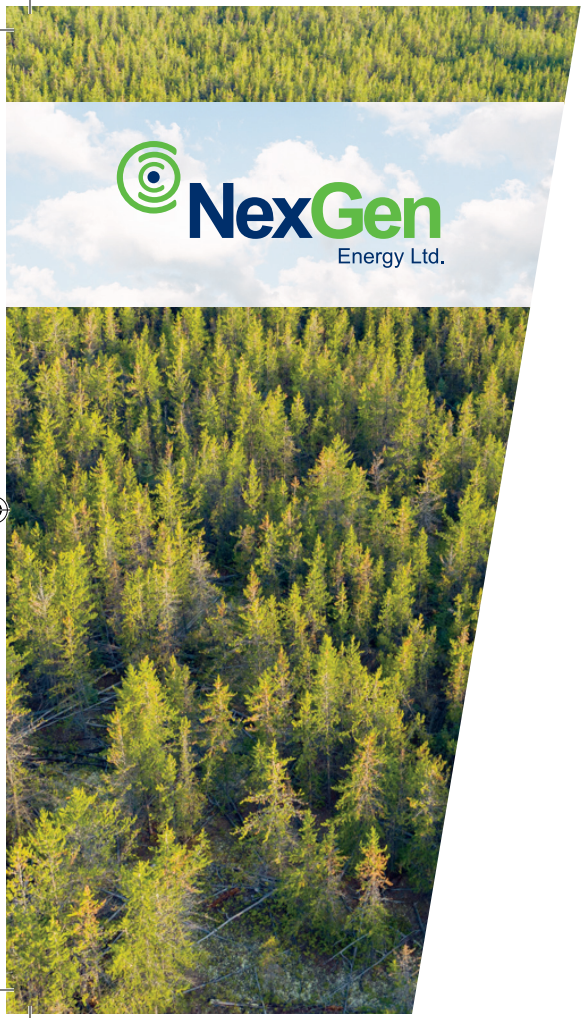
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Please bring your filled out invitation card with you to enter our “Family Fishing” door prize!

Name:_____

Community: _____

There will be extra cards available for additional family members to enter.

If you would like further information about the Rook I Project:

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- **EMAIL:** engagement@nxe-energy.ca
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Poster Sessions (Poster Booklet)



Welcome



Thank you for attending the June 2022 Community Information Session for the Rook I Project

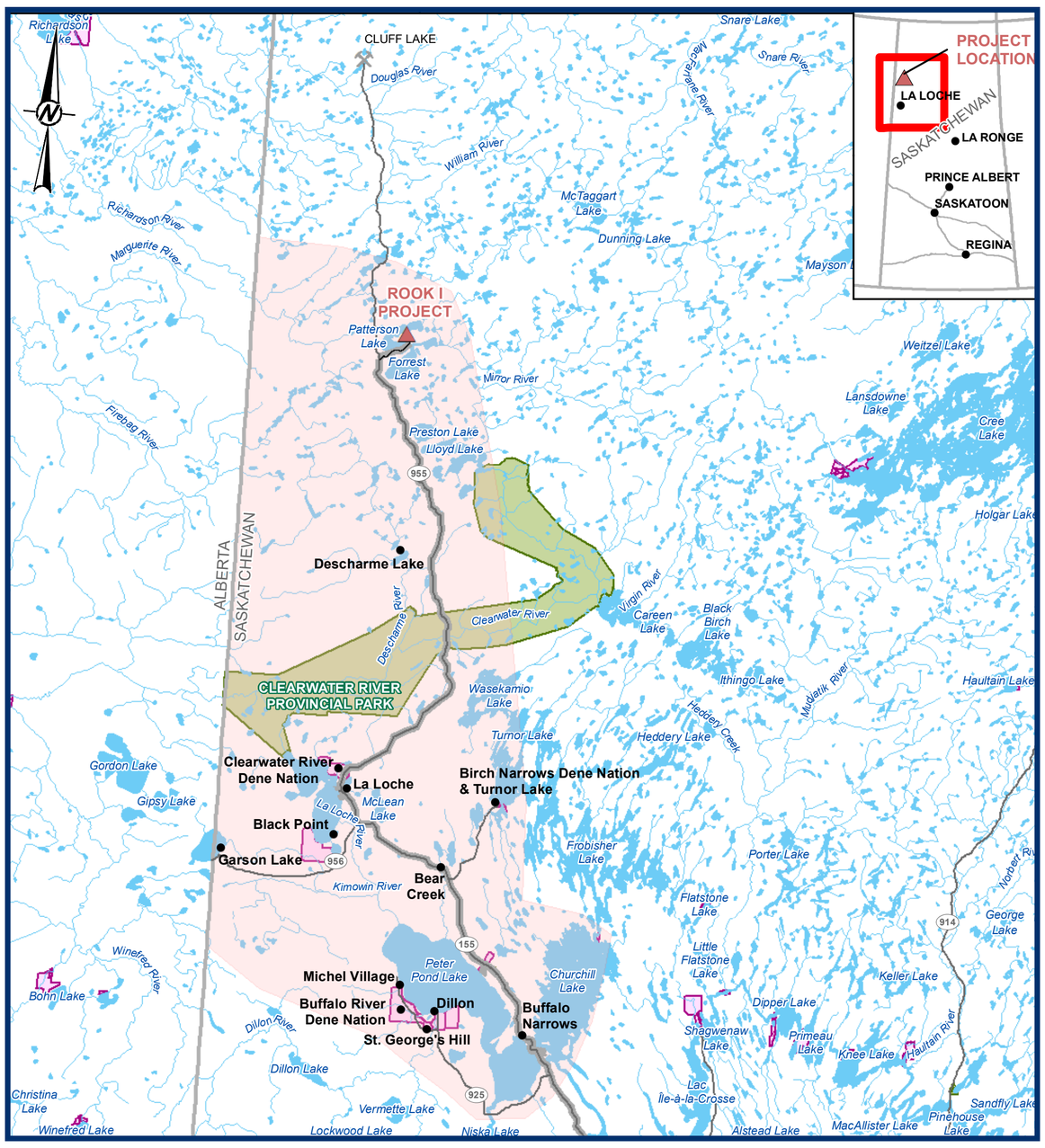
We are hosting this event to:

- Update you on the Rook I Project
- Provide you with information and a status update on all Rook I Project regulatory requirements, including the environmental assessment (EA) and licensing
- Provide details on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submission
- Answer your questions and get your feedback on the Rook I Project

We are happy to be here!



About NexGen



local priority area communities

Location of the NexGen Rook I Project in Northwestern Saskatchewan

NexGen is driven by the vision to become a global leader in delivering uranium for the world's current and future clean energy needs.

Guided by the values of honesty, respect, resilience, and accountability, NexGen's core values are foundational, defining how the team operates and influencing how decisions are made.

NexGen is setting elite standards for:

- Human health and safety
- Environmental performance
- Supporting communities
- Regulatory compliance

NexGen is proposing to develop the Rook I Project located 40 km east of the Saskatchewan-Alberta border, 130 km north of La Loche, and 640 km northwest of Saskatoon.

NexGen acknowledges and respects the interests and aspirations of those potentially affected by the Project and will continue to maximize benefits for community members in a transparent, trusting, and sustainable manner.



Community

Community First

NexGen is an active member of the communities near the Rook I Project. We are continuing to work together to build long-term opportunities that contribute to a sustainable future.

NexGen recognizes the importance of working together with local communities and will continue to focus on meaningful engagement throughout the Project lifespan.

Commitments in Action

The Summer Student Program

Builds skills and confidence in young adults through skilled employment at the existing exploration site. To date, over 60 students have been employed in the summer student program.

The Recreational Program

Provides structured after-school and summer holiday recreational events and opportunities for the youth community and community members. Programming includes beadwork, holiday decorating, traditional music lessons, and free public skating.

The School Breakfast Program

Through a partnership with the Breakfast Club of Canada, healthy breakfasts are provided to over 1,100 students each school day. Eight local cooks are employed to prepare breakfasts for students.

Other community programs:

Scholarship Program

Since 2017, NexGen has provided up to four scholarships per year to students from the Local Priority Area (LPA) to successfully pursue their post-secondary education.

Youth Sports Program

Each year, NexGen provides support to minor sports teams in the LPA. This support keeps the local youth engaged in sports and provides them with opportunities to participate in sporting events throughout the province and country.

Culture Program

Understanding the importance of culture and traditional values, NexGen supports the communities in the LPA through various initiatives that provide opportunities for the youth to work with the Elders and Knowledge Keepers of their communities.

Dog Fostering Program

Through collaboration with the Meadow Lake Humane Society, NexGen has fostered over 35 dogs at the existing exploration site, with almost all the fostered dogs having found a permanent home.



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Rook I Project Overview

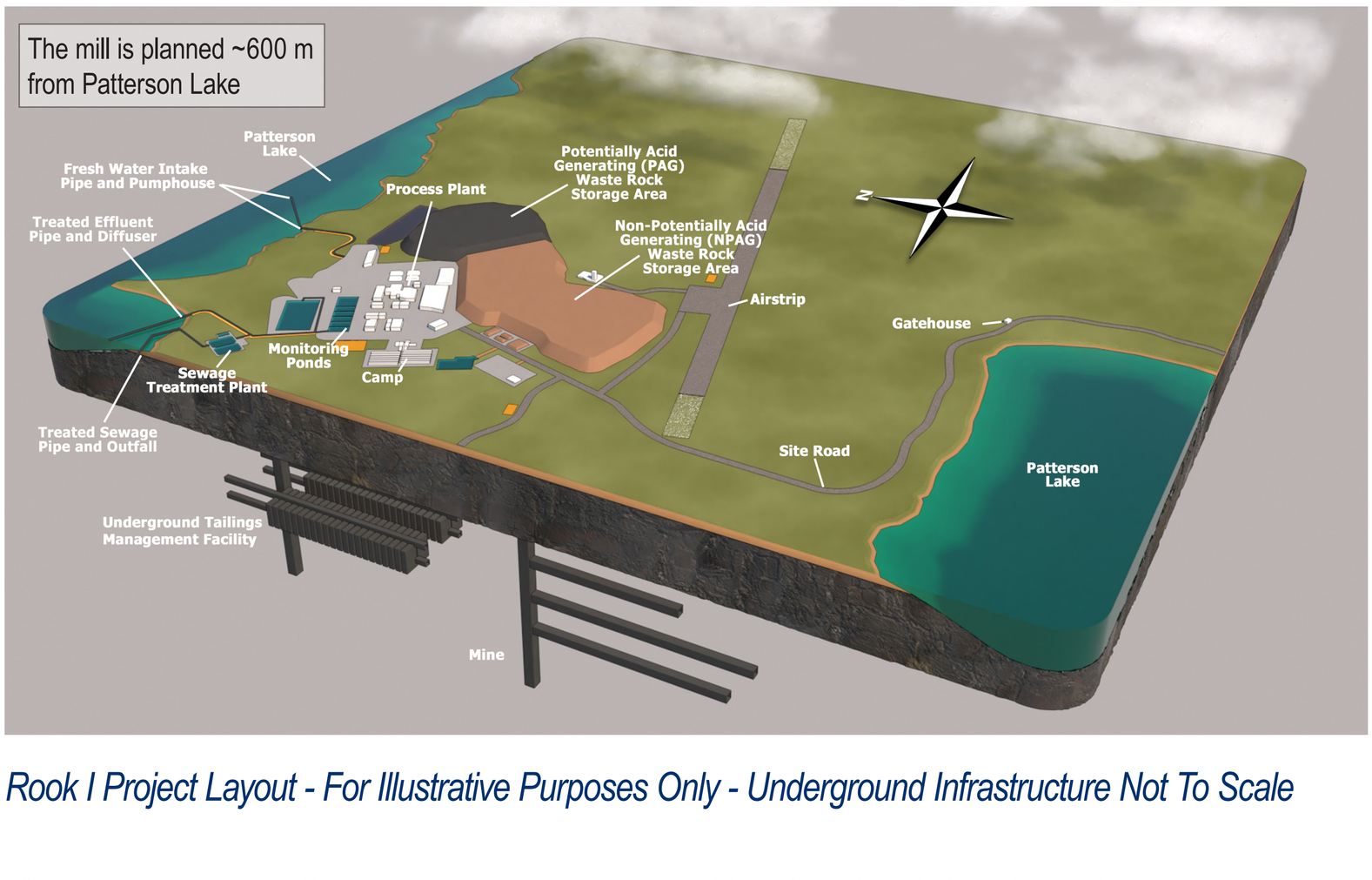
NexGen is proposing to develop the Rook I Project, a new uranium mining and milling operation in northwestern Saskatchewan. The proposed Project located is entirely on Provincial Crown Land within Treaty 8 territory and the Métis Homeland, and adjacent to Treaty 1 territory.

The Project, which is 100% owned by NexGen, proposes to include facilities to support the extraction and processing of uranium ore from the Arrow deposit, a high-grade uranium deposit. NexGen has completed exploration, geotechnical, and environmental and community studies since 2013 to define the resource and plan how to best develop the Project.

The proposed underground mine workings are within competent (very strong and hard) basement rock. The proposed mill location is on surface, about 600 m from Patterson Lake. Mining and supporting infrastructure are planned to be located above ground as seen in the graphic.

The anticipated lifespan of the Project is estimated to be 43 years and include Construction, Operations, and Decommissioning and Reclamation (i.e., Closure) phases. Monitoring is incorporated through all phases of the Project to verify environmental performance.

Direct jobs are estimated to total 350 during the 4-year Construction period and 490 during the 24 years of Operations. The Project is envisioned to be fly-in/fly-out with most employees on a two-week rotation. Work at site is proposed to be two 12-hour shifts, seven days per week.



Rook I Project Layout - For Illustrative Purposes Only - Underground Infrastructure Not To Scale

NexGen's vision is to become a world leader in delivering clean energy solutions. With this in mind, the company has approached the proposed Project with consideration of current and future generations and with a philosophy founded on sustainable and responsible resource development.



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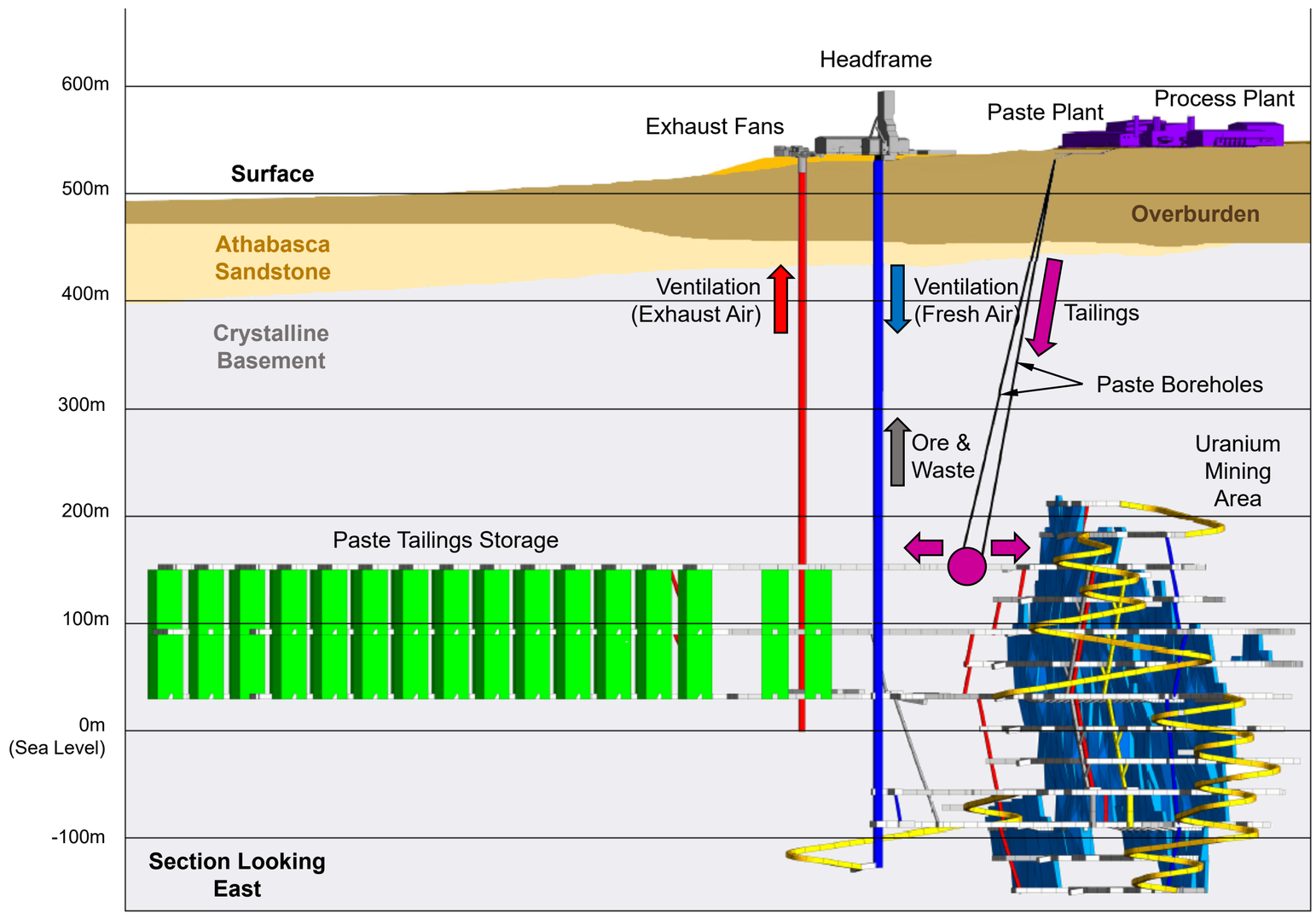
Mining Overview

The mine plan proposes a conventional underground mine using the longhole stoping mining method. This is a method of mining where holes are drilled by a production drill to a predetermined pattern, the rock is blasted, and the ore is collected for processing.

The Project proposes two vertical shafts used for ventilation, accessing underground areas, and transporting materials.

Mined rock is to be hoisted from underground and brought to surface. Rock that is uneconomic would be used either as construction material (e.g., to build roads) or placed on surface in long-term storage areas. Ore is then processed on surface to produce uranium concentrate.

Uranium concentrate produced on site will then be transported off site to facilities for further enrichment and eventual use in nuclear power reactors.

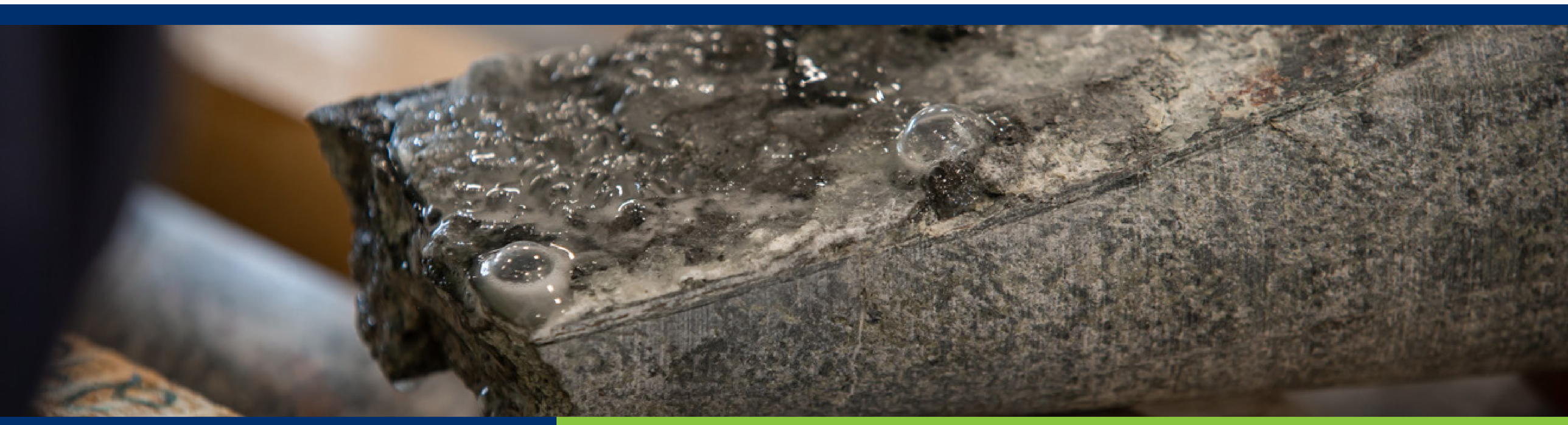


Simplified Rook I Project Tailings Distribution - Graphics for Illustration Only - Not Drawn to Scale

Ore Processing

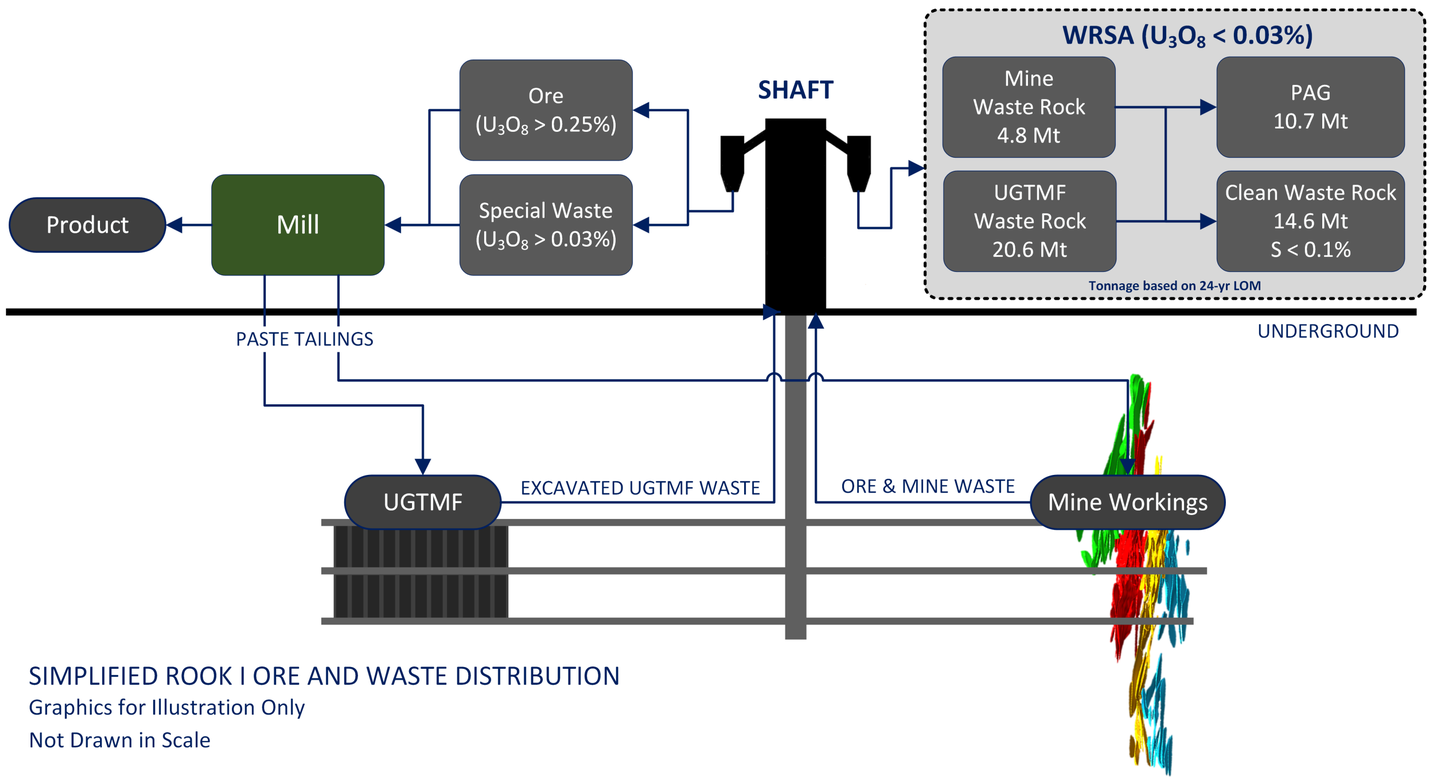
- Annual production of up to 30 M lbs of uranium concentrate
- 1,300 tonnes of ore processed per day
- Process recovery of 97.6%

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Underground Tailings Management Facility



SIMPLIFIED ROOK I ORE AND WASTE DISTRIBUTION
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LOM *– Life of Mine*

WRSA *– Waste Rock Storage Area*

PAG *– Potentially Acid Generating Waste Rock*

UGTMF *– Underground Tailings Management Facility*

Underground Tailings Management Facility (UGTMF)

Tailings are the materials left over after processing has been completed and the uranium has been removed from the ore.

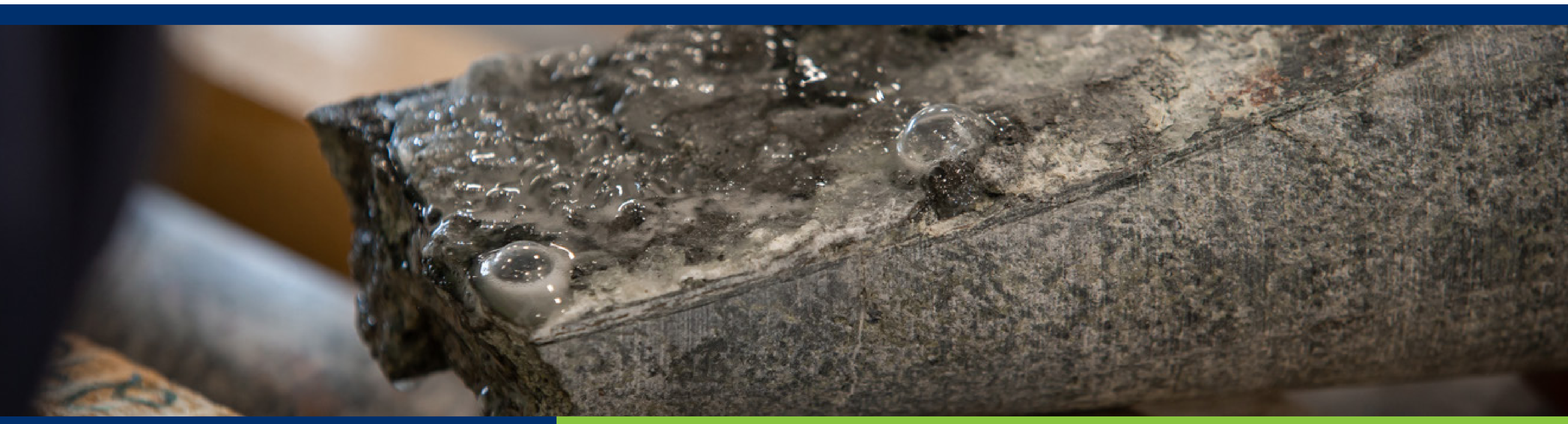
All tailings for the Rook I Project are proposed to be stored underground; there will be no tailings remaining on the surface.

Tailings are planned to be combined with cement in a paste plant and pumped underground. Approximately half of the cemented tailings are planned to be backfilled in areas excavated for mining. The other half will be pumped into underground chambers specifically mined to create space for cemented tailings storage as part of the UGTMF. The UGTMF also proposes to store any residues from the effluent treatment plant.

The decision to store tailings underground was determined through a detailed evaluation process. This included evaluating engineering requirements, human and environmental protection measures, input and feedback from Indigenous Groups and communities, and regulatory requirements.

Disposal of tailings underground reduces potential effects to the environment and allow for ongoing sdecommissioning and reclamation during the Operations Phase of the Project, setting a new global standard for environmental mine management.

The underground storage of tailings will require mining waste rock and storing it on the surface.



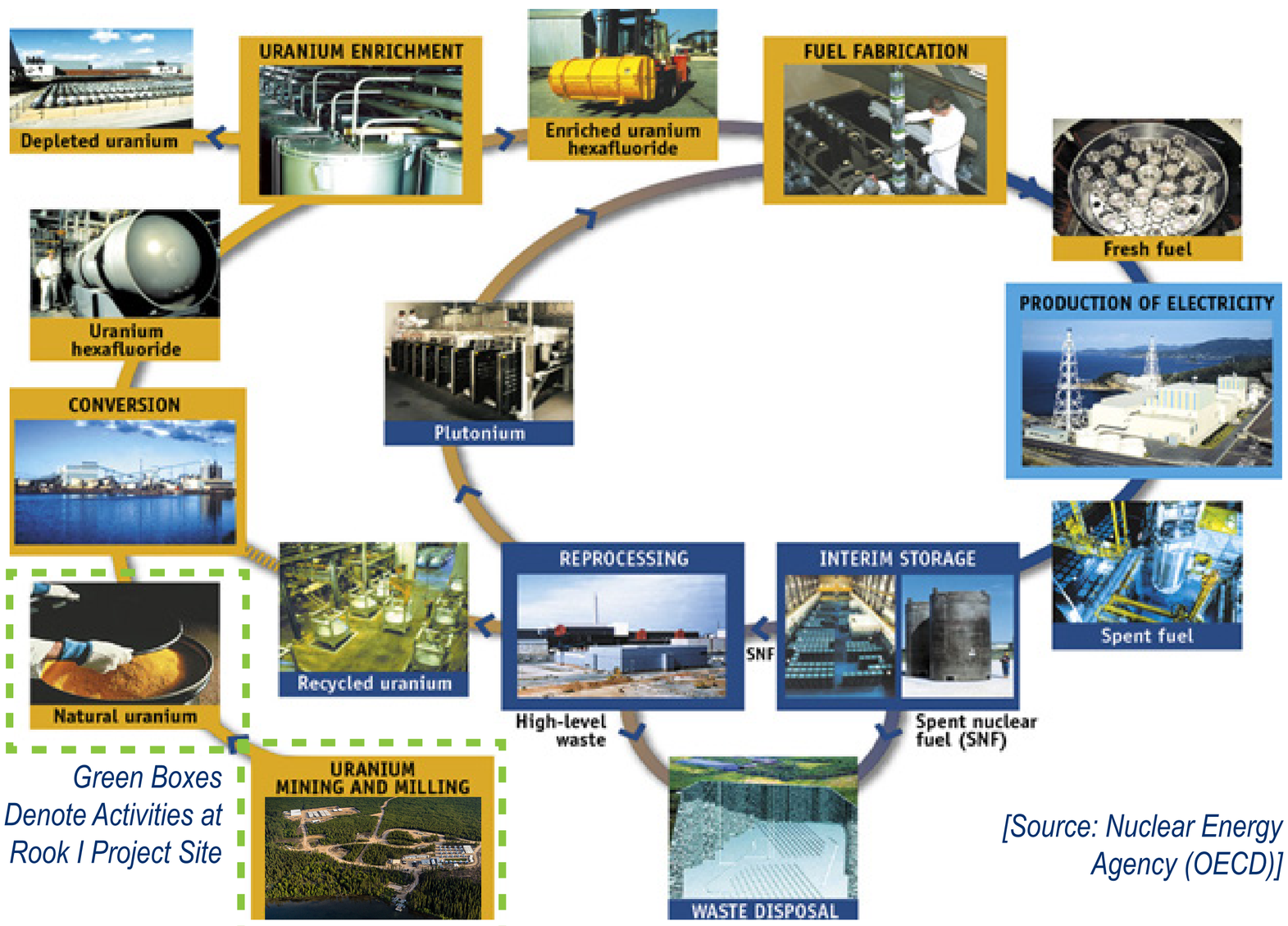
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Uranium

The Mineral

Uranium (U) is a naturally occurring radioactive element that is mined and processed to make fuel for nuclear medicine, nuclear research reactors or power reactors.

- Uranium has an average concentration of 2.8 parts per million in the Earth's crust
- Traces of uranium occur almost everywhere. Uranium is more abundant than gold, silver, or mercury, about the same as tin and slightly less abundant than cobalt, lead, or molybdenum
- Vast amounts of uranium also occur in the world's oceans, but in very low concentrations



Green Boxes Denote Activities at Rook I Project Site

[Source: Nuclear Energy Agency (OECD)]

The Nuclear Fuel Cycle

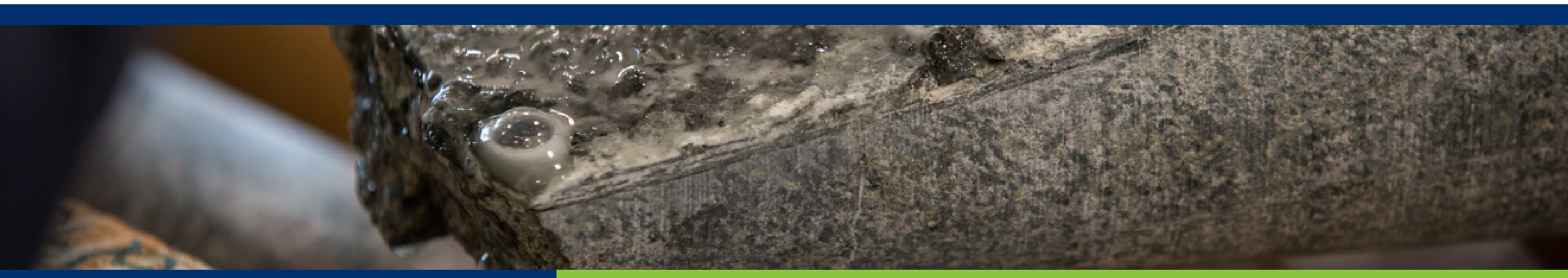
The Need for Uranium

- A significant increase in uranium is needed to support the transition to nuclear energy, which has lower carbon emissions than fossil fuels (Nuclear Energy Agency and the International Atomic Energy Agency, 2020)
- The International Energy Agency forecasts indicate that the global demand for electricity could increase by up to 90% between 2018 and 2040

Uranium in Canada

- Canada is one of the world's largest producers of uranium
- Canadian uranium is only mined and processed to make fuel for nuclear research reactors or power reactors
- The CANDU (Canada Deuterium Uranium) is a Canadian pressurized heavy-water nuclear reactor used to generate electric power

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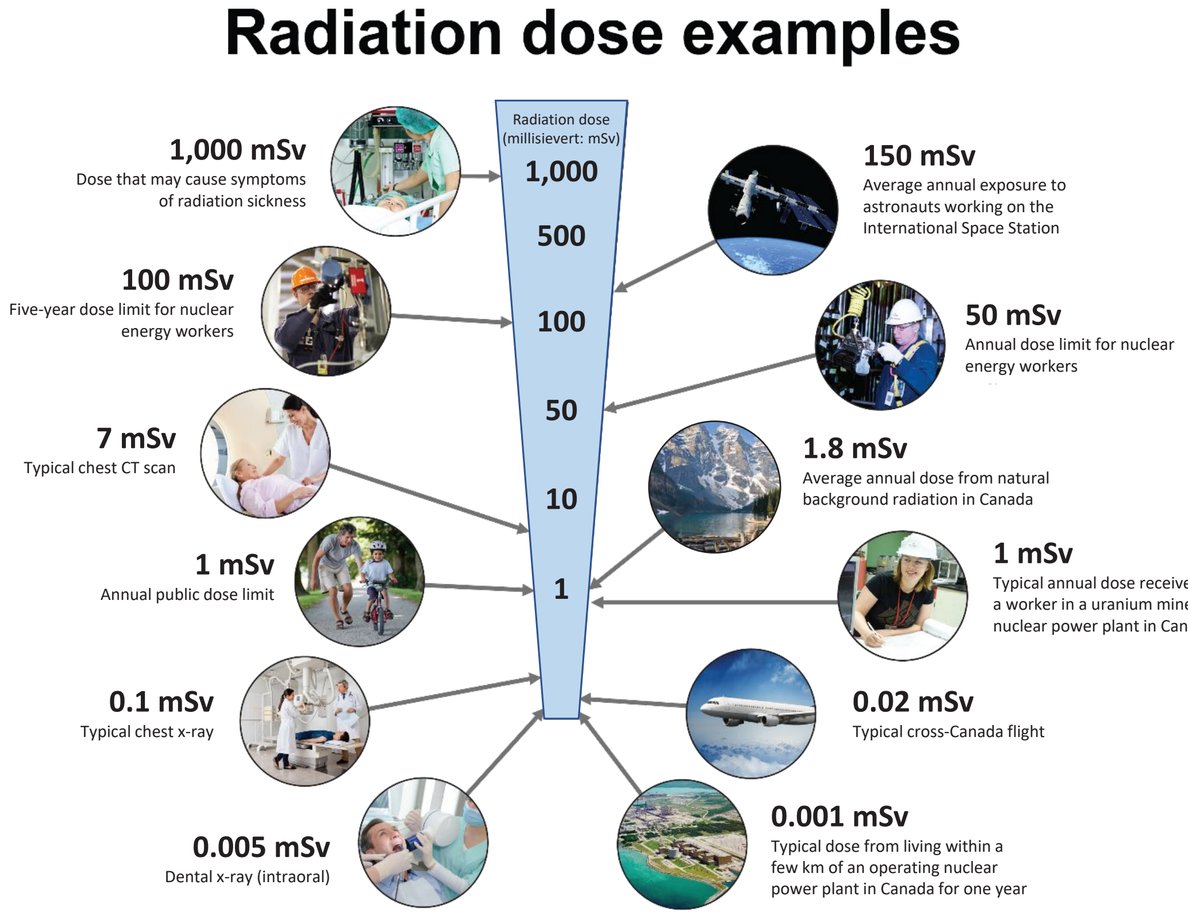
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Uranium Safety

Radiation

Radiation is energy in the form of moving waves or streams of particles.

- Radioactive materials are present in soil, rocks, the air we breathe, the water we drink, and even in our own bodies
- These sources of natural radiation make up the bulk of the total radiation we are exposed to every day
- We are also exposed to artificial radiation from various sources, such as nuclear medicine and commercial products like smoke detectors
- The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and the Province of Saskatchewan set radiation dose limits for nuclear energy workers and the public to protect human health and safety



Comparison of Radiation Doses [Source: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission]

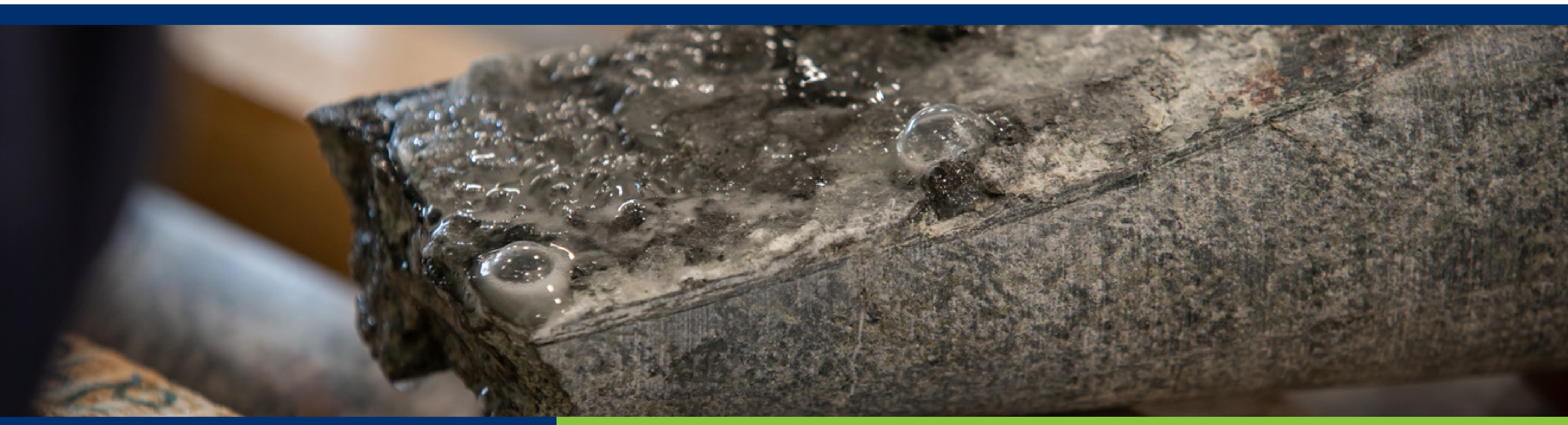
Radon Gas

Radon is a gas produced by the natural decay of uranium.

- Naturally occurring radon gas is released into the air when uranium ore is mined and, to a lesser extent, during the production of uranium fuel for nuclear power plants
- The CNSC ensures that the air quality in a uranium mine is controlled with good ventilation to reduce long-term exposure to elevated levels of radon
- The CNSC regulates radon in Canada's nuclear facilities to protect workers, members of the public, and the environment; the lung cancer risk for today's uranium mining and processing workers is the same as that for the general Canadian public
- Presently, worker exposures to radon in the uranium mining and processing industry are as low as, or only slightly greater than, public exposure from natural radon
- Radon exposure to members of the public from CNSC-regulated activities is virtually zero
- Studies have shown that uranium mining and milling activities do not increase radon levels above background levels away from the mine site

(Source: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, Fact Sheet - Radon in Canada's Uranium Industry.)

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Regulatory Process

Transparent - Thorough - Inclusive

Uranium and nuclear projects in Saskatchewan are subject to both federal and provincial environmental assessment (EA) processes, and also require federal and provincial licenses, approvals, and permits.

Engagement with local Indigenous Groups and communities has been ongoing since 2013 and studies to understand the existing conditions at the site and in the surrounding area have been ongoing since 2015, with specific focus on air, water, land, and wildlife.

The EA process formally commenced on May 2, 2019 following federal and provincial acceptance of the Rook I Project Description submitted by NexGen. At that time, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (ENV) confirmed that an EA would be required under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act,* 2012 (federal) and *The Environmental Assessment Act* (provincial).

NexGen has now submitted an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), or EA application, to both the CNSC and ENV.

- The EIS is currently under review and will be made available to Indigenous Groups, stakeholders, and the public for review and comment

In addition to comments received during the public review of the EIS, meaningful engagement with Indigenous Groups and local communities will continue to be an important part of the EA process.

The CNSC and ENV will conduct a cooperative (harmonized) provincial-federal EA review process. Although the EA is anticipated to be conducted through this cooperative process, separate requirements still apply and must be satisfied with respect to the acts, regulations, and guidelines in place for each jurisdiction.

- Feedback from Indigenous Groups and community members can be provided directly to any of the CNSC, ENV, and NexGen through the EA process

Both the CNSC and the ENV are life cycle regulators and will oversee the Project through Construction, Operations, and Closure (Decommissioning and Reclamation). The ongoing EA and licensing processes are the first of many regulatory applications under this life-cycle regulatory oversight approach.

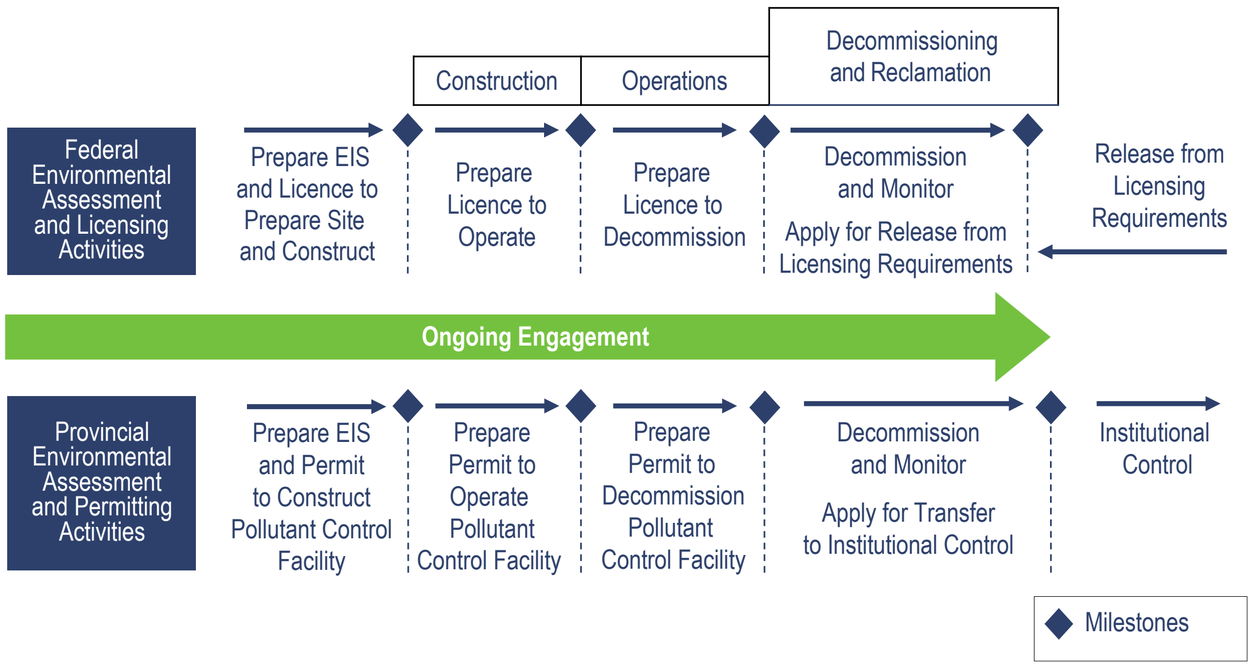
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Life of Mine

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The Rook I Project will include the construction, operation, and closure (decommissioning and reclamation) of the mine and mill facilities.



NexGen Rook I Project Timeline

Construction (~4 years)

- Land clearing, site preparation, and construction of facilities and infrastructure
- Underground shaft/mine development
- Access road and site road upgrades
- Transportation of personnel and materials to and from the site
- Employment and contracting
- Infrastructure development (e.g., roads, airstrip, camp, maintenance shop, offices)

Operations (~24 years)

- Mining and processing operations
- Underground tailings deposition
- Waste rock, special waste rock, and ore management
- Water management and treated effluent discharge
- Transportation of personnel and materials to and from the site

Decommissioning and Reclamation (~15 years)

- Active Closure Stage (~5 years):
  - Backfilling mine workings
  - Removal of physical infrastructure
  - Recontouring and revegetating disturbed areas
  - Waste disposal or removal
  - Water management and treated effluent discharge (if required)
  - Any other activities deemed necessary to achieve decommissioning objectives and return the site to a safe and stable condition prior to the Transitional Monitoring Stage
- Transitional Monitoring Stage (~10 years*):
  - Environmental monitoring against performance criteria
  - Once performance criteria have been fully demonstrated, an application to be released from the CNSC licence will be submitted to the CNSC
  - Upon approval, the land will be transferred back under provincial management through the Institutional Control Program, and continue to be monitored by that Program

**Nominally 10 years; however, is dependent on the achievement of performance criteria.*



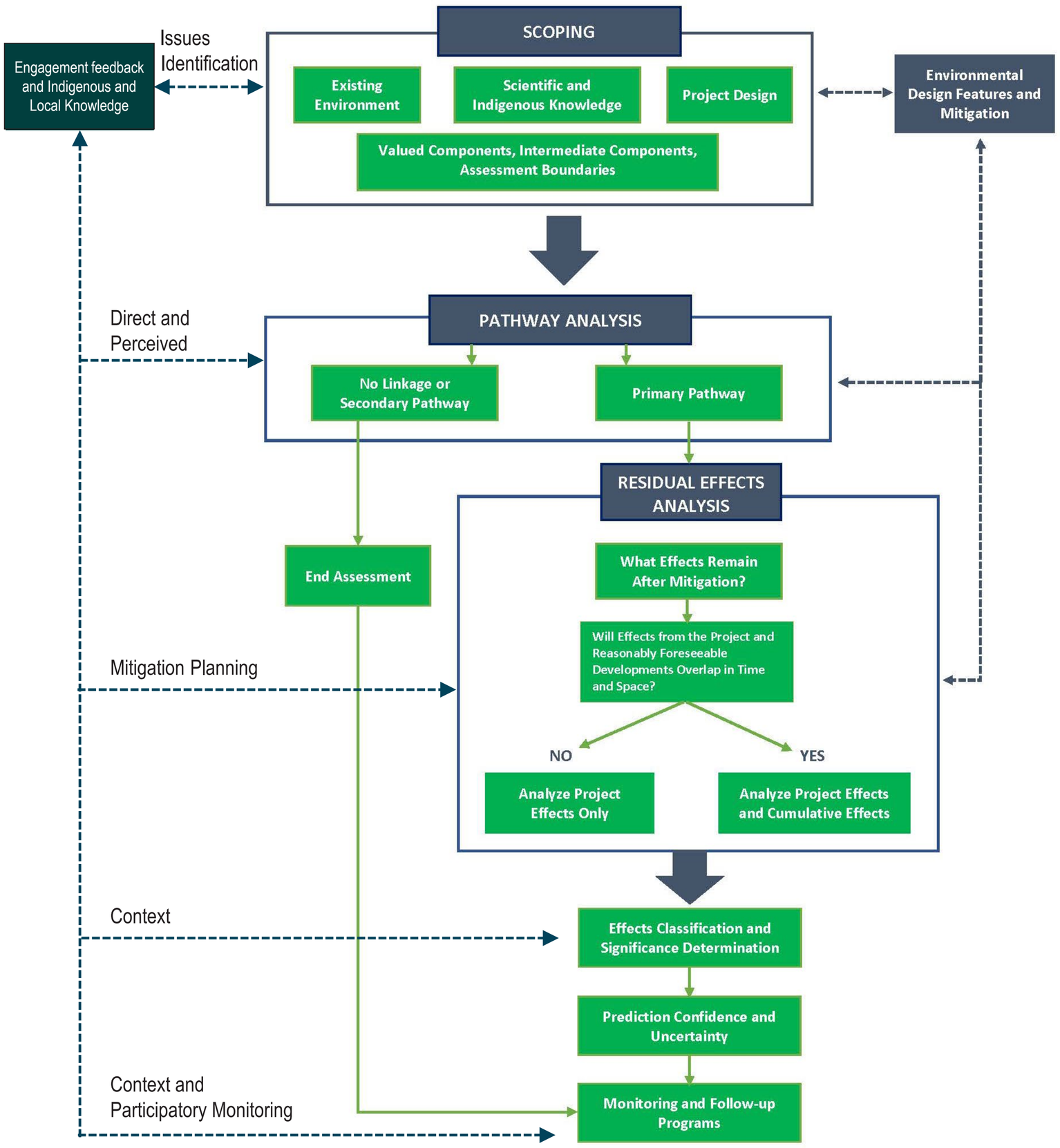
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Environmental Assessment Methods

The environmental assessment (EA) will be used to understand the potential environmental and social effects of the Project.

The EA will also be used as a planning tool that will enhance the potential benefits while safeguarding both the community and environment.

Input from Indigenous Groups, community members, regulators, and other stakeholders will be important to help facilitate a high-quality EA.



Environmental Assessment Process

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EA

Environmental Assessment Process - Master Linkage Diagram

ATMOSPHERE

WATER

LAND

PEOPLE

Air Quality
Section 7.2

Noise
Section 7.3

Climate Change
Section 7.4

Hydrogeology
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Hydrology
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Surface Water Quality
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Sediment Quality
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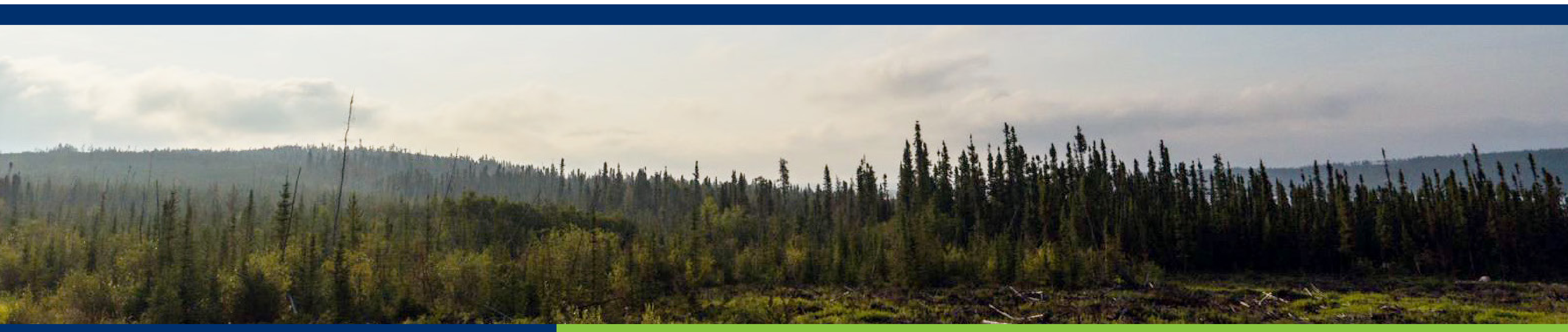
Economy
Section 18

Community Well-being
Section 19

Legend

- Valued components
- Intermediate components
- Linkages between intermediate components and valued components.

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Air

Air Quality

Existing conditions

Existing atmospheric conditions do not exceed Saskatchewan Ambient Air Quality Standards (SAAQS) except for 24-hour particulate matter less than 2.5 µm ($PM_{2.5}$) and particulate matter less than 10 µm (PM_{10}).

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were completed to describe the existing atmospheric conditions in the Rook I Project's local and regional area, including:

- **Air quality** – included measuring levels of radon, particulate matter (solid and liquid droplets in the air), carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and sulfur dioxide
- **Climate** – weather conditions averaged over long periods of time
- **Meteorology** – factors that affect weather such as temperature, humidity, precipitation, and wind speed and direction

How did we assess the effects?

Air quality was assessed using the AERMOD Gaussian Dispersion Model to determine the Project emissions for:

- Ambient air concentrations that have applicable provincial or federal air quality criteria
- Suphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide
- Greenhouse gases

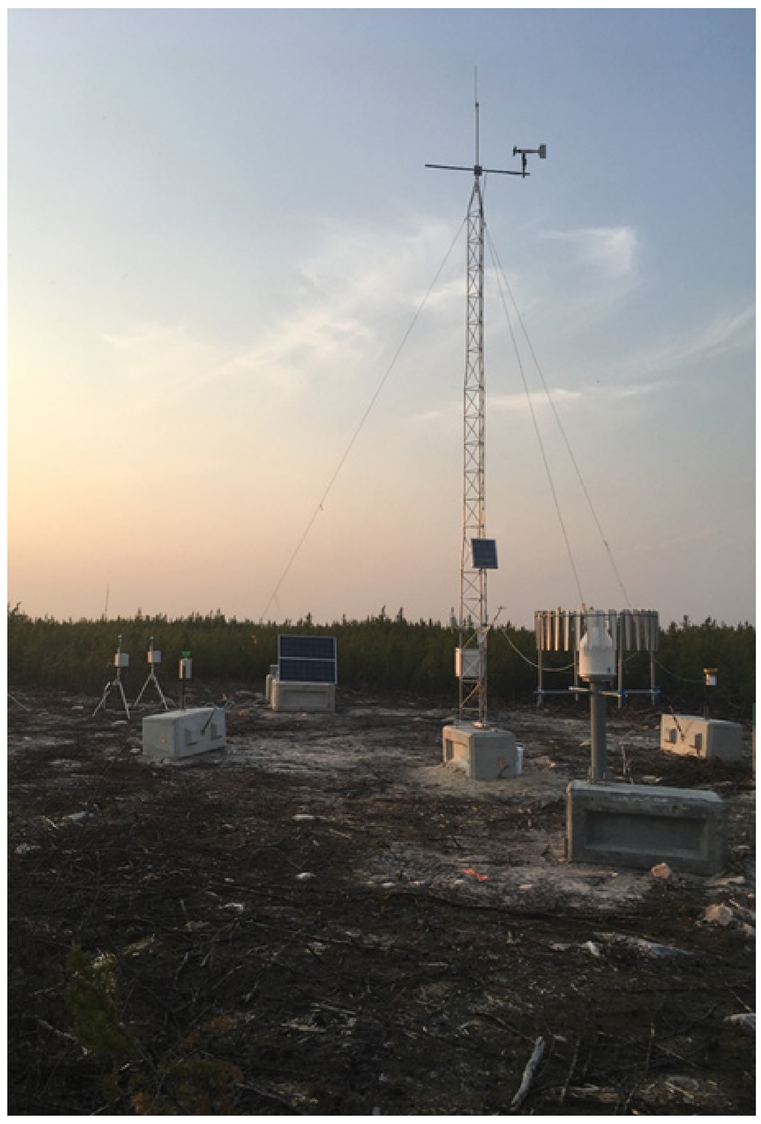
What are we doing?

Reducing potential effects to air quality was a focus during Project design:

- Liquified natural gas was selected as the primary fuel source for power generation, which produces less emissions than diesel
- Existing site roads will be upgraded and maintained to reduce dust from increased site traffic, and water and other dust suppressants will be used during dry conditions

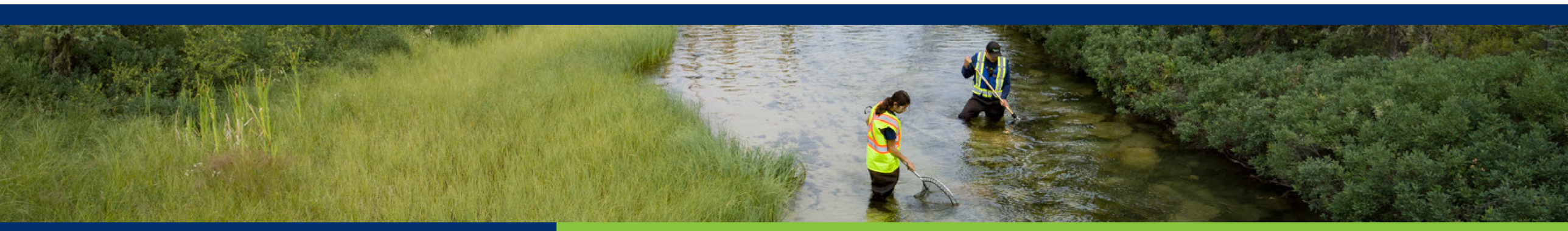
The results

- Air quality will reflect detectable changes from existing conditions; however, most of the criteria air contaminants (CACs) are predicted to remain compliant with provincial guidelines through all phases of the Project



- Short-term concentrations of PM_{10} and total suspended particulate are projected to be above provincial guidelines but exceedance frequencies would be low and localized to the maximum disturbance area
- Duration of effect of CACs is limited to the period when emissions are being released, and would cease once Project activities are complete

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Water

Hydrology

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were conducted to understand:

- The speed and direction of currents within Patterson Lake
- How water flowing out of Patterson Lake mixes within Forrest Lake
- Water levels, water flow, and sediment conditions within the lakes and rivers that could be affected by the Rook I Project

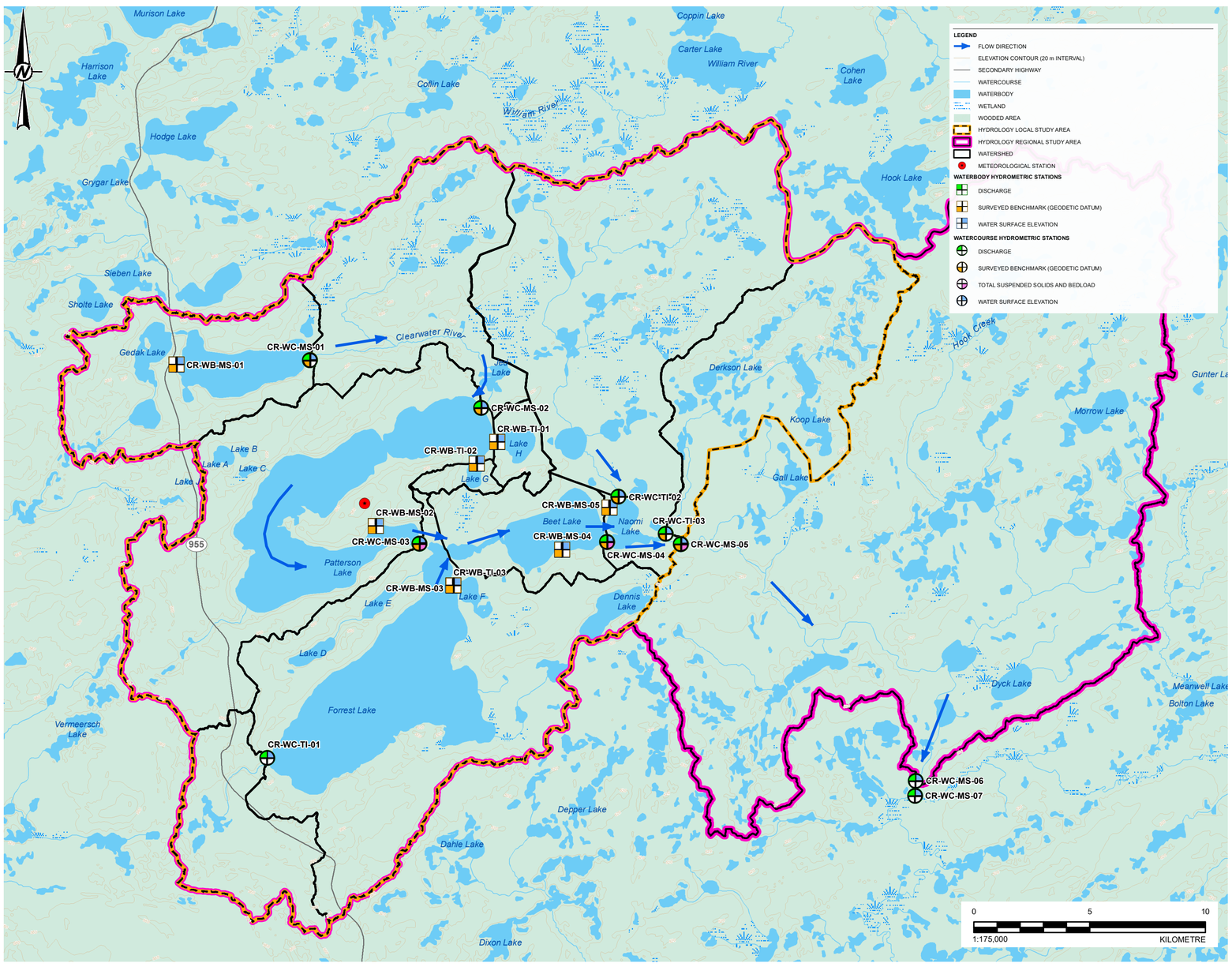
What did the studies tell us?

The studies provided information on water levels and water flows within Patterson Lake and the Clearwater River watershed.

Patterson Lake is 'U-shaped' and has three main basins. The lake has a maximum depth of 52.7 meters.

The Clearwater River is the main inflow to and outflow from Patterson Lake.

Water leaving Patterson Lake has little mixing with nearby Forrest Lake.



Monitoring Locations Used for Hydrology Assessment

How did we assess the effects?

The hydrological assessment focused on how the Project may affect:

- Waterbody water surface elevation (water depth)
- Watercourse flow rates
- Stream channel parameters (such as water depth, wetted area, width)
- Transport of sediment along streams and rivers

The results

Net discharge of water to Patterson Lake:

- Small, but undetectable, increases in waterbody water surface elevations and changes would diminish downstream of Patterson Lake

Flow rates and water surface elevations (Clearwater River):

- Clearwater River water surface elevations and flow rates are predicted to remain within the range of natural seasonal and annual variability
- Changes are likely to be undetectable



Water

Surface Water Quality

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were conducted to determine the current water quality in Patterson Lake, multiple surrounding lakes, and through the Clearwater River system.

What did the studies tell us?

The water quality conditions for 18 surface water bodies was measured between 2015 and 2020. The water is generally clear with low suspended solids. Water is typically saturated with dissolved oxygen. Surface waters are low in dissolved solids (major ions) with the dominant ions being calcium and sulphate. Nutrient concentrations were low. Total metals were generally below quality threshold levels.

How did we assess the effects?

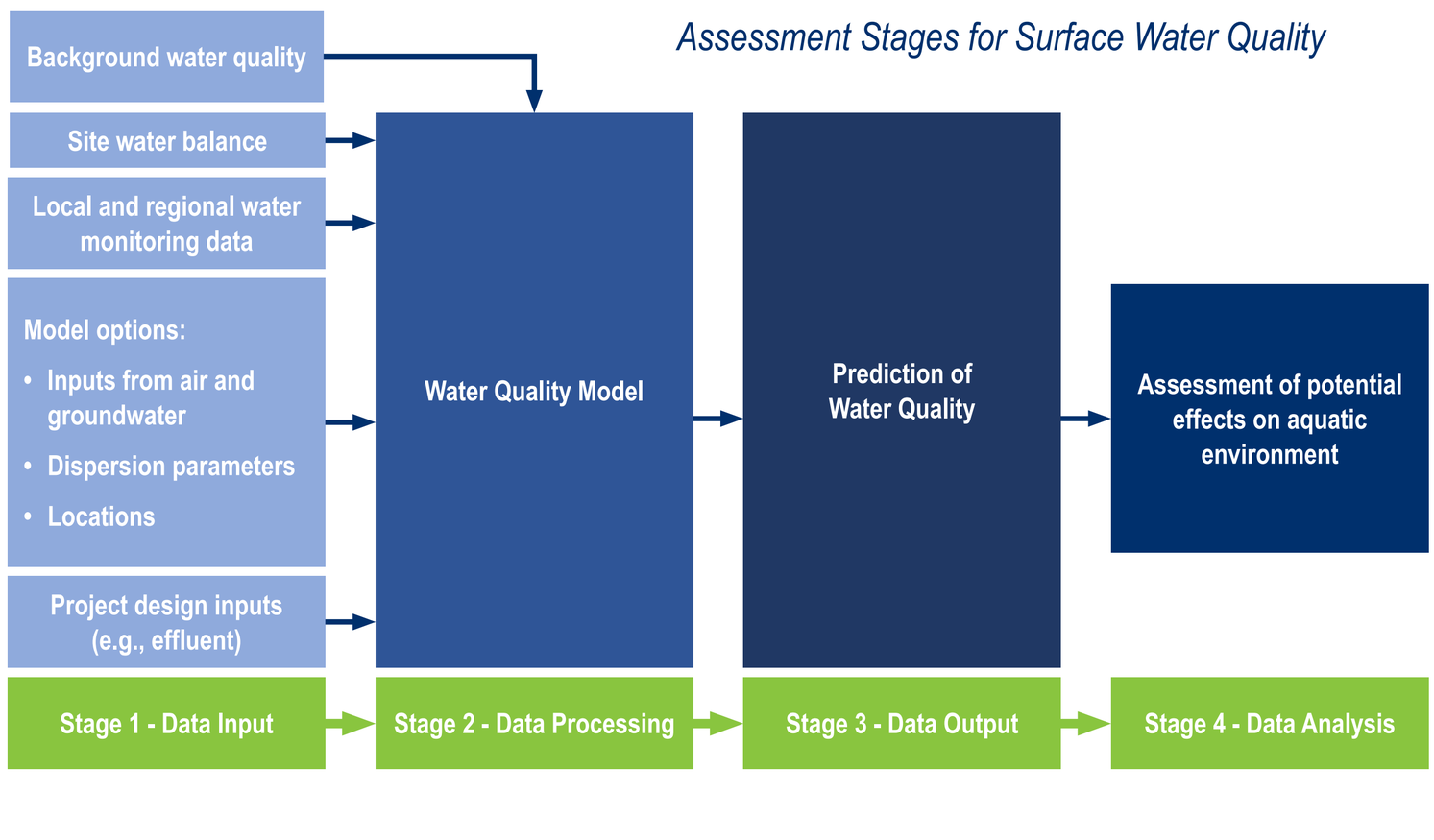
The predicted water quality from the mine activities (effluent quality), and how the effluent from the site will mix with the water in the lakes and rivers were assessed, including:

- Water quality parameters such as temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and conductivity
- Concentration of major ions, suspended solids, nutrients, metals, and radionuclides

The assessment included modelling to predict:

- How treated effluent would mix with lake water near the discharge points in Patterson Lake
- Water quality within Patterson Lake as a whole, as well as other regional lakes

Assessment Stages for Surface Water Quality



The results

- During the Project lifespan, overall constituent concentrations would increase locally but would not have threshold exceedances during Construction or Operations
- Over time, a migration of metals and radionuclides from the waste rock storage areas and underground tailings to the environment is expected to occur. Only cobalt and copper were predicted to exceed water quality thresholds in the far future. NexGen would implement an adaptive management plan during Operations to minimize effects in the far future (e.g., 400 years)



Water

Fish and Fish Habitat

A focus of the EA

Baseline surveys for fish and fish habitat were completed in 2018 and 2019 in Patterson Lake as well as other lakes and rivers in the area. Information on fish habitat types (including nursery, rearing, overwintering, and others), habitat suitability, chemistry (fish tissues, sediment, and aquatic plants), and fish community composition was collected. Baseline studies also collected information on plankton (water organisms) and benthic invertebrates (water organisms with no backbone).



School of Fish in Creek Below Broach Lake

What did the studies tell us?

The baseline studies provided information on the fish and fish habitat in the area of the Rook I Project as well as the amount and distribution of habitat types.

Surveys detected northern pike, lake whitefish, longnose sucker, walleye, perch, and lake trout. The concentration of metals, trace elements, and radionuclides in northern pike and lake whitefish tissues were low. Spawning habitat types preferred by walleye, lake whitefish, and lake trout (like sand and gravel) was more common in the study area than for northern pike. A diversity of benthic invertebrates was detected with the most common type being midge larvae (Chrironomidae).

How did we assess the effects?

The assessment for fish and fish habitat included determining the effects of the Project on fish habitat availability, distribution, and survival and reproduction (health) for key fish species.

The results

- **Habitat availability:** Limited potential for changes in habitat availability due to exposure to predicted copper concentrations in Patterson Lake after Closure and in the far future. Copper concentrations are unlikely to result in population and/or community-level effects on lower trophic organisms or forage fish, nor for overall fish and fish habitat
- **Habitat distribution:** No adverse effects on fish habitat distribution are predicted to occur
- **Survival and reproduction:** Effects on the health of fish and survival and reproduction are not expected for predator fish (e.g., lake trout, walleye, northern pike) and are unlikely for forage fish (e.g., lake whitefish)



Land

Vegetation

A focus of the EA

Vegetation surveys were conducted to take vegetation inventories, detect rare plants, characterize wetlands, and determine existing chemical element and radionuclide concentrations. Fire disturbances, human-influenced features, and ecosites were also mapped. Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies prepared by Indigenous Groups identified traditionally used plant species that will be included in the assessment.

What did the studies tell us?

The local area is predominately upland ecosystem (Jack pine is common), much of which has been burned in the past 40 years. Regenerating forested areas are common.

Wetlands are present within the local area with shrubby bogs and treed bogs being the most common types.

Human-influenced features include access roads, trails, and clearings, but represent only a small proportion of the landscape.

No federally listed vascular plants were detected within the study area.

Traditionally used plant species detected during baseline surveys included species such as birch, blueberry, cloudberry, cranberry, jack pine, kinnikinnick, spruce, mosses, and Labrador tea, among others.

How did we assess the effects?

The potential effects of the Project to ecosystems and traditional use plants were evaluated:

- For ecosystems, ecosystem availability, distribution, and condition were assessed
- For traditional use plants, habitat availability and habitat distribution were assessed



Labrador Tea near the Rook I Project Area

The results

The overall condition of ecosystems and traditional use plants will be maintained outside the Project maximum disturbance area.

- **Upland ecosystems:** Low magnitude loss in the upland ecosystem availability (approximately 1.2% of the regional study area [RSA])
- **Wetland ecosystems:** Low magnitude loss in wetland ecosystem availability (less than 0.1% of the RSA)
- **Riparian ecosystems:** Low magnitude loss in riparian ecosystem availability (0.4% of the RSA)
- **Traditional use plants:** Loss of about 282 ha of traditional use plant habitat (1.1% of the RSA)

All ecosystem and habitat losses occur within the Project maximum disturbance boundary.



Land

Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were conducted to determine the use of the area of the Project by wildlife. Vegetation surveys were conducted to determine the distribution of wildlife habitat.

What did the studies tell us?

The baseline studies provided information on the birds and mammals in the area of the Project as well as the amount and distribution of habitat types.

Surveys completed as part of the baseline studies in the local and regional area detected at least 23 species of mammals (some bat species were grouped) using winter snow tracking, ungulate pellet counts, small mammal trapping, semi-aquatic furbearer surveys, and trail cameras. Examples of detected species include: beaver, black bear, deer, fisher, lynx, marten, mink, moose, wolf, muskrat, otter, porcupine, rabbit (hare), and weasel.

Birds were surveyed using multiple methods including ARUs (song recorders), breeding bird surveys, and targeted surveys. A total of 95 species of birds were identified in the baseline surveys.



Black Bear Near Rook I Project Site

How did we assess the effects?

The potential effects of the Project to wildlife and wildlife habitat were determined through the assessment of changes to habitat availability, habitat distribution, and animal survival and reproduction (health) for key wildlife species.

The results

- Project effects are not predicted to result in changes to wildlife health or condition
- Wildlife habitat loss, habitat alteration, and sensory disturbance are expected to occur for all Project phases, though the magnitude of loss of suitable wildlife habitat would be less than 1.5% of the regional study area for all species assessed
- Only effects on woodland caribou are predicted to be significant, primarily due to effects on woodland caribou being significant under existing conditions. The Project would reduce woodland caribou habitat by less than 0.1% in SK2 West
- Wildlife habitats will be restored to the extent possible through progressive and final reclamation, and NexGen is committed to implementing a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan that is expected to provide a net increase in functional woodland caribou habitat



Land

Indigenous Land and Resources Use

A focus of the EA

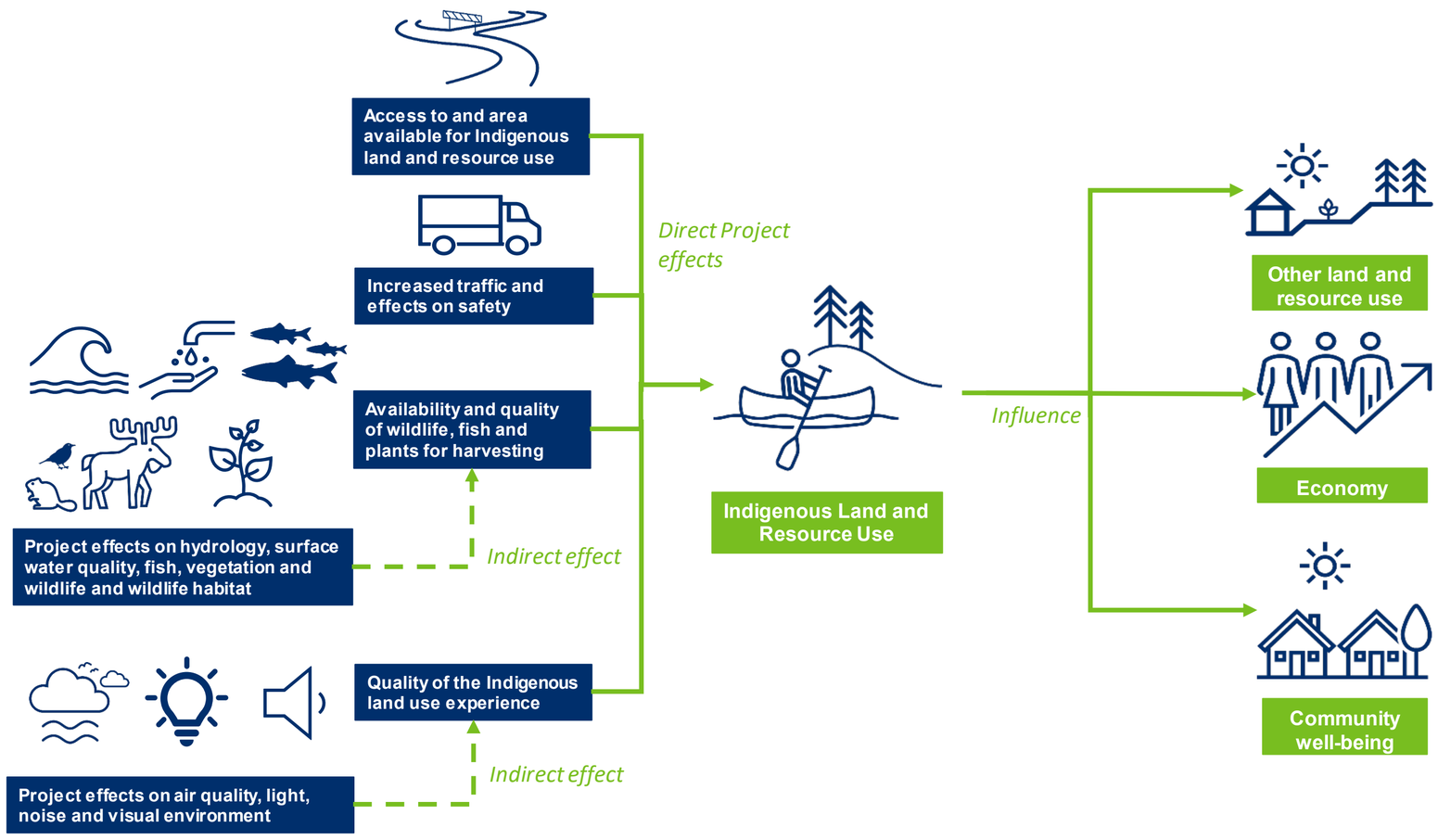
We learned many valuable aspects regarding Indigenous land and resource use through engagement with Indigenous Groups, community information sessions, workshops, interviews, and Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies.

In addition, information from other environmental assessment discipline baselines and assessments was studied to assess how Indigenous land and resource use may be affected by the Project.

What did the studies tell us?

The Project may affect Indigenous land and resource use in the following ways:

- Access restrictions may displace some Indigenous land and resource use practices
- Mining activities may alter the availability of plants, wildlife, and fish
- Sensory disturbances may change the quality of Indigenous land and resource use experience
- Changes to air or water quality may discourage traditional uses near the Project
- Ground disturbance can permanently alter the landscape, changing Indigenous land and resources use
- Awareness of the decommissioned site may change the perceived suitability of the area for Indigenous land and resource use



Pathways to Potential Changes in Indigenous Land and Resource Use

The EA is a process to ensure any potential effects are managed effectively in the interests of those affected.

How did we assess the effects?

The assessment for Indigenous land and resource use determined the effects of the Project with respect to area available for Indigenous land and resource use, quality of resources, and quality of the Indigenous land and resource use experience.

The results

While Indigenous land and resource use activities could change or be displaced to some degree, the activities will be able to continue.

What are we doing?

NexGen has worked with, and will continue to work, with local Indigenous Groups and communities to promote the use of the Patterson Lake traditional use area.

Environmental Committees have been established with local Indigenous Groups to stay actively involved in monitoring of the environmental performance of the Project. Additionally, NexGen has committed to the hiring of independent Indigenous monitors throughout the Project lifespan.

Benefit Agreements with local Indigenous Groups include funding and human resources to support community-related initiatives related to cultural and traditional values.

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People

Transportation Risk Assessment

What we heard

Potential concerns such as transportation of materials through communities and potential environmental effects were frequently noted through the key person interview program.

Highway maps were provided to Joint Working Groups (JWGs) to enable community feedback on areas of concern (environmental, health, and cultural) for accidents and spills.

Feedback from the JWGs indicated locals feel Highway 155 is of poor quality and is a safety issue for local residents.

A focus of the EA

A baseline traffic study was conducted to characterize existing traffic volumes and trends on the secondary highways leading to the Rook I Project site, specifically Highway 155 and Highway 955.

What did the studies tell us?

The study describes the average annual daily traffic, with a focus on truck traffic along Highway 155 and Highway 955.

- The portion of Highway 155 with the highest average annual daily traffic (1,510) is found immediately south of the community of Buffalo Narrows; the portion with the highest average annual daily traffic on Highway 955 is in the town of La Loche (2,000 vehicles)
- Highway 155 had more traffic accidents compared to the Saskatchewan average on provincial highways

The Project access road receives traffic from the Project, Indigenous and non-Indigenous land and resource users, and other commercial operations.

How did we assess the effects?

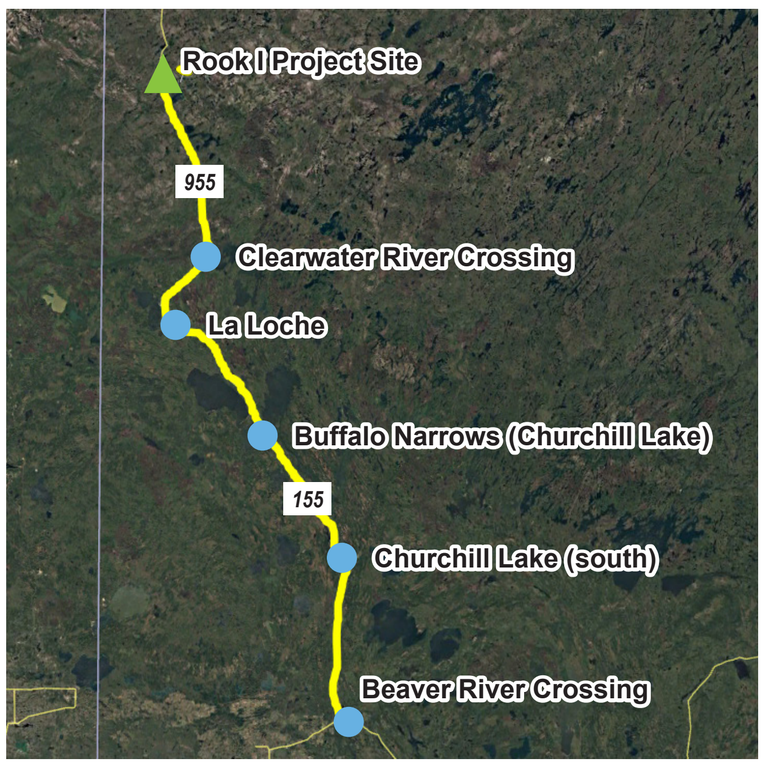
Traffic volumes, incidents and accidents, and road use patterns were assessed to determine the effects of the Project on traffic.

The results

The risks from Project-related transportation activities were deemed to be possible; however, given the proposed safeguards (e.g., driver training, speed limits, adjusting speed according to conditions, spill and emergency response planning, pedestrian and cyclist priority on roadways), risks were assessed to be reduced to as low as reasonably possible.

What are we doing?

Maintenance of public roadways is the responsibility of the Government of Saskatchewan and NexGen is working with local communities, government representatives, and the regional planning committee to make sure that community concerns are heard, and Project needs met.



Access to the Rook I Project Site via Highways 155 and 955

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People

Human Health

A focus of the EA

Information was collected on the various ways in which people could be exposed to contaminants (also known as exposure pathways). For example, people may be exposed to changes in air quality, soil, surface water, plants, fish, and wildlife resulting from the Rook I Project.

- What contaminants may be emitted in water and air (e.g., metals, radionuclides)
- How the contaminants could potentially be released (e.g., from treated effluent)
- How the contaminants could potentially reach a receptor (ecological or human) (e.g., drinking the water, breathing the air, eating food)
- Where the receptors may potentially come into contact with the contaminants
- How long a receptor may be exposed (duration and frequency)

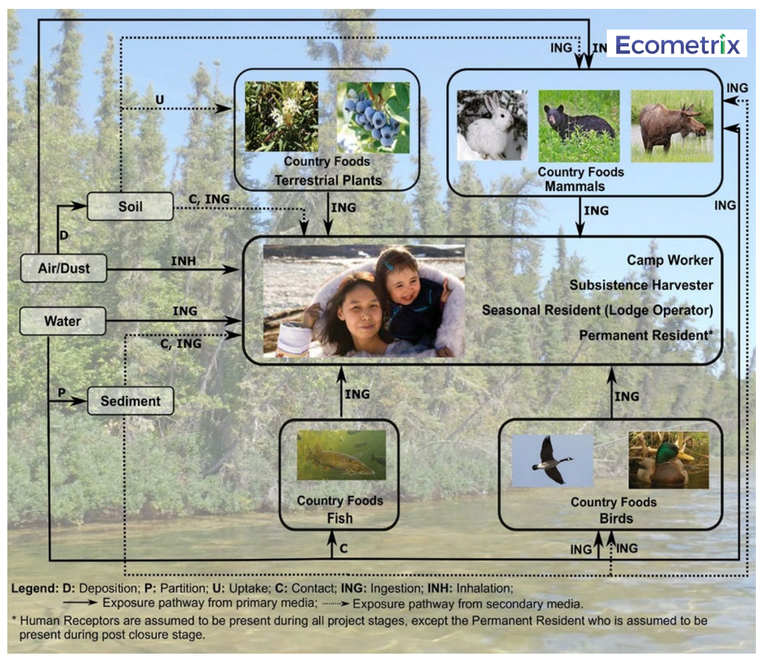
How did we assess the effects?

The human health assessment used the IMPACT Contaminant Transport and Pathways Model to predict effects to people resulting from exposures to non-cancer-causing substances, cancer-causing substances, and radiation dose.

The results

The evaluation of effects showed the following:

- No significant adverse effects to humans are likely as a result of non-carcinogenic (i.e., non-cancer causing) releases from the Project
- Low to very low predicted incremental cancer risks (average cancer risk in Canada is 50,000 in 100,000, the additional cancer risk from the Project would be 4 in 100,000). This prediction onsidered the high levels of Traditional Food consumption by community members
- No discernable health effects are anticipated from radiation exposure



Potential Exposure Pathways.
Source: Ecometrix

- No effects due to exposure to radon are anticipated

The results of the human health assessment indicate that the proposed Project design and controls are protective of human health throughout the Project lifespan.

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Economy

Local community members are interested in employment, training and business for community members with an emphasis on hiring.

A focus of the EA

A socio-economic baseline was conducted to examine the traditional and wage economies, including government transfers. Inputs were sought from Joint Working Groups (JWGs) to better understand the importance of the traditional econom, and the relationship between the traditional and wage economies for families and communities.

The results

Employment: Increased employment opportunities for local residents. During Construction, the peak workforce is expected to be approximately 350 workers and during Operations, the peak employment is expected to include approximately 490 positions. Local, provincial, and national indirect and induced employment benefits are also anticipated.

Income: Increased income opportunities for local residents. Construction labour costs are expected to make up approximately $384 million and Operations direct labour spending is estimated to be approximately $55 million during a typical operating year.

Broader Economic Benefits: Benefits through the payment of royalties to the governments of Saskatchewan and Canada, estimated at $288.5 million for Saskatchewan and $103.9 million for Canada in a typical operating year.

Enhancement Measures: Commitments made in Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Groups and programs developed jointly between NexGen and the local communities could further enhance income opportunities for local residents.

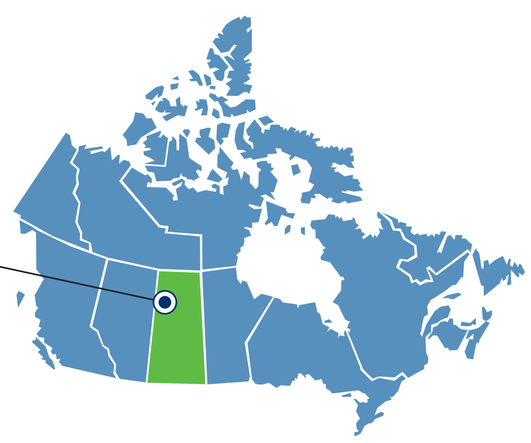
Forecasted Positions

High School	Trades/Diploma	University
Underground Miners	Surveyors	Geologists
Heavy Equipment Operators	Geological Technicians	Engineers
Mill Operators	Environment Technicians	Environmental Scientists
Warehouse Person	Laboratory Technicians	Radiation Specialists
Custodians	Mechanics	IT Specialists
	Electricians	HR Specialists
	Plumbers	Accountants
	Instrumentation Technicians	Occupational Health Nurse
	Radiation Technicians	
	Office Administrators	
	Health and Safety Administrators	
	Procurement Coordinator	
	Chefs and Bakers	

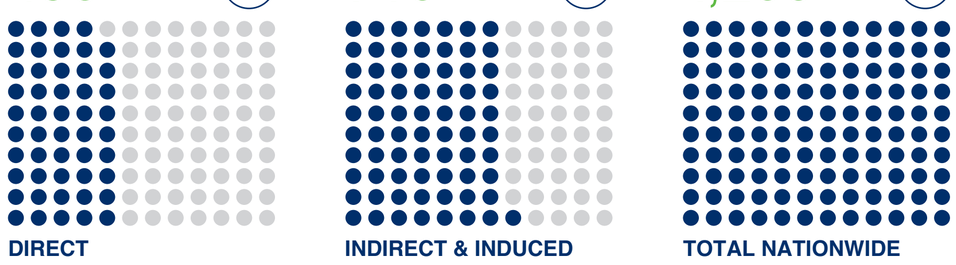
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EA Economy Assessment: Operational Employment Forecast

335 Direct jobs in Saskatchewan



Canada-wide peak employment numbers



(Source: Statistics Canada 2021)

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People

Community Well-being

A focus of the EA

Interviews were completed with community leadership, business owners, health services providers, RCMP, social and family service providers, and educators in the local communities to understand the current sense of well-being for each community and how it can be affected. Publicly available data and statistics were also collected and analysed to help understand current conditions in communities.

What did the studies tell us?

The interviews and information collected to date have provided community-specific information on well-being from a variety of viewpoints.

How did we assess the effects?

The potential effects on community well-being were assessed by evaluating the following social determinants of health:

- Societal and Cultural Well-Being (e.g., demographics, culture)
- Health Well-Being (e.g., health infrastructure, health services)
- Neighbourhood and Physical Environment Well-Being (e.g., recreation, planning)
- Educational Well-Being (e.g., education, training)
- Economic Well-Being (e.g., employment, business opportunities)

The results

When considering the benefits and potential adverse effects of the Project together, it is likely that local communities will experience a positive overall effect on community well-being.

Key benefits

- Increased income and community revenue
- Provision of revenue through the Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Groups
- Increased educational and training opportunities

Potential adverse effects

- Local loss of cultural continuity, including transmission of knowledge, related to areas around Patterson Lake that are not accessible during the Project lifespan
- The worker rotation system is expected to place increased stress on some family dynamics
- Increased demands in local communities for mental health services

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Community

Engagement

Public Review Period for Rook I Project Description

Indigenous and Local Knowledge and feedback on the Rook I Project Description was received from the Clearwater River Dene Nation, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 (Clearwater Clear Lake), Ya'thi Néné Land and Resource Office, and Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation.

Study Agreements

Individual Study Agreements were signed with:

- Clearwater River Dene Nation
- Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (including on behalf of Locals within Clearwater Clear Lake)
- Birch Narrows Dene Nation
- Buffalo River Dene Nation

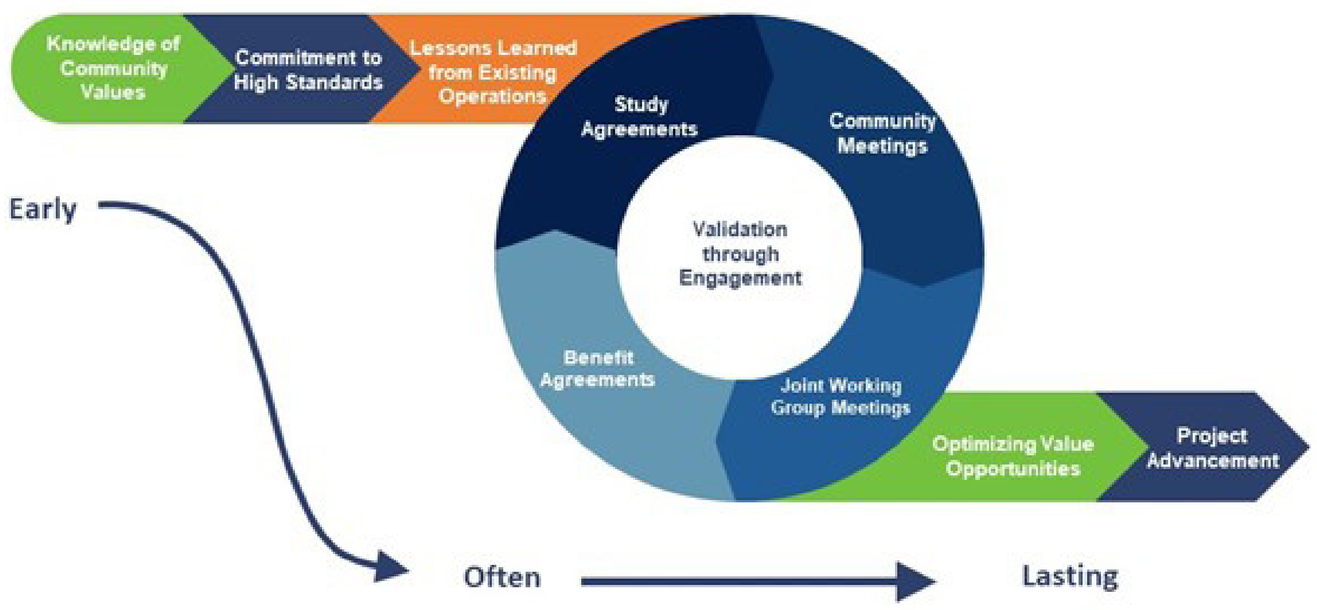
The purpose of the Study Agreements is to define a framework to work collaboratively through the environmental assessment (EA) process, including the provision of financial capacity for Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies, establish Joint Working Groups (JWGs) for each Indigenous Group to engage with NexGen on the Project EA, and participate in reviews of technical information.

Traditional Land Use Studies

To better understand land use in the area of the Project, NexGen provided the funds necessary to allow Indigenous Groups to undertake self-directed Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies.

Other Engagement Initiatives

- NexGen has a dedicated community-based Project Liaison Manager in La Loche; this individual works out of our La Loche office and is accessible for all community members
- In addition to topics discussed through the JWGs, breakout sessions have been held with JWGs where additional information has been requested for topics of particular interest to communities
- NexGen has signed three Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Groups and is negotiating a Benefit Agreement with a fourth Indigenous Group
- For information and updates on the Project, please visit https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca/





Community

Joint Working Groups

The Joint Working Groups (JWGs) were formed through the Study Agreements established with each primary Indigenous Group and have been implemented as the agreed-upon engagement pathway for the advancement of the environmental assessment (EA). JWG Members consist of NexGen staff and Indigenous Groups. Indigenous Group Leadership selected their JWG participants with consideration for diverse representation, including Elders, youth, men and women, business owners, and traditional land users in the Patterson Lake area.

The JWGs represent an important engagement platform to allow for ongoing collaboration on elements of the Rook I Project, and to enable the incorporation of community members' views and Indigenous and Local Knowledge into the Project, where applicable.

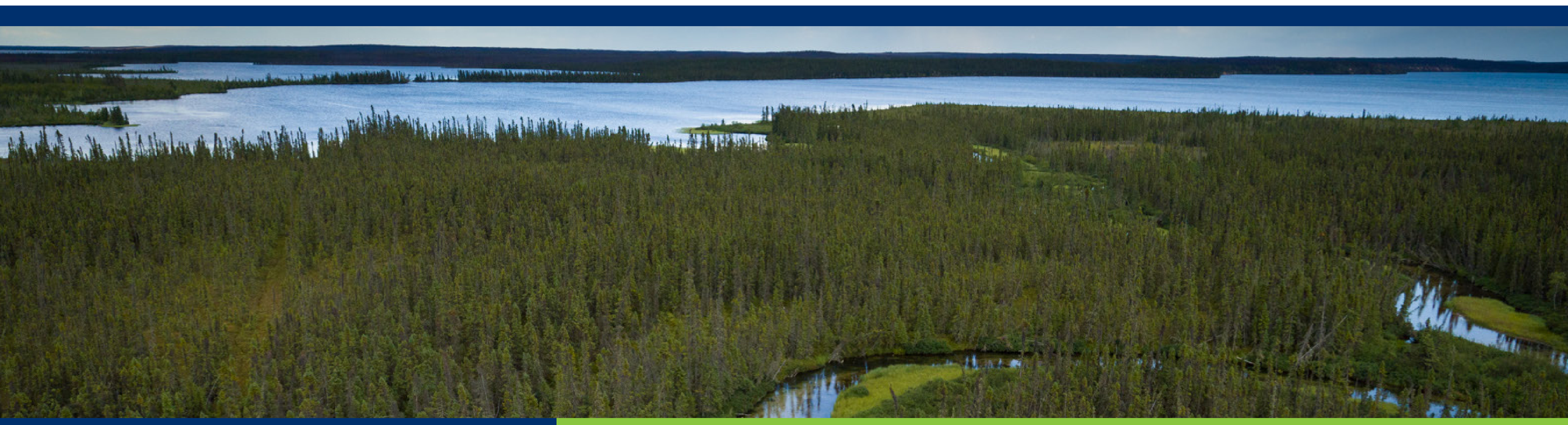
The four JWGs are:

- Clearwater River Dene Nation JWG
- Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 (Clearwater Clear Lake) JWG
- Birch Narrows Dene Nation JWG
- Buffalo River Dene Nation JWG

The JWGs help facilitate collaboration between Indigenous communities and NexGen to ensure Indigenous views and knowledge are considered in relation to the Project. The JWGs meet routinely (as needed), with a minor disruption in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since 2019 when the JWGs commenced, the following topics have been discussed:

- Project overview
- Outline of environmental assessment (EA) process
- Baseline studies
- Valued components
- Indigenous Group culture and land use shares
- Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies
- Human health risk assessment overview
- Water assessment and management
- EA pathways
- Underground tailings management facility
- Caribou
- Traffic studies
- Surface lease agreement
- Socio-economic assessment
- Community well-being
- Traditional and wage economies
- Employment, business, and training opportunities
- Project update
- Regulatory process update
- Modelling and the EA process
- Project alternatives assessed
- End land use



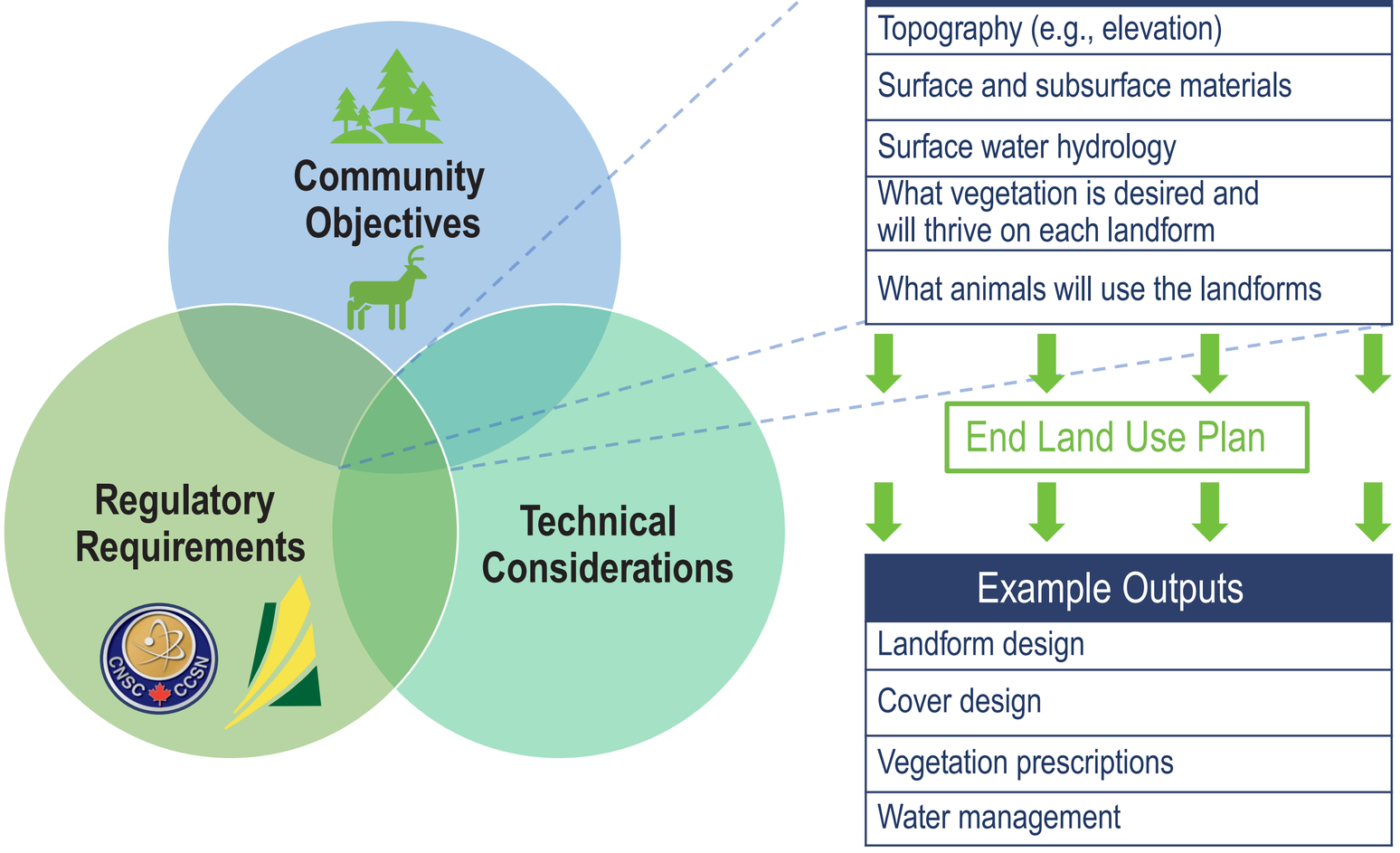
Closure

End Land Use

End Land Use

End Land Use refers to how the Rook I Project site will be used in the future, after decommissioning and reclamation. NexGen's preliminary objective is to reclaim the landscape to allow for unrestricted land use by members of local Indigenous Groups and communities. This objective would be supported through the establishment of functional, self sustaining, locally common ecosystems as soon as practical.

NexGen's End Land Use planning will occur throughout all Project phases and will use the most current information about the Project and surrounding environment.

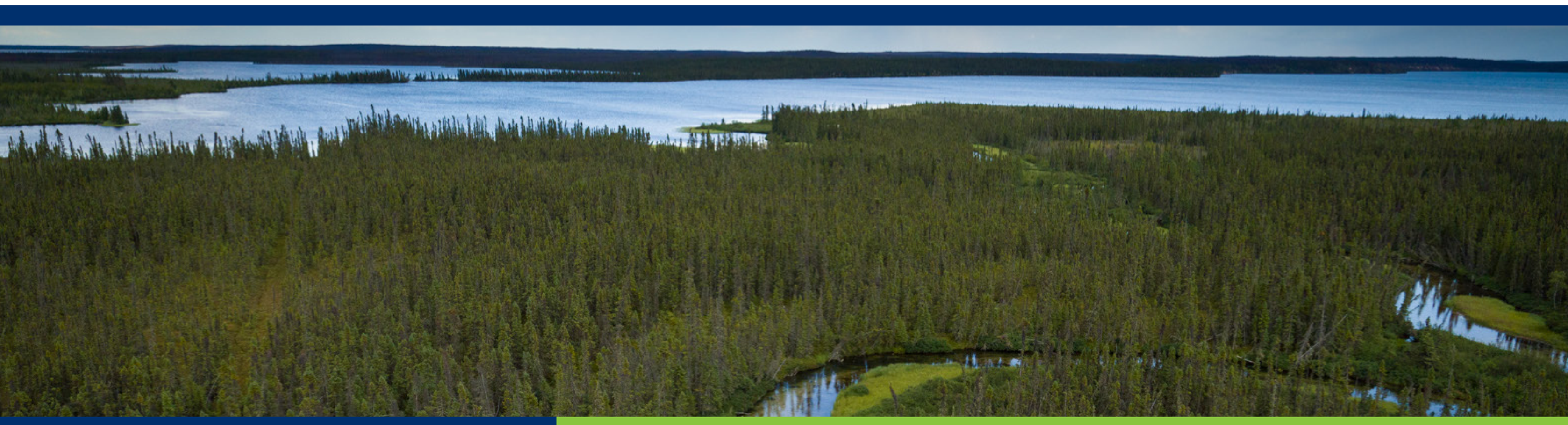


Reclamation Methods

To achieve end land use objectives, the following are commonly used and may be appropriate for the Project:

- Shaping of landforms
- Creating more natural surfaces (e.g., rough, irregular/non-linear)
- Spreading soil that was salvaged prior to construction
- Revegetating
- Assessing site access to enable ecosystem recovery
- Monitoring and adaptive management, as required

We are here to help answer your questions. All questions are important.



Closure

Environmental Protection and Monitoring

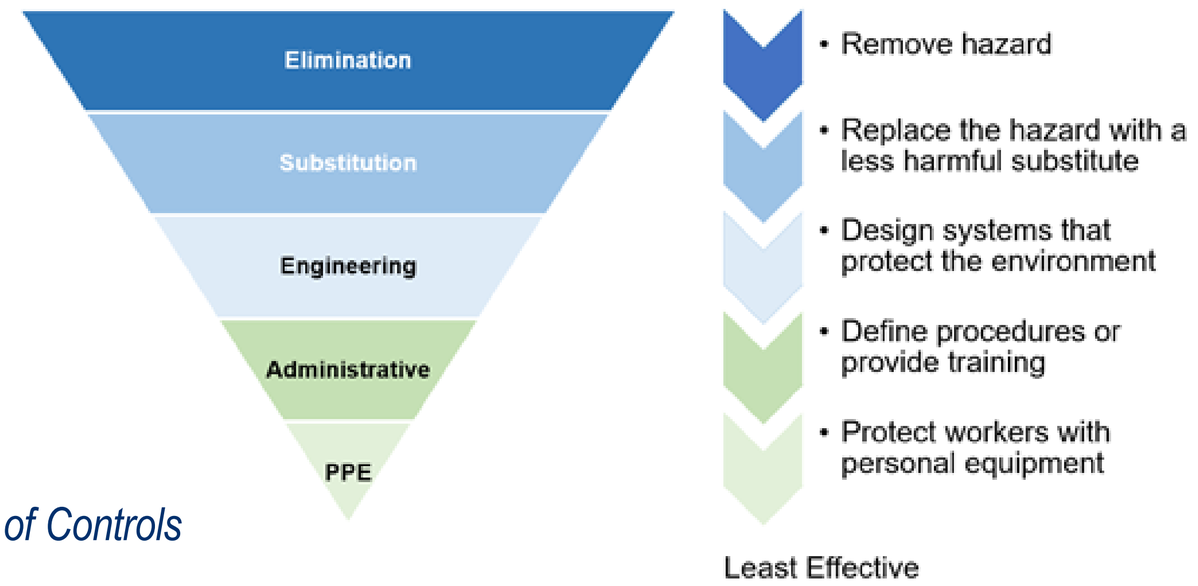
Environmental Protection

NexGen recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving the environment and biodiversity throughout the Rook I Project lifespan and for future generations. NexGen is minimizing impacts on the environment and biodiversity from Project facilities, activities, and processes by adopting a comprehensive approach to environmental protection. This includes the consideration and incorporation of Indigenous and Local Knowledge.

Environmental Interactions

Environmental interactions are the ways in which Rook I Project facilities, activities, and processes can influence or effect the natural environment.

Identifying environmental interactions and evaluating potential environmental impacts is foundational to achieving effective, risk-based environmental protection.



Hierarchy of Controls

Environmental Controls

Environmental interactions have been identified and assessed. Controls appropriate for the corresponding level of risk have been identified and will be implemented and verified to minimize environmental impacts. The Project will use a variety of controls to effectively prevent or reduce the risk to the environment.

Monitoring

Monitoring will be used to:

- characterize and monitor the overall performance of facilities, activities, and processes to ensure the environment remains protected
- determine whether environmental protection measures are performing as intended and to help inform opportunities for continual improvement

As part of the evaluation of Project performance, Environmental Committees formeded with each of the four primary Indigenous Groups will provide oversight of the environmental performance and verify Project compliance. In addition, NexGen will fund a full-time Indigenous monitor chosen by each of the primary Indigenous Groups to conduct independent environmental sampling.



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June 2022 Community Information Sessions

Poster Sessions



Welcome



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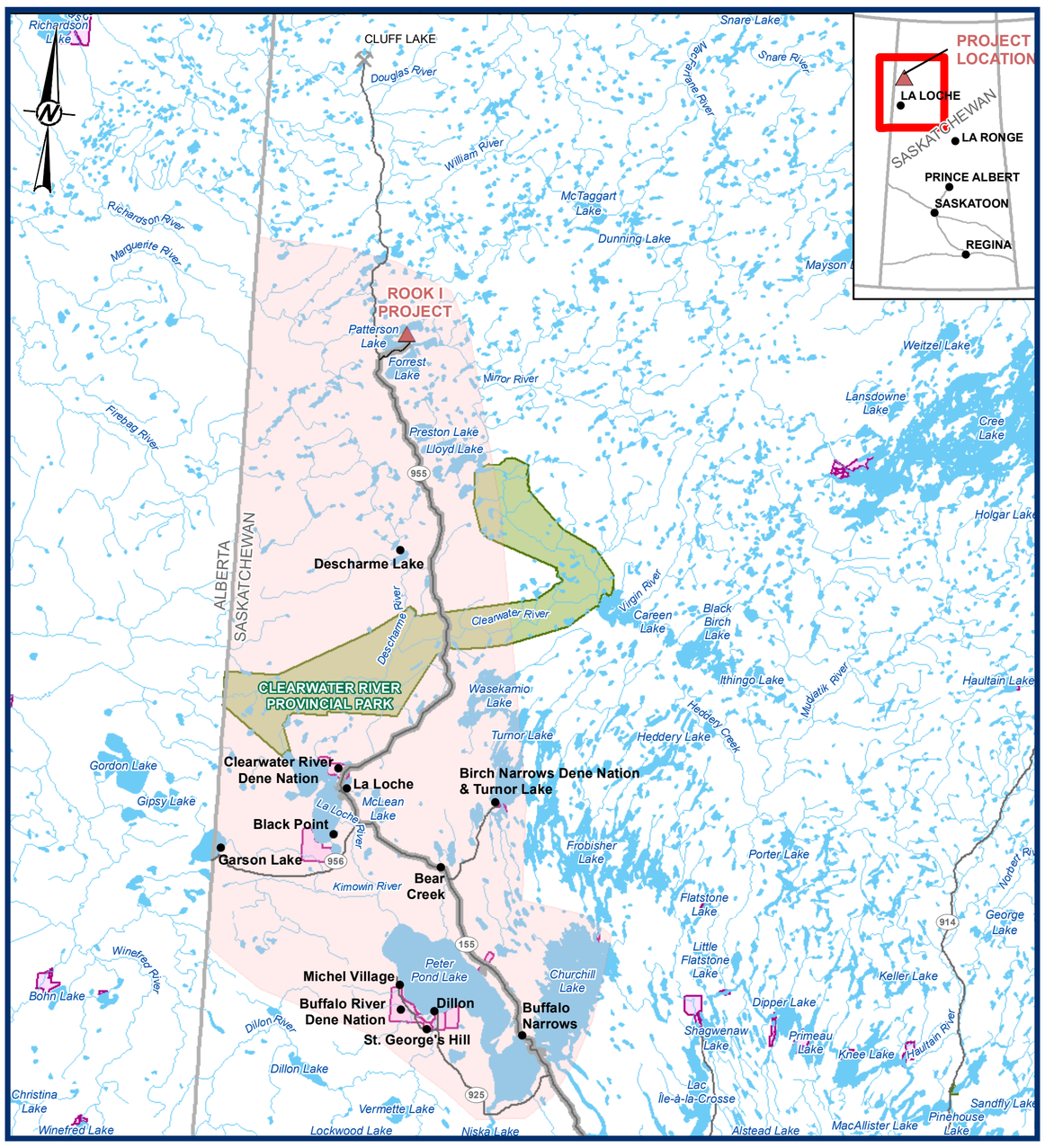
We are hosting this event to:

- Update you on the Rook I Project
- Provide you with information and a status update on all Rook I Project regulatory requirements, including the environmental assessment (EA) and licensing
- Provide details on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submission
- Answer your questions and get your feedback on the Rook I Project

We are happy to be here!



About NexGen



local priority area communities

Location of the NexGen Rook I Project in Northwestern Saskatchewan

NexGen is driven by the vision to become a global leader in delivering uranium for the world's current and future clean energy needs.

Guided by the values of honesty, respect, resilience, and accountability, NexGen's core values are foundational, defining how the team operates and influencing how decisions are made.

NexGen is setting elite standards for:

- Human health and safety
- Environmental performance
- Supporting communities
- Regulatory compliance

NexGen is proposing to develop the Rook I Project located 40 km east of the Saskatchewan-Alberta border, 130 km north of La Loche, and 640 km northwest of Saskatoon.

NexGen acknowledges and respects the interests and aspirations of those potentially affected by the Project and will continue to maximize benefits for community members in a transparent, trusting, and sustainable manner.



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Rook I Project Overview

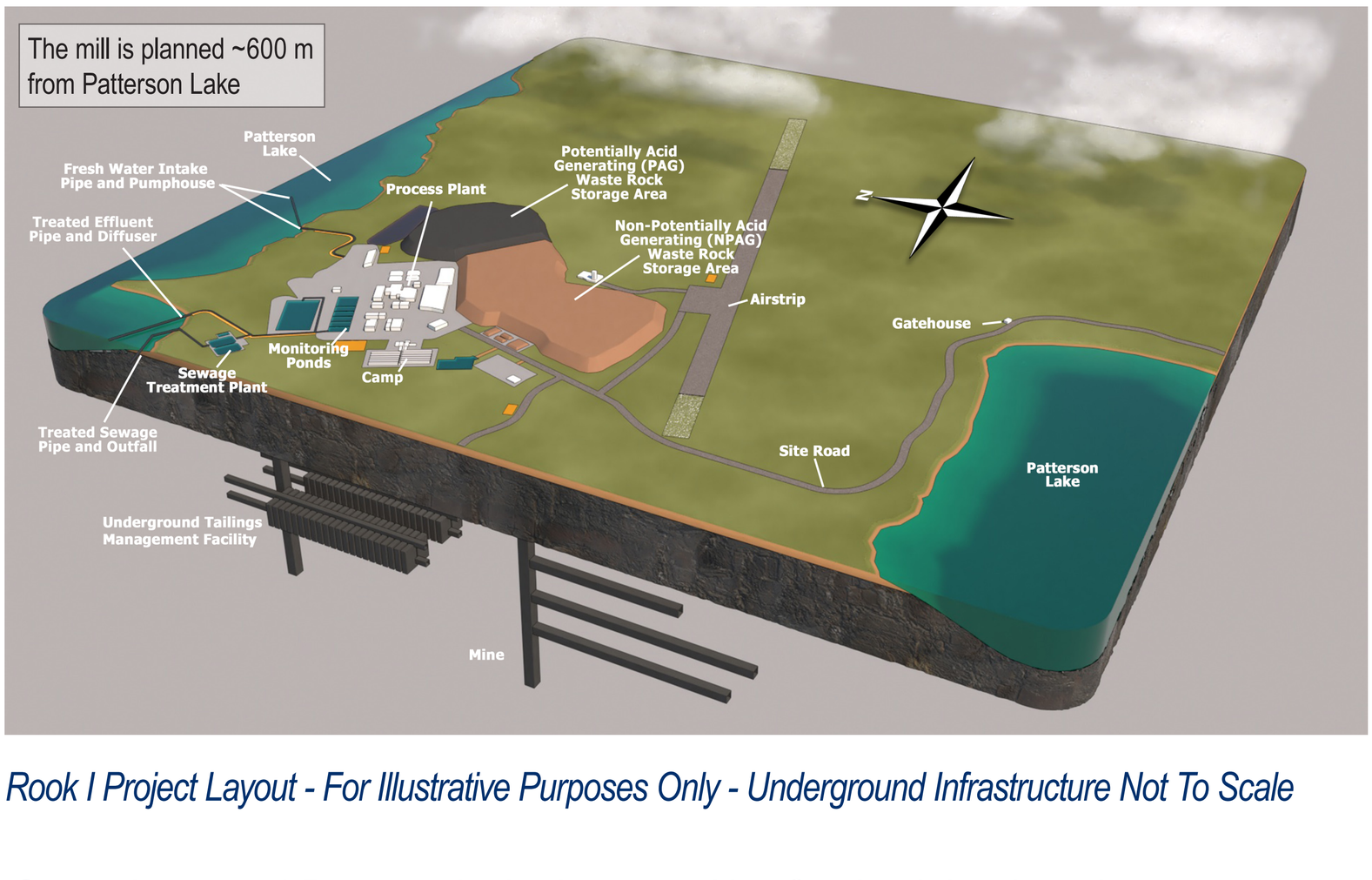
NexGen is proposing to develop the Rook I Project, a new uranium mining and milling operation in northwestern Saskatchewan. The proposed Project located is entirely on Provincial Crown Land within Treaty 8 territory and the Métis Homeland, and adjacent to Treaty 1 territory.

The Project, which is 100% owned by NexGen, proposes to include facilities to support the extraction and processing of uranium ore from the Arrow deposit, a high-grade uranium deposit. NexGen has completed exploration, geotechnical, and environmental and community studies since 2013 to define the resource and plan how to best develop the Project.

The proposed underground mine workings are within competent (very strong and hard) basement rock. The proposed mill location is on surface, about 600 m from Patterson Lake. Mining and supporting infrastructure are planned to be located above ground as seen in the graphic.

The anticipated lifespan of the Project is estimated to be 43 years and include Construction, Operations, and Decommissioning and Reclamation (i.e., Closure) phases. Monitoring is incorporated through all phases of the Project to verify environmental performance.

Direct jobs are estimated to total 350 during the 4-year Construction period and 490 during the 24 years of Operations. The Project is envisioned to be fly-in/fly-out with most employees on a two-week rotation. Work at site is proposed to be two 12-hour shifts, seven days per week.



Rook I Project Layout - For Illustrative Purposes Only - Underground Infrastructure Not To Scale

NexGen's vision is to become a world leader in delivering clean energy solutions. With this in mind, the company has approached the proposed Project with consideration of current and future generations and with a philosophy founded on sustainable and responsible resource development.



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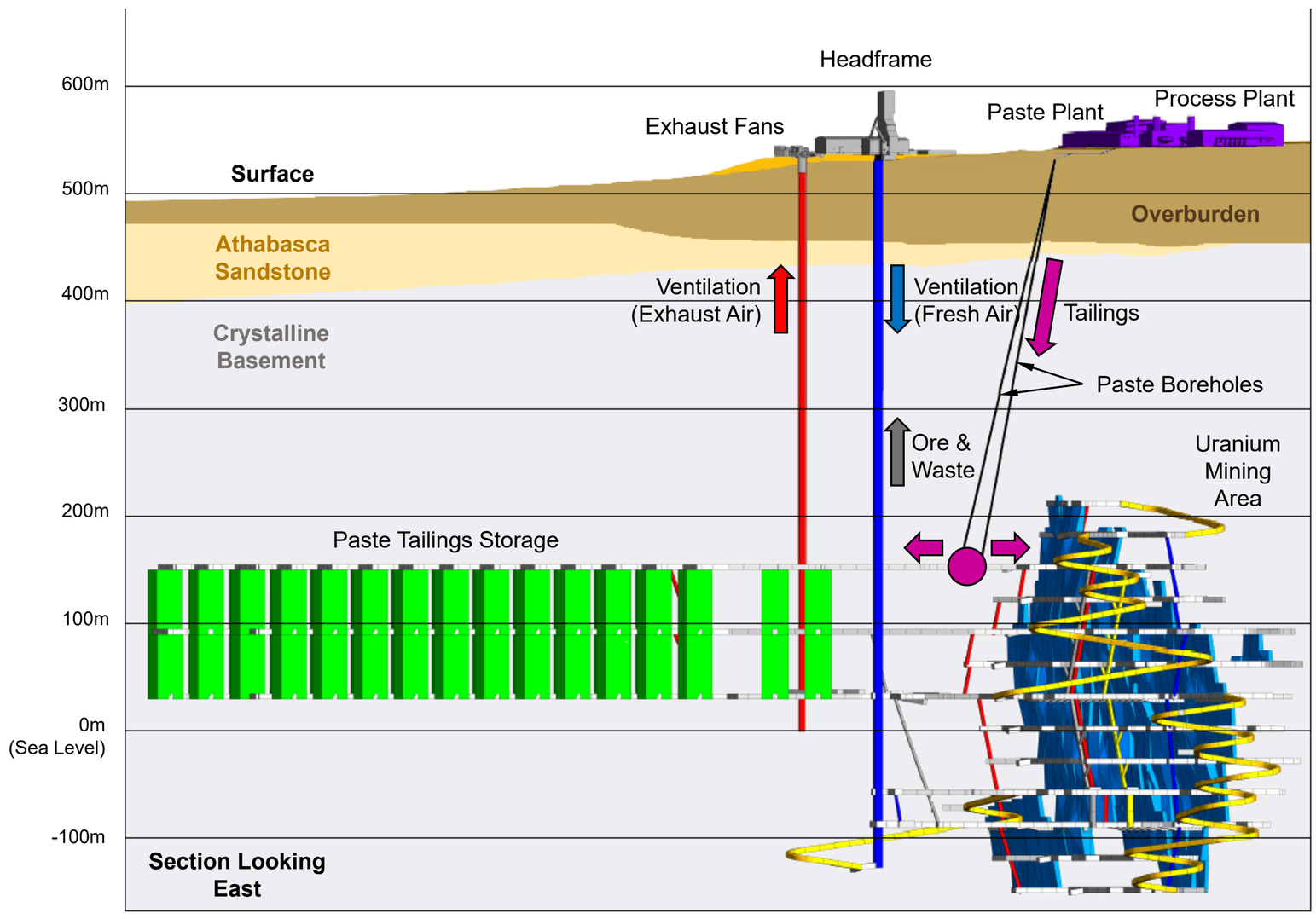
Mining Overview

The mine plan proposes a conventional underground mine using the longhole stoping mining method. This is a method of mining where holes are drilled by a production drill to a predetermined pattern, the rock is blasted, and the ore is collected for processing.

The Project proposes two vertical shafts used for ventilation, accessing underground areas, and transporting materials.

Mined rock is to be hoisted from underground and brought to surface. Rock that is uneconomic would be used either as construction material (e.g., to build roads) or placed on surface in long-term storage areas. Ore is then processed on surface to produce uranium concentrate.

Uranium concentrate produced on site will then be transported off site to facilities for further enrichment and eventual use in nuclear power reactors.

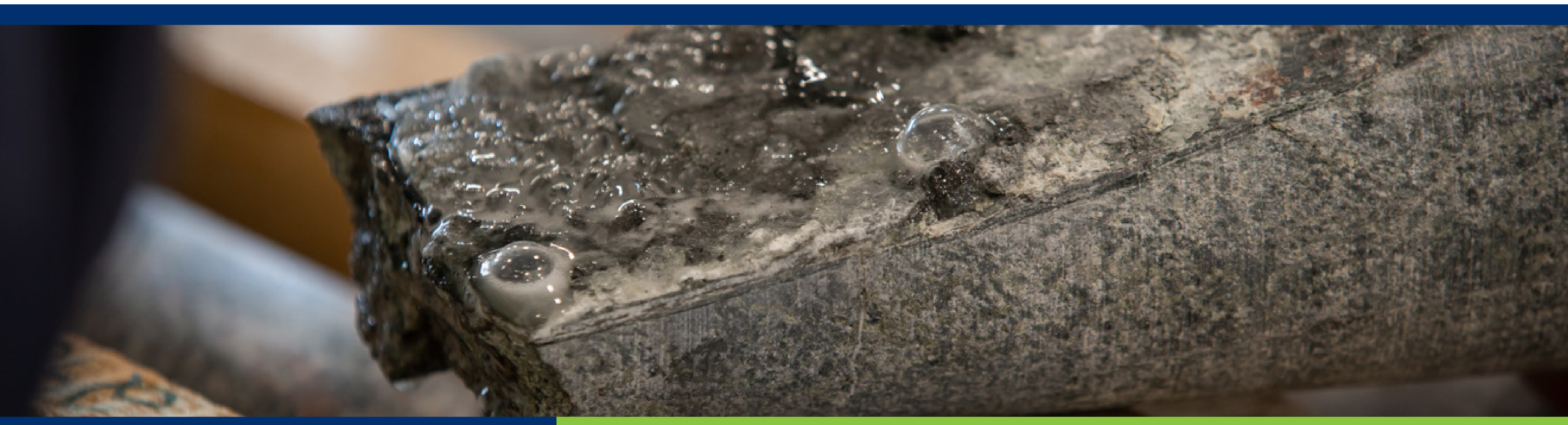


Simplified Rook I Project Tailings Distribution - Graphics for Illustration Only - Not Drawn to Scale

Ore Processing

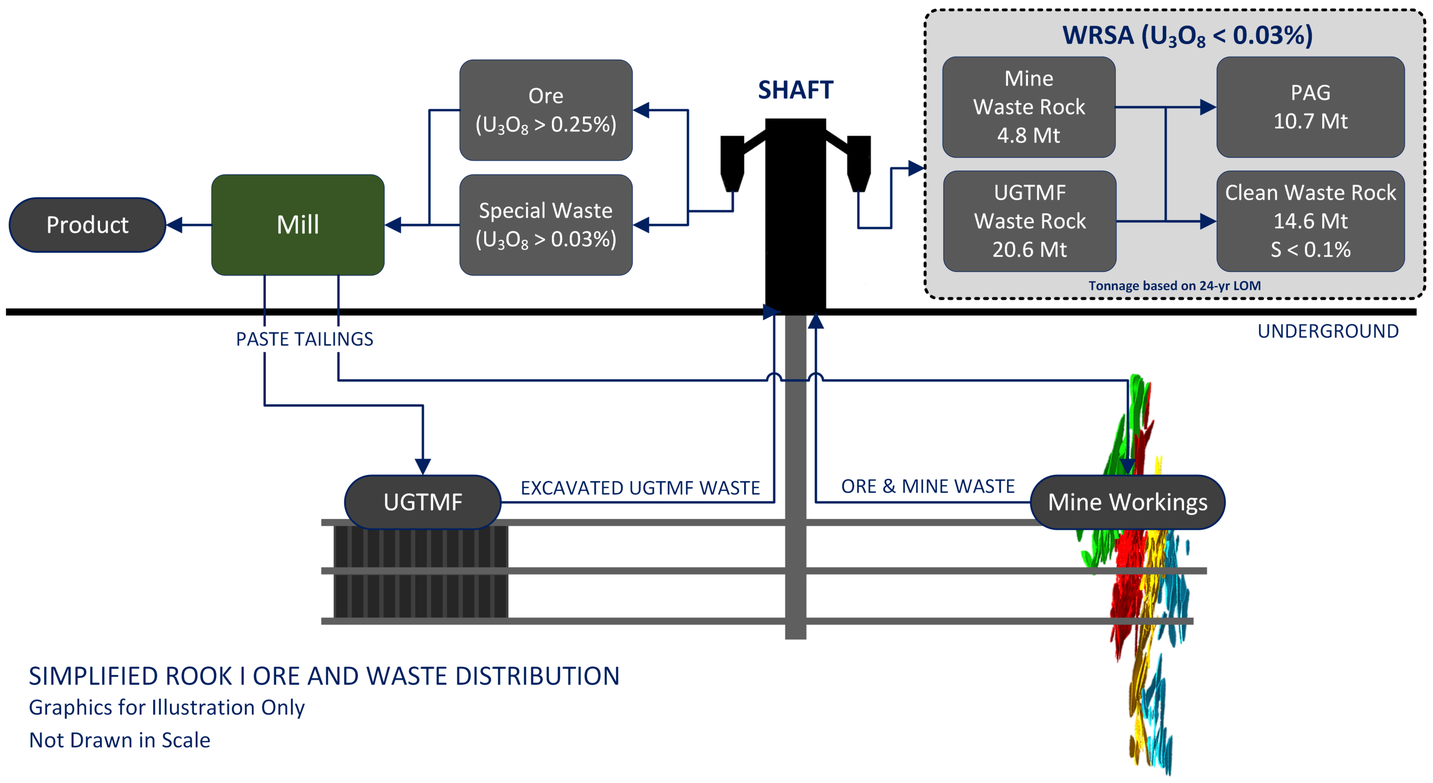
- Annual production of up to 30 M lbs of uranium concentrate
- 1,300 tonnes of ore processed per day
- Process recovery of 97.6%

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Underground Tailings Management Facility



SIMPLIFIED ROOK I ORE AND WASTE DISTRIBUTION
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LOM *– Life of Mine*

WRSA *– Waste Rock Storage Area*

PAG *– Potentially Acid Generating Waste Rock*

UGTMF *– Underground Tailings Management Facility*

Underground Tailings Management Facility (UGTMF)

Tailings are the materials left over after processing has been completed and the uranium has been removed from the ore.

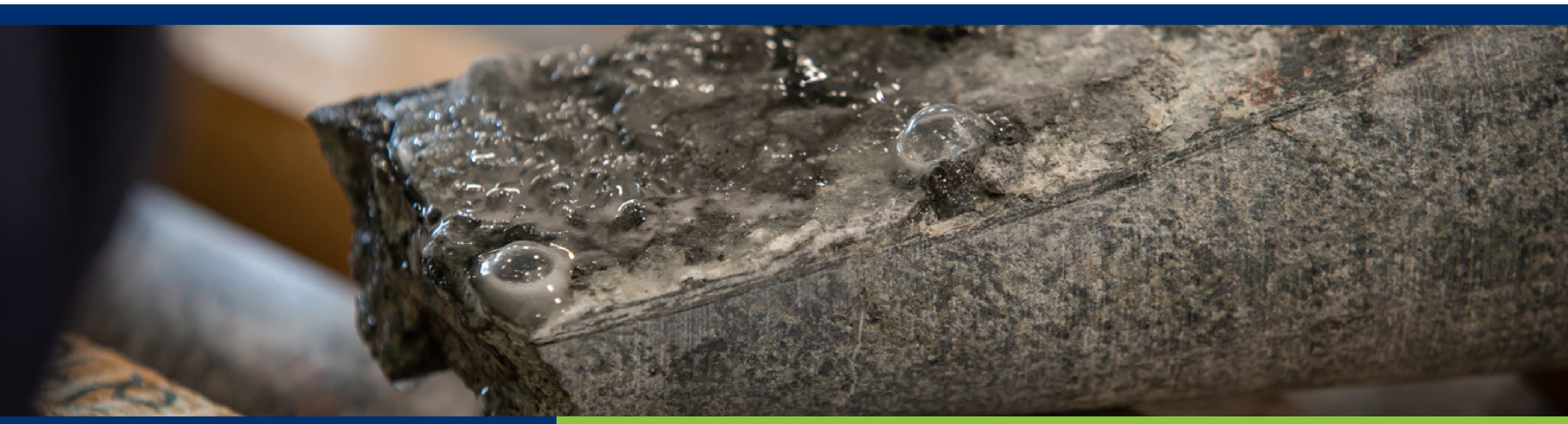
All tailings for the Rook I Project are proposed to be stored underground; there will be no tailings remaining on the surface.

Tailings are planned to be combined with cement in a paste plant and pumped underground. Approximately half of the cemented tailings are planned to be backfilled in areas excavated for mining. The other half will be pumped into underground chambers specifically mined to create space for cemented tailings storage as part of the UGTMF. The UGTMF also proposes to store any residues from the effluent treatment plant.

The decision to store tailings underground was determined through a detailed evaluation process. This included evaluating engineering requirements, human and environmental protection measures, input and feedback from Indigenous Groups and communities, and regulatory requirements.

Disposal of tailings underground reduces potential effects to the environment and allow for ongoing sdecommissioning and reclamation during the Operations Phase of the Project, setting a new global standard for environmental mine management.

The underground storage of tailings will require mining waste rock and storing it on the surface.



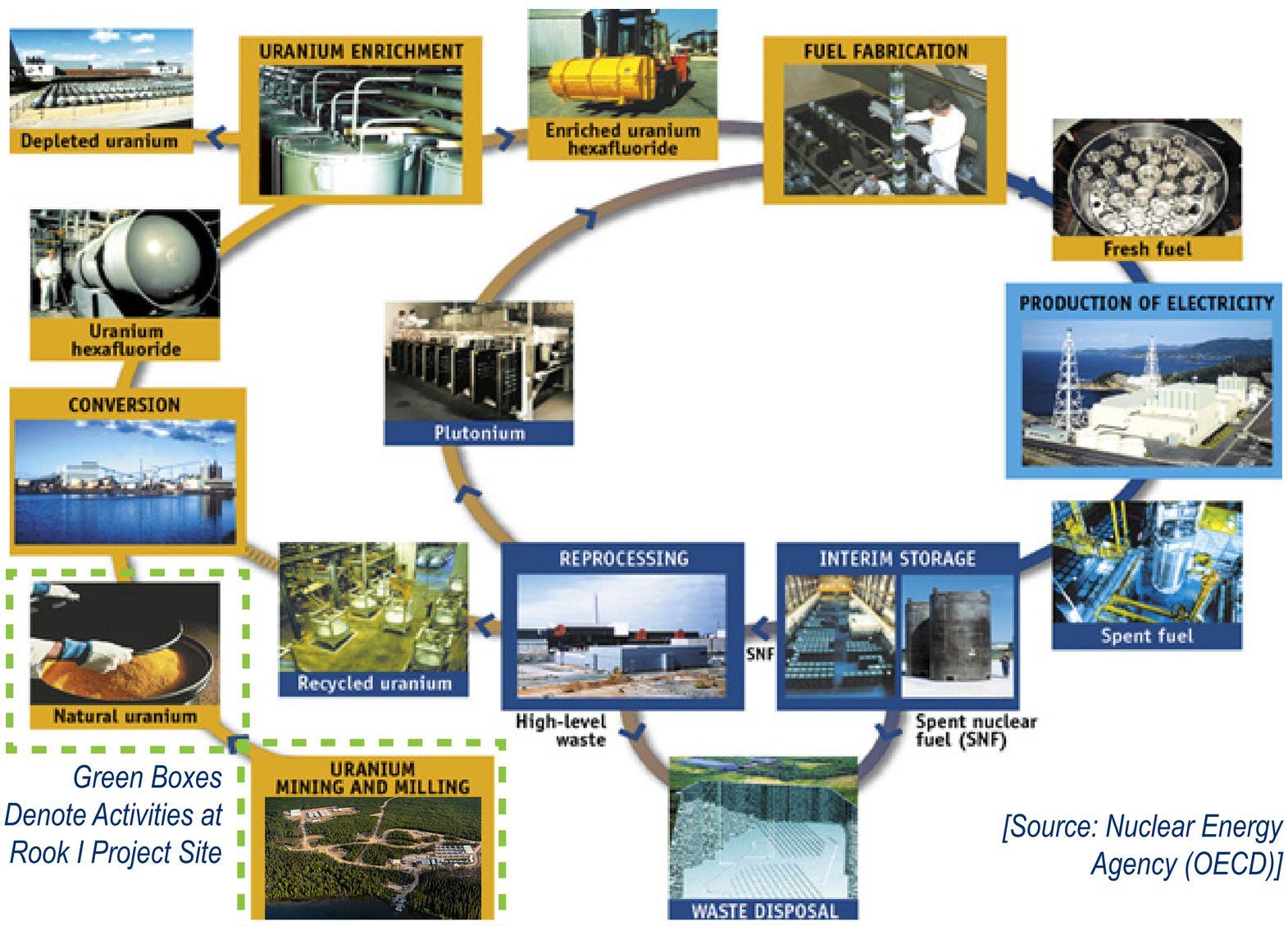
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Uranium

The Mineral

Uranium (U) is a naturally occurring radioactive element that is mined and processed to make fuel for nuclear medicine, nuclear research reactors or power reactors.

- Uranium has an average concentration of 2.8 parts per million in the Earth's crust
- Traces of uranium occur almost everywhere. Uranium is more abundant than gold, silver, or mercury, about the same as tin and slightly less abundant than cobalt, lead, or molybdenum
- Vast amounts of uranium also occur in the world's oceans, but in very low concentrations



Green Boxes Denote Activities at Rook I Project Site

[Source: Nuclear Energy Agency (OECD)]

The Nuclear Fuel Cycle

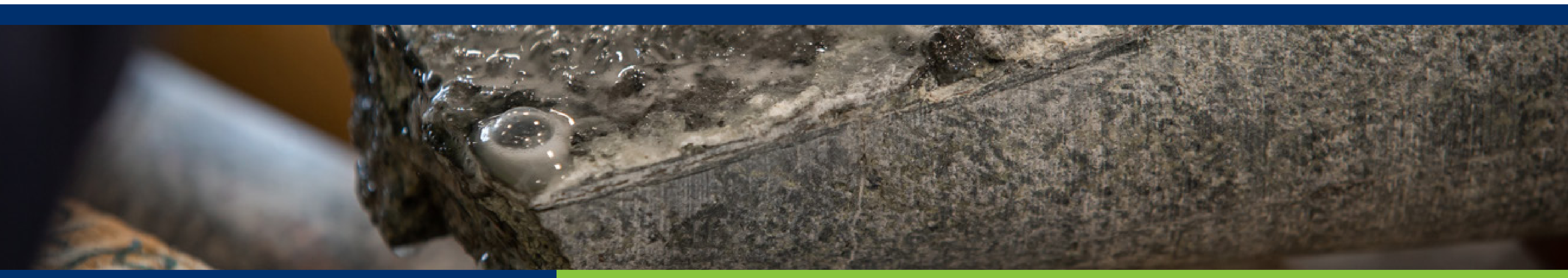
The Need for Uranium

- A significant increase in uranium is needed to support the transition to nuclear energy, which has lower carbon emissions than fossil fuels (Nuclear Energy Agency and the International Atomic Energy Agency, 2020)
- The International Energy Agency forecasts indicate that the global demand for electricity could increase by up to 90% between 2018 and 2040

Uranium in Canada

- Canada is one of the world's largest producers of uranium
- Canadian uranium is only mined and processed to make fuel for nuclear research reactors or power reactors
- The CANDU (Canada Deuterium Uranium) is a Canadian pressurized heavy-water nuclear reactor used to generate electric power

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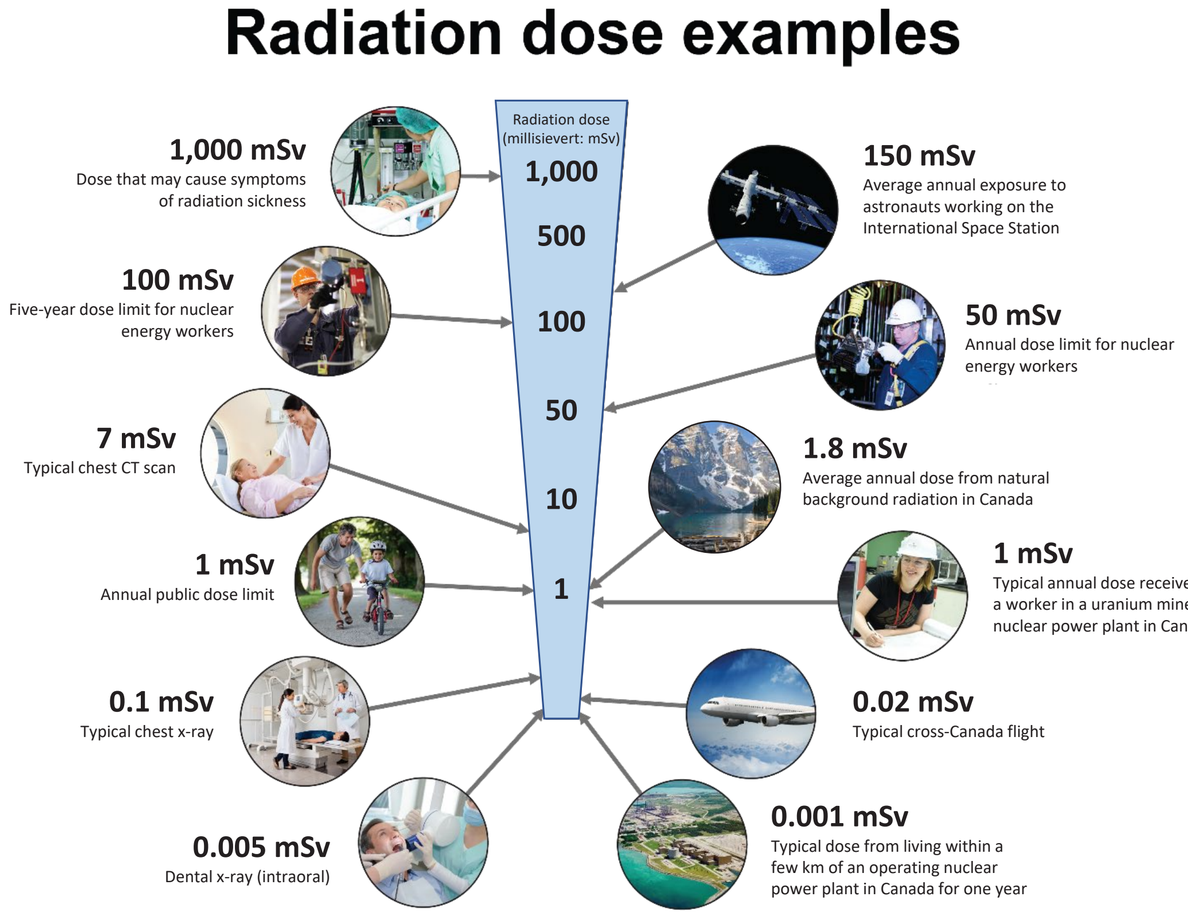
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Uranium Safety

Radiation

Radiation is energy in the form of moving waves or streams of particles.

- Radioactive materials are present in soil, rocks, the air we breathe, the water we drink, and even in our own bodies
- These sources of natural radiation make up the bulk of the total radiation we are exposed to every day
- We are also exposed to artificial radiation from various sources, such as nuclear medicine and commercial products like smoke detectors
- The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and the Province of Saskatchewan set radiation dose limits for nuclear energy workers and the public to protect human health and safety



Comparison of Radiation Doses [Source: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission]

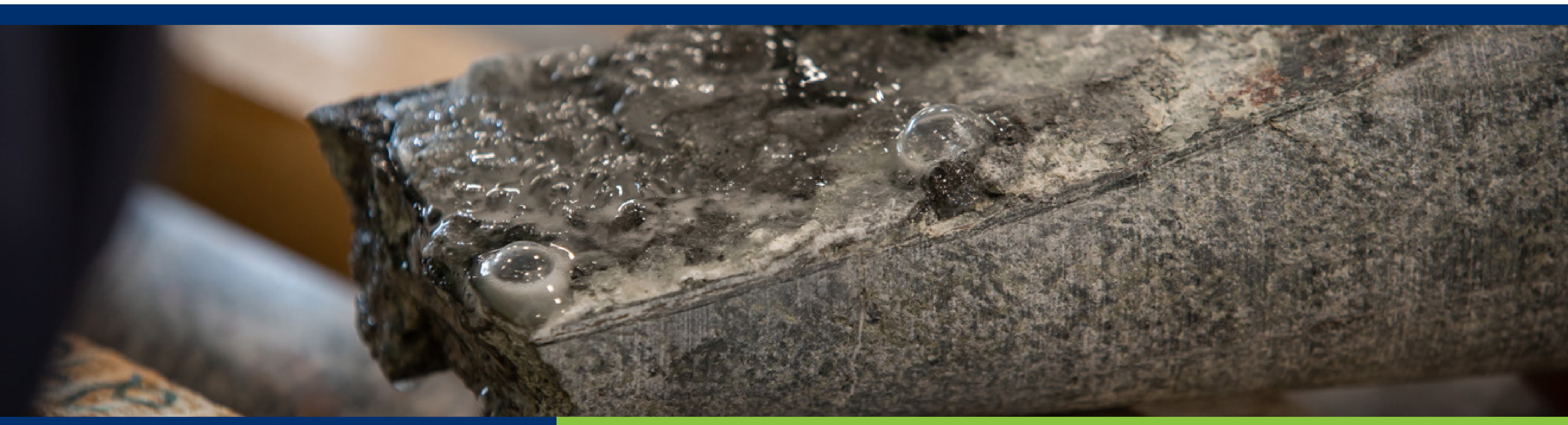
Radon Gas

Radon is a gas produced by the natural decay of uranium.

- Naturally occurring radon gas is released into the air when uranium ore is mined and, to a lesser extent, during the production of uranium fuel for nuclear power plants
- The CNSC ensures that the air quality in a uranium mine is controlled with good ventilation to reduce long-term exposure to elevated levels of radon
- The CNSC regulates radon in Canada's nuclear facilities to protect workers, members of the public, and the environment; the lung cancer risk for today's uranium mining and processing workers is the same as that for the general Canadian public
- Presently, worker exposures to radon in the uranium mining and processing industry are as low as, or only slightly greater than, public exposure from natural radon
- Radon exposure to members of the public from CNSC-regulated activities is virtually zero
- Studies have shown that uranium mining and milling activities do not increase radon levels above background levels away from the mine site

(Source: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, Fact Sheet - Radon in Canada's Uranium Industry.)

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Regulatory Process

Transparent - Thorough - Inclusive

Uranium and nuclear projects in Saskatchewan are subject to both federal and provincial environmental assessment (EA) processes, and also require federal and provincial licenses, approvals, and permits.

Engagement with local Indigenous Groups and communities has been ongoing since 2013 and studies to understand the existing conditions at the site and in the surrounding area have been ongoing since 2015, with specific focus on air, water, land, and wildlife.

The EA process formally commenced on May 2, 2019 following federal and provincial acceptance of the Rook I Project Description submitted by NexGen. At that time, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (ENV) confirmed that an EA would be required under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act,* 2012 (federal) and *The Environmental Assessment Act* (provincial).

NexGen has now submitted an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), or EA application, to both the CNSC and ENV.

- The EIS is currently under review and will be made available to Indigenous Groups, stakeholders, and the public for review and comment

In addition to comments received during the public review of the EIS, meaningful engagement with Indigenous Groups and local communities will continue to be an important part of the EA process.

The CNSC and ENV will conduct a cooperative (harmonized) provincial-federal EA review process. Although the EA is anticipated to be conducted through this cooperative process, separate requirements still apply and must be satisfied with respect to the acts, regulations, and guidelines in place for each jurisdiction.

- Feedback from Indigenous Groups and community members can be provided directly to any of the CNSC, ENV, and NexGen through the EA process

Both the CNSC and the ENV are life cycle regulators and will oversee the Project through Construction, Operations, and Closure (Decommissioning and Reclamation). The ongoing EA and licensing processes are the first of many regulatory applications under this life-cycle regulatory oversight approach.

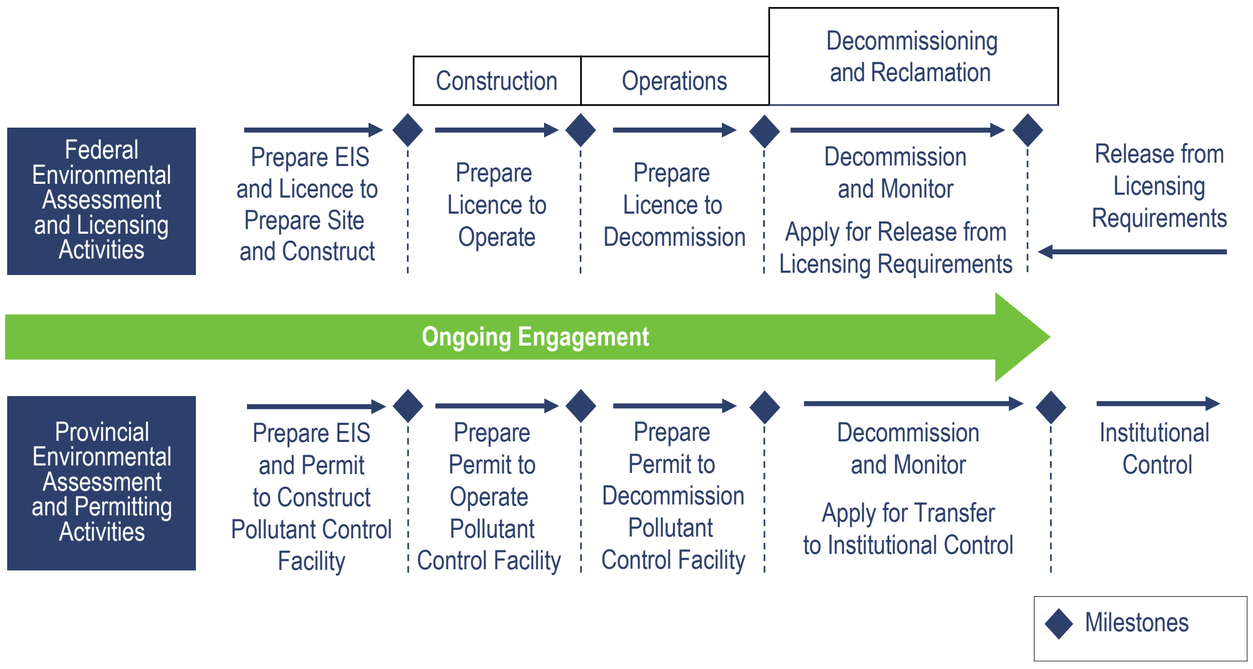
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Life of Mine

Mine

The Rook I Project will include the construction, operation, and closure (decommissioning and reclamation) of the mine and mill facilities.



NexGen Rook I Project Timeline

Construction (~4 years)

- Land clearing, site preparation, and construction of facilities and infrastructure
- Underground shaft/mine development
- Access road and site road upgrades
- Transportation of personnel and materials to and from the site
- Employment and contracting
- Infrastructure development (e.g., roads, airstrip, camp, maintenance shop, offices)

Operations (~24 years)

- Mining and processing operations
- Underground tailings deposition
- Waste rock, special waste rock, and ore management
- Water management and treated effluent discharge
- Transportation of personnel and materials to and from the site

Decommissioning and Reclamation (~15 years)

- Active Closure Stage (~5 years):
  - Backfilling mine workings
  - Removal of physical infrastructure
  - Recontouring and revegetating disturbed areas
  - Waste disposal or removal
  - Water management and treated effluent discharge (if required)
  - Any other activities deemed necessary to achieve decommissioning objectives and return the site to a safe and stable condition prior to the Transitional Monitoring Stage
- Transitional Monitoring Stage (~10 years*):
  - Environmental monitoring against performance criteria
  - Once performance criteria have been fully demonstrated, an application to be released from the CNSC licence will be submitted to the CNSC
  - Upon approval, the land will be transferred back under provincial management through the Institutional Control Program, and continue to be monitored by that Program

**Nominally 10 years; however, is dependent on the achievement of performance criteria.*



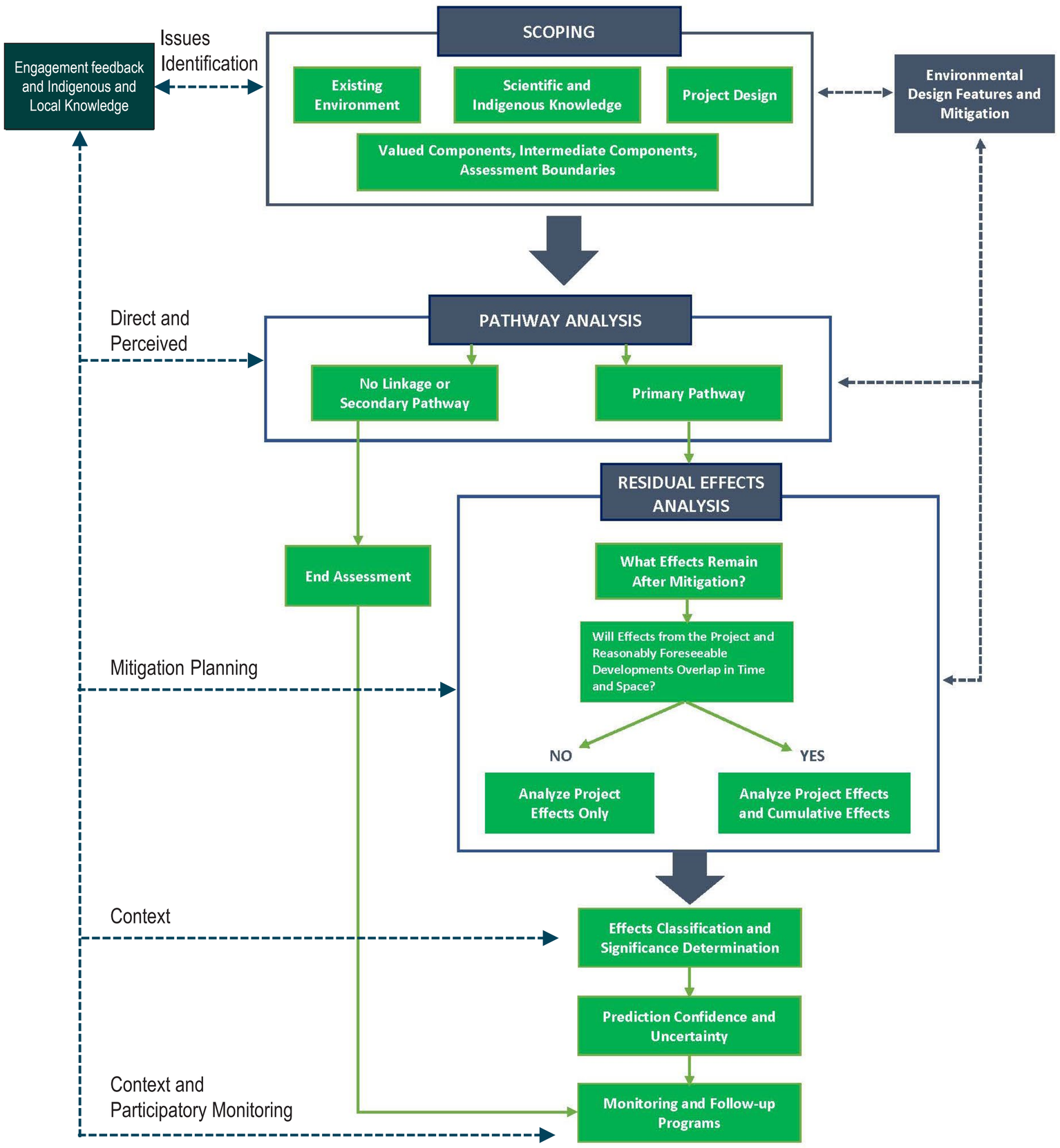
EA

Environmental Assessment Methods

The environmental assessment (EA) will be used to understand the potential environmental and social effects of the Project.

The EA will also be used as a planning tool that will enhance the potential benefits while safeguarding both the community and environment.

Input from Indigenous Groups, community members, regulators, and other stakeholders will be important to help facilitate a high-quality EA.



Environmental Assessment Process

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People

Human Health

A focus of the EA

Information was collected on the various ways in which people could be exposed to contaminants (also known as exposure pathways). For example, people may be exposed to changes in air quality, soil, surface water, plants, fish, and wildlife resulting from the Rook I Project.

- What contaminants may be emitted in water and air (e.g., metals, radionuclides)
- How the contaminants could potentially be released (e.g., from treated effluent)
- How the contaminants could potentially reach a receptor (ecological or human) (e.g., drinking the water, breathing the air, eating food)
- Where the receptors may potentially come into contact with the contaminants
- How long a receptor may be exposed (duration and frequency)

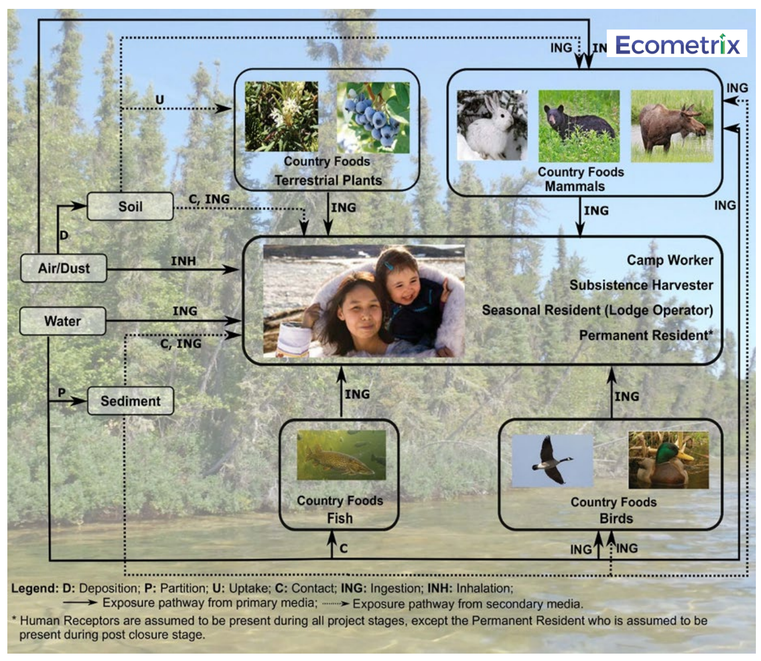
How did we assess the effects?

The human health assessment used the IMPACT Contaminant Transport and Pathways Model to predict effects to people resulting from exposures to non-cancer-causing substances, cancer-causing substances, and radiation dose.

The results

The evaluation of effects showed the following:

- No significant adverse effects to humans are likely as a result of non-carcinogenic (i.e., non-cancer causing) releases from the Project
- Low to very low predicted incremental cancer risks (average cancer risk in Canada is 50,000 in 100,000, the additional cancer risk from the Project would be 4 in 100,000). This prediction onsidered the high levels of Traditional Food consumption by community members
- No discernable health effects are anticipated from radiation exposure



Potential Exposure Pathways.
Source: Ecometrix

- No effects due to exposure to radon are anticipated

The results of the human health assessment indicate that the proposed Project design and controls are protective of human health throughout the Project lifespan.

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People

Community Well-being

A focus of the EA

Interviews were completed with community leadership, business owners, health services providers, RCMP, social and family service providers, and educators in the local communities to understand the current sense of well-being for each community and how it can be affected. Publicly available data and statistics were also collected and analysed to help understand current conditions in communities.

What did the studies tell us?

The interviews and information collected to date have provided community-specific information on well-being from a variety of viewpoints.

How did we assess the effects?

The potential effects on community well-being were assessed by evaluating the following social determinants of health:

- Societal and Cultural Well-Being (e.g., demographics, culture)
- Health Well-Being (e.g., health infrastructure, health services)
- Neighbourhood and Physical Environment Well-Being (e.g., recreation, planning)
- Educational Well-Being (e.g., education, training)
- Economic Well-Being (e.g., employment, business opportunities)

The results

When considering the benefits and potential adverse effects of the Project together, it is likely that local communities will experience a positive overall effect on community well-being.

Key benefits

- Increased income and community revenue
- Provision of revenue through the Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Groups
- Increased educational and training opportunities

Potential adverse effects

- Local loss of cultural continuity, including transmission of knowledge, related to areas around Patterson Lake that are not accessible during the Project lifespan
- The worker rotation system is expected to place increased stress on some family dynamics
- Increased demands in local communities for mental health services

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People

Transportation Risk Assessment

What we heard

Potential concerns such as transportation of materials through communities and potential environmental effects were frequently noted through the key person interview program.

Highway maps were provided to Joint Working Groups (JWGs) to enable community feedback on areas of concern (environmental, health, and cultural) for accidents and spills.

Feedback from the JWGs indicated locals feel Highway 155 is of poor quality and is a safety issue for local residents.

A focus of the EA

A baseline traffic study was conducted to characterize existing traffic volumes and trends on the secondary highways leading to the Rook I Project site, specifically Highway 155 and Highway 955.

What did the studies tell us?

The study describes the average annual daily traffic, with a focus on truck traffic along Highway 155 and Highway 955.

- The portion of Highway 155 with the highest average annual daily traffic (1,510) is found immediately south of the community of Buffalo Narrows; the portion with the highest average annual daily traffic on Highway 955 is in the town of La Loche (2,000 vehicles)
- Highway 155 had more traffic accidents compared to the Saskatchewan average on provincial highways

The Project access road receives traffic from the Project, Indigenous and non-Indigenous land and resource users, and other commercial operations.

How did we assess the effects?

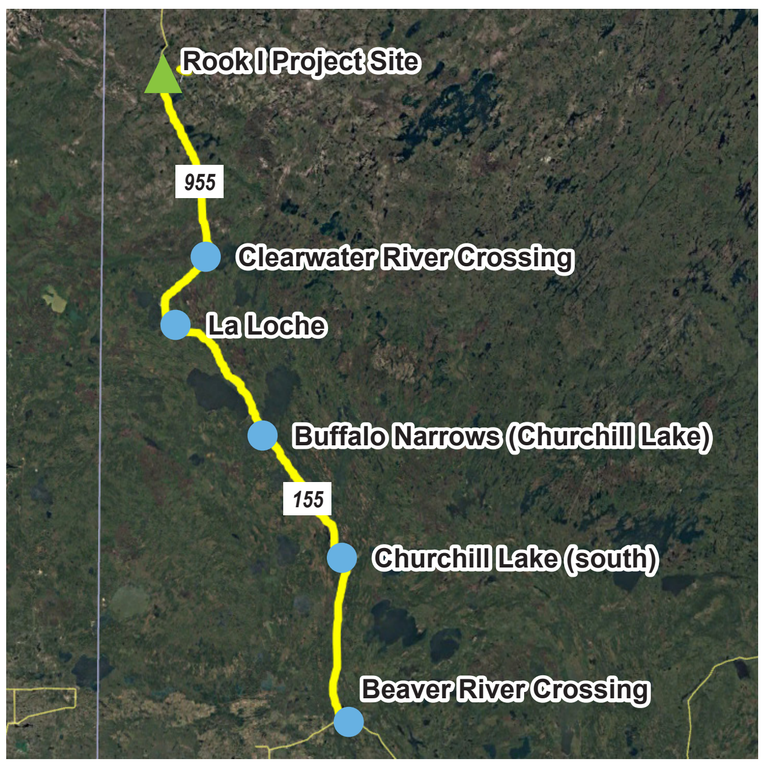
Traffic volumes, incidents and accidents, and road use patterns were assessed to determine the effects of the Project on traffic.

The results

The risks from Project-related transportation activities were deemed to be possible; however, given the proposed safeguards (e.g., driver training, speed limits, adjusting speed according to conditions, spill and emergency response planning, pedestrian and cyclist priority on roadways), risks were assessed to be reduced to as low as reasonably possible.

What are we doing?

Maintenance of public roadways is the responsibility of the Government of Saskatchewan and NexGen is working with local communities, government representatives, and the regional planning committee to make sure that community concerns are heard, and Project needs met.



Access to the Rook I Project Site via Highways 155 and 955

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People

Economy

Local community members are interested in employment, training and business for community members with an emphasis on hiring.

A focus of the EA

A socio-economic baseline was conducted to examine the traditional and wage economies, including government transfers. Inputs were sought from Joint Working Groups (JWGs) to better understand the importance of the traditional econom, and the relationship between the traditional and wage economies for families and communities.

The results

Employment: Increased employment opportunities for local residents. During Construction, the peak workforce is expected to be approximately 350 workers and during Operations, the peak employment is expected to include approximately 490 positions. Local, provincial, and national indirect and induced employment benefits are also anticipated.

Income: Increased income opportunities for local residents. Construction labour costs are expected to make up approximately $384 million and Operations direct labour spending is estimated to be approximately $55 million during a typical operating year.

Broader Economic Benefits: Benefits through the payment of royalties to the governments of Saskatchewan and Canada, estimated at $288.5 million for Saskatchewan and $103.9 million for Canada in a typical operating year.

Enhancement Measures: Commitments made in Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Groups and programs developed jointly between NexGen and the local communities could further enhance income opportunities for local residents.

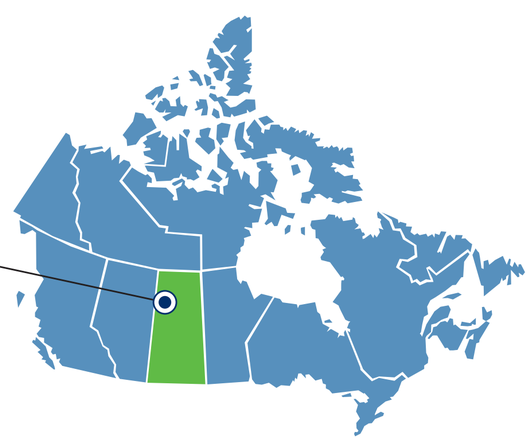
Forecasted Positions

High School	Trades/Diploma	University
Underground Miners	Surveyors	Geologists
Heavy Equipment Operators	Geological Technicians	Engineers
Mill Operators	Environment Technicians	Environmental Scientists
Warehouse Person	Laboratory Technicians	Radiation Specialists
Custodians	Mechanics	IT Specialists
	Electricians	HR Specialists
	Plumbers	Accountants
	Instrumentation Technicians	Occupational Health Nurse
	Radiation Technicians	
	Office Administrators	
	Health and Safety Administrators	
	Procurement Coordinator	
	Chefs and Bakers	

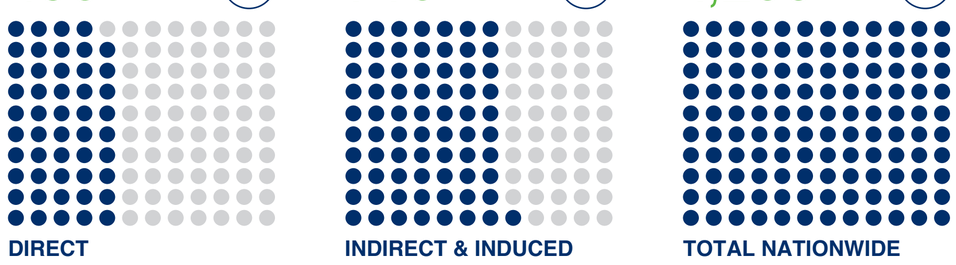
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EA Economy Assessment: Operational Employment Forecast

335 Direct jobs in Saskatchewan



Canada-wide peak employment numbers



(Source: Statistics Canada 2021)



Water

Surface Water Quality

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were conducted to determine the current water quality in Patterson Lake, multiple surrounding lakes, and through the Clearwater River system.

What did the studies tell us?

The water quality conditions for 18 surface water bodies was measured between 2015 and 2020. The water is generally clear with low suspended solids. Water is typically saturated with dissolved oxygen. Surface waters are low in dissolved solids (major ions) with the dominant ions being calcium and sulphate. Nutrient concentrations were low. Total metals were generally below quality threshold levels.

How did we assess the effects?

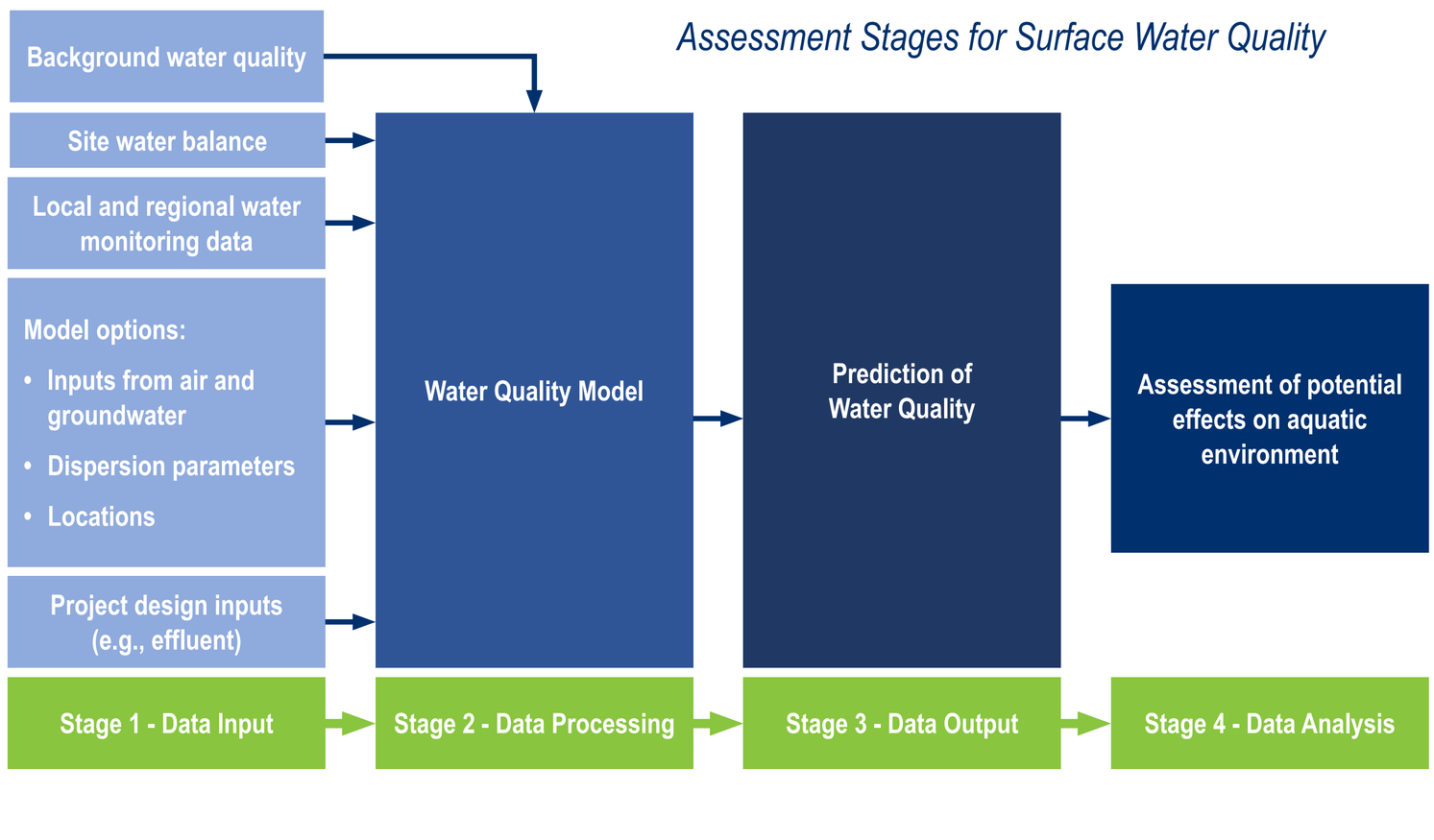
The predicted water quality from the mine activities (effluent quality), and how the effluent from the site will mix with the water in the lakes and rivers were assessed, including:

- Water quality parameters such as temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and conductivity
- Concentration of major ions, suspended solids, nutrients, metals, and radionuclides

The assessment included modelling to predict:

- How treated effluent would mix with lake water near the discharge points in Patterson Lake
- Water quality within Patterson Lake as a whole, as well as other regional lakes

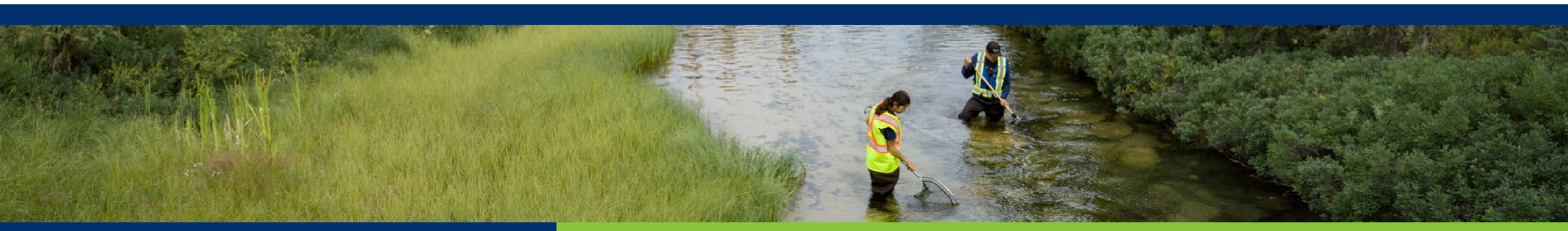
Assessment Stages for Surface Water Quality



The results

- During the Project lifespan, overall constituent concentrations would increase locally but would not have threshold exceedances during Construction or Operations
- Over time, a migration of metals and radionuclides from the waste rock storage areas and underground tailings to the environment is expected to occur. Only cobalt and copper were predicted to exceed water quality thresholds in the far future. NexGen would implement an adaptive management plan during Operations to minimize effects in the far future (e.g., 400 years)

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Water

Hydrology

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were conducted to understand:

- The speed and direction of currents within Patterson Lake
- How water flowing out of Patterson Lake mixes within Forrest Lake
- Water levels, water flow, and sediment conditions within the lakes and rivers that could be affected by the Rook I Project

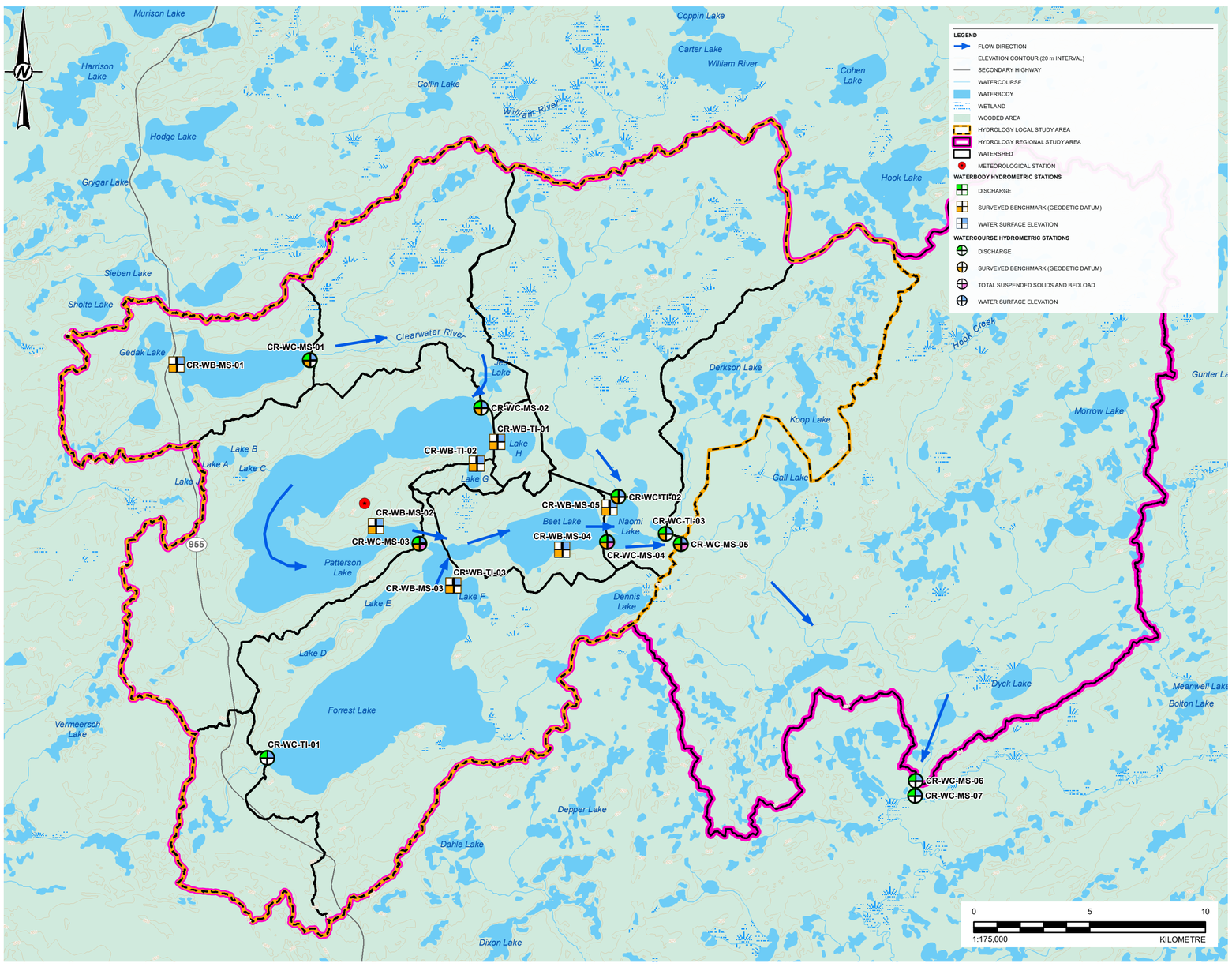
What did the studies tell us?

The studies provided information on water levels and water flows within Patterson Lake and the Clearwater River watershed.

Patterson Lake is 'U-shaped' and has three main basins. The lake has a maximum depth of 52.7 meters.

The Clearwater River is the main inflow to and outflow from Patterson Lake.

Water leaving Patterson Lake has little mixing with nearby Forrest Lake.



Monitoring Locations Used for Hydrology Assessment

How did we assess the effects?

The hydrological assessment focused on how the Project may affect:

- Waterbody water surface elevation (water depth)
- Watercourse flow rates
- Stream channel parameters (such as water depth, wetted area, width)
- Transport of sediment along streams and rivers

The results

Net discharge of water to Patterson Lake:

- Small, but undetectable, increases in waterbody water surface elevations and changes would diminish downstream of Patterson Lake

Flow rates and water surface elevations (Clearwater River):

- Clearwater River water surface elevations and flow rates are predicted to remain within the range of natural seasonal and annual variability
- Changes are likely to be undetectable



Water

Fish and Fish Habitat

A focus of the EA

Baseline surveys for fish and fish habitat were completed in 2018 and 2019 in Patterson Lake as well as other lakes and rivers in the area. Information on fish habitat types (including nursery, rearing, overwintering, and others), habitat suitability, chemistry (fish tissues, sediment, and aquatic plants), and fish community composition was collected. Baseline studies also collected information on plankton (water organisms) and benthic invertebrates (water organisms with no backbone).



School of Fish in Creek Below Broach Lake

What did the studies tell us?

The baseline studies provided information on the fish and fish habitat in the area of the Rook I Project as well as the amount and distribution of habitat types.

Surveys detected northern pike, lake whitefish, longnose sucker, walleye, perch, and lake trout. The concentration of metals, trace elements, and radionuclides in northern pike and lake whitefish tissues were low. Spawning habitat types preferred by walleye, lake whitefish, and lake trout (like sand and gravel) was more common in the study area than for northern pike. A diversity of benthic invertebrates was detected with the most common type being midge larvae (Chrironomidae).

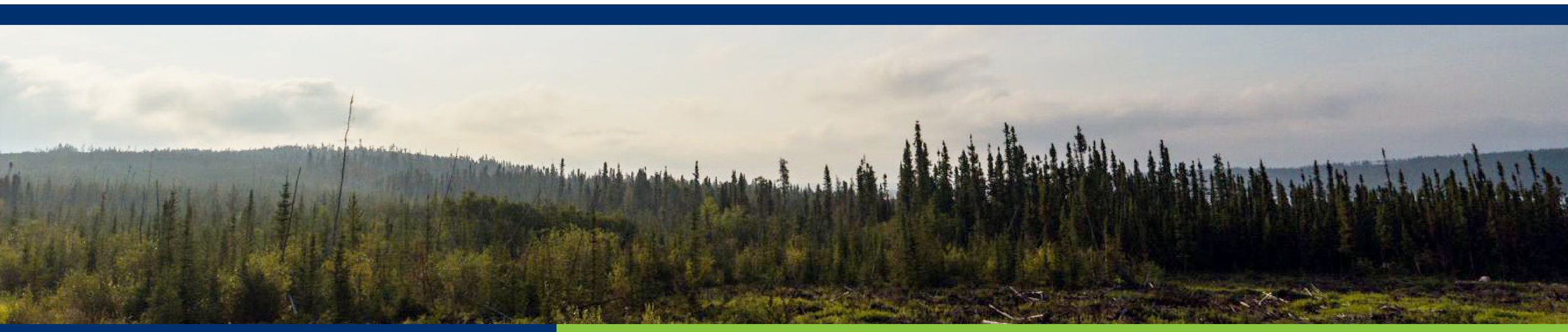
How did we assess the effects?

The assessment for fish and fish habitat included determining the effects of the Project on fish habitat availability, distribution, and survival and reproduction (health) for key fish species.

The results

- **Habitat availability:** Limited potential for changes in habitat availability due to exposure to predicted copper concentrations in Patterson Lake after Closure and in the far future. Copper concentrations are unlikely to result in population and/or community-level effects on lower trophic organisms or forage fish, nor for overall fish and fish habitat
- **Habitat distribution:** No adverse effects on fish habitat distribution are predicted to occur
- **Survival and reproduction:** Effects on the health of fish and survival and reproduction are not expected for predator fish (e.g., lake trout, walleye, northern pike) and are unlikely for forage fish (e.g., lake whitefish)

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Air

Air Quality

Existing conditions

Existing atmospheric conditions do not exceed Saskatchewan Ambient Air Quality Standards (SAAQS) except for 24-hour particulate matter less than 2.5 µm ($PM_{2.5}$) and particulate matter less than 10 µm (PM_{10}).

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were completed to describe the existing atmospheric conditions in the Rook I Project's local and regional area, including:

- **Air quality** – included measuring levels of radon, particulate matter (solid and liquid droplets in the air), carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and sulfur dioxide
- **Climate** – weather conditions averaged over long periods of time
- **Meteorology** – factors that affect weather such as temperature, humidity, precipitation, and wind speed and direction

How did we assess the effects?

Air quality was assessed using the AERMOD Gaussian Dispersion Model to determine the Project emissions for:

- Ambient air concentrations that have applicable provincial or federal air quality criteria
- Suphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide
- Greenhouse gases

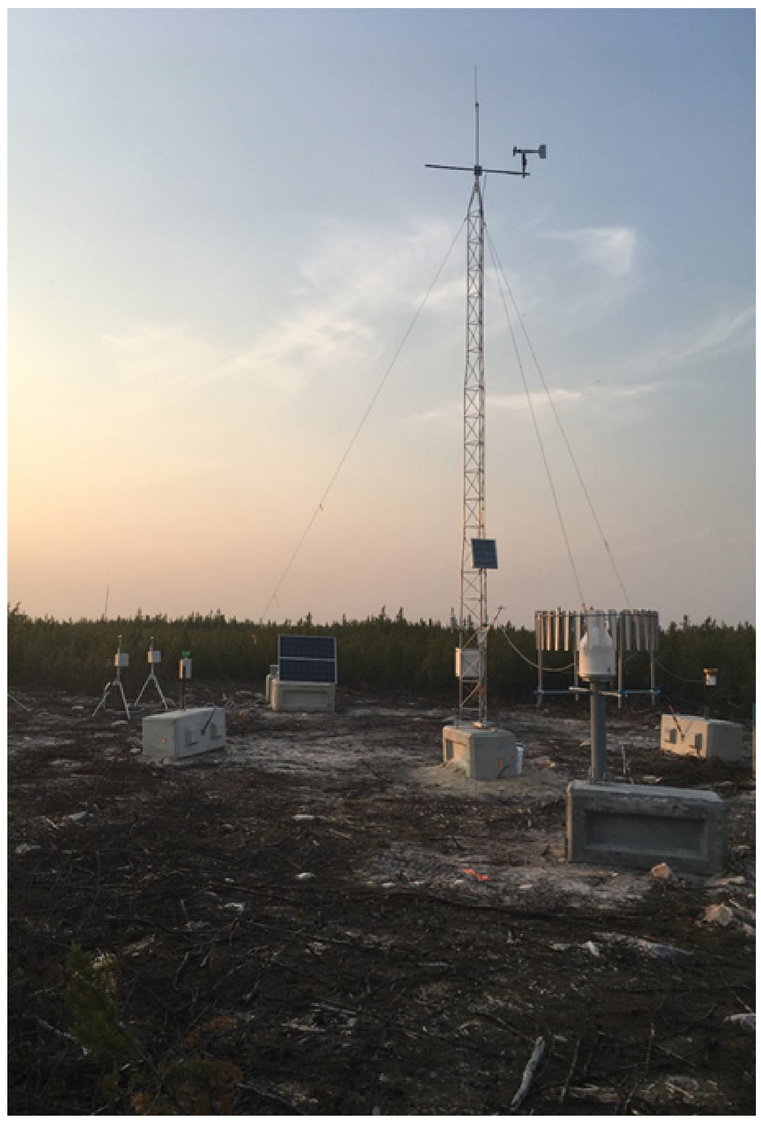
What are we doing?

Reducing potential effects to air quality was a focus during Project design:

- Liquified natural gas was selected as the primary fuel source for power generation, which produces less emissions than diesel
- Existing site roads will be upgraded and maintained to reduce dust from increased site traffic, and water and other dust suppressants will be used during dry conditions

The results

- Air quality will reflect detectable changes from existing conditions; however, most of the criteria air contaminants (CACs) are predicted to remain compliant with provincial guidelines through all phases of the Project



- Short-term concentrations of PM_{10} and total suspended particulate are projected to be above provincial guidelines but exceedance frequencies would be low and localized to the maximum disturbance area
- Duration of effect of CACs is limited to the period when emissions are being released, and would cease once Project activities are complete



Land

Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were conducted to determine the use of the area of the Project by wildlife. Vegetation surveys were conducted to determine the distribution of wildlife habitat.

What did the studies tell us?

The baseline studies provided information on the birds and mammals in the area of the Project as well as the amount and distribution of habitat types.

Surveys completed as part of the baseline studies in the local and regional area detected at least 23 species of mammals (some bat species were grouped) using winter snow tracking, ungulate pellet counts, small mammal trapping, semi-aquatic furbearer surveys, and trail cameras. Examples of detected species include: beaver, black bear, deer, fisher, lynx, marten, mink, moose, wolf, muskrat, otter, porcupine, rabbit (hare), and weasel.

Birds were surveyed using multiple methods including ARUs (song recorders), breeding bird surveys, and targeted surveys. A total of 95 species of birds were identified in the baseline surveys.



Black Bear Near Rook I Project Site

How did we assess the effects?

The potential effects of the Project to wildlife and wildlife habitat were determined through the assessment of changes to habitat availability, habitat distribution, and animal survival and reproduction (health) for key wildlife species.

The results

- Project effects are not predicted to result in changes to wildlife health or condition
- Wildlife habitat loss, habitat alteration, and sensory disturbance are expected to occur for all Project phases, though the magnitude of loss of suitable wildlife habitat would be less than 1.5% of the regional study area for all species assessed
- Only effects on woodland caribou are predicted to be significant, primarily due to effects on woodland caribou being significant under existing conditions. The Project would reduce woodland caribou habitat by less than 0.1% in SK2 West
- Wildlife habitats will be restored to the extent possible through progressive and final reclamation, and NexGen is committed to implementing a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan that is expected to provide a net increase in functional woodland caribou habitat



Land

Vegetation

A focus of the EA

Vegetation surveys were conducted to take vegetation inventories, detect rare plants, characterize wetlands, and determine existing chemical element and radionuclide concentrations. Fire disturbances, human-influenced features, and ecosites were also mapped. Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies prepared by Indigenous Groups identified traditionally used plant species that will be included in the assessment.

What did the studies tell us?

The local area is predominately upland ecosystem (Jack pine is common), much of which has been burned in the past 40 years. Regenerating forested areas are common.

Wetlands are present within the local area with shrubby bogs and treed bogs being the most common types.

Human-influenced features include access roads, trails, and clearings, but represent only a small proportion of the landscape.

No federally listed vascular plants were detected within the study area.

Traditionally used plant species detected during baseline surveys included species such as birch, blueberry, cloudberry, cranberry, jack pine, kinnikinnick, spruce, mosses, and Labrador tea, among others.

How did we assess the effects?

The potential effects of the Project to ecosystems and traditional use plants were evaluated:

- For ecosystems, ecosystem availability, distribution, and condition were assessed
- For traditional use plants, habitat availability and habitat distribution were assessed



Labrador Tea near the Rook I Project Area

The results

The overall condition of ecosystems and traditional use plants will be maintained outside the Project maximum disturbance area.

- **Upland ecosystems:** Low magnitude loss in the upland ecosystem availability (approximately 1.2% of the regional study area [RSA])
- **Wetland ecosystems:** Low magnitude loss in wetland ecosystem availability (less than 0.1% of the RSA)
- **Riparian ecosystems:** Low magnitude loss in riparian ecosystem availability (0.4% of the RSA)
- **Traditional use plants:** Loss of about 282 ha of traditional use plant habitat (1.1% of the RSA)

All ecosystem and habitat losses occur within the Project maximum disturbance boundary.



Land

Indigenous Land and Resources Use

A focus of the EA

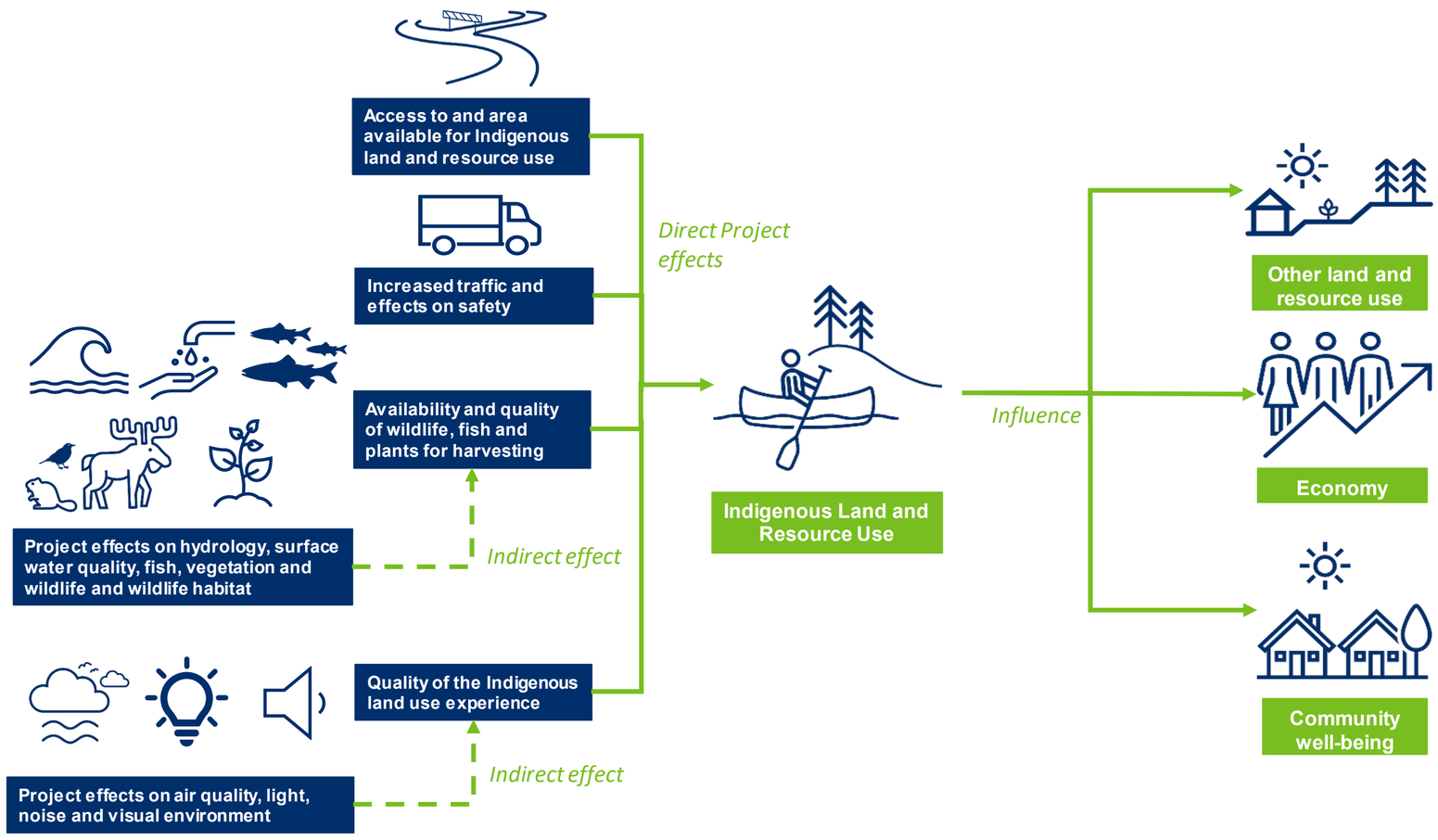
We learned many valuable aspects regarding Indigenous land and resource use through engagement with Indigenous Groups, community information sessions, workshops, interviews, and Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies.

In addition, information from other environmental assessment discipline baselines and assessments was studied to assess how Indigenous land and resource use may be affected by the Project.

What did the studies tell us?

The Project may affect Indigenous land and resource use in the following ways:

- Access restrictions may displace some Indigenous land and resource use practices
- Mining activities may alter the availability of plants, wildlife, and fish
- Sensory disturbances may change the quality of Indigenous land and resource use experience
- Changes to air or water quality may discourage traditional uses near the Project
- Ground disturbance can permanently alter the landscape, changing Indigenous land and resources use
- Awareness of the decommissioned site may change the perceived suitability of the area for Indigenous land and resource use



Pathways to Potential Changes in Indigenous Land and Resource Use

The EA is a process to ensure any potential effects are managed effectively in the interests of those affected.

How did we assess the effects?

The assessment for Indigenous land and resource use determined the effects of the Project with respect to area available for Indigenous land and resource use, quality of resources, and quality of the Indigenous land and resource use experience.

The results

While Indigenous land and resource use activities could change or be displaced to some degree, the activities will be able to continue.

What are we doing?

NexGen has worked with, and will continue to work, with local Indigenous Groups and communities to promote the use of the Patterson Lake traditional use area.

Environmental Committees have been established with local Indigenous Groups to stay actively involved in monitoring of the environmental performance of the Project. Additionally, NexGen has committed to the hiring of independent Indigenous monitors throughout the Project lifespan.

Benefit Agreements with local Indigenous Groups include funding and human resources to support community-related initiatives related to cultural and traditional values.

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Community

Engagement

Public Review Period for Rook I Project Description

Indigenous and Local Knowledge and feedback on the Rook I Project Description was received from the Clearwater River Dene Nation, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 (Clearwater Clear Lake), Ya'thi Néné Land and Resource Office, and Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation.

Study Agreements

Individual Study Agreements were signed with:

- Clearwater River Dene Nation
- Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (including on behalf of Locals within Clearwater Clear Lake)
- Birch Narrows Dene Nation
- Buffalo River Dene Nation

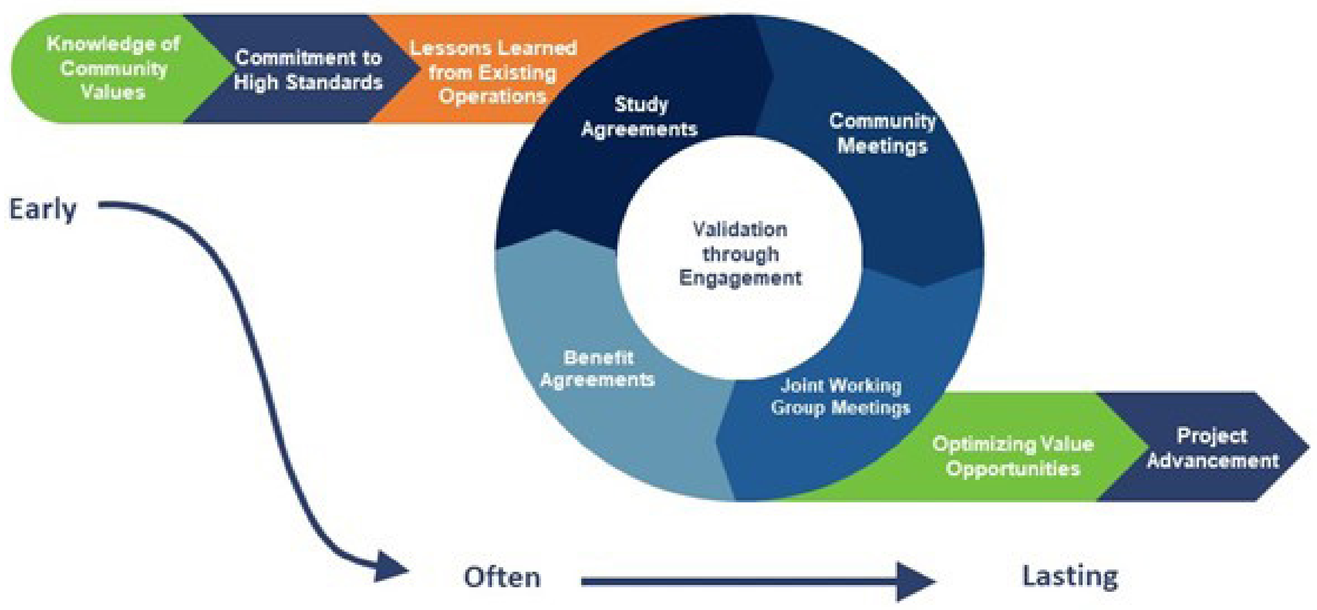
The purpose of the Study Agreements is to define a framework to work collaboratively through the environmental assessment (EA) process, including the provision of financial capacity for Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies, establish Joint Working Groups (JWGs) for each Indigenous Group to engage with NexGen on the Project EA, and participate in reviews of technical information.

Traditional Land Use Studies

To better understand land use in the area of the Project, NexGen provided the funds necessary to allow Indigenous Groups to undertake self-directed Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies.

Other Engagement Initiatives

- NexGen has a dedicated community-based Project Liaison Manager in La Loche; this individual works out of our La Loche office and is accessible for all community members
- In addition to topics discussed through the JWGs, breakout sessions have been held with JWGs where additional information has been requested for topics of particular interest to communities
- NexGen has signed three Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Groups and is negotiating a Benefit Agreement with a fourth Indigenous Group
- For information and updates on the Project, please visit https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca/





Community

Joint Working Groups

The Joint Working Groups (JWGs) were formed through the Study Agreements established with each primary Indigenous Group and have been implemented as the agreed-upon engagement pathway for the advancement of the environmental assessment (EA). JWG Members consist of NexGen staff and Indigenous Groups. Indigenous Group Leadership selected their JWG participants with consideration for diverse representation, including Elders, youth, men and women, business owners, and traditional land users in the Patterson Lake area.

The JWGs represent an important engagement platform to allow for ongoing collaboration on elements of the Rook I Project, and to enable the incorporation of community members' views and Indigenous and Local Knowledge into the Project, where applicable.

The four JWGs are:

- Clearwater River Dene Nation JWG
- Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 (Clearwater Clear Lake) JWG
- Birch Narrows Dene Nation JWG
- Buffalo River Dene Nation JWG

The JWGs help facilitate collaboration between Indigenous communities and NexGen to ensure Indigenous views and knowledge are considered in relation to the Project. The JWGs meet routinely (as needed), with a minor disruption in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since 2019 when the JWGs commenced, the following topics have been discussed:

- Project overview
- Outline of environmental assessment (EA) process
- Baseline studies
- Valued components
- Indigenous Group culture and land use shares
- Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies
- Human health risk assessment overview
- Water assessment and management
- EA pathways
- Underground tailings management facility
- Caribou
- Traffic studies
- Surface lease agreement
- Socio-economic assessment
- Community well-being
- Traditional and wage economies
- Employment, business, and training opportunities
- Project update
- Regulatory process update
- Modelling and the EA process
- Project alternatives assessed
- End land use



Community

Community First

NexGen is an active member of the communities near the Rook I Project. We are continuing to work together to build long-term opportunities that contribute to a sustainable future.

NexGen recognizes the importance of working together with local communities and will continue to focus on meaningful engagement throughout the Project lifespan.

Commitments in Action

The Summer Student Program

Builds skills and confidence in young adults through skilled employment at the existing exploration site. To date, over 60 students have been employed in the summer student program.

The Recreational Program

Provides structured after-school and summer holiday recreational events and opportunities for the youth community and community members. Programming includes beadwork, holiday decorating, traditional music lessons, and free public skating.

The School Breakfast Program

Through a partnership with the Breakfast Club of Canada, healthy breakfasts are provided to over 1,100 students each school day. Eight local cooks are employed to prepare breakfasts for students.

Other community programs:

Scholarship Program

Since 2017, NexGen has provided up to four scholarships per year to students from the Local Priority Area (LPA) to successfully pursue their post-secondary education.

Youth Sports Program

Each year, NexGen provides support to minor sports teams in the LPA. This support keeps the local youth engaged in sports and provides them with opportunities to participate in sporting events throughout the province and country.

Culture Program

Understanding the importance of culture and traditional values, NexGen supports the communities in the LPA through various initiatives that provide opportunities for the youth to work with the Elders and Knowledge Keepers of their communities.

Dog Fostering Program

Through collaboration with the Meadow Lake Humane Society, NexGen has fostered over 35 dogs at the existing exploration site, with almost all the fostered dogs having found a permanent home.



Community

Working with Communities

In order to maximize benefits for Indigenous Peoples and communities potentially affected by the Project, NexGen has established a Local Priority Area (LPA) for prioritizing education, training, employment, and business opportunities.

NexGen's socio-economic capacity building framework will promote continued engagement with local Indigenous Groups and communities to create as much positivity for as many people as possible. NexGen's goal is to collaborate with local Indigenous Groups and communities regarding employment, business development, environmental stewardship, and cultural enhancement initiatives.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC CAPACITY BUILDING

Enhance skills and facilitate coordination among local Indigenous Groups and communities, and key public and private stakeholders that support socio-economic capacity building in the Local Priority Area and northern Saskatchewan

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Augment local business performance and foster local economic diversification

HUMAN ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Enhance local workforce job readiness and access to labour markets

COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Strengthen and connect local communities

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Foster environmental stewardship, promote traditional land use management, and support community participation in environmental monitoring

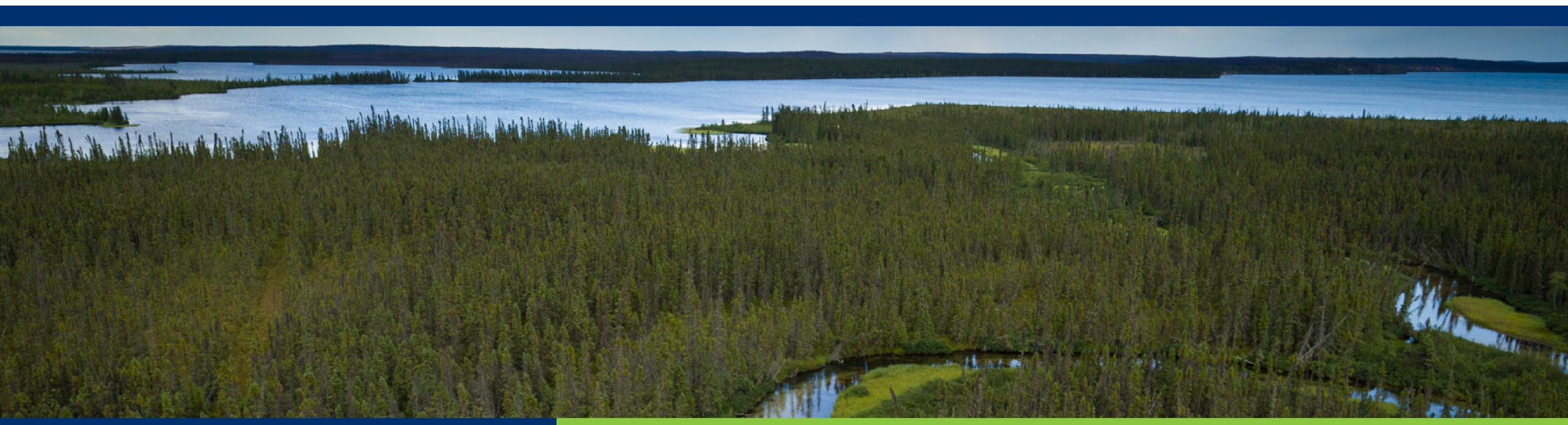
CULTURAL ENHANCEMENT

Promote Indigenous cultural identity and respect

NEXGEN VISION AND VALUES

NexGen Vision and Values to Guide Sustainable Enhancement of Project Opportunities

- **Business enterprise development:** Sustainably support business development in the LPA and northern Saskatchewan
- **Human enterprise development:** Sustainably support existing institutions and programs to enhance education, training, and skills development for direct, indirect, and induced employment for LPA residents
- **Community and regional development:** Support existing initiatives and help identify new opportunities to enhance community and regional development across the LPA
- **Environmental stewardship:** Explore opportunities to enhance and foster environmental stewardship and promote shared land use initiatives
- **Cultural enhancement:** Work collaboratively with local Indigenous Groups and communities to promote Indigenous and northern culture and support cultural programs



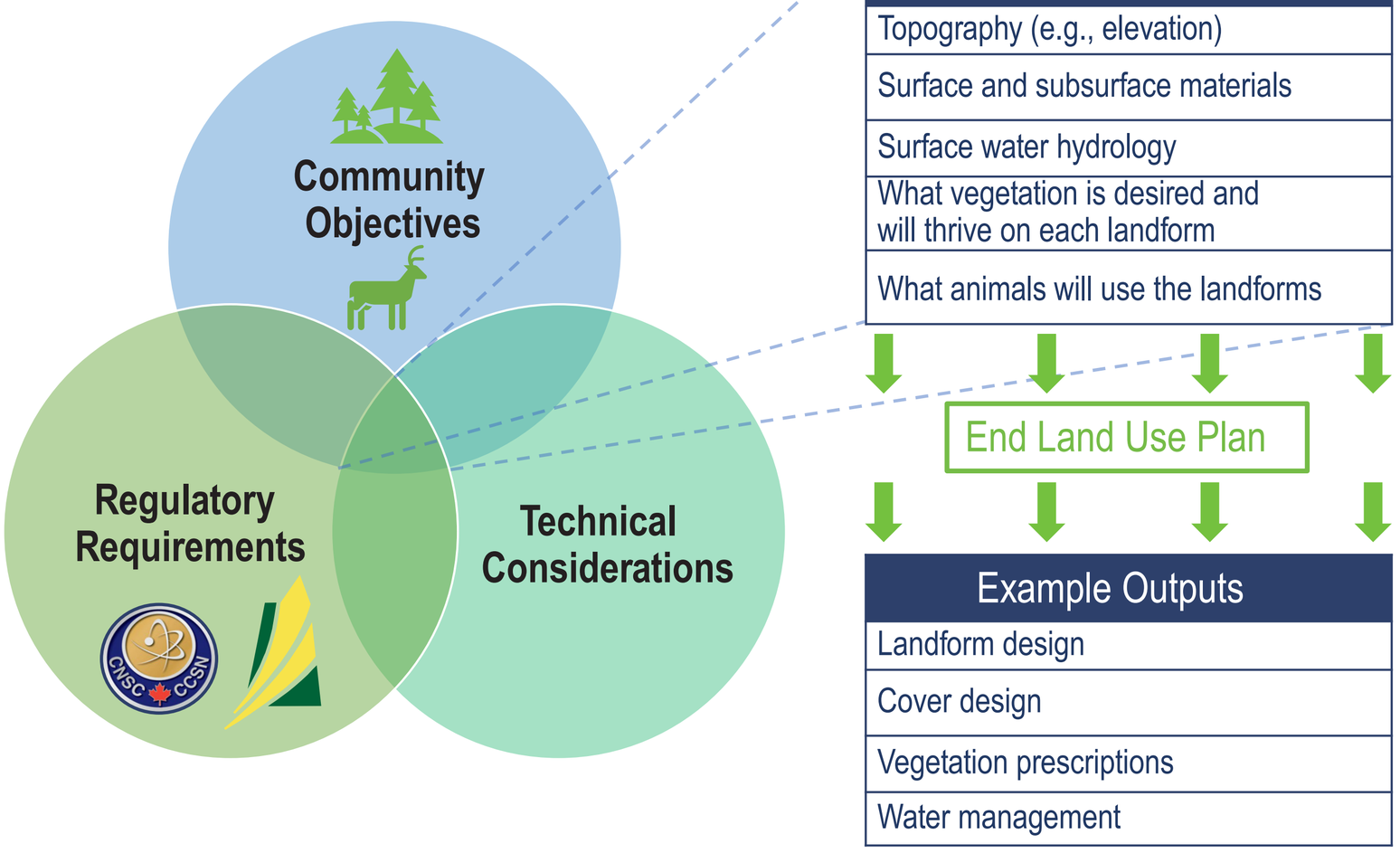
Closure

End Land Use

End Land Use

End Land Use refers to how the Rook I Project site will be used in the future, after decommissioning and reclamation. NexGen's preliminary objective is to reclaim the landscape to allow for unrestricted land use by members of local Indigenous Groups and communities. This objective would be supported through the establishment of functional, self sustaining, locally common ecosystems as soon as practical.

NexGen's End Land Use planning will occur throughout all Project phases and will use the most current information about the Project and surrounding environment.

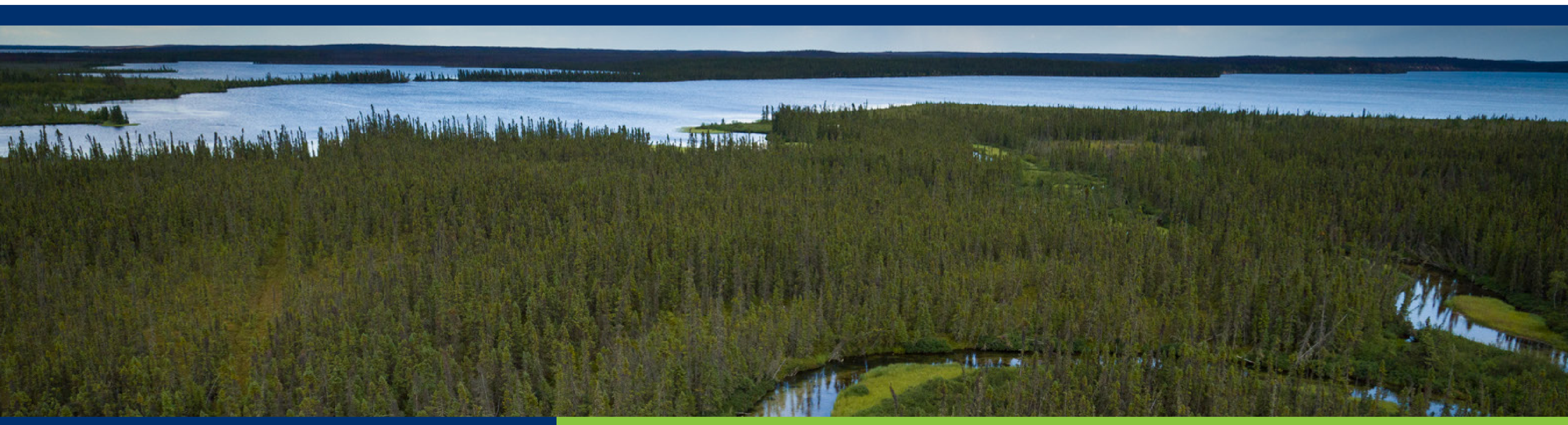


Reclamation Methods

To achieve end land use objectives, the following are commonly used and may be appropriate for the Project:

- Shaping of landforms
- Creating more natural surfaces (e.g., rough, irregular/non-linear)
- Spreading soil that was salvaged prior to construction
- Revegetating
- Assessing site access to enable ecosystem recovery
- Monitoring and adaptive management, as required

We are here to help answer your questions. All questions are important.



Closure

Environmental Protection and Monitoring

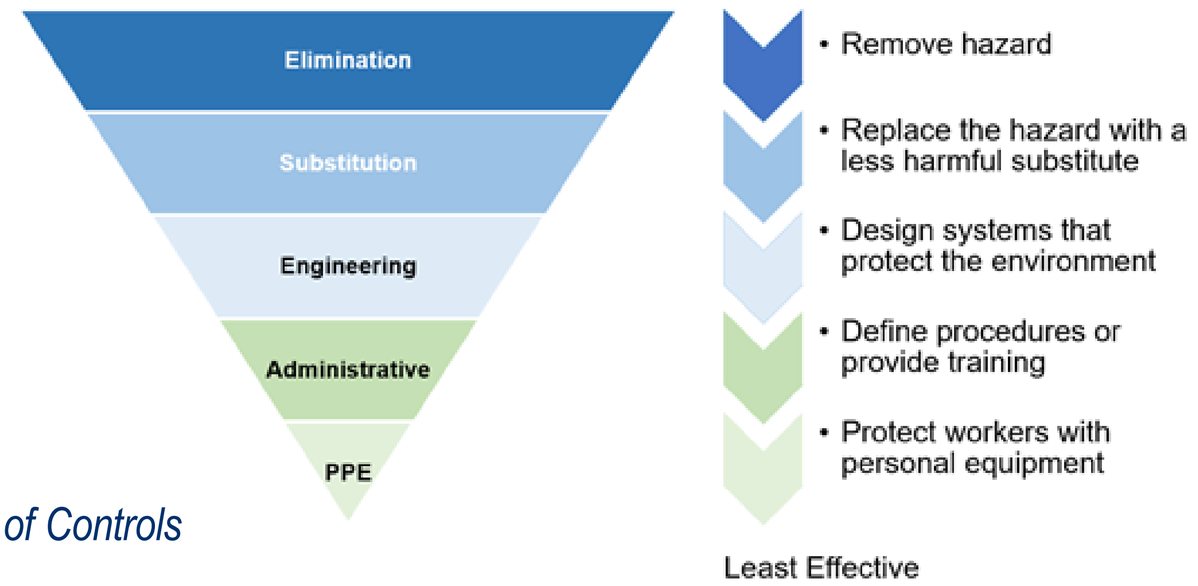
Environmental Protection

NexGen recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving the environment and biodiversity throughout the Rook I Project lifespan and for future generations. NexGen is minimizing impacts on the environment and biodiversity from Project facilities, activities, and processes by adopting a comprehensive approach to environmental protection. This includes the consideration and incorporation of Indigenous and Local Knowledge.

Environmental Interactions

Environmental interactions are the ways in which Rook I Project facilities, activities, and processes can influence or effect the natural environment.

Identifying environmental interactions and evaluating potential environmental impacts is foundational to achieving effective, risk-based environmental protection.



Hierarchy of Controls

Environmental Controls

Environmental interactions have been identified and assessed. Controls appropriate for the corresponding level of risk have been identified and will be implemented and verified to minimize environmental impacts. The Project will use a variety of controls to effectively prevent or reduce the risk to the environment.

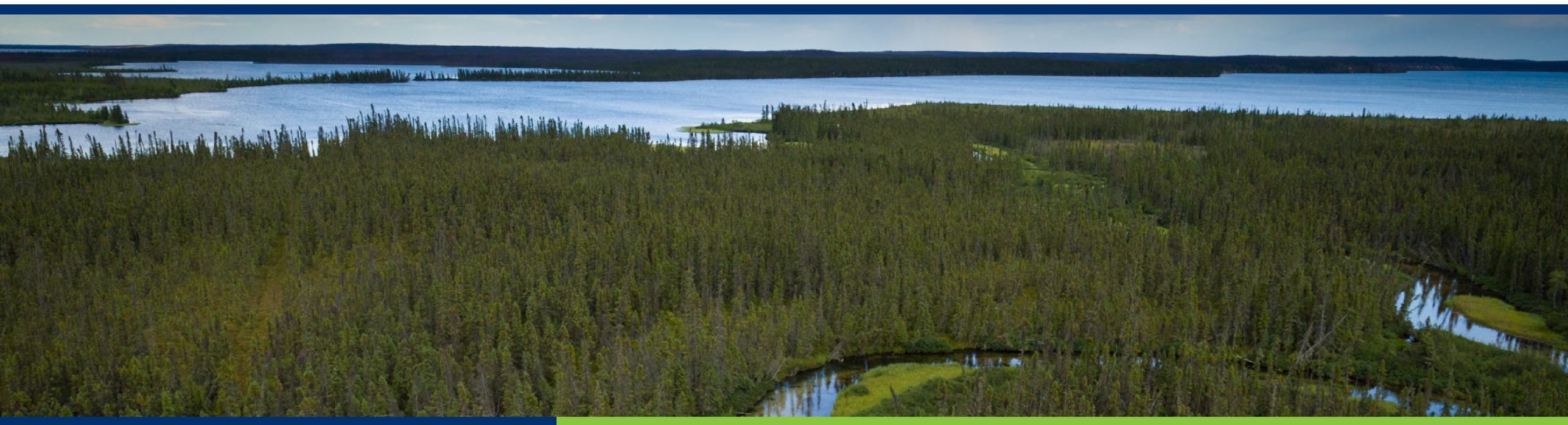
Monitoring

Monitoring will be used to:

- characterize and monitor the overall performance of facilities, activities, and processes to ensure the environment remains protected
- determine whether environmental protection measures are performing as intended and to help inform opportunities for continual improvement

As part of the evaluation of Project performance, Environmental Committees formeded with each of the four primary Indigenous Groups will provide oversight of the environmental performance and verify Project compliance. In addition, NexGen will fund a full-time Indigenous monitor chosen by each of the primary Indigenous Groups to conduct independent environmental sampling.

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EA

Key Findings from the Environmental Assessment

Overall, the Project is expected to result in some changes to the environment but is not predicted to result in significant adverse effects to any biophysical or socio-economic component with the exception of woodland caribou.

Potential Project Effects

The Project effects on woodland caribou are predicted to be minimal; however, as effects to woodland are already significant under existing conditions, this would continue with the addition of the Project. NexGen will be implementing a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan designed to improve woodland caribou habitat from the current environmental conditions.

In the far future (e.g., 400 years), copper and cobalt levels in Patterson Lake are predicted to exceed regulatory threshold values. However, these exceedances are expected to be localized and are not predicted to impact fish, plants, wildlife, or human health. During Operations, NexGen would analyze data and apply adaptive management processes to further minimize effects.

Project Benefits

The Project is anticipated to provide many benefits to local community members including increased employment, income, education and training, and business opportunities. NexGen will continue to maximize opportunities for local communities.



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EA

Environmental Assessment Process

The proposed Rook I Project is subject to both provincial and federal Environmental Assessment (EA) processes.

- An EA is a process used to understand the potential environmental and social effects of a proposed project. This process happens before any decisions about constructing a project are made
- The EA for the Project is subject to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) and *The Environmental Assessment Act* of Saskatchewan

The Project proposed by NexGen is undergoing a harmonized review by the federal and provincial regulators, which means that they work together in reviewing the EA for the Project.

Approval of the Project will still require a positive decision on the EA from both the provincial (Ministry of Environment) and federal (Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission) regulators.

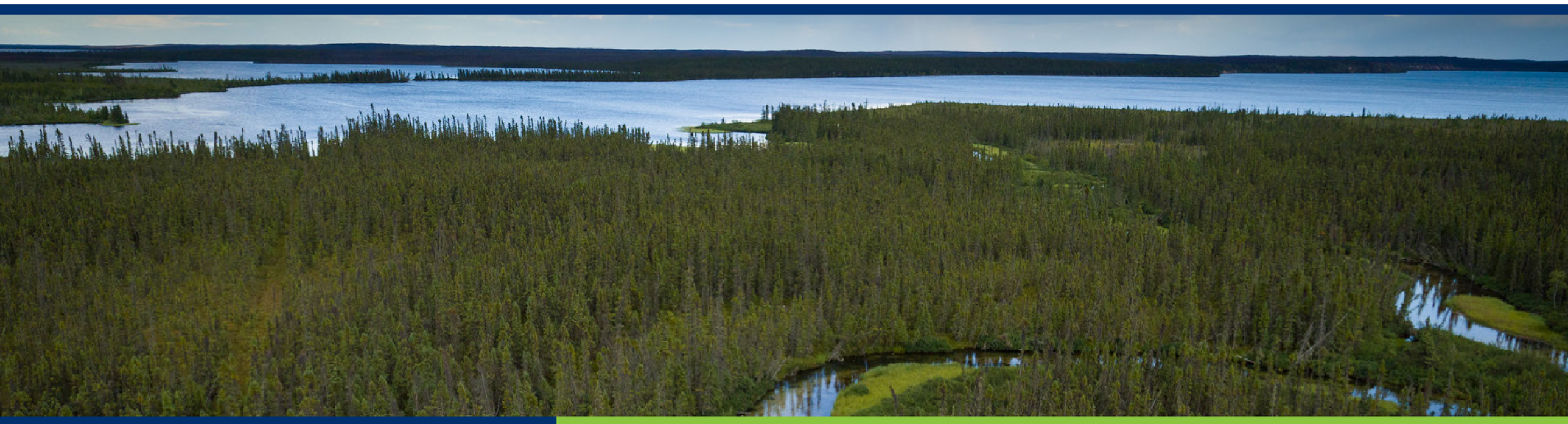
NexGen has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in support of the EA for the Project.

The EIS is the report that summarizes all of the work completed from the collection of baseline data, through to the design of the Project, and the 'findings' of the EA.

Indigenous and public participation opportunities carried out by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment, and NexGen will occur throughout the EA review process.

NexGen's continued Engagement - Your Feedback is Important!

Throughout the regulatory review process for the EA, NexGen will continue to work directly with local Indegenous Groups and communities.

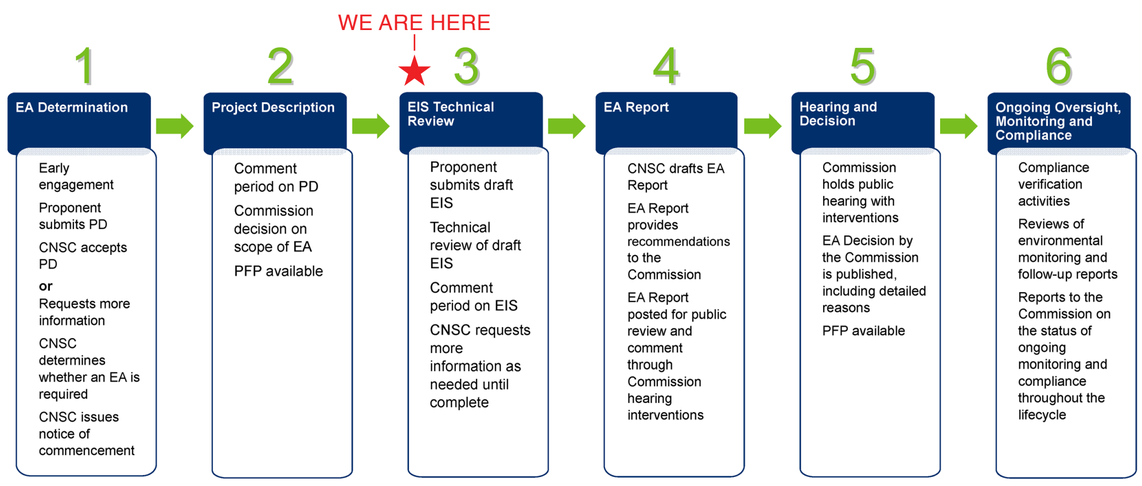


EA

Environmental Assessment Process

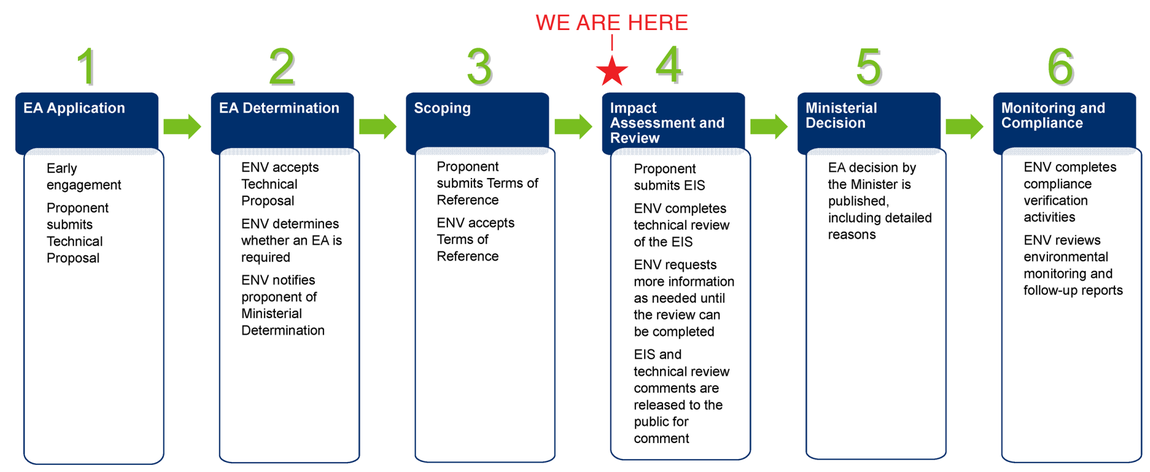
There are several opportunities throughout the regulatory process for members of the public to provide feedback on the Project. There is also funding available for members of the public to participate.

Figure 1: Overview of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Environmental Assessment Process under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012



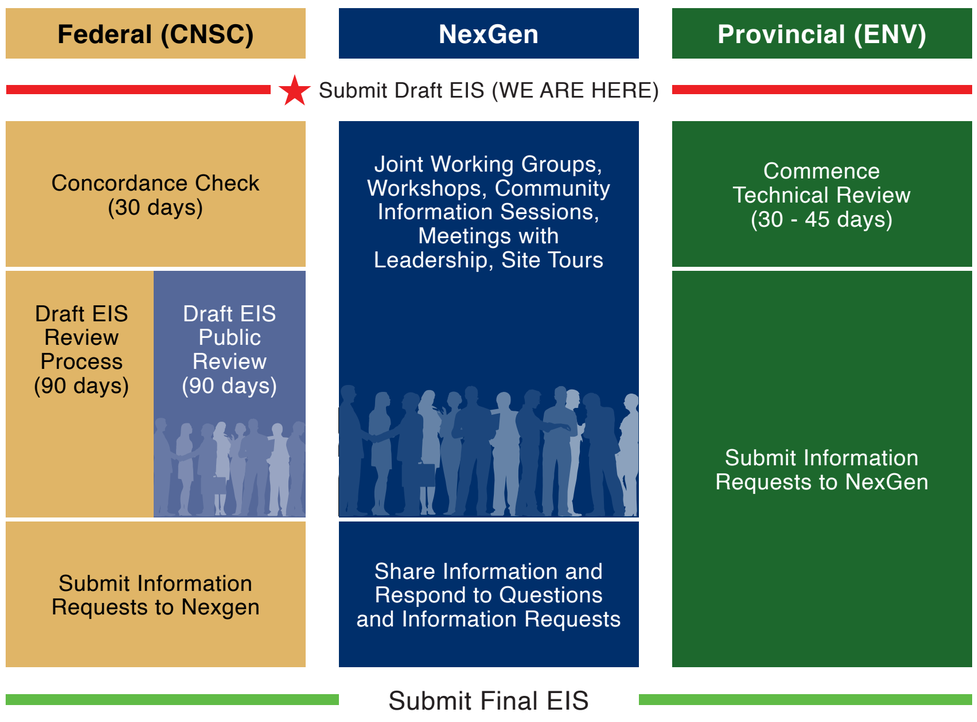
Source: CNSC 2021. PD = Project Description; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = environmental assessment; PFP = Participant Funding Program; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement.

Figure 2: Overview of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment Environmental Assessment Process under The Environmental Assessment Act



ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; EA = environmental assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement.

Figure 3:
Public Engagement Opportunities on the Draft EIS



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EA

Environmental Assessment Process - Master Linkage Diagram

ATMOSPHERE

WATER

LAND

PEOPLE

Air Quality
Section 7.2

Noise
Section 7.3

Climate Change
Section 7.4

Hydrogeology
Section 8

Hydrology
Section 9

Surface Water Quality
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Sediment Quality
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Fish and Fish Habitat
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Terrain and Soils
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Wildlife and
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Cultural and
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Indigenous Land and
Resource Use
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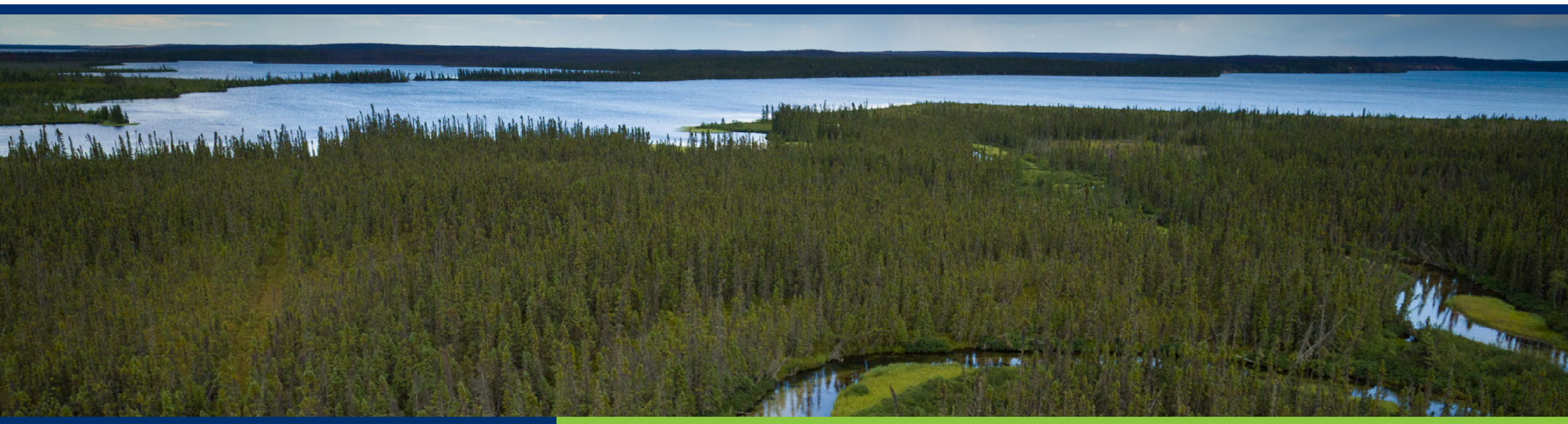
Other Land and
Resource Use
Section 17

Economy
Section 18

Community Well-being
Section 19

Legend

- Valued components
- Intermediate components
- Linkages between intermediate components and valued components.



Land

Wildlife Observed in Baseline Studies for the Rook I Project



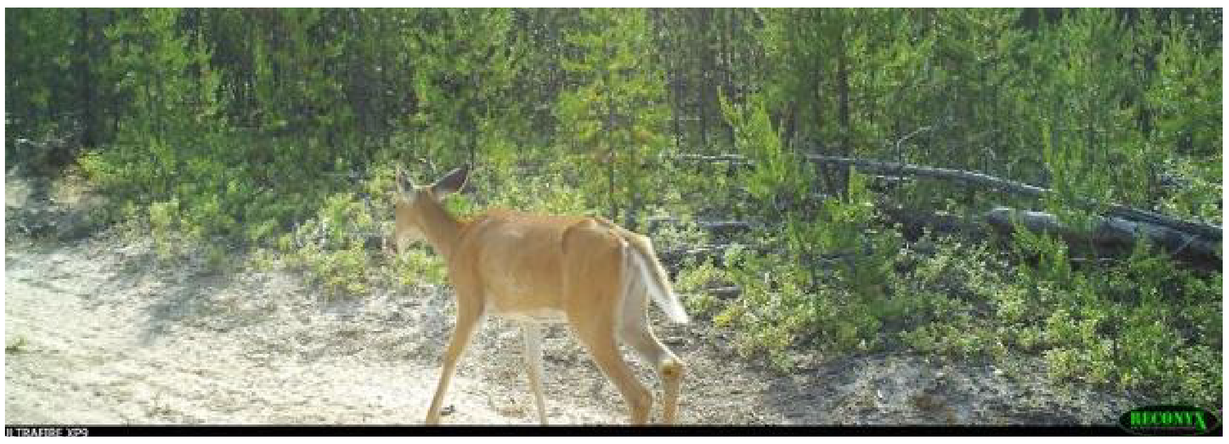














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June 2022 Community Information Sessions

General Survey Administered During the Community Information Sessions

June 2022

Rook I Project

Community Information Sessions – June 2022

EXIT SURVEY

NexGen acknowledges and values the community interests and aspirations of those potentially affected by the Rook I Project. NexGen is committed to fostering trusting relationships that facilitate collaboration and to optimizing benefits to Indigenous Groups, Local Priority Area communities, and Project stakeholders.

This survey asks for your views on this Community Information Session, for comment on the information that you were provided and would like to receive, and for any additional comments that you may have at this time. Your input is important to NexGen.

Please note that feedback provided will be made public as part of the regulatory process for the Rook I Project. All comments that you provide will be anonymous – NexGen will not record your name.

1. What community are you from _____ (town)

2. How did you hear about this Community Information Session?

- ☐ Mail advertisement
- ☐ Poster in the community
- ☐ Radio advertisement
- ☐ Word of mouth
- ☐ Other (please specify):

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3. Was the information provided at this Community Information Session useful to you?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ No

Please explain:

_____
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4. Did the NexGen representatives answer your questions sufficiently?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ No

Please explain:

_____
_____
_____

5. Do you feel you understand what environmental and socio-economic studies were done?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ No

Please explain:

_____
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_____

6. Do you feel you understand the potential impacts and benefits of the Rook I Project?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ No

Please explain:

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7. What information would you like NexGen to provide in future information sessions?

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8. Please provide additional comments in the space below.

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Please place completed surveys in the box provided at the Community Information Session, drop off by July 1, 2022 at NexGen's La Loche office (Dene Empowerment Centre), or send by July 1, 2022 to:

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Thank you for participating and providing your input!

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Presentation Materials

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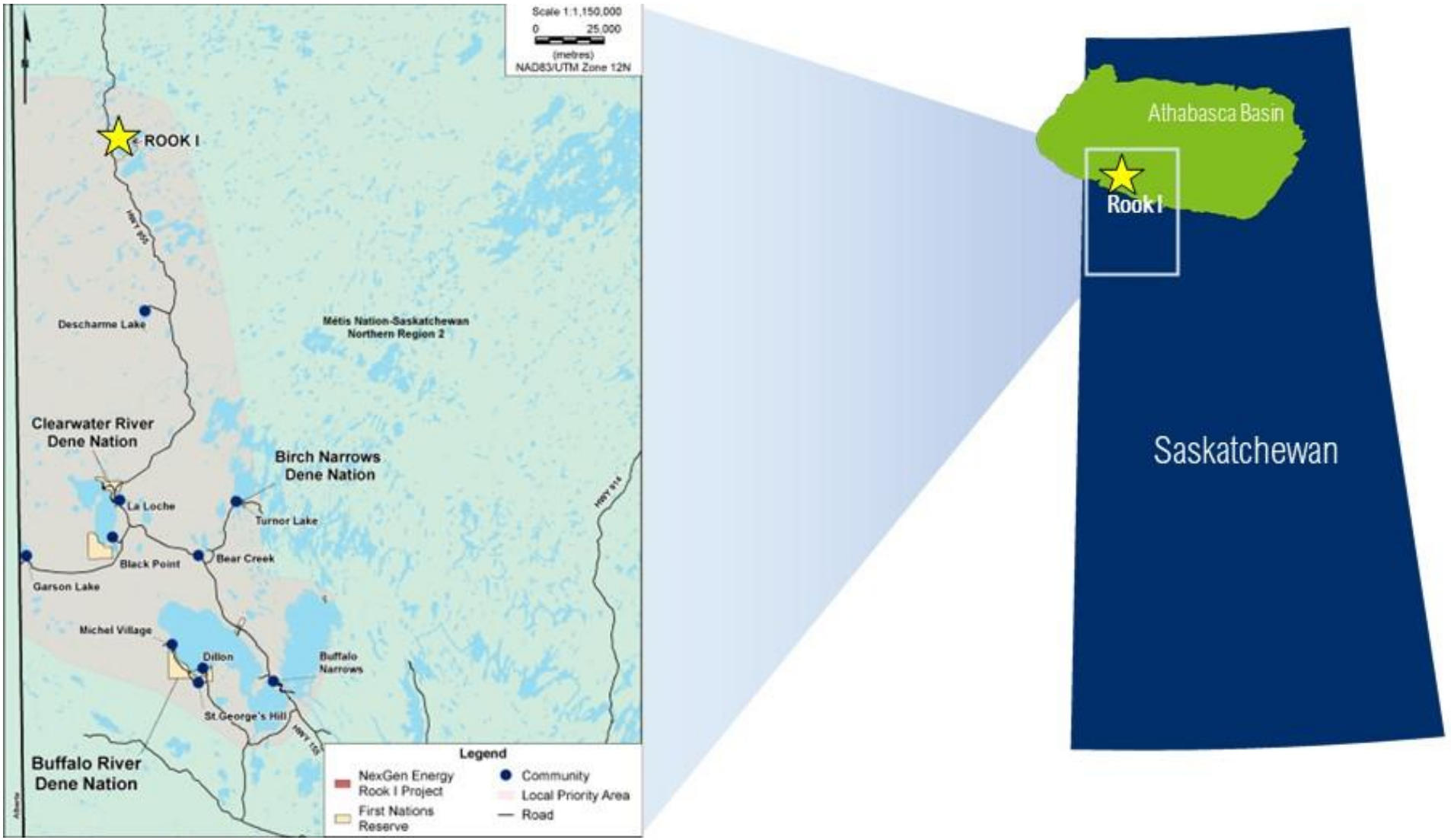
Rook I Project
MN-S Community Update
Environmental Assessment Results Workshop

5/6 October 2022

NexGen and the Rook I Project



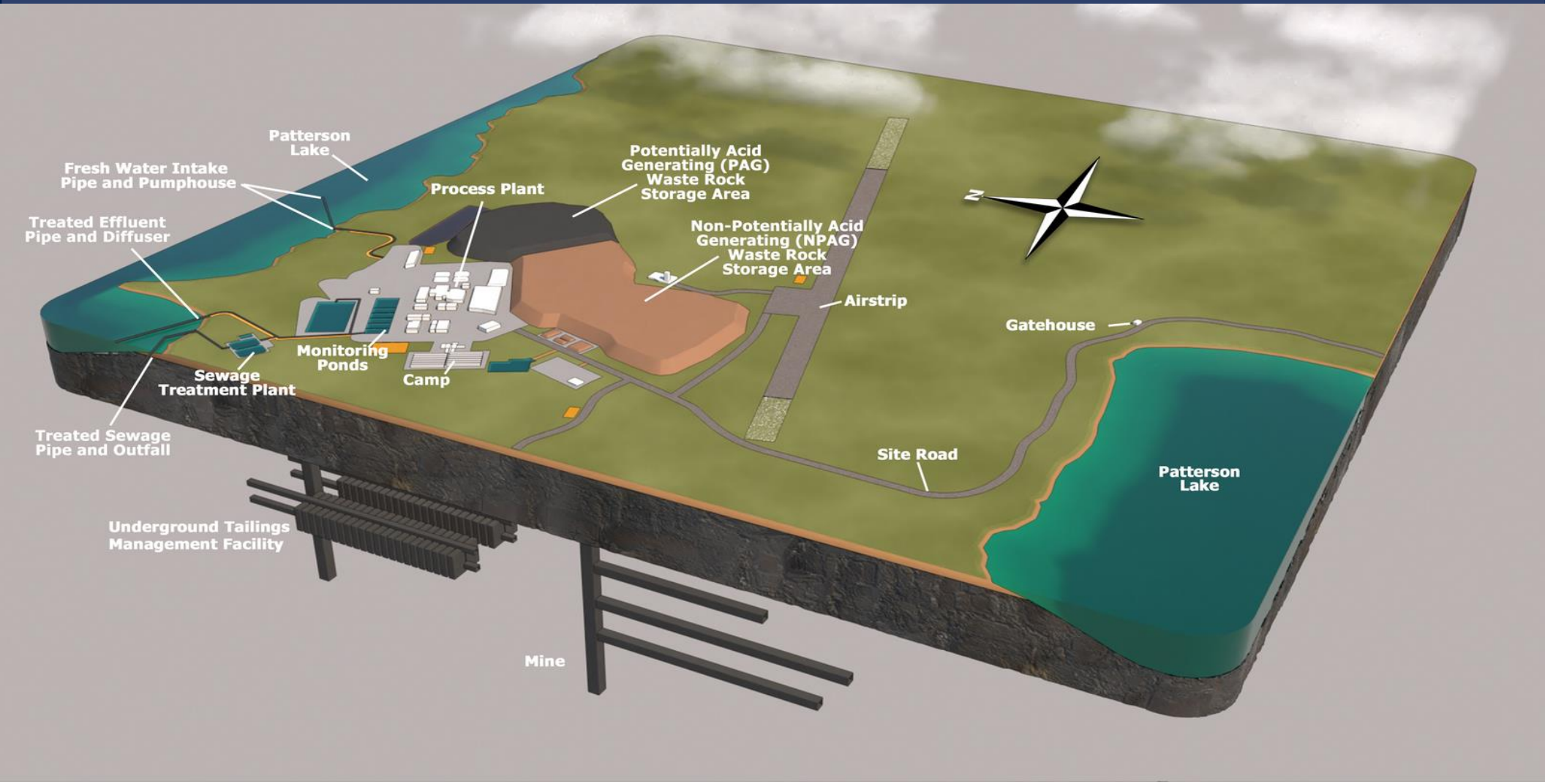
Rook I Project Setting



Rook I Project

Uranium mine and surface processing plant

- Up to 30 Mlbs U_3O_8/year



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Rook I Project Conceptual Duration

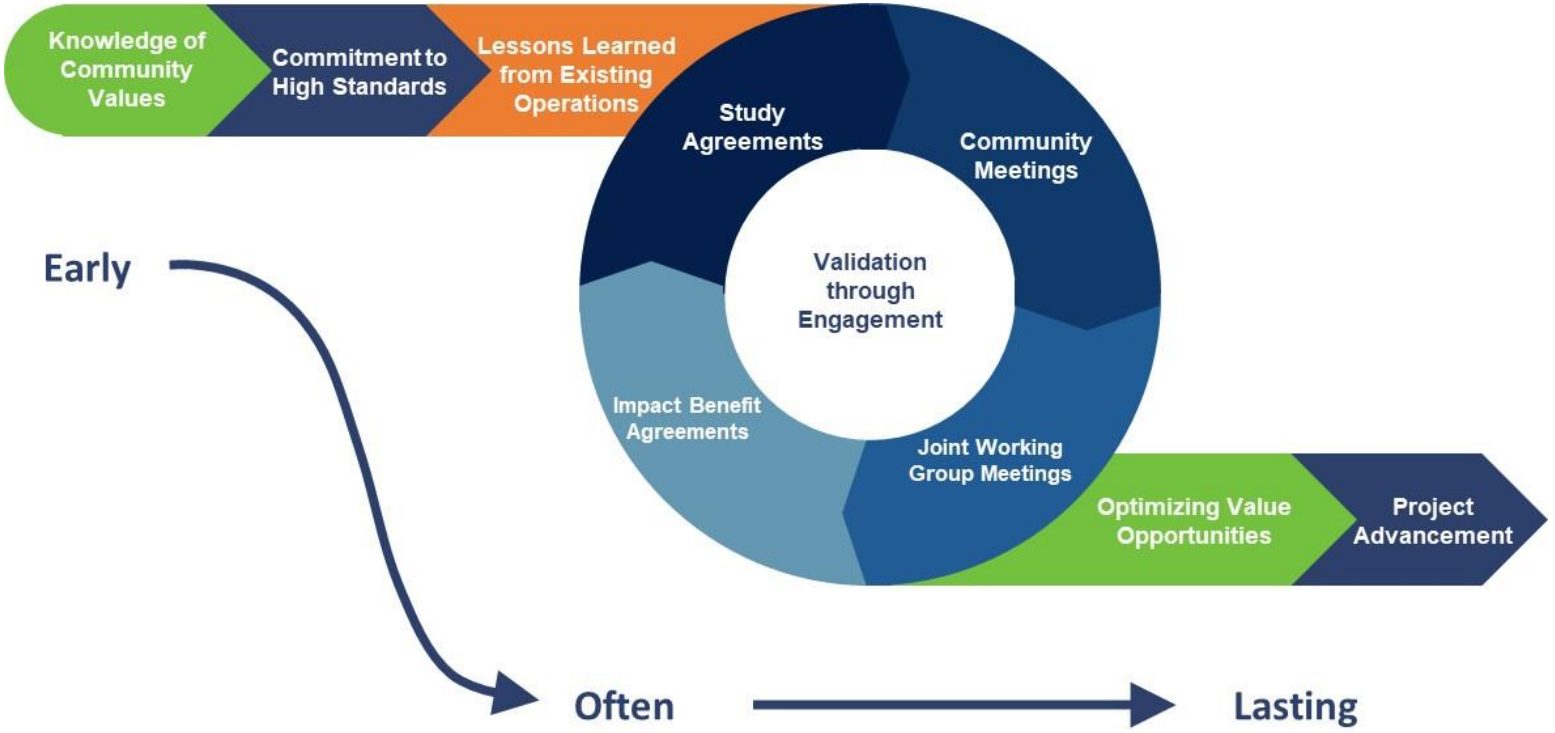
Phase	Key Activities	Duration (years)
Construction	• Preparing the site • Building and testing parts of the mine, mill, and supporting facilities	4
Operation	• Mining and milling activities • Producing uranium concentrate	24
Closure (Decommissioning & Reclamation)	• Backfilling mine workings • Removing all physical infrastructure • Recontouring and revegetating disturbed areas • Environmental monitoring to confirm that the reclamation goals are being met	~15

Construct ➔ Operate ➔ Closure



Rook I Project: Engagement as a Core Value

- Primary Indigenous Groups:
  - Clearwater River Dene Nation
  - Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
    - Northern Region 2
  - Birch Narrows Dene Nation
  - Buffalo River Dene Nation
- Engagement Mechanisms:
  - Partnership Approach – Study Agreements
    - Community-led Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies
    - Joint Working Groups (JWGs)
  - Community Information Sessions
  - Local trapper engagement



Project Regulatory Context and the Environmental Assessment



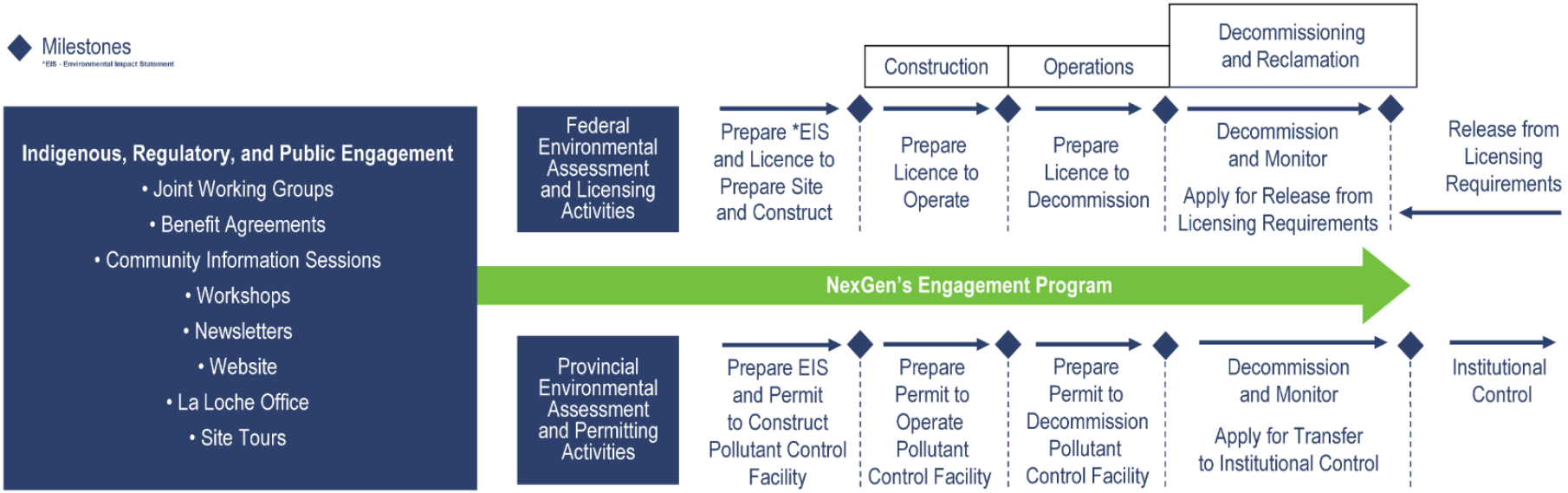
Permitting and Licensing

Environmental Assessment (Provincial and Federal)

- Understanding the potential positive and negative impacts of a project
- Includes studies of the existing environment, models of the project, and assessments to make sure that people and the environment would be protected

Licensing (Federal) and Approvals (Provincial)

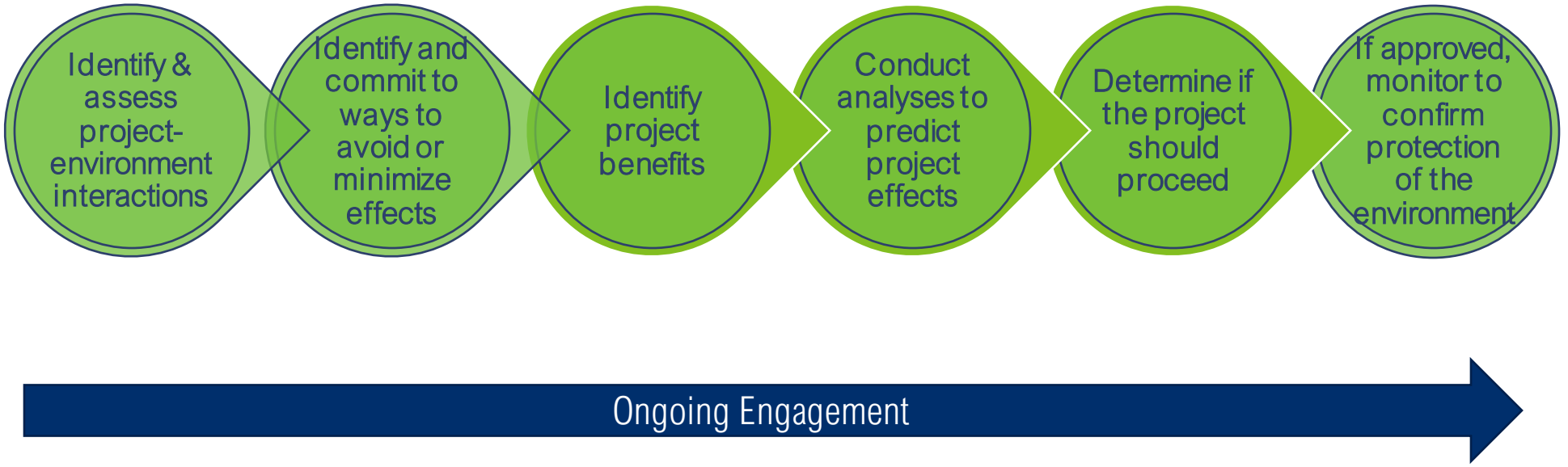
- The details of the 'how' the work will be completed
- Includes details like technical specifications of the facilities, procedures, and processes



Four primary authorizations are required to start the construction of a uranium mine in Saskatchewan

What is an Environmental Assessment (EA)?

Environmental assessment (EA) is used to understand potential environmental and social effects of a project **before** a decision is made by regulators as to whether or not to issue an approval to proceed with the project.



An EA is a planning tool that predicts effects of a project and identifies measures to avoid or minimize negative effects and enhance benefits to safeguard both people (e.g., local communities) and the environment.

Draft Environmental Impact Statement



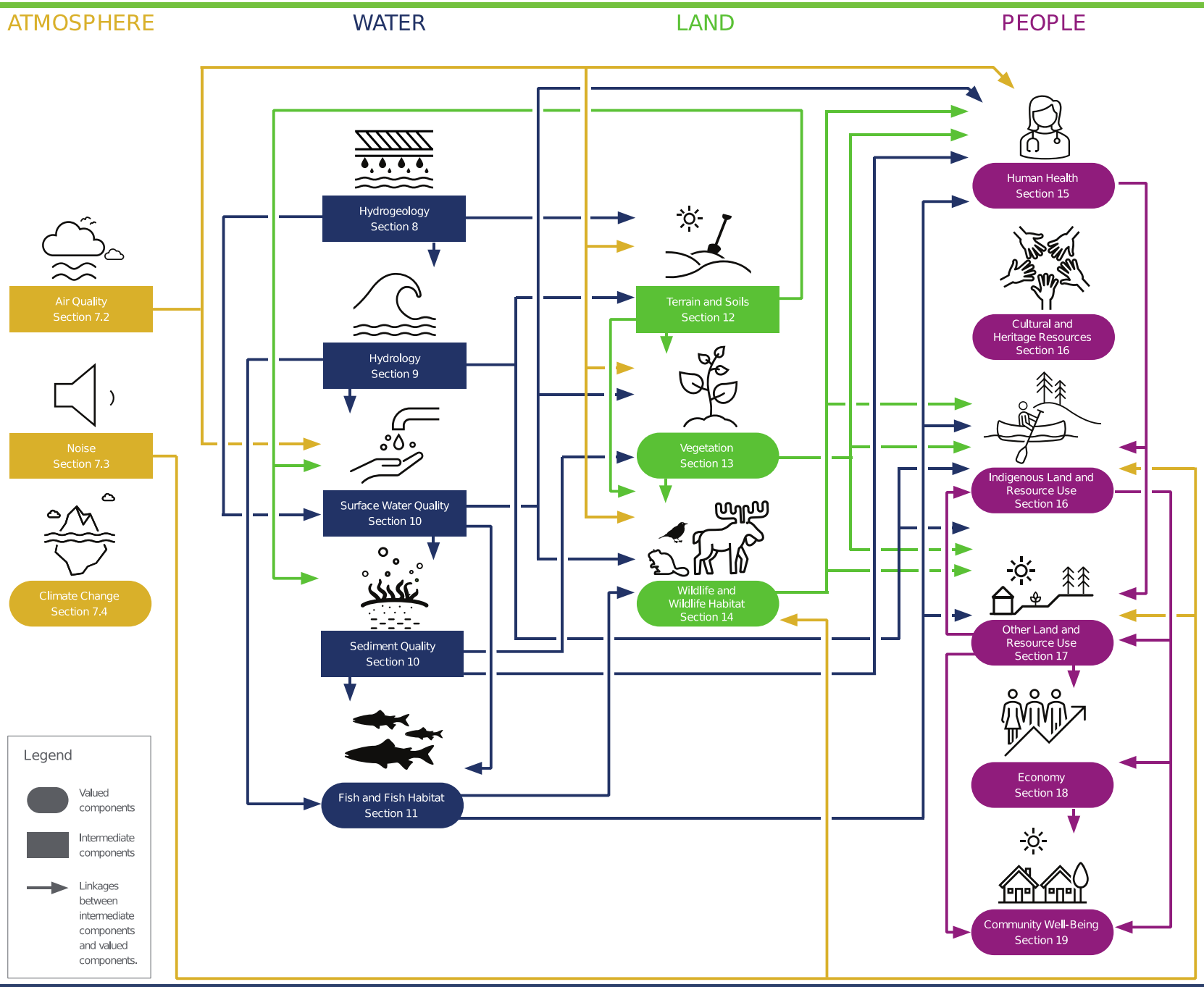
Rook I Project: Draft EIS Context

- The EIS for the Project has been developed to meet the Terms of Reference submitted to and approved by the CNSC and ENV.
  - This includes fulfilling the federal requirements under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* and *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) and the provincial requirements of *The Environmental Assessment Act*.
- The EIS has also been developed to follow the *Generic Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement - Pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CNSC 2021a).





EIS Technical Disciplines: Linkages



Draft EIS Key Section Maps: Example – Human Health



Section 15
Human Health

Technical Support Documents
TSD XXI: Environmental Risk Assessment

Section Appendices
Appendix 7A: Air Dispersion Modelling Report
Appendix 10A: Surface Water Quality Modelling Report
Appendix 11A: Aquatic Health Assessment of the Potential for Adverse Effects of Predicted Far-Future Copper Concentrations in Patterson Lake

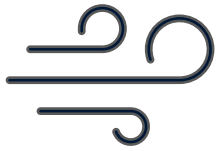
EIS Report Sections
Section 7: Air Quality Noise and Climate
Section 8: Hydrogeology
Section 9: Hydrology
Section 10: Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality
Section 11: Fish and Fish Habitat
Section 12: Terrain and Soils
Section 13: Vegetation
Section 14: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

Baseline Annexes
Annex I: Atmospheric Baseline Report
Annex IV.2: Hydrometric Monitoring Characterization Report
Annex V.1: Aquatic Environment Baseline Report
Annex VI: Terrain and Soils Baseline Report
Annex VII.3: Vegetation Chemistry
Annex VIII.1: Wildlife Baseline Report 1 (Mammals, Waterfowl, and Raptors)
Annex VIII.2: Wildlife Baseline Report 2 (Amphibians, Birds, and Bats)
Annex VIII.3: Wildlife Baseline Report 3 (Bird Migration and Bats)

Technical Support Documents
TSD XIV: Groundwater Flow and Solute Transport Modelling Report

Main Themes for Assessment

ATMOSPHERE



- Air Quality
- Noise
- Climate

WATER



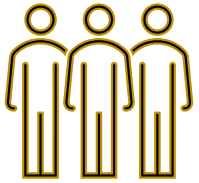
- Hydrogeology
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- Surface Water Quality
- Fish and Fish Habitat

LAND



- Terrain and Soils
- Vegetation
- Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

PEOPLE



- Human Health
- Cultural Heritage and Resources
- Indigenous Land and Resource Use
- Other Land and Resource Use
- Economy
- Community Well-being

EIS Development – What We Heard from the Communities

Component	Topic of Interest
Atmosphere	Cumulative air quality effects, including radon and dust
Water	Surface water quality, especially in Patterson Lake and the Clearwater River watershed, including cumulative effects
	Project and cumulative effects to water quality affecting fish and fish health (especially in Patterson Lake) and subsistence and commercial fishing
Land	Potential effects to wildlife hunted and trapped, including wildlife health
People	Loss of land on lease area, especially Patterson Lake and surrounding areas, affecting ability to hunt, travel, and transmit traditional knowledge to younger generations
	Human health concerns from cumulative effects, including those from potentially contaminated resources (e.g., consumption of country foods, drinking water)

EIS Development – What We Heard from the Communities

Component	Topic of Interest
People	Cumulative air quality effects, including radon and dust
	Increased competition with non-Indigenous recreational land users
	Negative effects on community well-being from increased income and an influx of workers and capital
	Employment, training, and business opportunities for community members, with emphasis on local hiring



Atmosphere

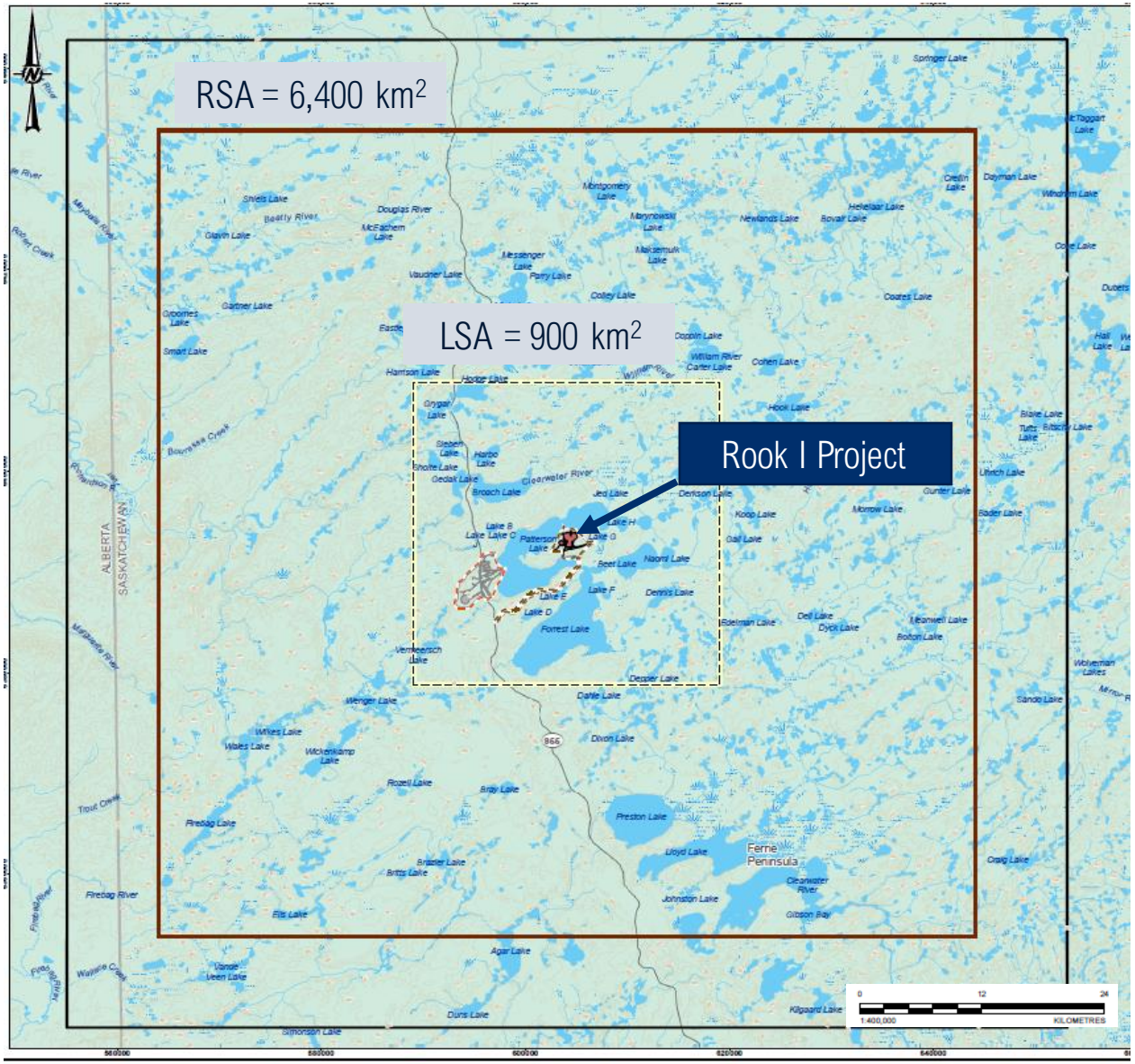


Air Quality

Noise

Climate Change

Air Quality Assessment



EA Key Findings: Atmosphere

Intermediate Components

Air Quality



- **Overall air quality:** Most of the criteria air contaminants (CACs) are predicted to remain compliant with the Saskatchewan Ambient Air Quality Guidelines (SAAQS) through all phases of the Project.
- **PM_{10} and total suspended particulates:** Short-term concentrations of 24-hour PM_{10} and 24-hour total suspended particulates would be above the SAAQS; however, the exceedance frequencies remain low, and localized to the Project.

Noise



- **Noise levels:** Increases in noise levels would occur as a result of the Project; however, levels are predicted to remain below regulatory thresholds at all receptors.

EA Key Findings: Atmosphere

Valued Components	
Climate Change 	• The Project would produce GHG emissions that would contribute to climate change; however, total emissions are expected to be low in magnitude. • Overall, the proposed Project would support Canada's transition to a low carbon economy by providing the fuel needed for clean energy production.

Water



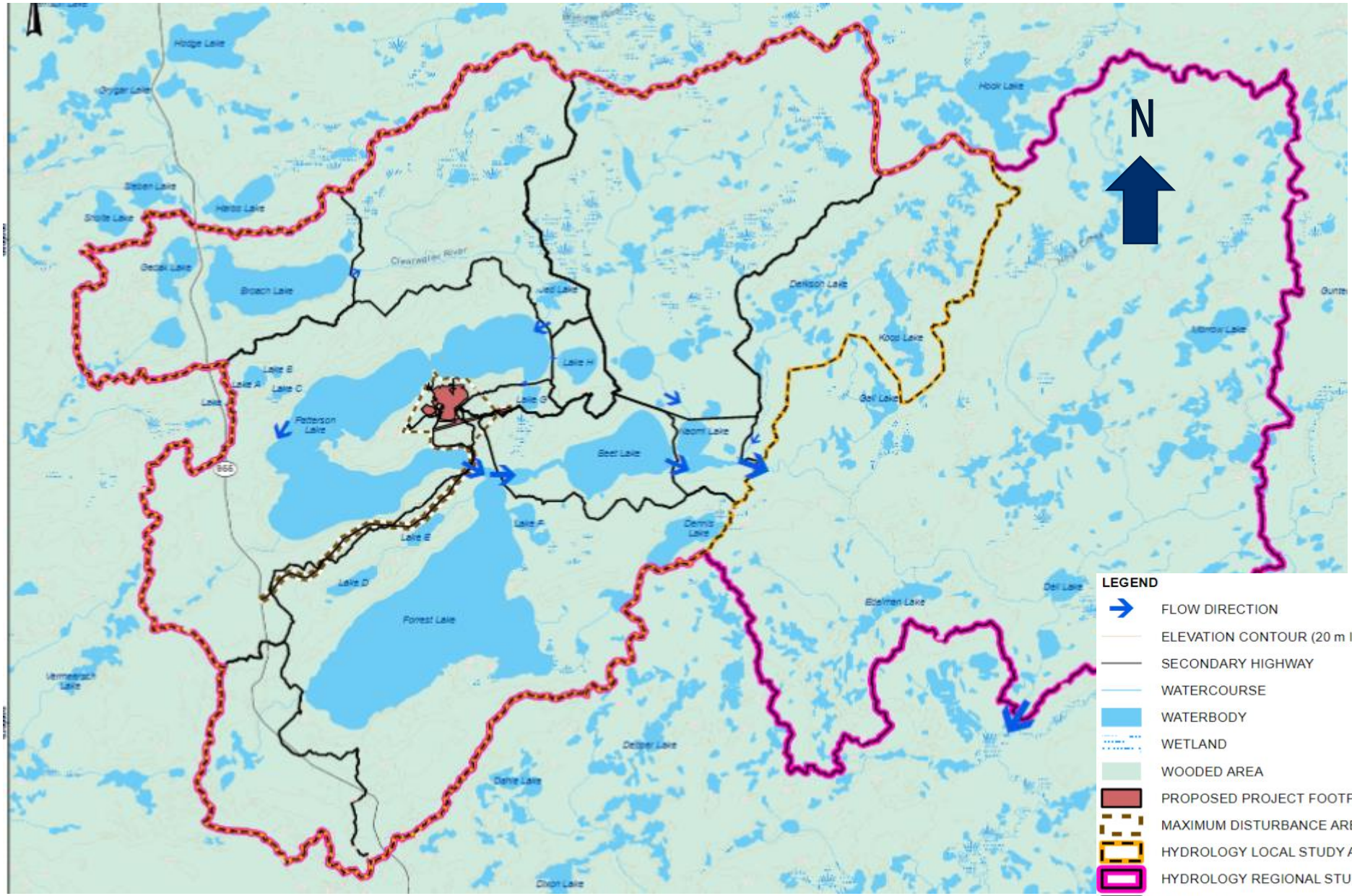
Hydrogeology
(ground water)

Hydrology
(surface water flow)

Surface Water Quality

Fish and Fish Habitat

Water Discipline Assessments



EA Key Findings: Water

Intermediate Components

Hydrogeology



- **Groundwater elevation:** Underground water elevations would decrease during operations and return to normal following operations. This is due to pumping underground seepage into the mine to the surface.
- **Water balance:** Groundwater seepage collected from the underground mine would be monitored, treated, and discharged to Patterson Lake.
- **Shallow groundwater migration:** Groundwater from the waste rock storage areas (WRSAs) is predicted to flow towards Patterson Lake. Estimated travel time is ~43 years to the north and ~77 years to the south.
- **Deep groundwater migration:** Groundwater at the underground tailings management facility (UGTMF) and mine stope backfill areas would slowly make its way to Patterson Lake. The travel time is estimated to be ~ 1,000 years.
- **Solutes:** The waste rock and reflooded mine workings would represent the largest sources of dissolved solids (e.g., metals) in groundwater.

Hydrology



- **Overall water balance:** The Project would produce a slight increase of water to the surrounding environment.
- **Water surface elevations:** Water surface elevations in Patterson Lake and the Clearwater River would increase slightly; however, these increases are not expected to be detectable
- **Stream flow and channel parameters:** Water flows and stream channels in the Clearwater River would increase slightly; however, these increases are not expected to be detectable
- **Erosion and sedimentation:** Changes in sediment erosion from Patterson Lake and deposition to Forrest Lake are predicted to be negligible.
- **Climate change:** Climate change is predicted to have larger effects on water surface elevations and flow rates than the effects of the Project.

EA Key Findings: Water

Intermediate Components (continued)

Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality

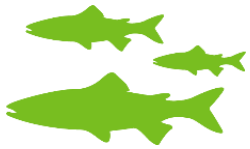




- **Overall constituent concentrations**: During the lifespan of the proposed Project, the predicted concentrations would not result in any threshold exceedances.
- **Localized constituent concentrations:** Air deposition effects would not result in any threshold exceedances.
- **Metals and radionuclides:** In the far-future, infiltration and seepages from the UGTMF and WRSAs to groundwater would result in a long-term, continuous migration of metals and radionuclides to Patterson Lake. Cobalt and copper were the only constituents that are predicted to exceed water quality thresholds.
  - Of these exceedances, the ecological risk assessment showed that only copper had the potential for greater-than-negligible effects to aquatic health. Therefore, an aquatic health assessment was completed for potential effects from copper in the far future.

Valued Components

Fish and Fish Habitat



- **Habitat availability:** Limited potential for changes in habitat availability due to exposure to predicted copper concentrations in Patterson Lake after Closure and in the far future.
- **Habitat distribution:** No adverse effects on fish habitat distribution are predicted to occur due to predicted changes to surface water quality in Patterson Lake after Closure and in the far future.
- **Survival and reproduction:** Effects on fish health due to direct exposure to copper are not expected for predator fish (e.g., lake trout, walleye, northern pike) and are unlikely for forage fish (e.g., lake whitefish).

Land

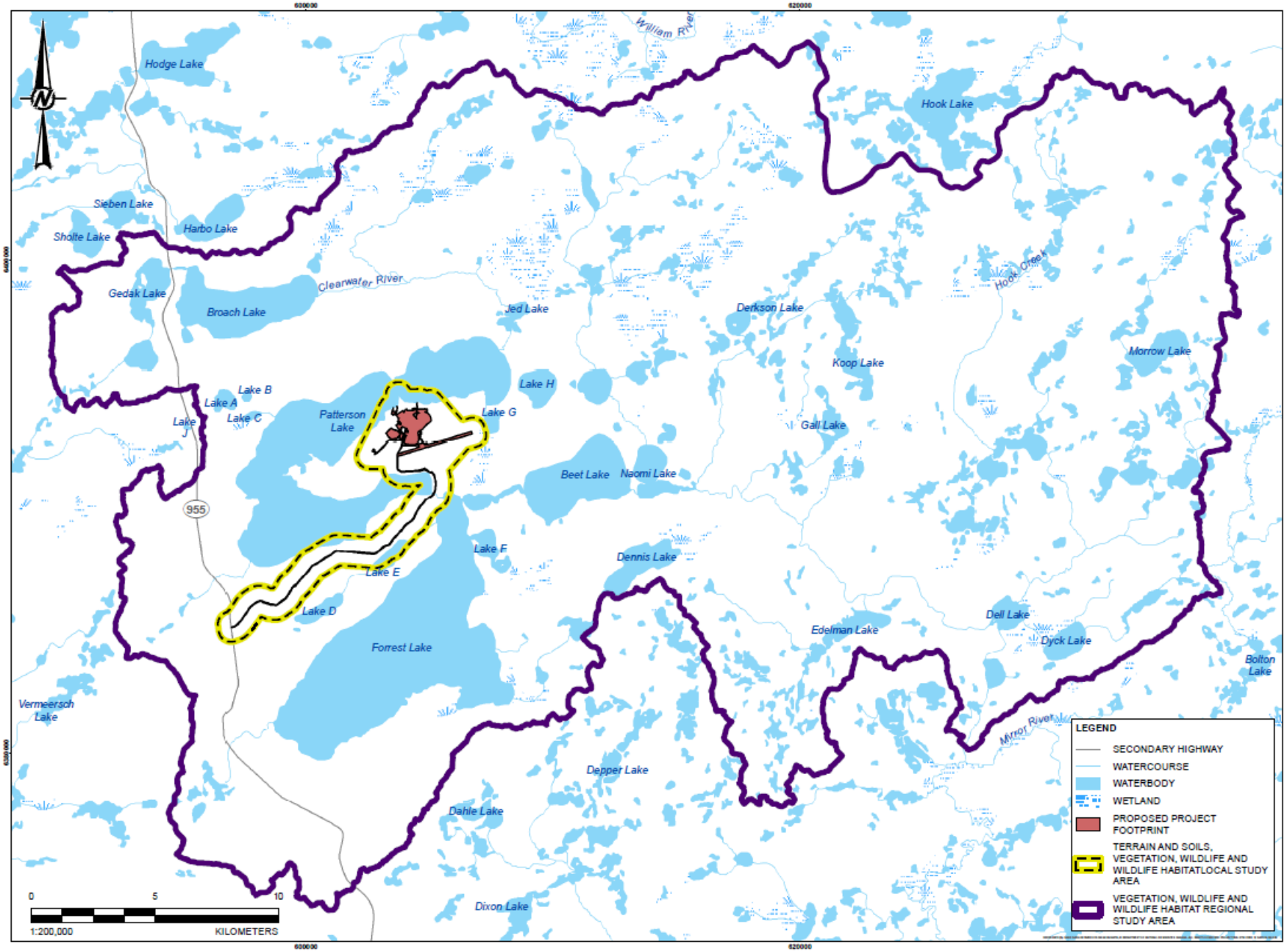


Terrain and Soils

Vegetation

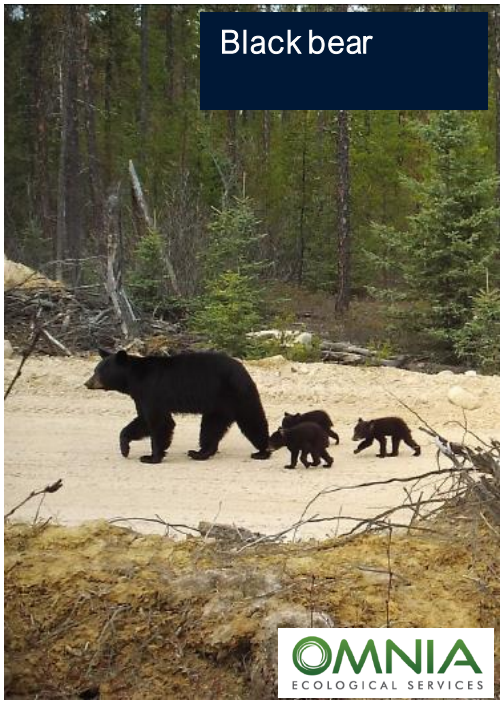
Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

Land Discipline Assessments



Local Wildlife Species





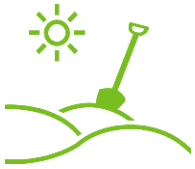




EA Key Findings: Land

Intermediate Components

Terrain and Soils



- **Unique features:** No unique terrain or soil features are present within the local study area.
- **Permanent features:** Changes to terrain and soil units would be permanent where permanent features exist (e.g., terrain will be different at the waste rock storage areas).
- **Reclamation:** Reclamation during Operations through Closure would reverse effects and provide productive soils to support the establishment of vegetation.

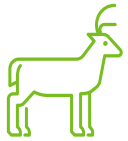
Valued Components – Vegetation

 Upland ecosystems	• Loss of approximately 1.2% of the regional study area (RSA) habitat, confined to the Project's maximum disturbance area. • Upland ecosystems would remain abundant and well-connected across the RSA.
 Wetland ecosystems	• Loss of less than 0.1% of the RSA habitat, confined to the Project's maximum disturbance area. • There would be almost no change to connectivity of wetland ecosystems in most of the RSA.
 Riparian ecosystems	• A loss of approximately 0.4% of the RSA habitat and changes to riparian habitat availability would be confined to the Project's maximum disturbance area. • Most riparian ecosystems would remain well-connected across the RSA.
 Traditional use plants	• A loss of approximately 1.1% of the RSA habitat, limited to the Project's maximum disturbance area. • A large amount of traditional use plant habitat is predicted to remain across the RSA.

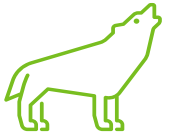
Incremental and cumulative effects on the four vegetation VCs are predicted to be not significant.

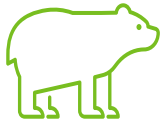
EA Key Findings: Land

Valued Components – Wildlife


Woodland caribou


Moose


Grey wolf


Black bear


Beaver


Little brown myotis


Olive-sided flycatcher


Rusty blackbird


Common goldeneye


Mallard


Canadian toad

- Wildlife habitat loss, habitat alteration, and sensory disturbance are predicted to occur for all VCs during Construction, Operations, and Closure. However, during Operations and Closure, wildlife habitats would be progressively restored and reclaimed to the extent possible.
- Some residual effects to wildlife habitat would be irreversible such as potential changes to wetlands (if required) and permanent alteration of the landscape from the WRSAs.
- Residual effects associated with all other reclaimed habitat would be reversible, with the duration of effects being VC-specific and dependent on the time required to establish functional habitat.
- The magnitude of loss of suitable wildlife habitat as a result of the Project would be less than 1.5% of the RSA for all VCs.
- All VC populations would be expected to remain common and healthy (self-sustaining and ecologically effective) except woodland caribou, which is not self-sustaining under current conditions.
- Incremental and cumulative effects on wildlife and wildlife habitat VCs are predicted to be **not significant, except for woodland caribou**.

People



Human Health

Cultural and Heritage Resources

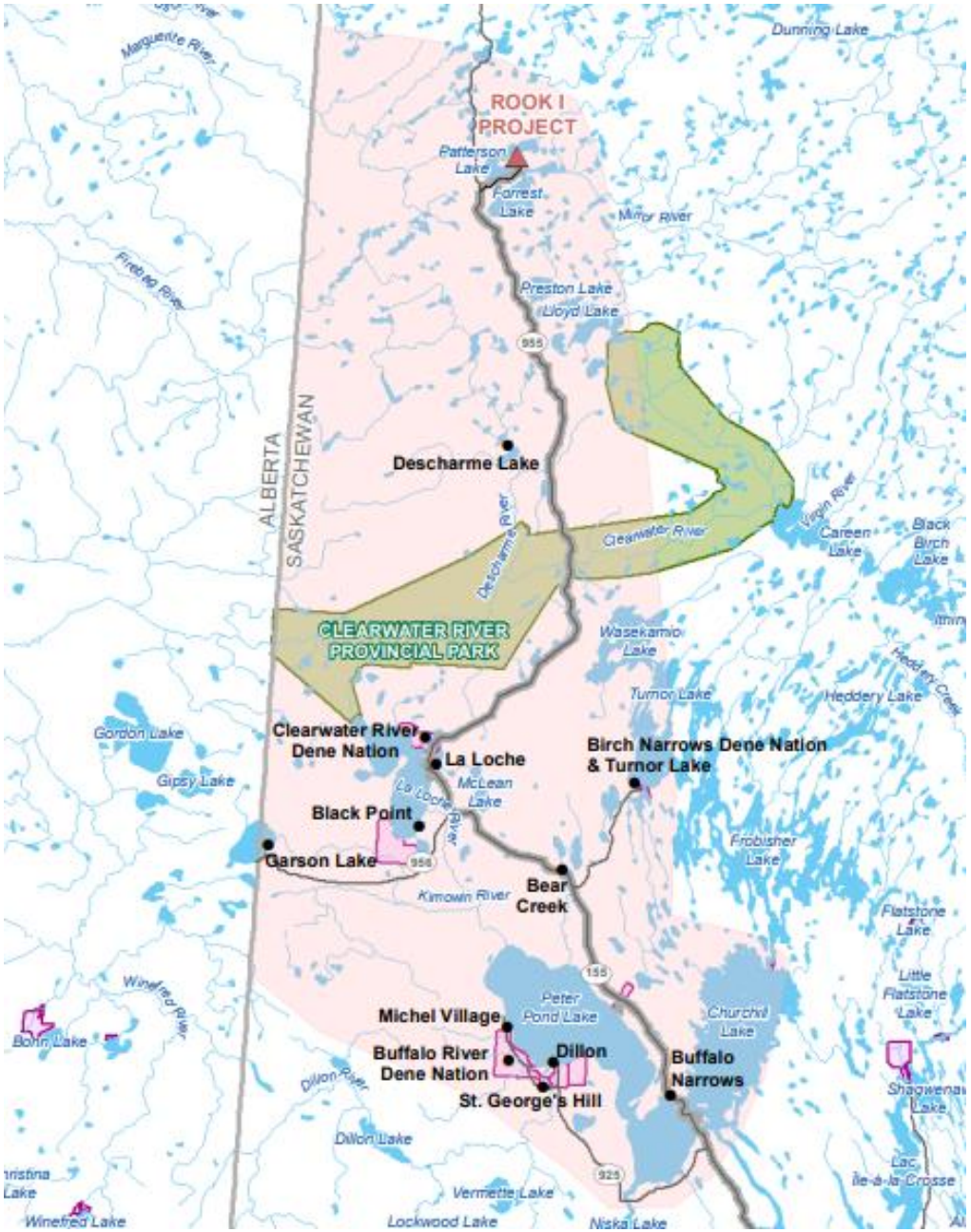
Indigenous Land and Resource Use

Other Land and Resource Use

Economy

Community Well-being

Local Priority Area Communities



NexGen focus:

- Community development
- Economic opportunities
  - Jobs
  - Contracts/Suppliers
  - Induced (stimulus for other businesses)
- Education and Training opportunities
  - Highschool
  - Post-secondary qualifications (trades, etc.)
- Sponsorship and Support

Legend

- POPULATED PLACE
- URANIUM MINING FACILITY (ACTIVE)
- URANIUM MINING FACILITY (DECOMMISSIONED)
- PRIMARY HIGHWAY
- SECONDARY HIGHWAY
- WATERCOURSE
- INDIAN RESERVE
- WATERBODY
- PROJECT LOCATION
- ECONOMY LOCAL STUDY AREA COMMUNITIES
- ECONOMY REGIONAL STUDY AREA
- FIRST NATION TREATY BOUNDARIES
- HEALTH REGIONS
- LOCAL PRIORITY AREA
- MÉTIS NATION-SASKATCHEWAN NORTHERN REGION 2

EA Key Findings: People

Valued Components	
Human Health  **Human Health Receptors**  Camp worker  Subsistence harvester  Seasonal resident / lodge operator  Future permanent camp resident	• **Non-cancer-causing (non-carcinogenic) substances:** For the assessment of non-carcinogens, no significant adverse effect on any human receptors would be likely during the Project lifespan or in the far future. • **Incremental lifetime cancer risk**: For the assessment of risk for cancer-causing (carcinogenic) substances (i.e., arsenic), the incremental lifetime cancer risk during the Project lifespan or in the far future is negligible to very low for each of the four human receptor types. • **Radiation dose:** No noticeable health effects are anticipated due to potential exposure to radioactivity, with radiation doses predicted to be below the regulatory public dose limit. The radon concentration at the camp worker location would be below the CNSC limit. • Incremental and cumulative effects on human health are predicted to be **not significant**.
Cultural and Heritage Resources 	• The heritage resource field studies did not identify any heritage resources within the Project footprint. • The Saskatchewan Heritage Conservation Branch confirmed that the HRIA met all requirements of Section 63 of *The Heritage Property Act* of Saskatchewan and directed that no further assessment was required. • Effects to the cultural and heritage resources VC are predicted to be **not significant.**

EA Key Findings: People

Valued Components (continued)	
Indigenous land and resource use 	• **Access to and area available for Indigenous land and resource use:** The Project would restrict access and reduce areas available for, or displace, Indigenous land and resource users. • **Availability of fish, plants, and wildlife for harvesting:** The Project could result in minor changes to the availability of fish, plants, and wildlife for harvest. • **Quality of the Indigenous land use experience:** Project effects may change the quality of the resource use experience or result in negative perceptions of effects on the quality of the land and resources, which may negatively affect the quality of the experience and/or result in certain areas being avoided. This may result in changes to the cultural landscape. • While Indigenous land and resource use activities could change or users be displaced, the activities would be able to continue. As a result, incremental and cumulative effects on Indigenous land and resource use are predicted to be **not significant**.
Other land and resource use 	• **Access to and area available for land and resource use:** The Project would restrict access and reduce areas available for, or displace, other land and resource users. • **Availability of fish and wildlife for harvesting:** The Project is expected to have negligible effects on the availability of fish and wildlife for harvesting. • **Quality of the resources and quality of resource use experience:** Project effects may change the quality of the resource use experience or result in negative perceptions of effects on the quality of the fish and wildlife resources, which may negatively affect the quality of the experience and/or result in certain areas being avoided. • Continued opportunities for other land and resource use are expected due to the negligible to small magnitude of local and reversible effects. As a result, incremental and cumulative effects on other land and resource use are predicted to be **not significant**.

EA Key Findings: People

Valued Components (continued)	
Economy 	• The Project would not be expected to create greater-than-negligible residual negative effects; therefore, incremental and cumulative effects on the economy are predicted to be **not significant**. • **Employment:** The Project would generate employment opportunities for LSA residents, with a peak Construction workforce of ~350 and a peak Operations workforce of ~490. Local, provincial, and national indirect and induced employment are also anticipated. • **Income:** The Project would provide substantial increased income opportunities for LSA residents. Construction labour costs are expected to be ~$384 million and Operations direct labour spending is estimated to be ~$55 million during a typical operating year. • **Broader Economic Benefits:** The Project would generate annual payment of royalties to provincial and federal governments, estimated to be ~$289 million provincially and ~$104 million nationally.
Community well-being 	• **Cultural continuity:** There would be a local loss of cultural continuity, including transmission of knowledge, related to areas around Patterson Lake that would not be accessible or avoided. • **Social adaptability:** Participation in the worker rotation system is expected to create some negative effects by placing increased stress on families. • **Demand for community infrastructure and services:** Residual effects to cultural continuity and social adaptability are expected to result in slight increases to demand for mental health services. • The analysis suggests that community well-being in the LSA communities would be maintained. Therefore, incremental and cumulative effects on community well-being are predicted to be **not significant**. • **Benefits:** Benefits include increased income for local community members, increased community revenue, provision of revenue through the Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Groups, and increased educational and training opportunities.

EA Key Findings: Discussion Points

Woodland Caribou

Key Takeaways

- Woodland caribou effects at baseline conditions are already significant as the disturbance in the region is greater than the threshold value of 65% undisturbed habitat.
- The Project is predicted to result in a loss of 0.1% of available habitat in the SK2 West and 0.6% in the caribou home range study area.
- The Project is unlikely to result in a measurable adverse effect on the population growth of woodland caribou in SK2 West.

NexGen has taken a proactive approach to woodland caribou, including:

- ✓ Early engagement with ENV SMEs (outside of the EA-specific requirements)
- ✓ Early engagement with local Indigenous Groups to understand role / importance of Caribou to local communities
- ✓ Reclamation of linear disturbances for Project and non-Project activities
  - ✓ 2021 field program with members from local communities
- ✓ Study of post-fire natural regeneration of disturbances
  - ✓ 2022 field program with members from local communities
- Advancing additional ecosystem mapping in 2022
- Development of a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan (work has started)
  - ✓ Annotated table of contents shared with local Indigenous Groups
- ✓ Early engagement with ENV SMEs and EA Team on process for developing a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan, and determination of offsets
- Ongoing/establishing Environmental Committees (one per Indigenous Group) as a platform to continue collaboration on Caribou (among other items)

EA Key Findings: Discussion Points

Copper Concentrations in the Far-Future

- Predicted exceedance of guidelines in far-future (decades to centuries)
- Primary source of copper is seepage from the Potentially Acid Generating Waste Rock Storage Area

Key Takeaways

- Ecological risk assessment and aquatic health assessment indicated that although copper exceeds water quality guideline, concentrations are below effects level for aquatic health
- Copper concentration exceedances are thought to be primarily a result of conservative assumptions
  - Source terms, loading rates, receptors

NexGen is taking a proactive approach to managing copper, including:

- Ongoing geochemical testing programs
- Development of an Adaptive Management Plan
  - Establishment of Adaptive Management Guideline
  - Confirm or refine assumptions
  - Plan for mitigation, if necessary
- Continued research and development

Monitoring and Follow Up



Monitoring and Follow-Up

Regulatory Compliance Monitoring

Monitoring activities and programs undertaken to confirm the implementation of:

- approved design standards
- mitigation
- approval conditions
- NexGen commitments

Follow-up Monitoring

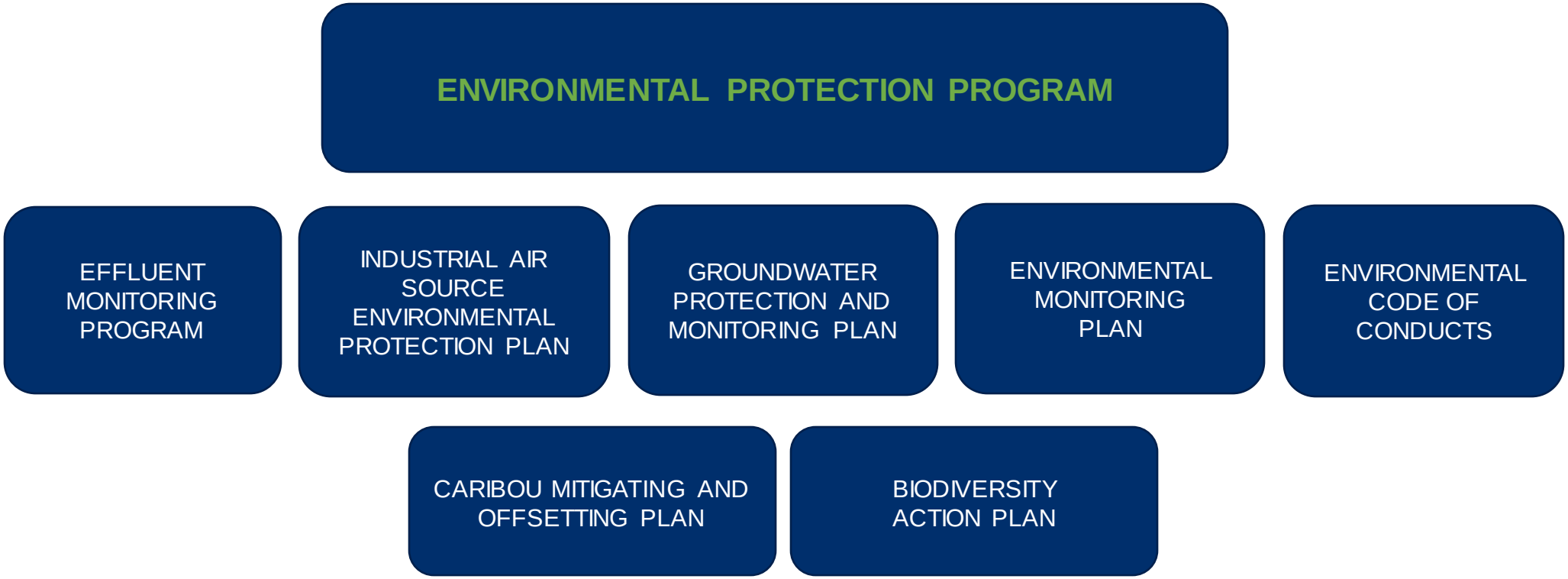
Programs designed to:

- test the accuracy of effects predictions
- reduce or address uncertainties
- determine the effectiveness of mitigation
- provide appropriate feedback to operations for modifying or adopting new mitigation designs, policies, and practices

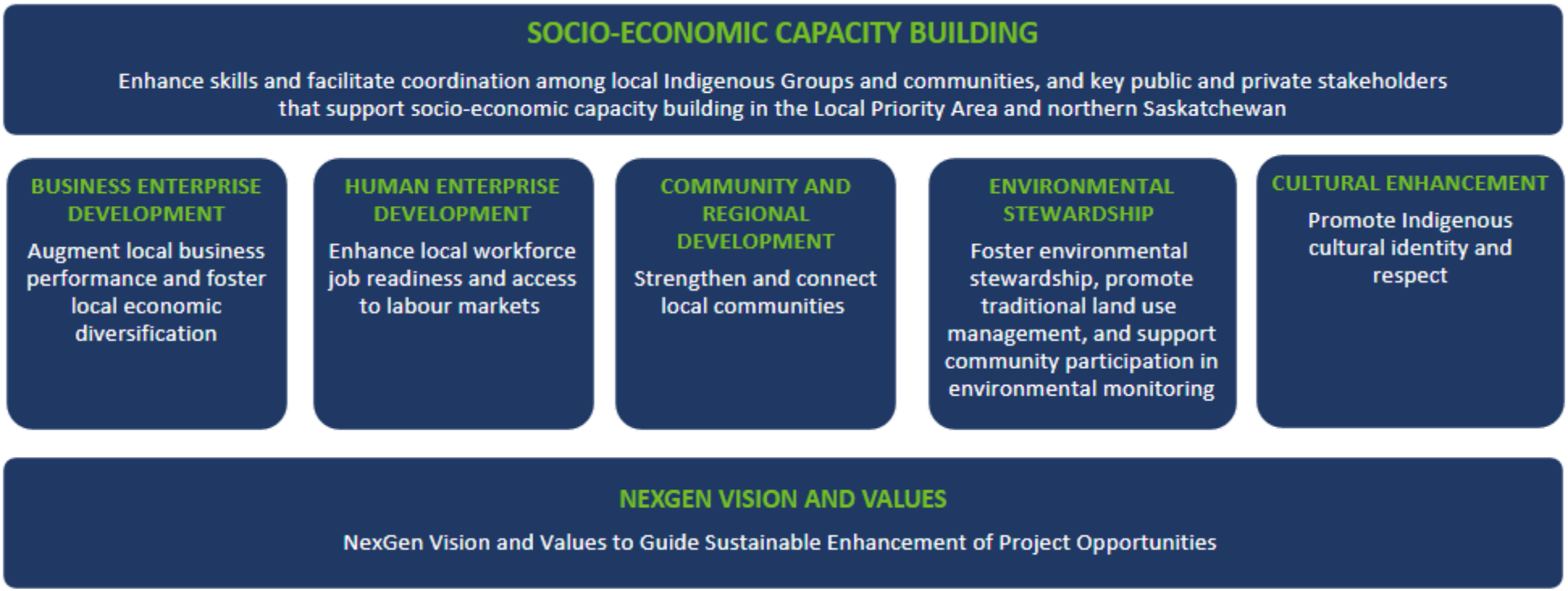
Independent Indigenous Monitoring

Independent Indigenous monitoring would be used to verify Project performance and to determine if mitigations and controls are effective in protecting the receiving environment.

Environmental Management



Socio-economic Management



Closing Statement

- **Responsible development:** NexGen is focused on responsible and optimal development of the Project, incorporating environmental stewardship, social advancement, and sustainable long-term economic benefits for local Indigenous Groups, other community members, and stakeholders.
- **Engagement:** NexGen has worked closely with the communities local to the proposed Project since 2013, and engagement activities have continually evolved to promote the inclusion of Indigenous and Local Knowledge and feedback from regulatory agencies and the public.
- **Regulatory requirements:** The proposed Project has been designed to meet applicable regulatory requirements and industry best management practices, and to be safe for the public and workers.
- **EA findings:** No significant adverse effects on biophysical and socio-economic VCs were predicted for the Project or for the Project in combination with RFDs, with the exception of woodland caribou. Effects on woodland caribou are already significant under existing conditions, and NexGen's commitment to implementing a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan is expected to provide a net increase in functional woodland caribou habitat relative to Project-related habitat loss.
- **Addressing climate change:** The proposed Project could meaningfully contribute to the Government of Canada's ability to meet its environmental obligations and commitments with respect to climate change.
- **Project benefits:** The proposed Project would generate socio-economic benefits and opportunities for local Indigenous Groups and communities, the Province of Saskatchewan, and Canada, including increased direct local and national employment, tax and royalty revenue, and associated indirect economic benefits and employment from the local to the national scales

Next Steps



Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Engagement Avenues

Multiple pathways exist for you to provide feedback during the Environmental Assessment process

Federal (CNSC)	NexGen	Provincial (ENV)
Concordance Check (30 days)	Joint Working Groups, Workshops, Community Information Sessions, Meetings with Leadership, Site Tours	Commence Technical Review (30-45 days)
Draft EIS Review Process (90 days) / Draft EIS Public Review (90 days)		
Submit Information Requests to NexGen	Share Information and Respond to Questions and Information Requests	Submit Information Requests to NexGen

★ Submit Draft EIS

Submit Final EIS

EIS Public Comment Process

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) is seeking comments during a 90-day public comment period on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS). The Rook I Project EIS public comment period started on **July 14, 2022**.

The public comment period gives Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public, and government departments and agencies an opportunity to submit their views in writing to the CNSC on the adequacy of the information presented in the EIS.

Written comments must be submitted by **October 12, 2022** to:

Nicole Frigault
Environmental Assessment Specialist
Email: rook1@cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca

All comments on the draft EIS will be posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry in the language in which they were received.

October 2022 Community Information Sessions

Poster Sessions (Posters)



Welcome



Thank you for attending the June 2022 Community Information Session for the Rook I Project

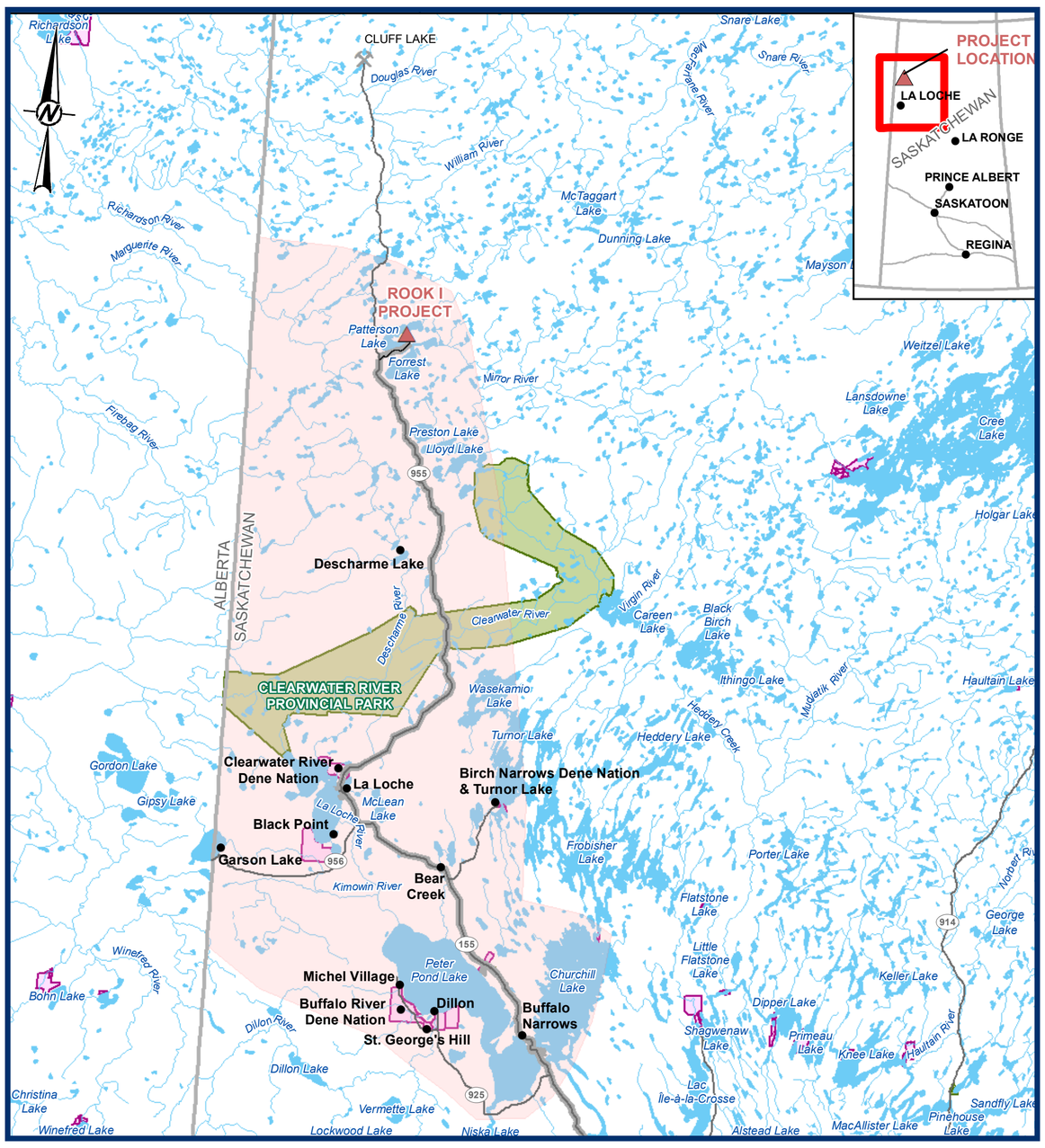
We are hosting this event to:

- Update you on the Rook I Project
- Provide you with information and a status update on all Rook I Project regulatory requirements, including the environmental assessment (EA) and licensing
- Provide details on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submission
- Answer your questions and get your feedback on the Rook I Project

We are happy to be here!



About NexGen



local priority area communities

Location of the NexGen Rook I Project in Northwestern Saskatchewan

NexGen is driven by the vision to become a global leader in delivering uranium for the world's current and future clean energy needs.

Guided by the values of honesty, respect, resilience, and accountability, NexGen's core values are foundational, defining how the team operates and influencing how decisions are made.

NexGen is setting elite standards for:

- Human health and safety
- Environmental performance
- Supporting communities
- Regulatory compliance

NexGen is proposing to develop the Rook I Project located 40 km east of the Saskatchewan-Alberta border, 130 km north of La Loche, and 640 km northwest of Saskatoon.

NexGen acknowledges and respects the interests and aspirations of those potentially affected by the Project and will continue to maximize benefits for community members in a transparent, trusting, and sustainable manner.



Marsi cho'. Thank you!



Thank you for attending our information session about the Rook I Project. We hope that you found the session informative. Input from local communities, Indigenous Groups, regulators, and stakeholders is critical to the success of the Rook I Project.

NexGen would appreciate it if you could fill out our survey so we properly consider items of importance to you.

If you would like further information about the Rook I Project:

- **Drop in at:** NexGen's La Loche Office, located in the Dene Empowerment Centre
- **Visit our website:** https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca
- **Email us at:** engagement@nxe-energy.ca
- **Phone us at:** 1-833-333-8895
- **Write to us at:** Suite 200, 475 – 2nd Ave South
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Thank You for Having Us!



Mine

Rook I Project Overview

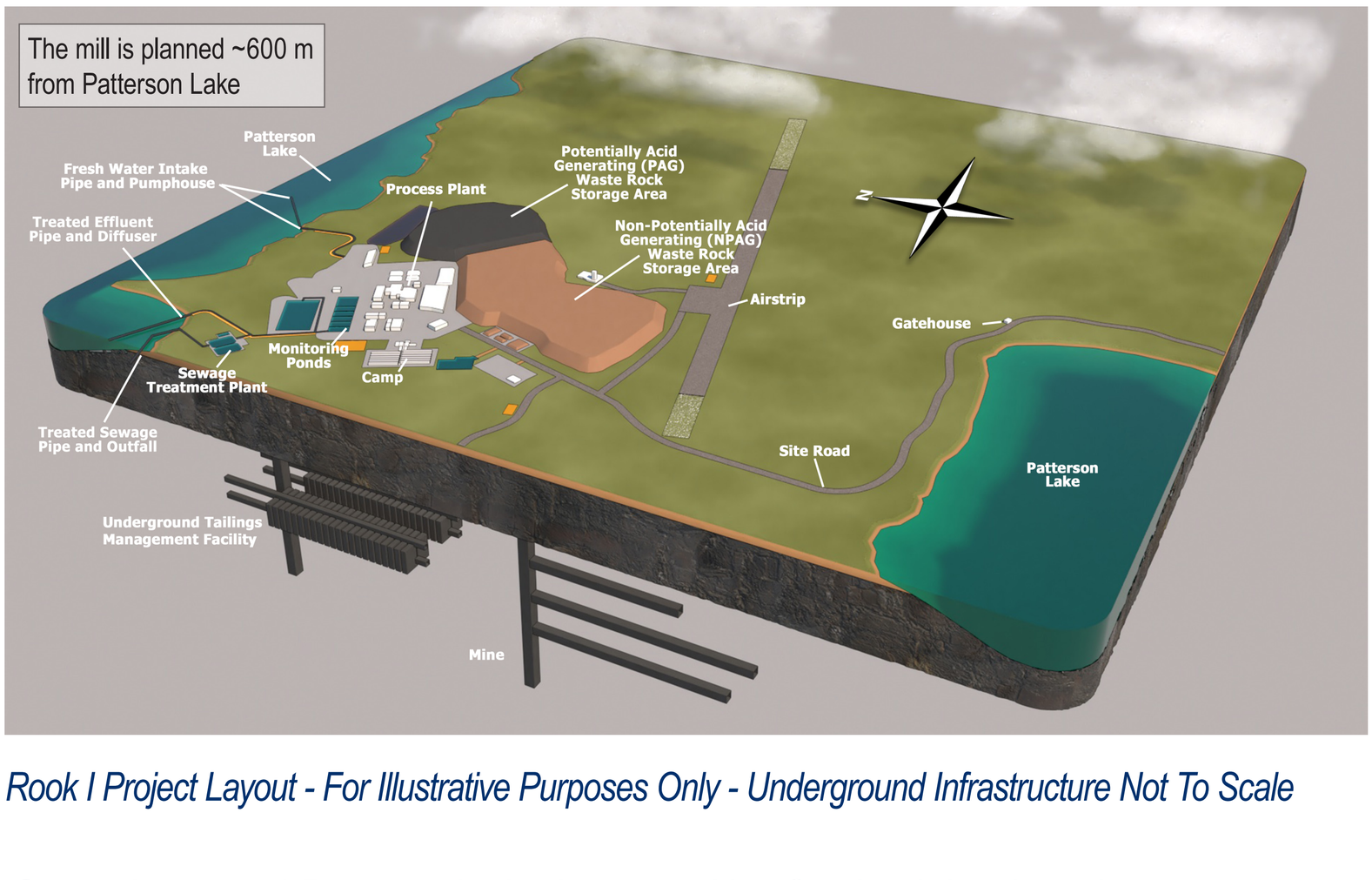
NexGen is proposing to develop the Rook I Project, a new uranium mining and milling operation in northwestern Saskatchewan. The proposed Project located is entirely on Provincial Crown Land within Treaty 8 territory and the Métis Homeland, and adjacent to Treaty 1 territory.

The Project, which is 100% owned by NexGen, proposes to include facilities to support the extraction and processing of uranium ore from the Arrow deposit, a high-grade uranium deposit. NexGen has completed exploration, geotechnical, and environmental and community studies since 2013 to define the resource and plan how to best develop the Project.

The proposed underground mine workings are within competent (very strong and hard) basement rock. The proposed mill location is on surface, about 600 m from Patterson Lake. Mining and supporting infrastructure are planned to be located above ground as seen in the graphic.

The anticipated lifespan of the Project is estimated to be 43 years and include Construction, Operations, and Decommissioning and Reclamation (i.e., Closure) phases. Monitoring is incorporated through all phases of the Project to verify environmental performance.

Direct jobs are estimated to total 350 during the 4-year Construction period and 490 during the 24 years of Operations. The Project is envisioned to be fly-in/fly-out with most employees on a two-week rotation. Work at site is proposed to be two 12-hour shifts, seven days per week.



Rook I Project Layout - For Illustrative Purposes Only - Underground Infrastructure Not To Scale

NexGen's vision is to become a world leader in delivering clean energy solutions. With this in mind, the company has approached the proposed Project with consideration of current and future generations and with a philosophy founded on sustainable and responsible resource development.



Mine

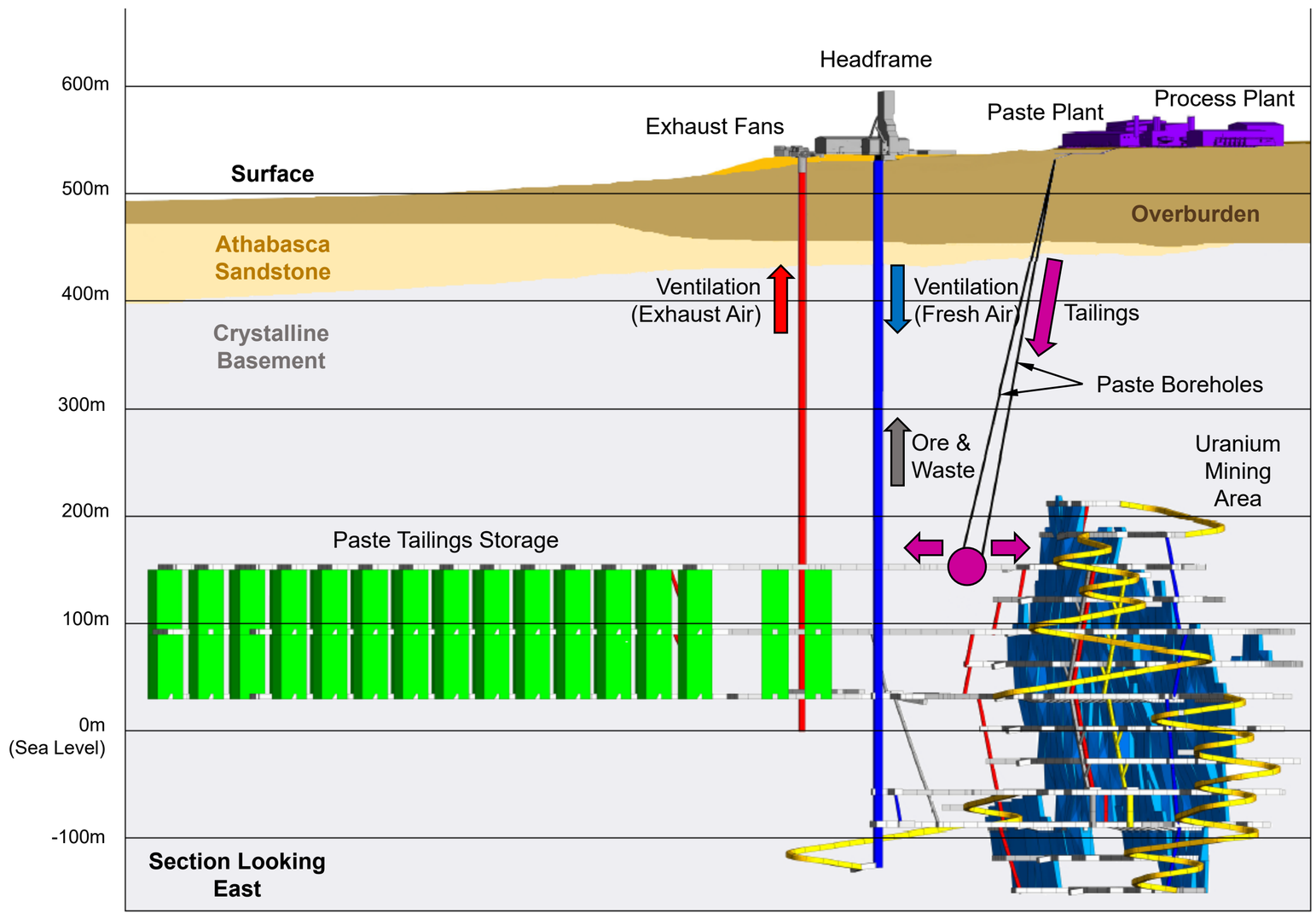
Mining Overview

The mine plan proposes a conventional underground mine using the longhole stoping mining method. This is a method of mining where holes are drilled by a production drill to a predetermined pattern, the rock is blasted, and the ore is collected for processing.

The Project proposes two vertical shafts used for ventilation, accessing underground areas, and transporting materials.

Mined rock is to be hoisted from underground and brought to surface. Rock that is uneconomic would be used either as construction material (e.g., to build roads) or placed on surface in long-term storage areas. Ore is then processed on surface to produce uranium concentrate.

Uranium concentrate produced on site will then be transported off site to facilities for further enrichment and eventual use in nuclear power reactors.

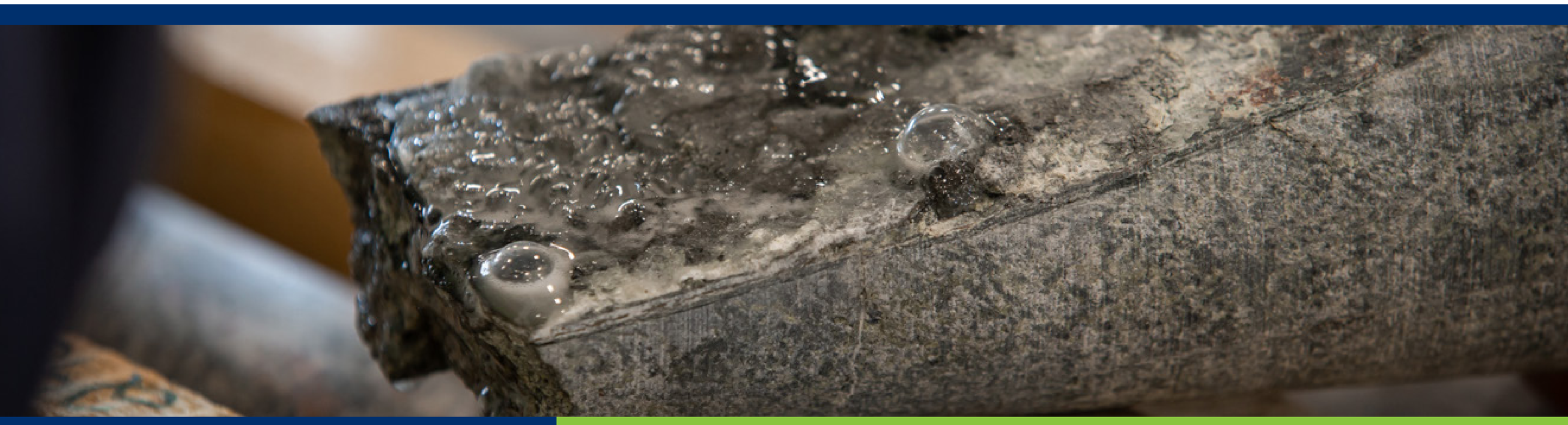


Simplified Rook I Project Tailings Distribution - Graphics for Illustration Only - Not Drawn to Scale

Ore Processing

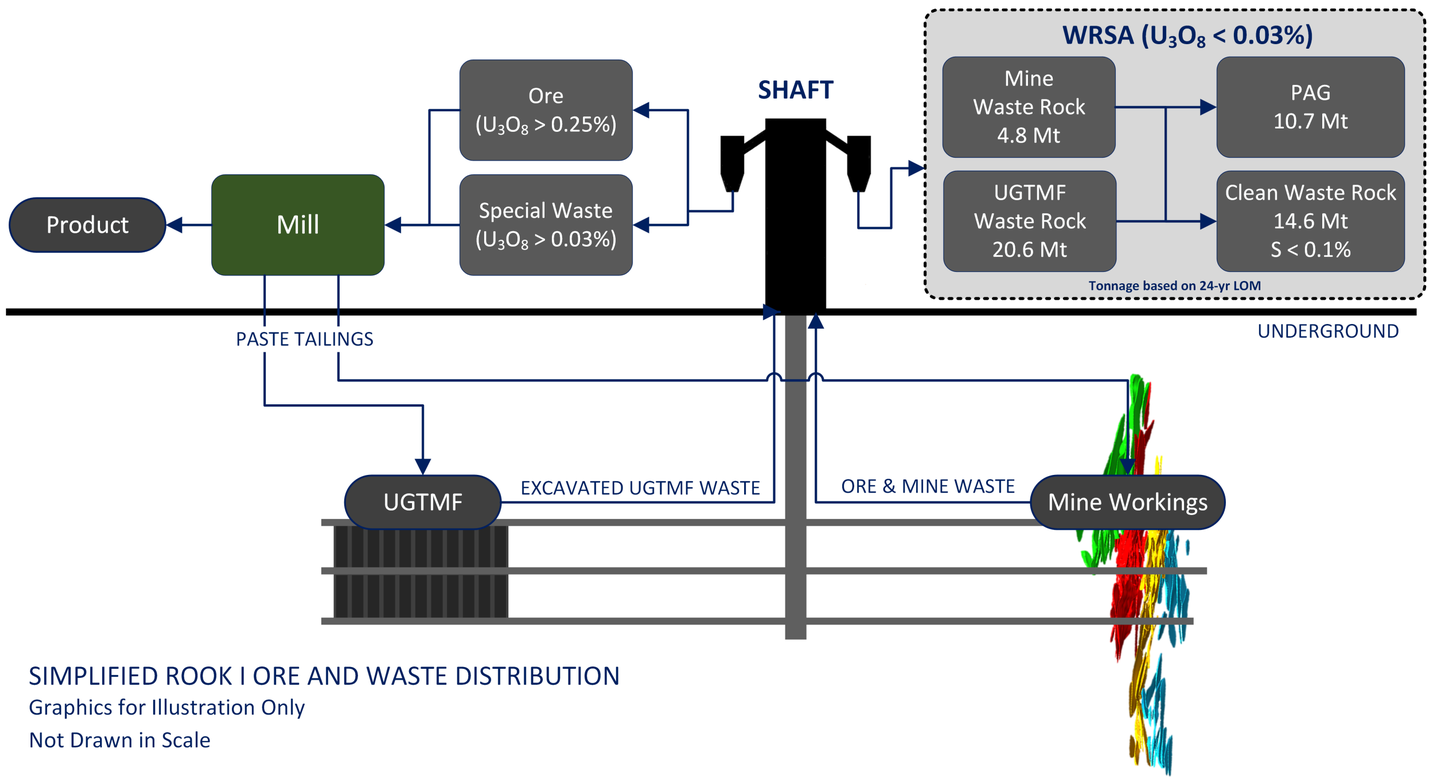
- Annual production of up to 30 M lbs of uranium concentrate
- 1,300 tonnes of ore processed per day
- Process recovery of 97.6%

NexGen Energy Ltd.



Mine

Underground Tailings Management Facility



SIMPLIFIED ROOK I ORE AND WASTE DISTRIBUTION
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LOM *– Life of Mine*

WRSA *– Waste Rock Storage Area*

PAG *– Potentially Acid Generating Waste Rock*

UGTMF *– Underground Tailings Management Facility*

Underground Tailings Management Facility (UGTMF)

Tailings are the materials left over after processing has been completed and the uranium has been removed from the ore.

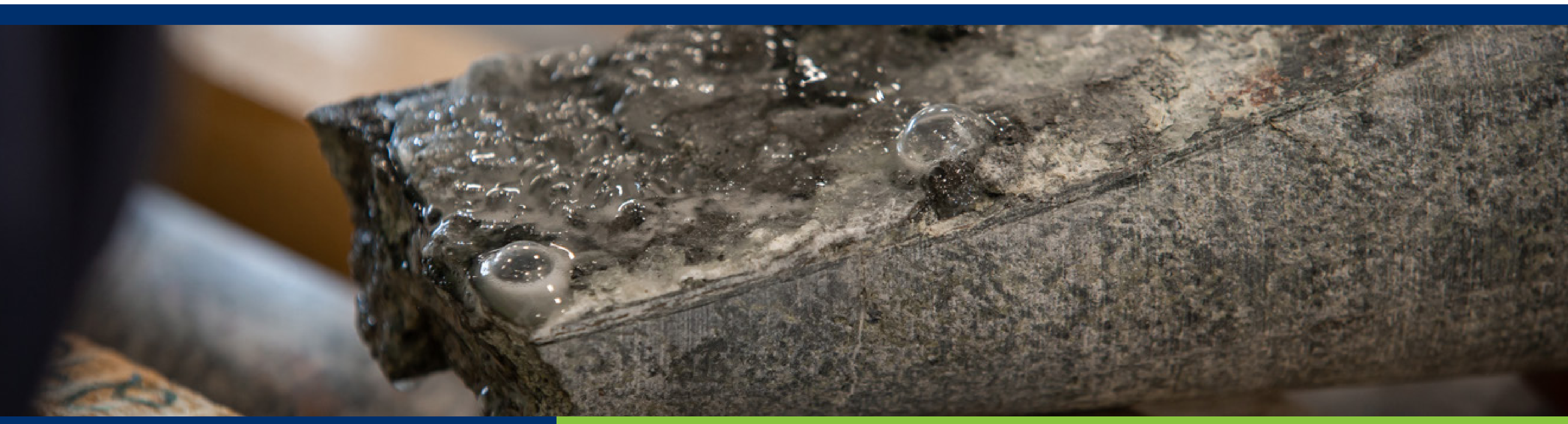
All tailings for the Rook I Project are proposed to be stored underground; there will be no tailings remaining on the surface.

Tailings are planned to be combined with cement in a paste plant and pumped underground. Approximately half of the cemented tailings are planned to be backfilled in areas excavated for mining. The other half will be pumped into underground chambers specifically mined to create space for cemented tailings storage as part of the UGTMF. The UGTMF also proposes to store any residues from the effluent treatment plant.

The decision to store tailings underground was determined through a detailed evaluation process. This included evaluating engineering requirements, human and environmental protection measures, input and feedback from Indigenous Groups and communities, and regulatory requirements.

Disposal of tailings underground reduces potential effects to the environment and allow for ongoing sdecommissioning and reclamation during the Operations Phase of the Project, setting a new global standard for environmental mine management.

The underground storage of tailings will require mining waste rock and storing it on the surface.



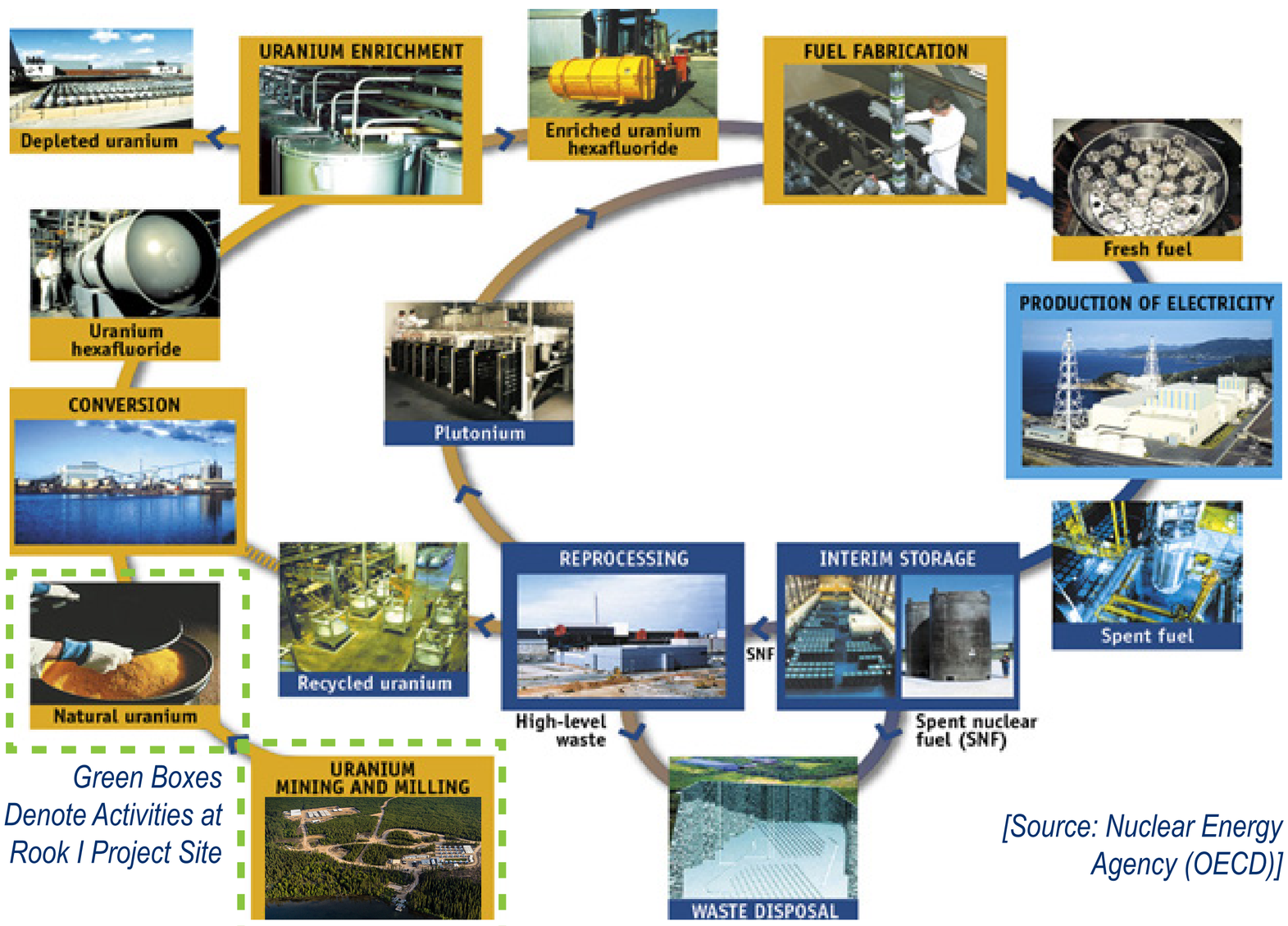
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Uranium

The Mineral

Uranium (U) is a naturally occurring radioactive element that is mined and processed to make fuel for nuclear medicine, nuclear research reactors or power reactors.

- Uranium has an average concentration of 2.8 parts per million in the Earth's crust
- Traces of uranium occur almost everywhere. Uranium is more abundant than gold, silver, or mercury, about the same as tin and slightly less abundant than cobalt, lead, or molybdenum
- Vast amounts of uranium also occur in the world's oceans, but in very low concentrations



Green Boxes Denote Activities at Rook I Project Site

[Source: Nuclear Energy Agency (OECD)]

The Nuclear Fuel Cycle

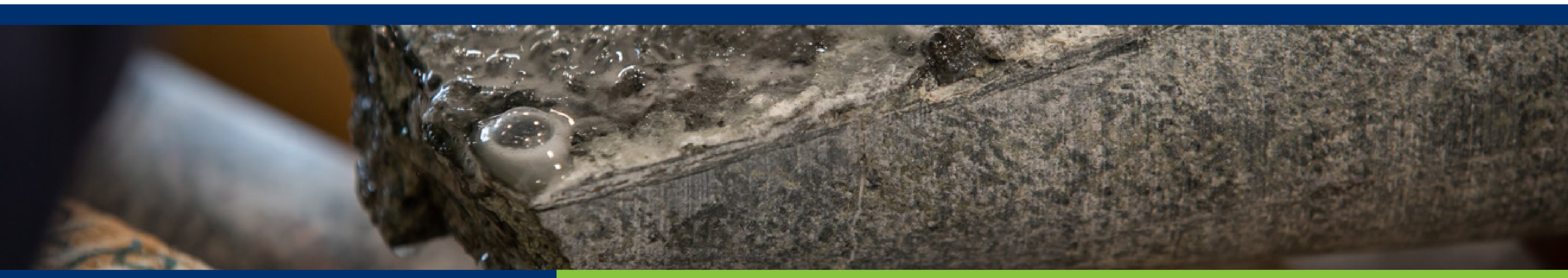
The Need for Uranium

- A significant increase in uranium is needed to support the transition to nuclear energy, which has lower carbon emissions than fossil fuels (Nuclear Energy Agency and the International Atomic Energy Agency, 2020)
- The International Energy Agency forecasts indicate that the global demand for electricity could increase by up to 90% between 2018 and 2040

Uranium in Canada

- Canada is one of the world's largest producers of uranium
- Canadian uranium is only mined and processed to make fuel for nuclear research reactors or power reactors
- The CANDU (Canada Deuterium Uranium) is a Canadian pressurized heavy-water nuclear reactor used to generate electric power

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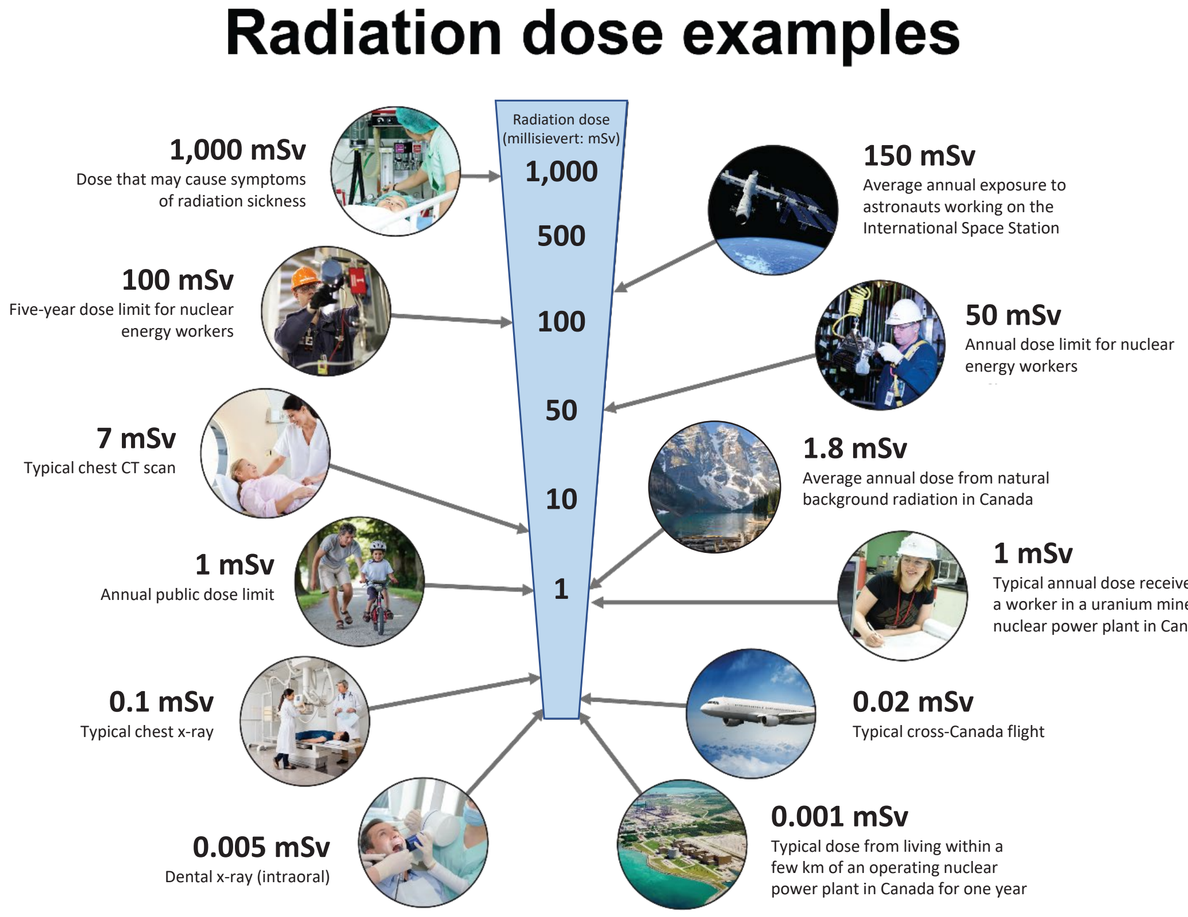
Mine

Uranium Safety

Radiation

Radiation is energy in the form of moving waves or streams of particles.

- Radioactive materials are present in soil, rocks, the air we breathe, the water we drink, and even in our own bodies
- These sources of natural radiation make up the bulk of the total radiation we are exposed to every day
- We are also exposed to artificial radiation from various sources, such as nuclear medicine and commercial products like smoke detectors
- The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and the Province of Saskatchewan set radiation dose limits for nuclear energy workers and the public to protect human health and safety



Comparison of Radiation Doses [Source: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission]

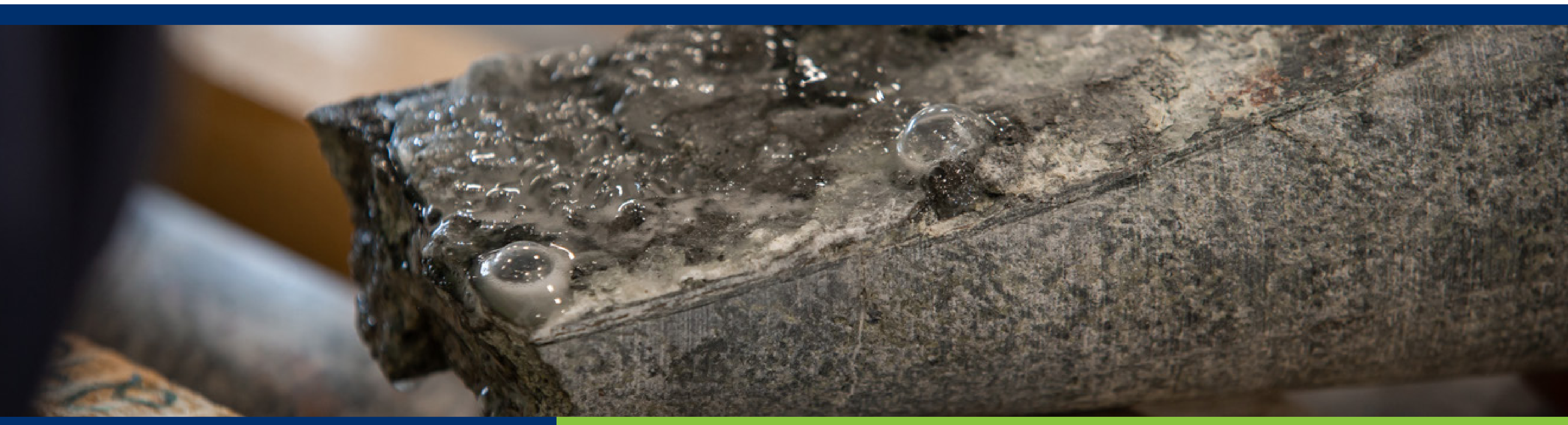
Radon Gas

Radon is a gas produced by the natural decay of uranium.

- Naturally occurring radon gas is released into the air when uranium ore is mined and, to a lesser extent, during the production of uranium fuel for nuclear power plants
- The CNSC ensures that the air quality in a uranium mine is controlled with good ventilation to reduce long-term exposure to elevated levels of radon
- The CNSC regulates radon in Canada's nuclear facilities to protect workers, members of the public, and the environment; the lung cancer risk for today's uranium mining and processing workers is the same as that for the general Canadian public
- Presently, worker exposures to radon in the uranium mining and processing industry are as low as, or only slightly greater than, public exposure from natural radon
- Radon exposure to members of the public from CNSC-regulated activities is virtually zero
- Studies have shown that uranium mining and milling activities do not increase radon levels above background levels away from the mine site

(Source: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, Fact Sheet - Radon in Canada's Uranium Industry.)

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Mine

Regulatory Process

Transparent - Thorough - Inclusive

Uranium and nuclear projects in Saskatchewan are subject to both federal and provincial environmental assessment (EA) processes, and also require federal and provincial licenses, approvals, and permits.

Engagement with local Indigenous Groups and communities has been ongoing since 2013 and studies to understand the existing conditions at the site and in the surrounding area have been ongoing since 2015, with specific focus on air, water, land, and wildlife.

The EA process formally commenced on May 2, 2019 following federal and provincial acceptance of the Rook I Project Description submitted by NexGen. At that time, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (ENV) confirmed that an EA would be required under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act,* 2012 (federal) and *The Environmental Assessment Act* (provincial).

NexGen has now submitted an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), or EA application, to both the CNSC and ENV.

- The EIS is currently under review and will be made available to Indigenous Groups, stakeholders, and the public for review and comment

In addition to comments received during the public review of the EIS, meaningful engagement with Indigenous Groups and local communities will continue to be an important part of the EA process.

The CNSC and ENV will conduct a cooperative (harmonized) provincial-federal EA review process. Although the EA is anticipated to be conducted through this cooperative process, separate requirements still apply and must be satisfied with respect to the acts, regulations, and guidelines in place for each jurisdiction.

- Feedback from Indigenous Groups and community members can be provided directly to any of the CNSC, ENV, and NexGen through the EA process

Both the CNSC and the ENV are life cycle regulators and will oversee the Project through Construction, Operations, and Closure (Decommissioning and Reclamation). The ongoing EA and licensing processes are the first of many regulatory applications under this life-cycle regulatory oversight approach.

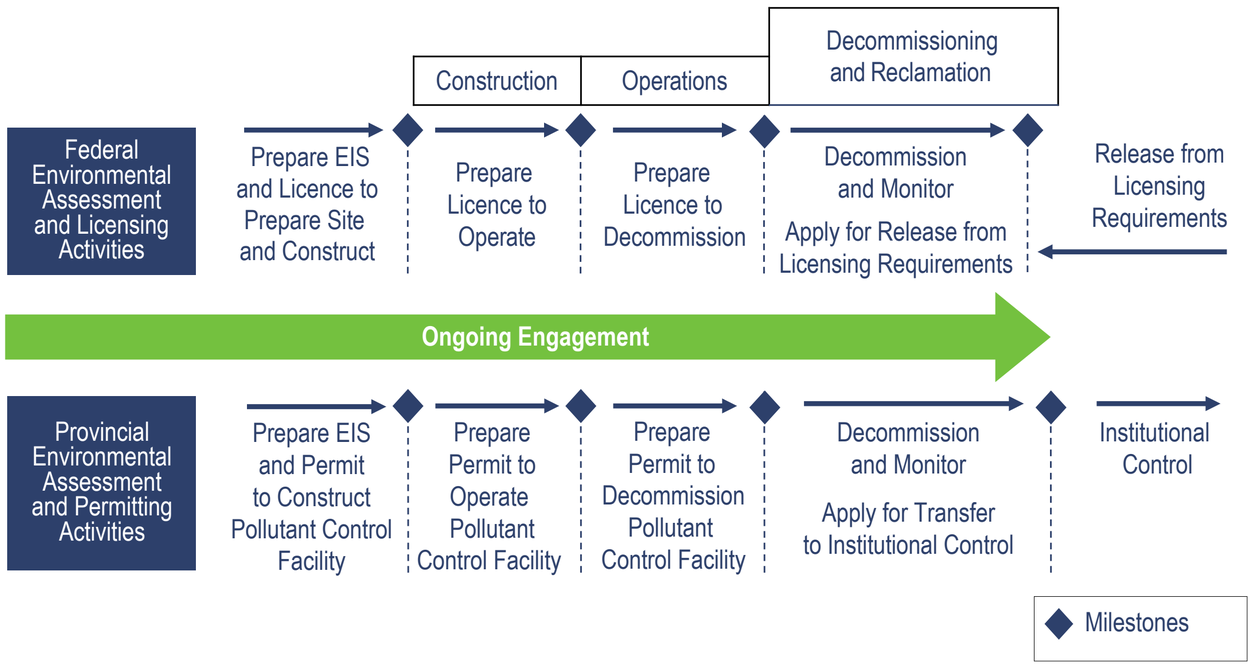
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Life of Mine

Mine

The Rook I Project will include the construction, operation, and closure (decommissioning and reclamation) of the mine and mill facilities.



NexGen Rook I Project Timeline

Construction (~4 years)

- Land clearing, site preparation, and construction of facilities and infrastructure
- Underground shaft/mine development
- Access road and site road upgrades
- Transportation of personnel and materials to and from the site
- Employment and contracting
- Infrastructure development (e.g., roads, airstrip, camp, maintenance shop, offices)

Operations (~24 years)

- Mining and processing operations
- Underground tailings deposition
- Waste rock, special waste rock, and ore management
- Water management and treated effluent discharge
- Transportation of personnel and materials to and from the site

Decommissioning and Reclamation (~15 years)

- Active Closure Stage (~5 years):
  - Backfilling mine workings
  - Removal of physical infrastructure
  - Recontouring and revegetating disturbed areas
  - Waste disposal or removal
  - Water management and treated effluent discharge (if required)
  - Any other activities deemed necessary to achieve decommissioning objectives and return the site to a safe and stable condition prior to the Transitional Monitoring Stage
- Transitional Monitoring Stage (~10 years*):
  - Environmental monitoring against performance criteria
  - Once performance criteria have been fully demonstrated, an application to be released from the CNSC licence will be submitted to the CNSC
  - Upon approval, the land will be transferred back under provincial management through the Institutional Control Program, and continue to be monitored by that Program

**Nominally 10 years; however, is dependent on the achievement of performance criteria.*



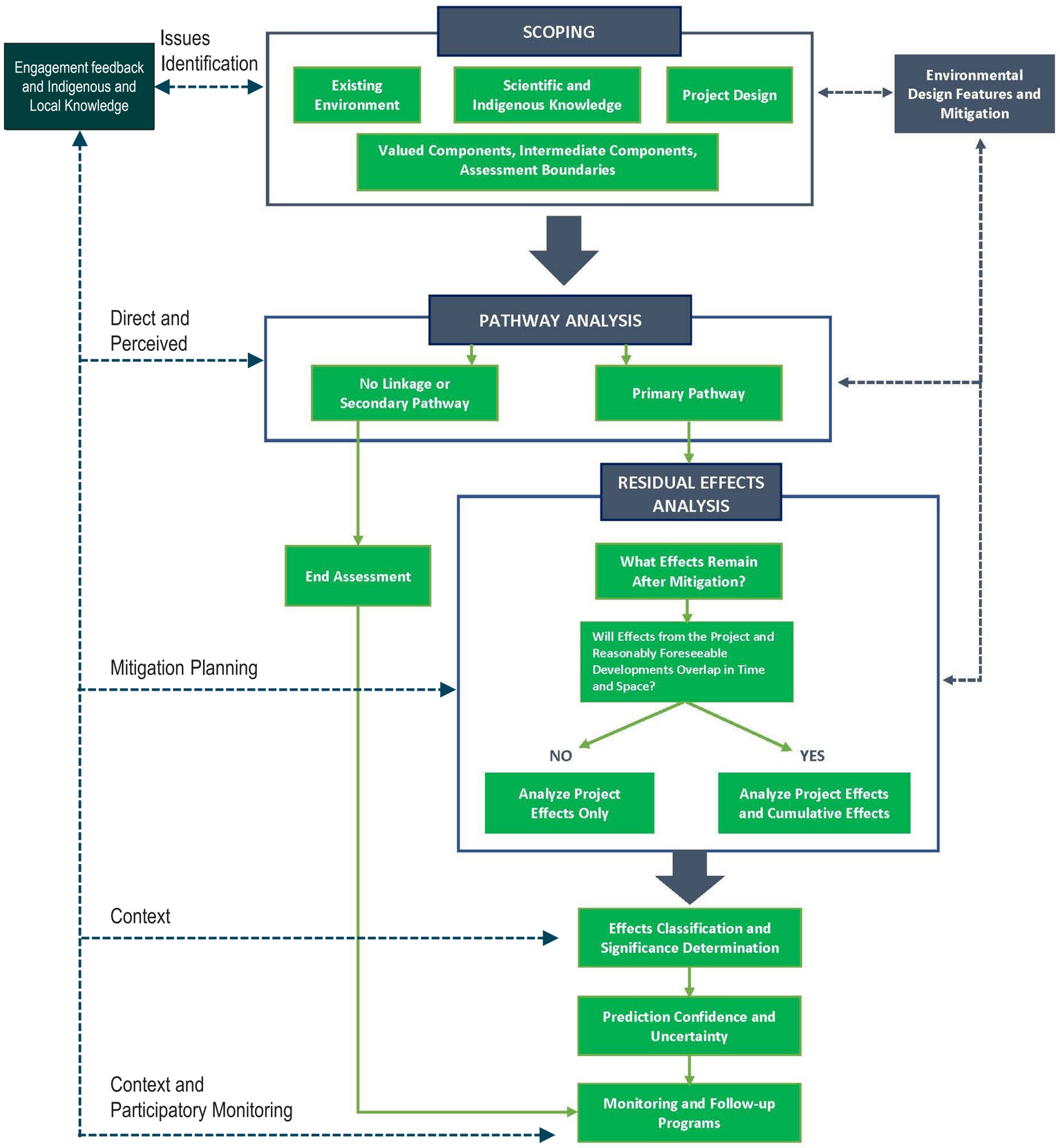
EA

Environmental Assessment Methods

The environmental assessment (EA) will be used to understand the potential environmental and social effects of the Project.

The EA will also be used as a planning tool that will enhance the potential benefits while safeguarding both the community and environment.

Input from Indigenous Groups, community members, regulators, and other stakeholders will be important to help facilitate a high-quality EA.



Environmental Assessment Process

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People

Human Health

A focus of the EA

Information was collected on the various ways in which people could be exposed to contaminants (also known as exposure pathways). For example, people may be exposed to changes in air quality, soil, surface water, plants, fish, and wildlife resulting from the Rook I Project.

- What contaminants may be emitted in water and air (e.g., metals, radionuclides)
- How the contaminants could potentially be released (e.g., from treated effluent)
- How the contaminants could potentially reach a receptor (ecological or human) (e.g., drinking the water, breathing the air, eating food)
- Where the receptors may potentially come into contact with the contaminants
- How long a receptor may be exposed (duration and frequency)

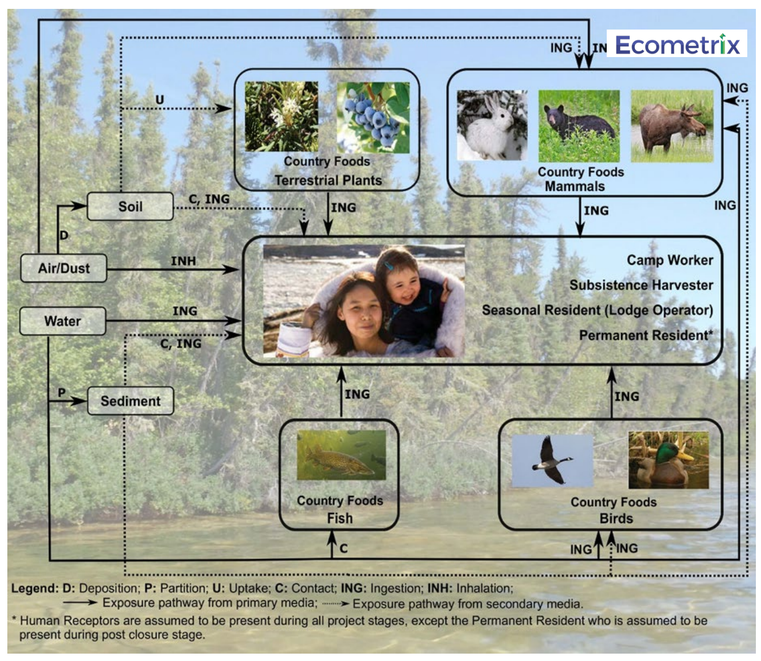
How did we assess the effects?

The human health assessment used the IMPACT Contaminant Transport and Pathways Model to predict effects to people resulting from exposures to non-cancer-causing substances, cancer-causing substances, and radiation dose.

The results

The evaluation of effects showed the following:

- No significant adverse effects to humans are likely as a result of non-carcinogenic (i.e., non-cancer causing) releases from the Project
- Low to very low predicted incremental cancer risks (average cancer risk in Canada is 50,000 in 100,000, the additional cancer risk from the Project would be 4 in 100,000). This prediction onsidered the high levels of Traditional Food consumption by community members
- No discernable health effects are anticipated from radiation exposure



Potential Exposure Pathways.
Source: Ecometrix

- No effects due to exposure to radon are anticipated

The results of the human health assessment indicate that the proposed Project design and controls are protective of human health throughout the Project lifespan.

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People

Community Well-being

A focus of the EA

Interviews were completed with community leadership, business owners, health services providers, RCMP, social and family service providers, and educators in the local communities to understand the current sense of well-being for each community and how it can be affected. Publicly available data and statistics were also collected and analysed to help understand current conditions in communities.

What did the studies tell us?

The interviews and information collected to date have provided community-specific information on well-being from a variety of viewpoints.

How did we assess the effects?

The potential effects on community well-being were assessed by evaluating the following social determinants of health:

- Societal and Cultural Well-Being (e.g., demographics, culture)
- Health Well-Being (e.g., health infrastructure, health services)
- Neighbourhood and Physical Environment Well-Being (e.g., recreation, planning)
- Educational Well-Being (e.g., education, training)
- Economic Well-Being (e.g., employment, business opportunities)

The results

When considering the benefits and potential adverse effects of the Project together, it is likely that local communities will experience a positive overall effect on community well-being.

Key benefits

- Increased income and community revenue
- Provision of revenue through the Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Groups
- Increased educational and training opportunities

Potential adverse effects

- Local loss of cultural continuity, including transmission of knowledge, related to areas around Patterson Lake that are not accessible during the Project lifespan
- The worker rotation system is expected to place increased stress on some family dynamics
- Increased demands in local communities for mental health services

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People

Transportation Risk Assessment

What we heard

Potential concerns such as transportation of materials through communities and potential environmental effects were frequently noted through the key person interview program.

Highway maps were provided to Joint Working Groups (JWGs) to enable community feedback on areas of concern (environmental, health, and cultural) for accidents and spills.

Feedback from the JWGs indicated locals feel Highway 155 is of poor quality and is a safety issue for local residents.

A focus of the EA

A baseline traffic study was conducted to characterize existing traffic volumes and trends on the secondary highways leading to the Rook I Project site, specifically Highway 155 and Highway 955.

What did the studies tell us?

The study describes the average annual daily traffic, with a focus on truck traffic along Highway 155 and Highway 955.

- The portion of Highway 155 with the highest average annual daily traffic (1,510) is found immediately south of the community of Buffalo Narrows; the portion with the highest average annual daily traffic on Highway 955 is in the town of La Loche (2,000 vehicles)
- Highway 155 had more traffic accidents compared to the Saskatchewan average on provincial highways

The Project access road receives traffic from the Project, Indigenous and non-Indigenous land and resource users, and other commercial operations.

How did we assess the effects?

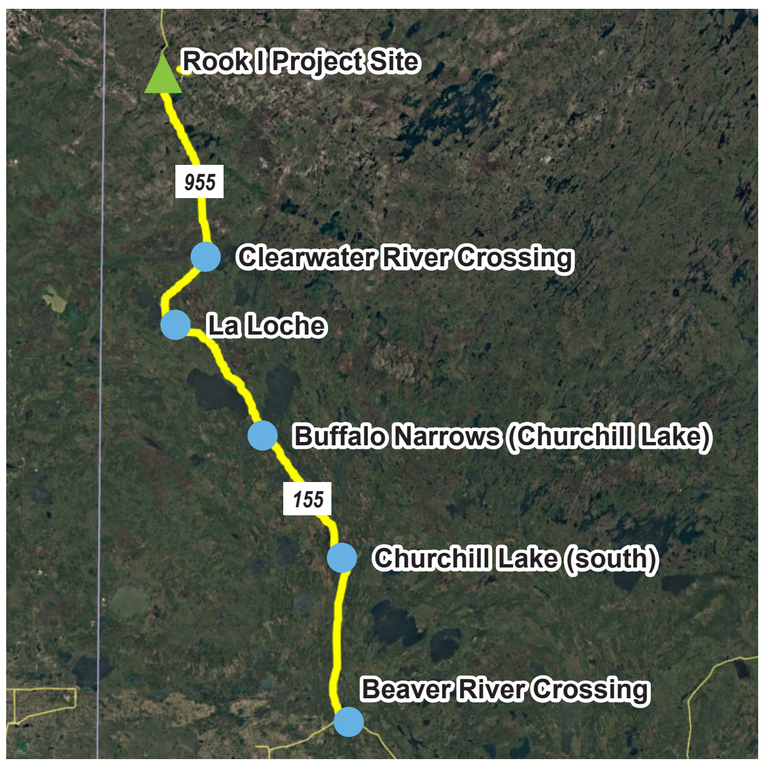
Traffic volumes, incidents and accidents, and road use patterns were assessed to determine the effects of the Project on traffic.

The results

The risks from Project-related transportation activities were deemed to be possible; however, given the proposed safeguards (e.g., driver training, speed limits, adjusting speed according to conditions, spill and emergency response planning, pedestrian and cyclist priority on roadways), risks were assessed to be reduced to as low as reasonably possible.

What are we doing?

Maintenance of public roadways is the responsibility of the Government of Saskatchewan and NexGen is working with local communities, government representatives, and the regional planning committee to make sure that community concerns are heard, and Project needs met.



Access to the Rook I Project Site via Highways 155 and 955

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People

Economy

Local community members are interested in employment, training and business for community members with an emphasis on hiring.

A focus of the EA

A socio-economic baseline was conducted to examine the traditional and wage economies, including government transfers. Inputs were sought from Joint Working Groups (JWGs) to better understand the importance of the traditional econom, and the relationship between the traditional and wage economies for families and communities.

The results

Employment: Increased employment opportunities for local residents. During Construction, the peak workforce is expected to be approximately 350 workers and during Operations, the peak employment is expected to include approximately 490 positions. Local, provincial, and national indirect and induced employment benefits are also anticipated.

Income: Increased income opportunities for local residents. Construction labour costs are expected to make up approximately $384 million and Operations direct labour spending is estimated to be approximately $55 million during a typical operating year.

Broader Economic Benefits: Benefits through the payment of royalties to the governments of Saskatchewan and Canada, estimated at $288.5 million for Saskatchewan and $103.9 million for Canada in a typical operating year.

Enhancement Measures: Commitments made in Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Groups and programs developed jointly between NexGen and the local communities could further enhance income opportunities for local residents.

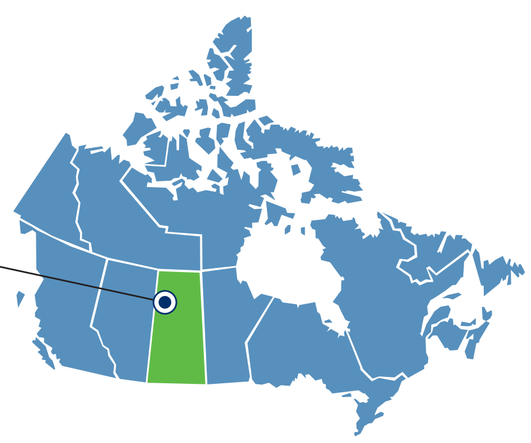
Forecasted Positions

High School	Trades/Diploma	University
Underground Miners	Surveyors	Geologists
Heavy Equipment Operators	Geological Technicians	Engineers
Mill Operators	Environment Technicians	Environmental Scientists
Warehouse Person	Laboratory Technicians	Radiation Specialists
Custodians	Mechanics	IT Specialists
	Electricians	HR Specialists
	Plumbers	Accountants
	Instrumentation Technicians	Occupational Health Nurse
	Radiation Technicians	
	Office Administrators	
	Health and Safety Administrators	
	Procurement Coordinator	
	Chefs and Bakers	

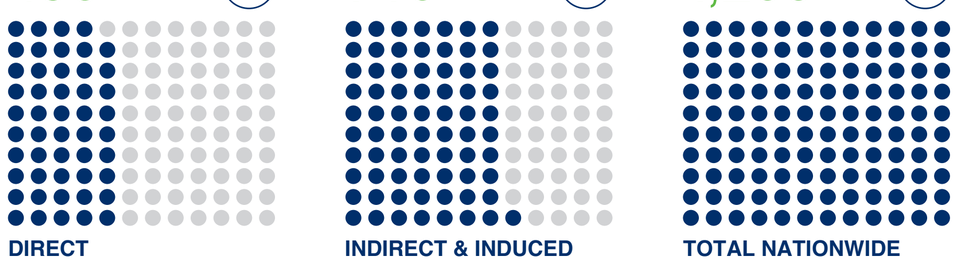
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EA Economy Assessment: Operational Employment Forecast

335 Direct jobs in Saskatchewan



Canada-wide peak employment numbers



(Source: Statistics Canada 2021)



Water

Surface Water Quality

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were conducted to determine the current water quality in Patterson Lake, multiple surrounding lakes, and through the Clearwater River system.

What did the studies tell us?

The water quality conditions for 18 surface water bodies was measured between 2015 and 2020. The water is generally clear with low suspended solids. Water is typically saturated with dissolved oxygen. Surface waters are low in dissolved solids (major ions) with the dominant ions being calcium and sulphate. Nutrient concentrations were low. Total metals were generally below quality threshold levels.

How did we assess the effects?

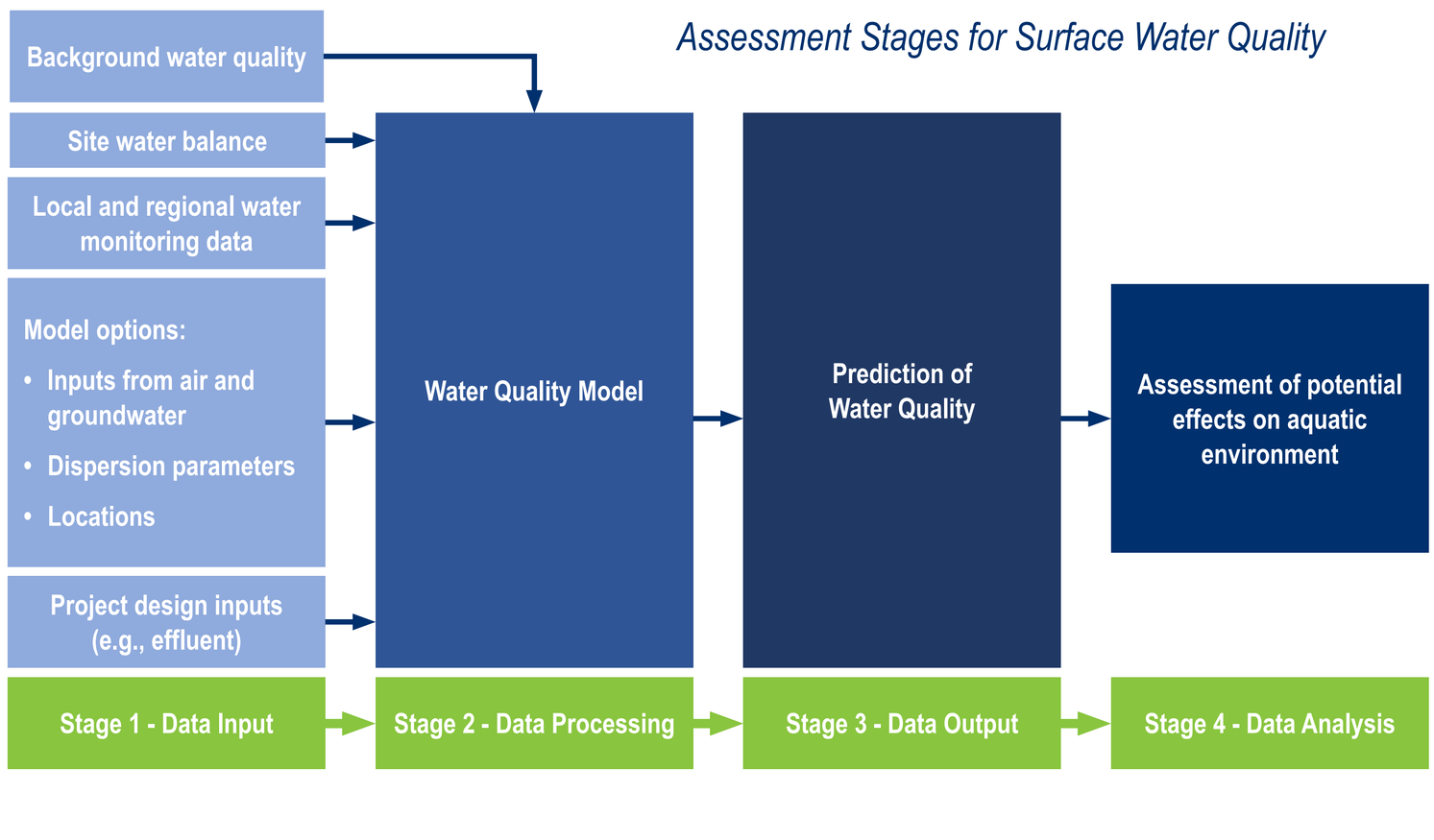
The predicted water quality from the mine activities (effluent quality), and how the effluent from the site will mix with the water in the lakes and rivers were assessed, including:

- Water quality parameters such as temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and conductivity
- Concentration of major ions, suspended solids, nutrients, metals, and radionuclides

The assessment included modelling to predict:

- How treated effluent would mix with lake water near the discharge points in Patterson Lake
- Water quality within Patterson Lake as a whole, as well as other regional lakes

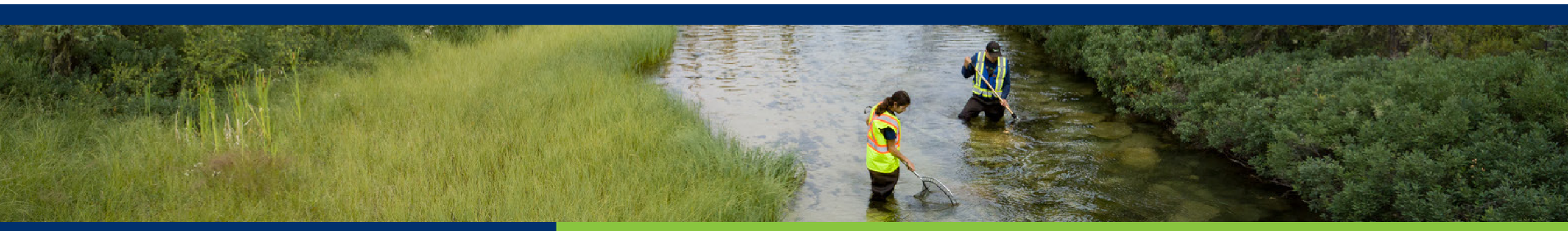
Assessment Stages for Surface Water Quality



The results

- During the Project lifespan, overall constituent concentrations would increase locally but would not have threshold exceedances during Construction or Operations
- Over time, a migration of metals and radionuclides from the waste rock storage areas and underground tailings to the environment is expected to occur. Only cobalt and copper were predicted to exceed water quality thresholds in the far future. NexGen would implement an adaptive management plan during Operations to minimize effects in the far future (e.g., 400 years)

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Water

Hydrology

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were conducted to understand:

- The speed and direction of currents within Patterson Lake
- How water flowing out of Patterson Lake mixes within Forrest Lake
- Water levels, water flow, and sediment conditions within the lakes and rivers that could be affected by the Rook I Project

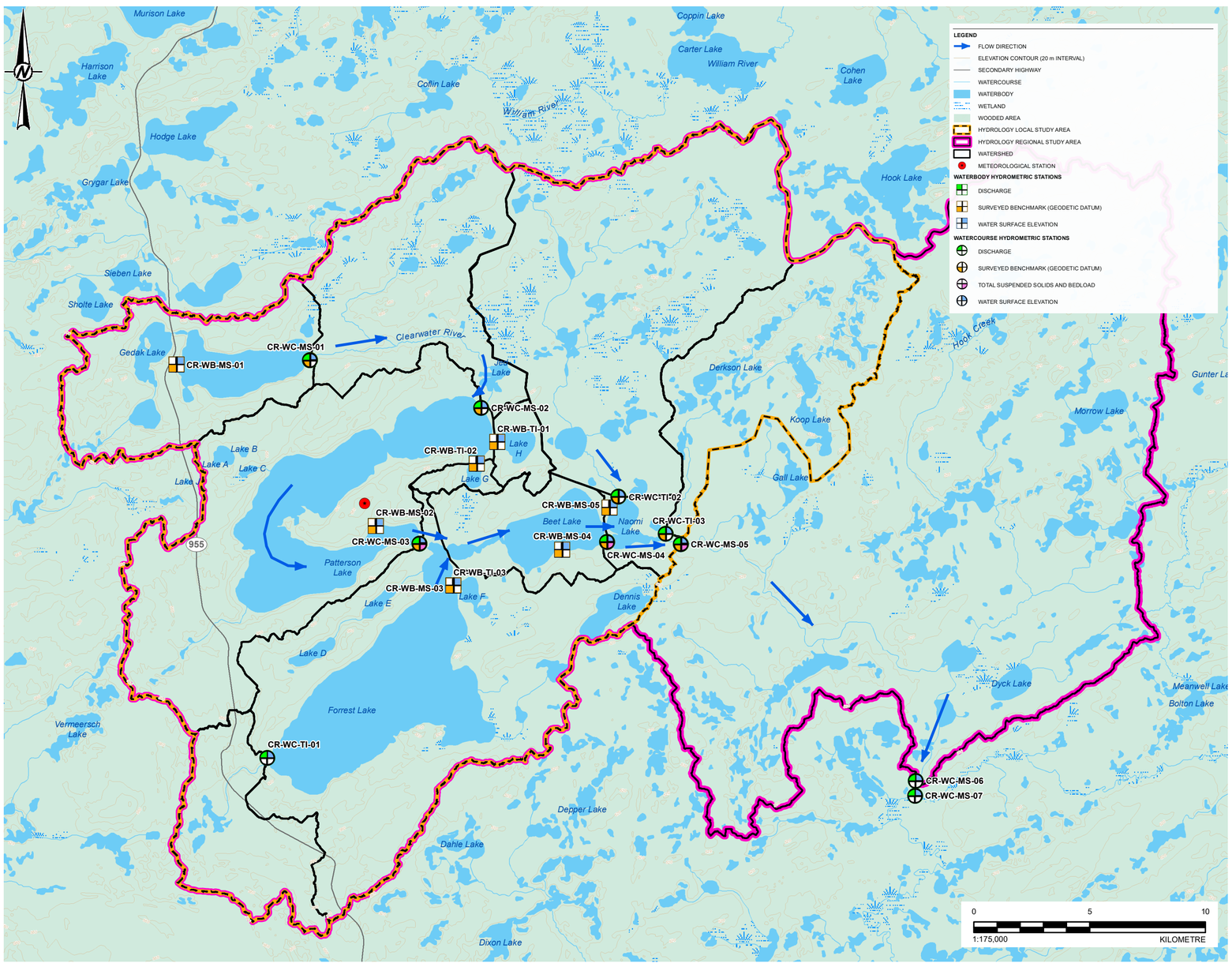
What did the studies tell us?

The studies provided information on water levels and water flows within Patterson Lake and the Clearwater River watershed.

Patterson Lake is 'U-shaped' and has three main basins. The lake has a maximum depth of 52.7 meters.

The Clearwater River is the main inflow to and outflow from Patterson Lake.

Water leaving Patterson Lake has little mixing with nearby Forrest Lake.



Monitoring Locations Used for Hydrology Assessment

How did we assess the effects?

The hydrological assessment focused on how the Project may affect:

- Waterbody water surface elevation (water depth)
- Watercourse flow rates
- Stream channel parameters (such as water depth, wetted area, width)
- Transport of sediment along streams and rivers

The results

Net discharge of water to Patterson Lake:

- Small, but undetectable, increases in waterbody water surface elevations and changes would diminish downstream of Patterson Lake

Flow rates and water surface elevations (Clearwater River):

- Clearwater River water surface elevations and flow rates are predicted to remain within the range of natural seasonal and annual variability
- Changes are likely to be undetectable



Water

Fish and Fish Habitat

A focus of the EA

Baseline surveys for fish and fish habitat were completed in 2018 and 2019 in Patterson Lake as well as other lakes and rivers in the area. Information on fish habitat types (including nursery, rearing, overwintering, and others), habitat suitability, chemistry (fish tissues, sediment, and aquatic plants), and fish community composition was collected. Baseline studies also collected information on plankton (water organisms) and benthic invertebrates (water organisms with no backbone).



School of Fish in Creek Below Broach Lake

What did the studies tell us?

The baseline studies provided information on the fish and fish habitat in the area of the Rook I Project as well as the amount and distribution of habitat types.

Surveys detected northern pike, lake whitefish, longnose sucker, walleye, perch, and lake trout. The concentration of metals, trace elements, and radionuclides in northern pike and lake whitefish tissues were low. Spawning habitat types preferred by walleye, lake whitefish, and lake trout (like sand and gravel) was more common in the study area than for northern pike. A diversity of benthic invertebrates was detected with the most common type being midge larvae (Chrironomidae).

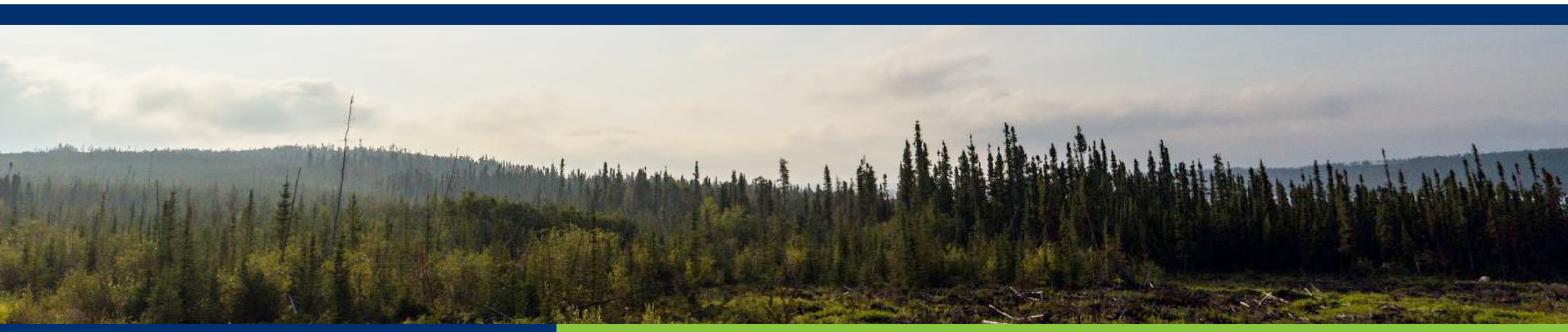
How did we assess the effects?

The assessment for fish and fish habitat included determining the effects of the Project on fish habitat availability, distribution, and survival and reproduction (health) for key fish species.

The results

- **Habitat availability:** Limited potential for changes in habitat availability due to exposure to predicted copper concentrations in Patterson Lake after Closure and in the far future. Copper concentrations are unlikely to result in population and/or community-level effects on lower trophic organisms or forage fish, nor for overall fish and fish habitat
- **Habitat distribution:** No adverse effects on fish habitat distribution are predicted to occur
- **Survival and reproduction:** Effects on the health of fish and survival and reproduction are not expected for predator fish (e.g., lake trout, walleye, northern pike) and are unlikely for forage fish (e.g., lake whitefish)

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Air

Air Quality

Existing conditions

Existing atmospheric conditions do not exceed Saskatchewan Ambient Air Quality Standards (SAAQS) except for 24-hour particulate matter less than 2.5 µm ($PM_{2.5}$) and particulate matter less than 10 µm (PM_{10}).

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were completed to describe the existing atmospheric conditions in the Rook I Project's local and regional area, including:

- **Air quality** – included measuring levels of radon, particulate matter (solid and liquid droplets in the air), carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and sulfur dioxide
- **Climate** – weather conditions averaged over long periods of time
- **Meteorology** – factors that affect weather such as temperature, humidity, precipitation, and wind speed and direction

How did we assess the effects?

Air quality was assessed using the AERMOD Gaussian Dispersion Model to determine the Project emissions for:

- Ambient air concentrations that have applicable provincial or federal air quality criteria
- Suphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide
- Greenhouse gases

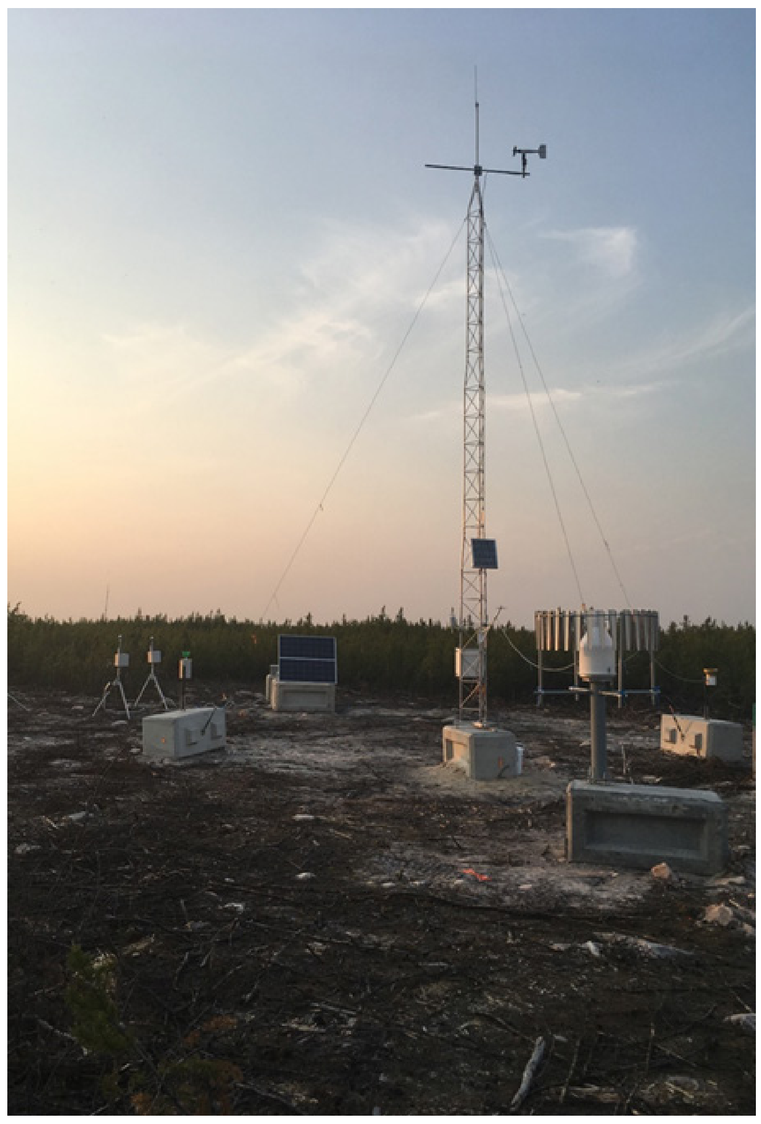
What are we doing?

Reducing potential effects to air quality was a focus during Project design:

- Liquified natural gas was selected as the primary fuel source for power generation, which produces less emissions than diesel
- Existing site roads will be upgraded and maintained to reduce dust from increased site traffic, and water and other dust suppressants will be used during dry conditions

The results

- Air quality will reflect detectable changes from existing conditions; however, most of the criteria air contaminants (CACs) are predicted to remain compliant with provincial guidelines through all phases of the Project



- Short-term concentrations of PM_{10} and total suspended particulate are projected to be above provincial guidelines but exceedance frequencies would be low and localized to the maximum disturbance area
- Duration of effect of CACs is limited to the period when emissions are being released, and would cease once Project activities are complete



Land

Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were conducted to determine the use of the area of the Project by wildlife. Vegetation surveys were conducted to determine the distribution of wildlife habitat.

What did the studies tell us?

The baseline studies provided information on the birds and mammals in the area of the Project as well as the amount and distribution of habitat types.

Surveys completed as part of the baseline studies in the local and regional area detected at least 23 species of mammals (some bat species were grouped) using winter snow tracking, ungulate pellet counts, small mammal trapping, semi-aquatic furbearer surveys, and trail cameras. Examples of detected species include: beaver, black bear, deer, fisher, lynx, marten, mink, moose, wolf, muskrat, otter, porcupine, rabbit (hare), and weasel.

Birds were surveyed using multiple methods including ARUs (song recorders), breeding bird surveys, and targeted surveys. A total of 95 species of birds were identified in the baseline surveys.



Black Bear Near Rook I Project Site

How did we assess the effects?

The potential effects of the Project to wildlife and wildlife habitat were determined through the assessment of changes to habitat availability, habitat distribution, and animal survival and reproduction (health) for key wildlife species.

The results

- Project effects are not predicted to result in changes to wildlife health or condition
- Wildlife habitat loss, habitat alteration, and sensory disturbance are expected to occur for all Project phases, though the magnitude of loss of suitable wildlife habitat would be less than 1.5% of the regional study area for all species assessed
- Only effects on woodland caribou are predicted to be significant, primarily due to effects on woodland caribou being significant under existing conditions. The Project would reduce woodland caribou habitat by less than 0.1% in SK2 West
- Wildlife habitats will be restored to the extent possible through progressive and final reclamation, and NexGen is committed to implementing a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan that is expected to provide a net increase in functional woodland caribou habitat



Land

Vegetation

A focus of the EA

Vegetation surveys were conducted to take vegetation inventories, detect rare plants, characterize wetlands, and determine existing chemical element and radionuclide concentrations. Fire disturbances, human-influenced features, and ecosites were also mapped. Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies prepared by Indigenous Groups identified traditionally used plant species that will be included in the assessment.

What did the studies tell us?

The local area is predominately upland ecosystem (Jack pine is common), much of which has been burned in the past 40 years. Regenerating forested areas are common.

Wetlands are present within the local area with shrubby bogs and treed bogs being the most common types.

Human-influenced features include access roads, trails, and clearings, but represent only a small proportion of the landscape.

No federally listed vascular plants were detected within the study area.

Traditionally used plant species detected during baseline surveys included species such as birch, blueberry, cloudberry, cranberry, jack pine, kinnikinnick, spruce, mosses, and Labrador tea, among others.

How did we assess the effects?

The potential effects of the Project to ecosystems and traditional use plants were evaluated:

- For ecosystems, ecosystem availability, distribution, and condition were assessed
- For traditional use plants, habitat availability and habitat distribution were assessed



Labrador Tea near the Rook I Project Area

The results

The overall condition of ecosystems and traditional use plants will be maintained outside the Project maximum disturbance area.

- **Upland ecosystems:** Low magnitude loss in the upland ecosystem availability (approximately 1.2% of the regional study area [RSA])
- **Wetland ecosystems:** Low magnitude loss in wetland ecosystem availability (less than 0.1% of the RSA)
- **Riparian ecosystems:** Low magnitude loss in riparian ecosystem availability (0.4% of the RSA)
- **Traditional use plants:** Loss of about 282 ha of traditional use plant habitat (1.1% of the RSA)

All ecosystem and habitat losses occur within the Project maximum disturbance boundary.



Land

Indigenous Land and Resources Use

A focus of the EA

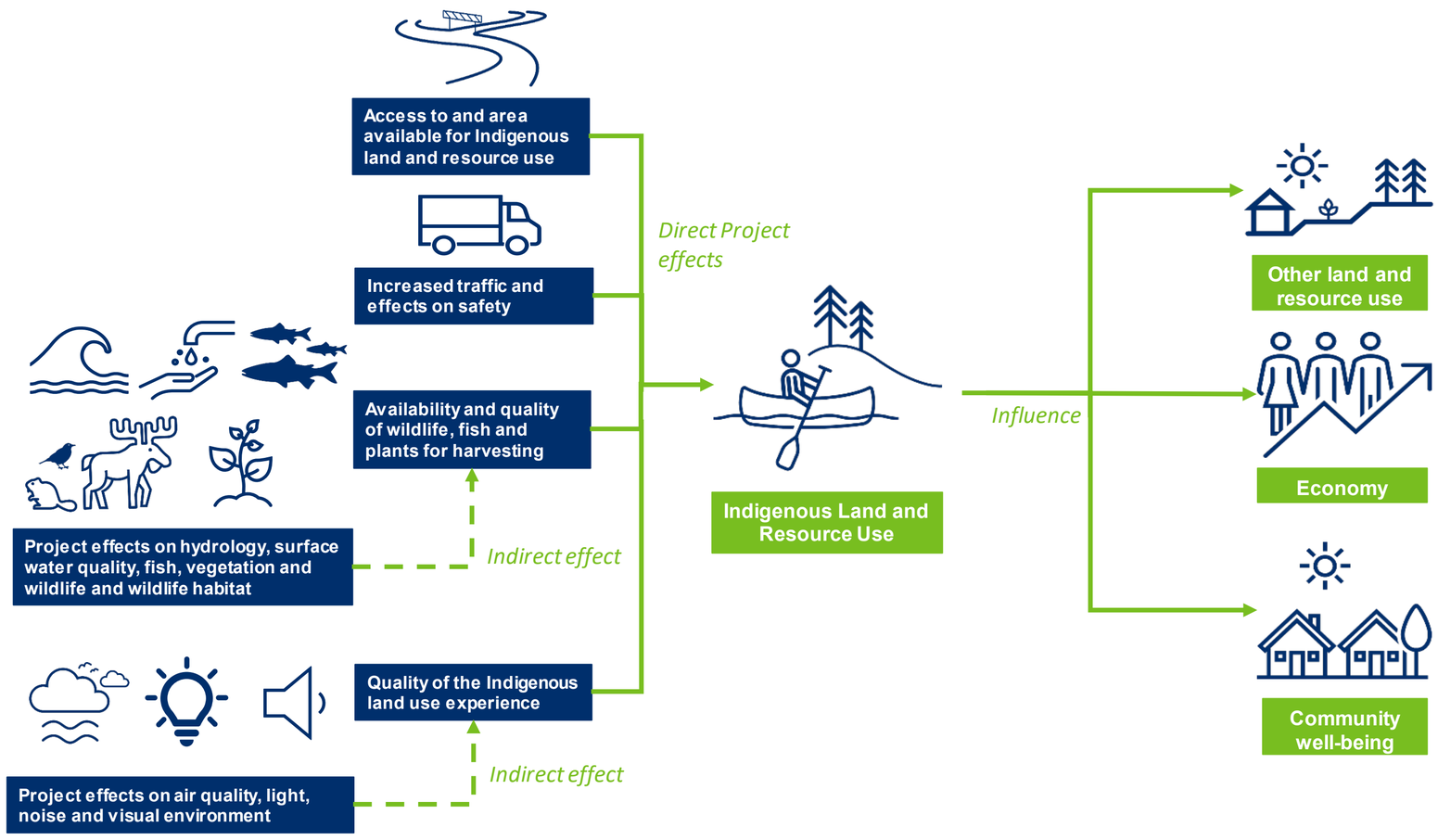
We learned many valuable aspects regarding Indigenous land and resource use through engagement with Indigenous Groups, community information sessions, workshops, interviews, and Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies.

In addition, information from other environmental assessment discipline baselines and assessments was studied to assess how Indigenous land and resource use may be affected by the Project.

What did the studies tell us?

The Project may affect Indigenous land and resource use in the following ways:

- Access restrictions may displace some Indigenous land and resource use practices
- Mining activities may alter the availability of plants, wildlife, and fish
- Sensory disturbances may change the quality of Indigenous land and resource use experience
- Changes to air or water quality may discourage traditional uses near the Project
- Ground disturbance can permanently alter the landscape, changing Indigenous land and resources use
- Awareness of the decommissioned site may change the perceived suitability of the area for Indigenous land and resource use



Pathways to Potential Changes in Indigenous Land and Resource Use

The EA is a process to ensure any potential effects are managed effectively in the interests of those affected.

How did we assess the effects?

The assessment for Indigenous land and resource use determined the effects of the Project with respect to area available for Indigenous land and resource use, quality of resources, and quality of the Indigenous land and resource use experience.

The results

While Indigenous land and resource use activities could change or be displaced to some degree, the activities will be able to continue.

What are we doing?

NexGen has worked with, and will continue to work, with local Indigenous Groups and communities to promote the use of the Patterson Lake traditional use area.

Environmental Committees have been established with local Indigenous Groups to stay actively involved in monitoring of the environmental performance of the Project. Additionally, NexGen has committed to the hiring of independent Indigenous monitors throughout the Project lifespan.

Benefit Agreements with local Indigenous Groups include funding and human resources to support community-related initiatives related to cultural and traditional values.

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Community

Engagement

Public Review Period for Rook I Project Description

Indigenous and Local Knowledge and feedback on the Rook I Project Description was received from the Clearwater River Dene Nation, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 (Clearwater Clear Lake), Ya'thi Néné Land and Resource Office, and Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation.

Study Agreements

Individual Study Agreements were signed with:

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- Birch Narrows Dene Nation
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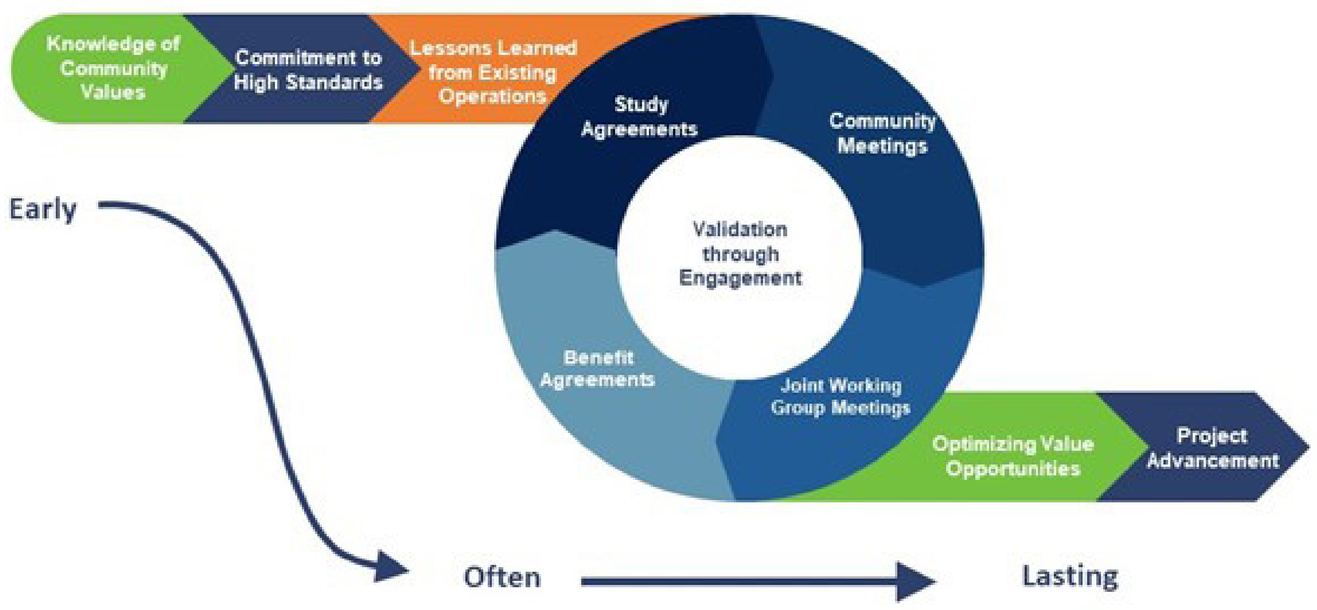
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Traditional Land Use Studies

To better understand land use in the area of the Project, NexGen provided the funds necessary to allow Indigenous Groups to undertake self-directed Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies.

Other Engagement Initiatives

- NexGen has a dedicated community-based Project Liaison Manager in La Loche; this individual works out of our La Loche office and is accessible for all community members
- In addition to topics discussed through the JWGs, breakout sessions have been held with JWGs where additional information has been requested for topics of particular interest to communities
- NexGen has signed three Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Groups and is negotiating a Benefit Agreement with a fourth Indigenous Group
- For information and updates on the Project, please visit https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca/





Community

Joint Working Groups

The Joint Working Groups (JWGs) were formed through the Study Agreements established with each primary Indigenous Group and have been implemented as the agreed-upon engagement pathway for the advancement of the environmental assessment (EA). JWG Members consist of NexGen staff and Indigenous Groups. Indigenous Group Leadership selected their JWG participants with consideration for diverse representation, including Elders, youth, men and women, business owners, and traditional land users in the Patterson Lake area.

The JWGs represent an important engagement platform to allow for ongoing collaboration on elements of the Rook I Project, and to enable the incorporation of community members' views and Indigenous and Local Knowledge into the Project, where applicable.

The four JWGs are:

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The JWGs help facilitate collaboration between Indigenous communities and NexGen to ensure Indigenous views and knowledge are considered in relation to the Project. The JWGs meet routinely (as needed), with a minor disruption in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since 2019 when the JWGs commenced, the following topics have been discussed:

- Project overview
- Outline of environmental assessment (EA) process
- Baseline studies
- Valued components
- Indigenous Group culture and land use shares
- Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies
- Human health risk assessment overview
- Water assessment and management
- EA pathways
- Underground tailings management facility
- Caribou
- Traffic studies
- Surface lease agreement
- Socio-economic assessment
- Community well-being
- Traditional and wage economies
- Employment, business, and training opportunities
- Project update
- Regulatory process update
- Modelling and the EA process
- Project alternatives assessed
- End land use



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Working with Communities

In order to maximize benefits for Indigenous Peoples and communities potentially affected by the Project, NexGen has established a Local Priority Area (LPA) for prioritizing education, training, employment, and business opportunities.

NexGen's socio-economic capacity building framework will promote continued engagement with local Indigenous Groups and communities to create as much positivity for as many people as possible. NexGen's goal is to collaborate with local Indigenous Groups and communities regarding employment, business development, environmental stewardship, and cultural enhancement initiatives.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC CAPACITY BUILDING

Enhance skills and facilitate coordination among local Indigenous Groups and communities, and key public and private stakeholders that support socio-economic capacity building in the Local Priority Area and northern Saskatchewan

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Augment local business performance and foster local economic diversification

HUMAN ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Enhance local workforce job readiness and access to labour markets

COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Strengthen and connect local communities

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Foster environmental stewardship, promote traditional land use management, and support community participation in environmental monitoring

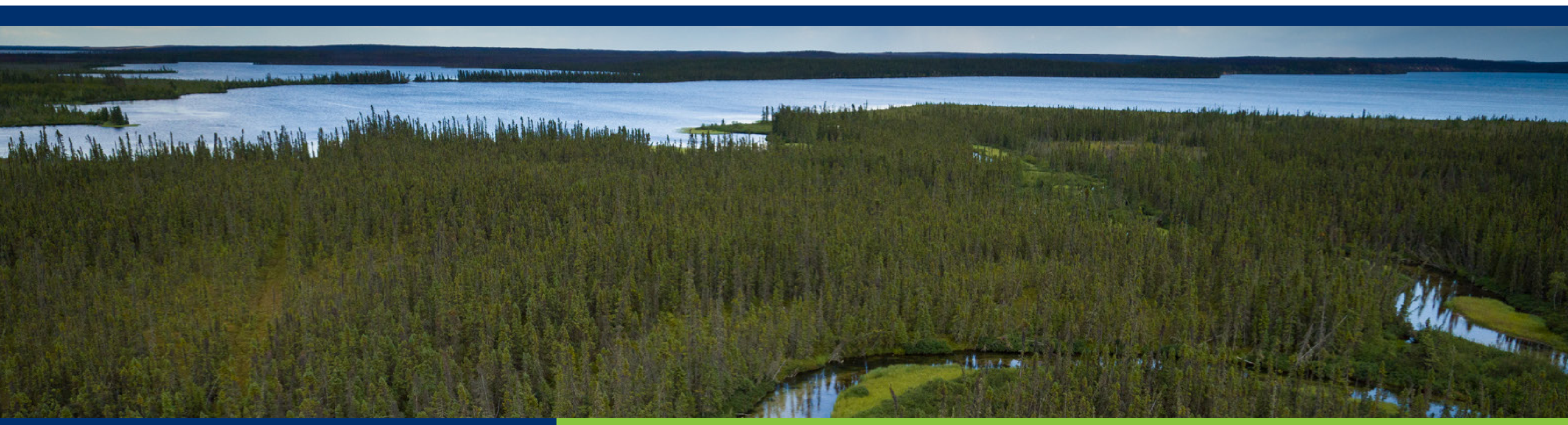
CULTURAL ENHANCEMENT

Promote Indigenous cultural identity and respect

NEXGEN VISION AND VALUES

NexGen Vision and Values to Guide Sustainable Enhancement of Project Opportunities

- **Business enterprise development:** Sustainably support business development in the LPA and northern Saskatchewan
- **Human enterprise development:** Sustainably support existing institutions and programs to enhance education, training, and skills development for direct, indirect, and induced employment for LPA residents
- **Community and regional development:** Support existing initiatives and help identify new opportunities to enhance community and regional development across the LPA
- **Environmental stewardship:** Explore opportunities to enhance and foster environmental stewardship and promote shared land use initiatives
- **Cultural enhancement:** Work collaboratively with local Indigenous Groups and communities to promote Indigenous and northern culture and support cultural programs



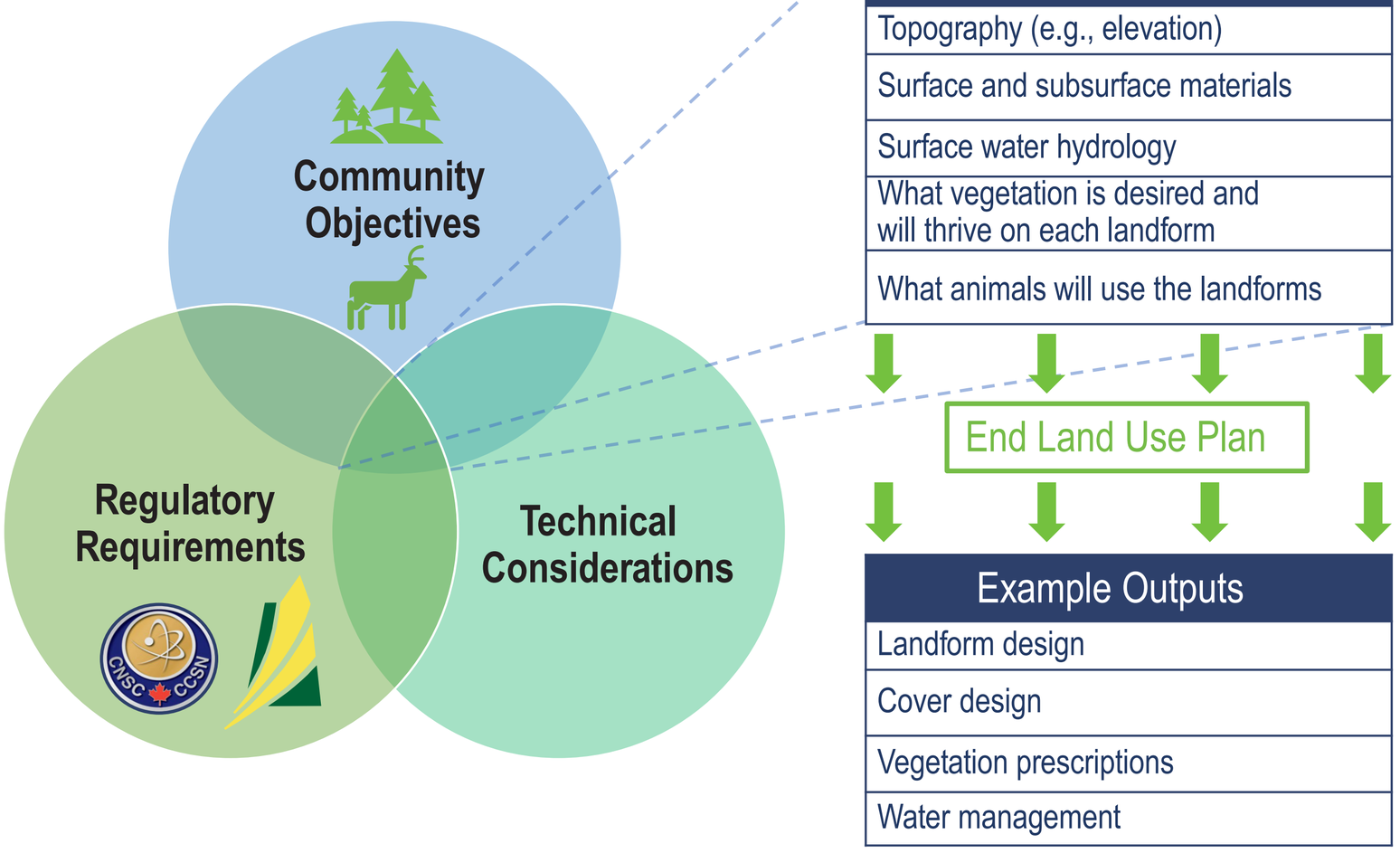
Closure

End Land Use

End Land Use

End Land Use refers to how the Rook I Project site will be used in the future, after decommissioning and reclamation. NexGen's preliminary objective is to reclaim the landscape to allow for unrestricted land use by members of local Indigenous Groups and communities. This objective would be supported through the establishment of functional, self sustaining, locally common ecosystems as soon as practical.

NexGen's End Land Use planning will occur throughout all Project phases and will use the most current information about the Project and surrounding environment.

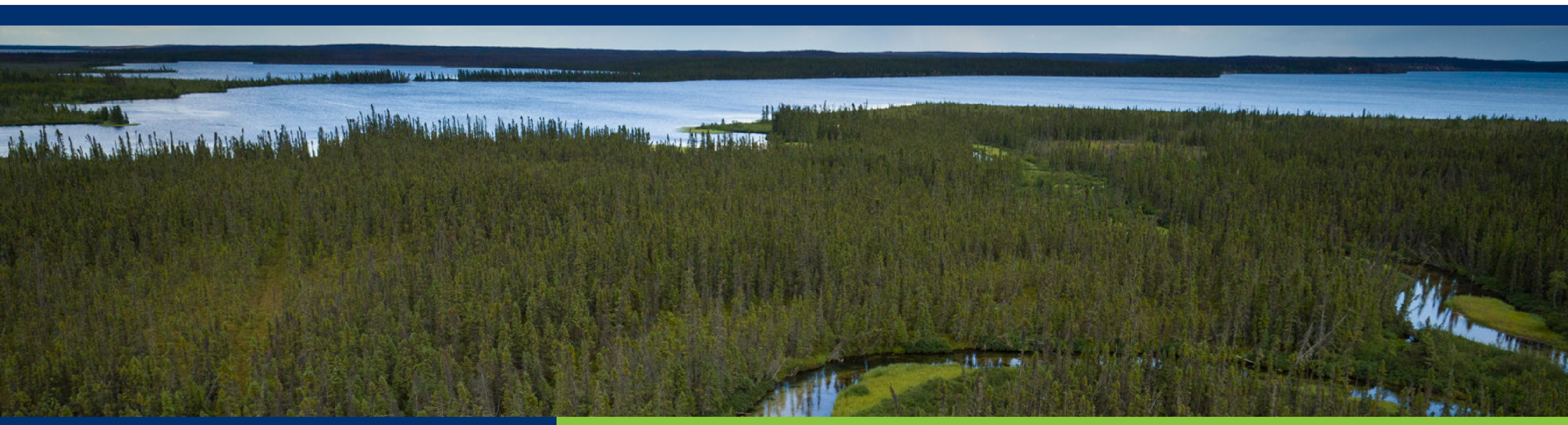


Reclamation Methods

To achieve end land use objectives, the following are commonly used and may be appropriate for the Project:

- Shaping of landforms
- Creating more natural surfaces (e.g., rough, irregular/non-linear)
- Spreading soil that was salvaged prior to construction
- Revegetating
- Assessing site access to enable ecosystem recovery
- Monitoring and adaptive management, as required

We are here to help answer your questions. All questions are important.



Closure

Environmental Protection and Monitoring

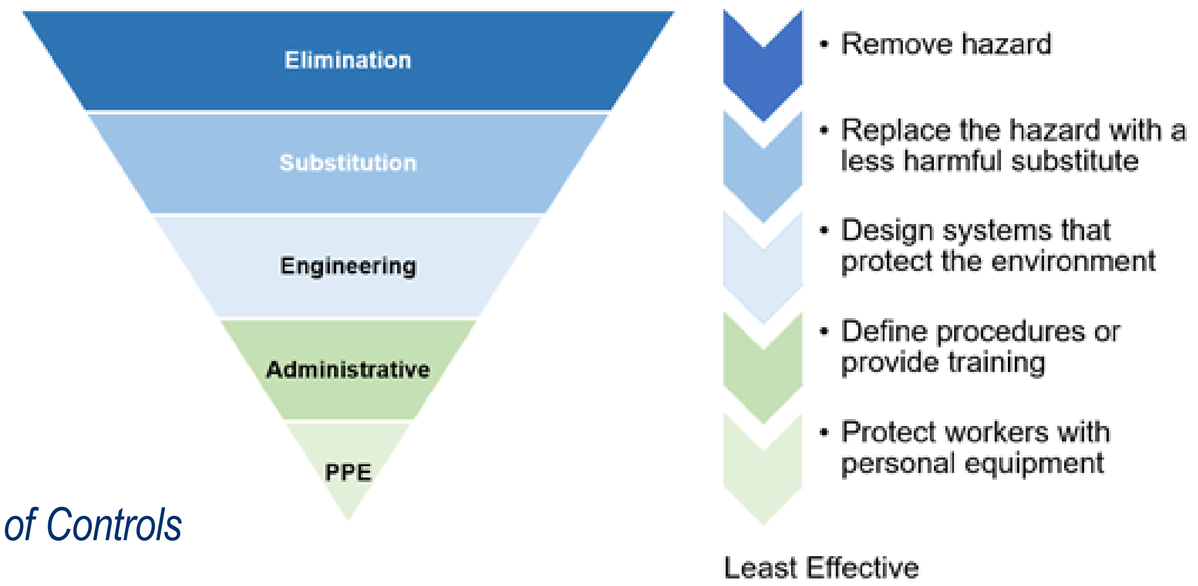
Environmental Protection

NexGen recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving the environment and biodiversity throughout the Rook I Project lifespan and for future generations. NexGen is minimizing impacts on the environment and biodiversity from Project facilities, activities, and processes by adopting a comprehensive approach to environmental protection. This includes the consideration and incorporation of Indigenous and Local Knowledge.

Environmental Interactions

Environmental interactions are the ways in which Rook I Project facilities, activities, and processes can influence or effect the natural environment.

Identifying environmental interactions and evaluating potential environmental impacts is foundational to achieving effective, risk-based environmental protection.



Hierarchy of Controls

Environmental Controls

Environmental interactions have been identified and assessed. Controls appropriate for the corresponding level of risk have been identified and will be implemented and verified to minimize environmental impacts. The Project will use a variety of controls to effectively prevent or reduce the risk to the environment.

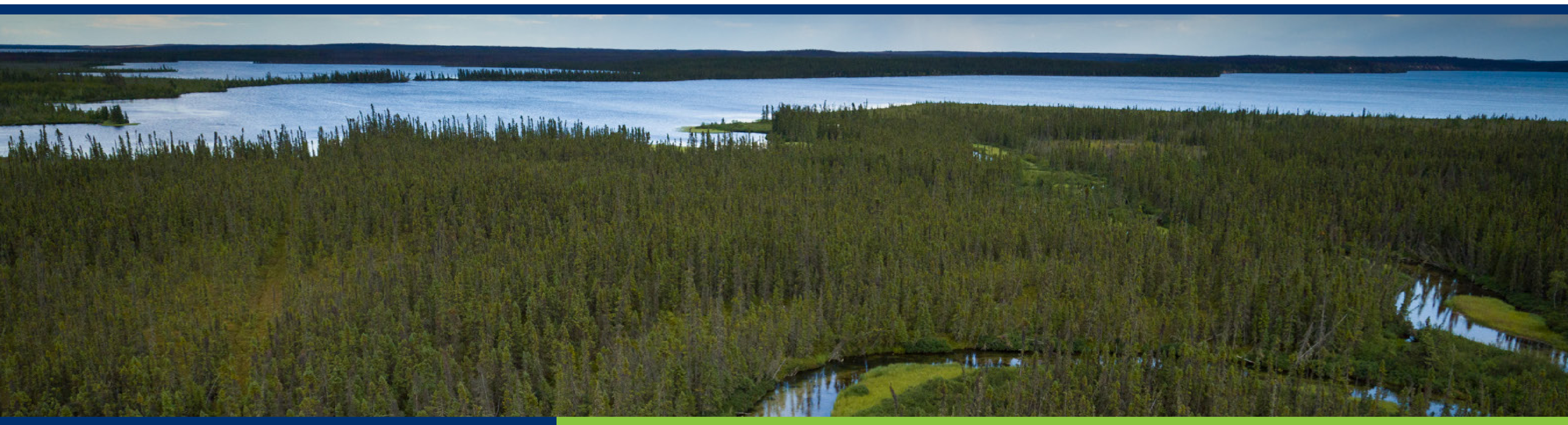
Monitoring

Monitoring will be used to:

- characterize and monitor the overall performance of facilities, activities, and processes to ensure the environment remains protected
- determine whether environmental protection measures are performing as intended and to help inform opportunities for continual improvement

As part of the evaluation of Project performance, Environmental Committees formeded with each of the four primary Indigenous Groups will provide oversight of the environmental performance and verify Project compliance. In addition, NexGen will fund a full-time Indigenous monitor chosen by each of the primary Indigenous Groups to conduct independent environmental sampling.

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EA

Key Findings from the Environmental Assessment

Overall, the Project is expected to result in some changes to the environment but is not predicted to result in significant adverse effects to any biophysical or socio-economic component with the exception of woodland caribou.

Potential Project Effects

The Project effects on woodland caribou are predicted to be minimal; however, as effects to woodland are already significant under existing conditions, this would continue with the addition of the Project. NexGen will be implementing a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan designed to improve woodland caribou habitat from the current environmental conditions.

In the far future (e.g., 400 years), copper and cobalt levels in Patterson Lake are predicted to exceed regulatory threshold values. However, these exceedances are expected to be localized and are not predicted to impact fish, plants, wildlife, or human health. During Operations, NexGen would analyze data and apply adaptive management processes to further minimize effects.

Project Benefits

The Project is anticipated to provide many benefits to local community members including increased employment, income, education and training, and business opportunities. NexGen will continue to maximize opportunities for local communities.



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EA

Environmental Assessment Process

The proposed Rook I Project is subject to both provincial and federal Environmental Assessment (EA) processes.

- An EA is a process used to understand the potential environmental and social effects of a proposed project. This process happens before any decisions about constructing a project are made
- The EA for the Project is subject to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) and *The Environmental Assessment Act* of Saskatchewan

The Project proposed by NexGen is undergoing a harmonized review by the federal and provincial regulators, which means that they work together in reviewing the EA for the Project.

Approval of the Project will still require a positive decision on the EA from both the provincial (Ministry of Environment) and federal (Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission) regulators.

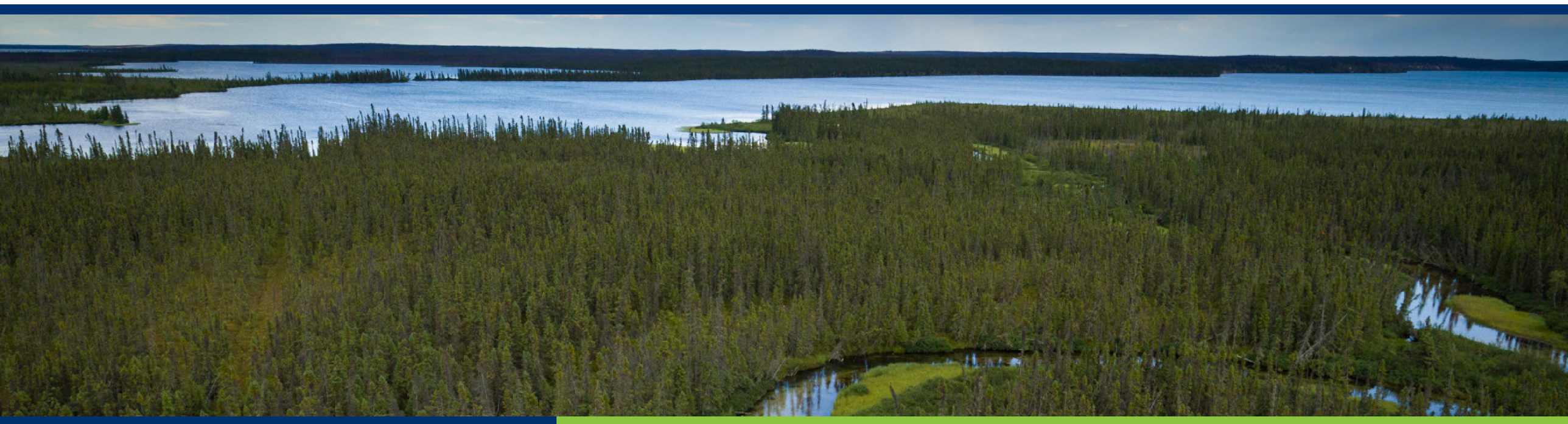
NexGen has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in support of the EA for the Project.

The EIS is the report that summarizes all of the work completed from the collection of baseline data, through to the design of the Project, and the 'findings' of the EA.

Indigenous and public participation opportunities carried out by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment, and NexGen will occur throughout the EA review process.

NexGen's continued Engagement - Your Feedback is Important!

Throughout the regulatory review process for the EA, NexGen will continue to work directly with local Indegenous Groups and communities.

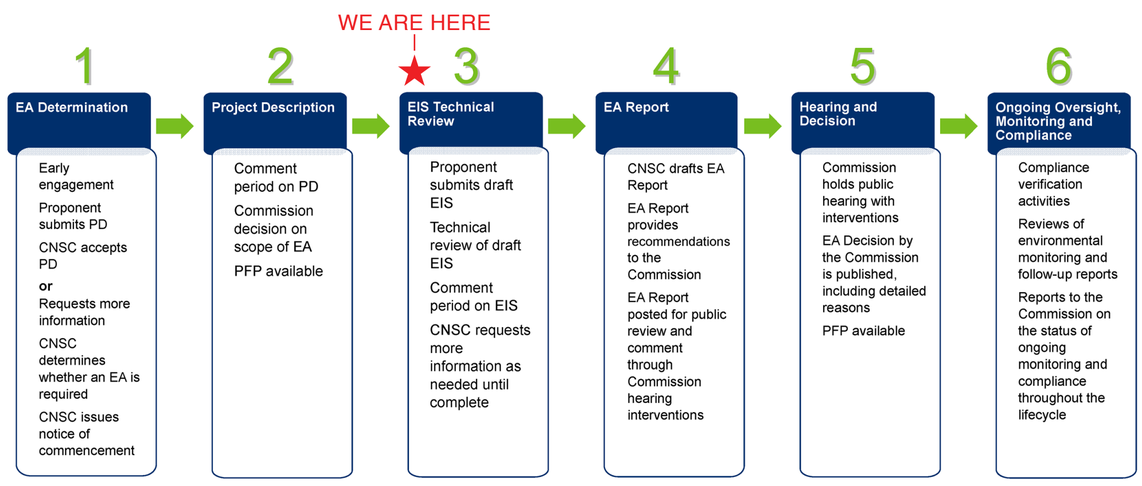


EA

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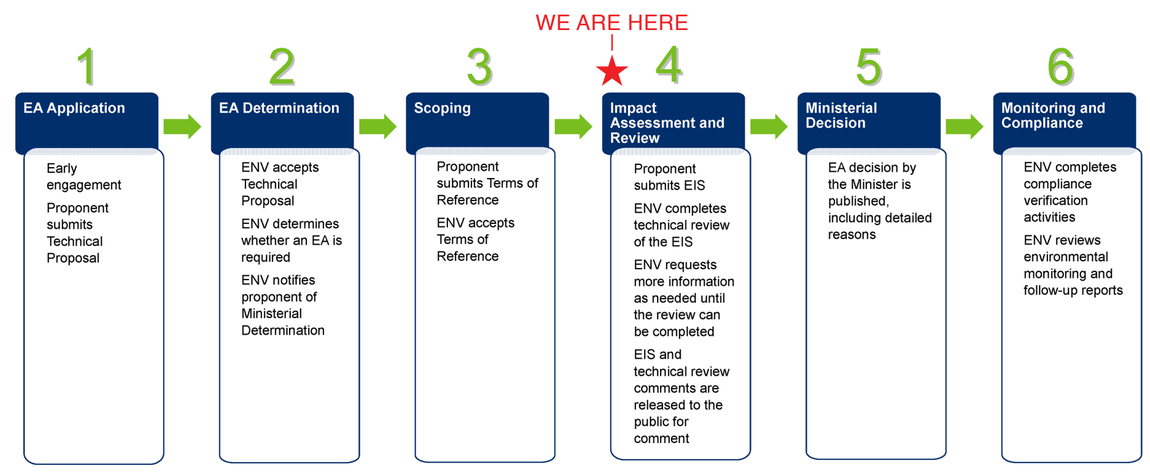
There are several opportunities throughout the regulatory process for members of the public to provide feedback on the Project. There is also funding available for members of the public to participate.

Figure 1: Overview of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Environmental Assessment Process under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012



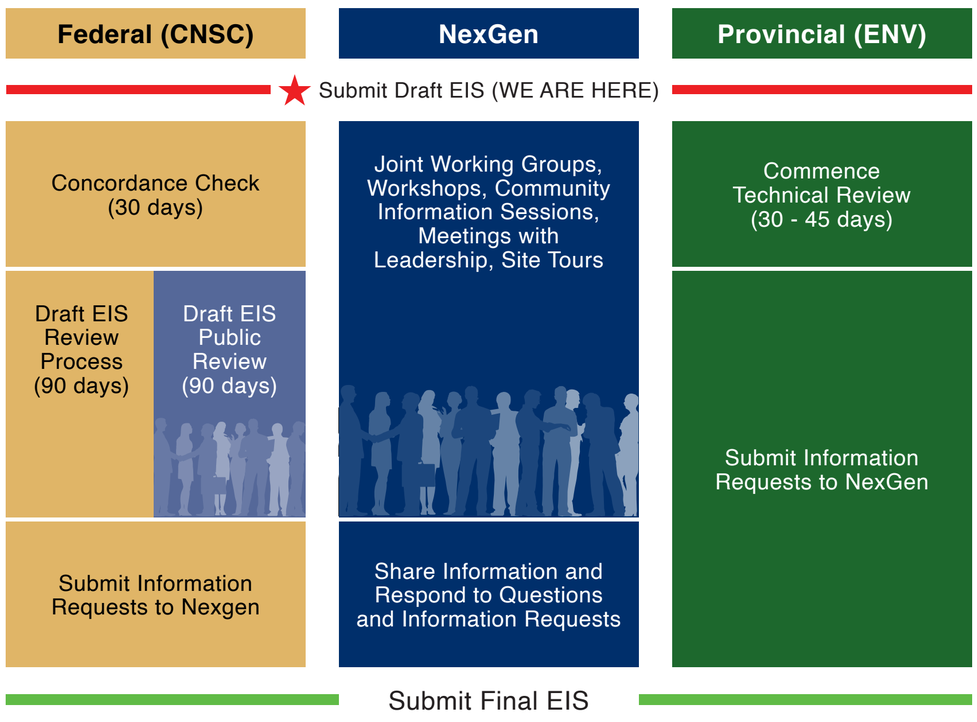
Source: CNSC 2021. PD = Project Description; CNSC = Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; EA = environmental assessment; PFP = Participant Funding Program; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement.

Figure 2: Overview of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment Environmental Assessment Process under The Environmental Assessment Act



ENV = Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment; EA = environmental assessment; EIS = Environmental Impact Statement.

Figure 3:
Public Engagement Opportunities on the Draft EIS



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EA

Environmental Assessment Process - Master Linkage Diagram

ATMOSPHERE

WATER

LAND

PEOPLE

Air Quality
Section 7.2

Noise
Section 7.3

Climate Change
Section 7.4

Hydrogeology
Section 8

Hydrology
Section 9

Surface Water Quality
Section 10

Sediment Quality
Section 10

Fish and Fish Habitat
Section 11

Terrain and Soils
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Human Health
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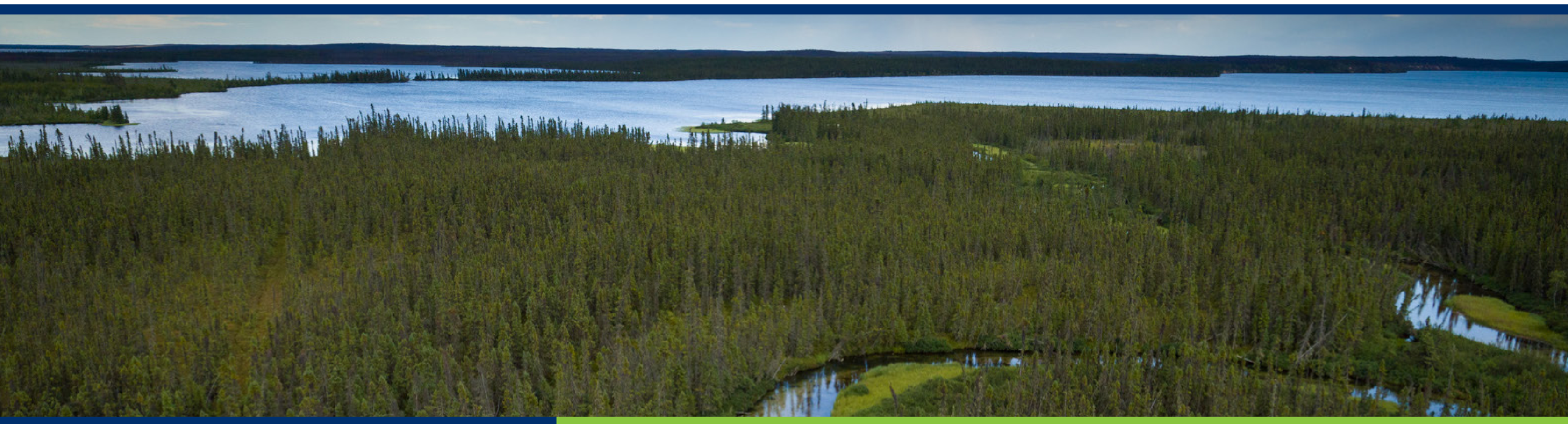
Other Land and
Resource Use
Section 17

Economy
Section 18

Community Well-being
Section 19

Legend

- Valued components
- Intermediate components
- Linkages between intermediate components and valued components.



Land

Wildlife Observed in Baseline Studies for the Rook I Project



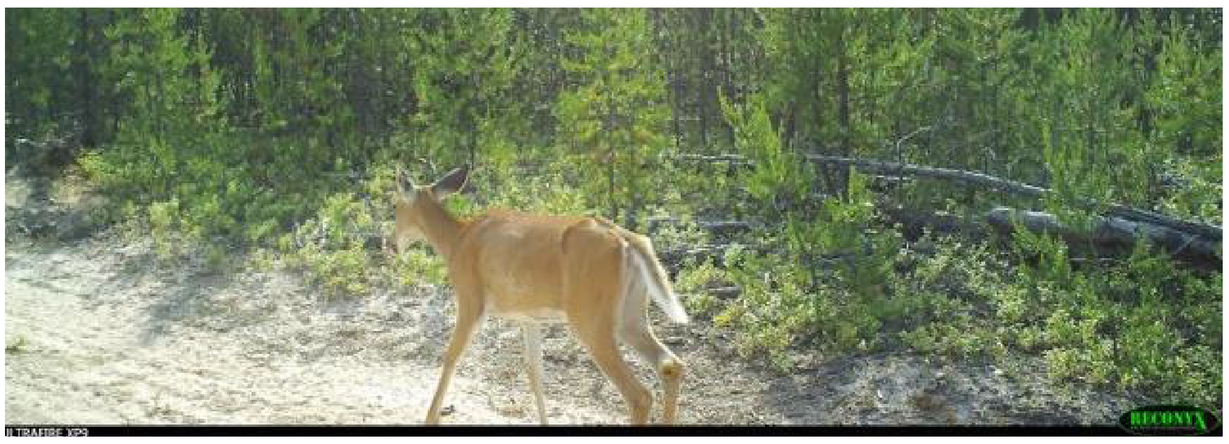














October 2022 Community Information Sessions

Poster Sessions (Poster Booklet)



Welcome



Thank you for attending the June 2022 Community Information Session for the Rook I Project

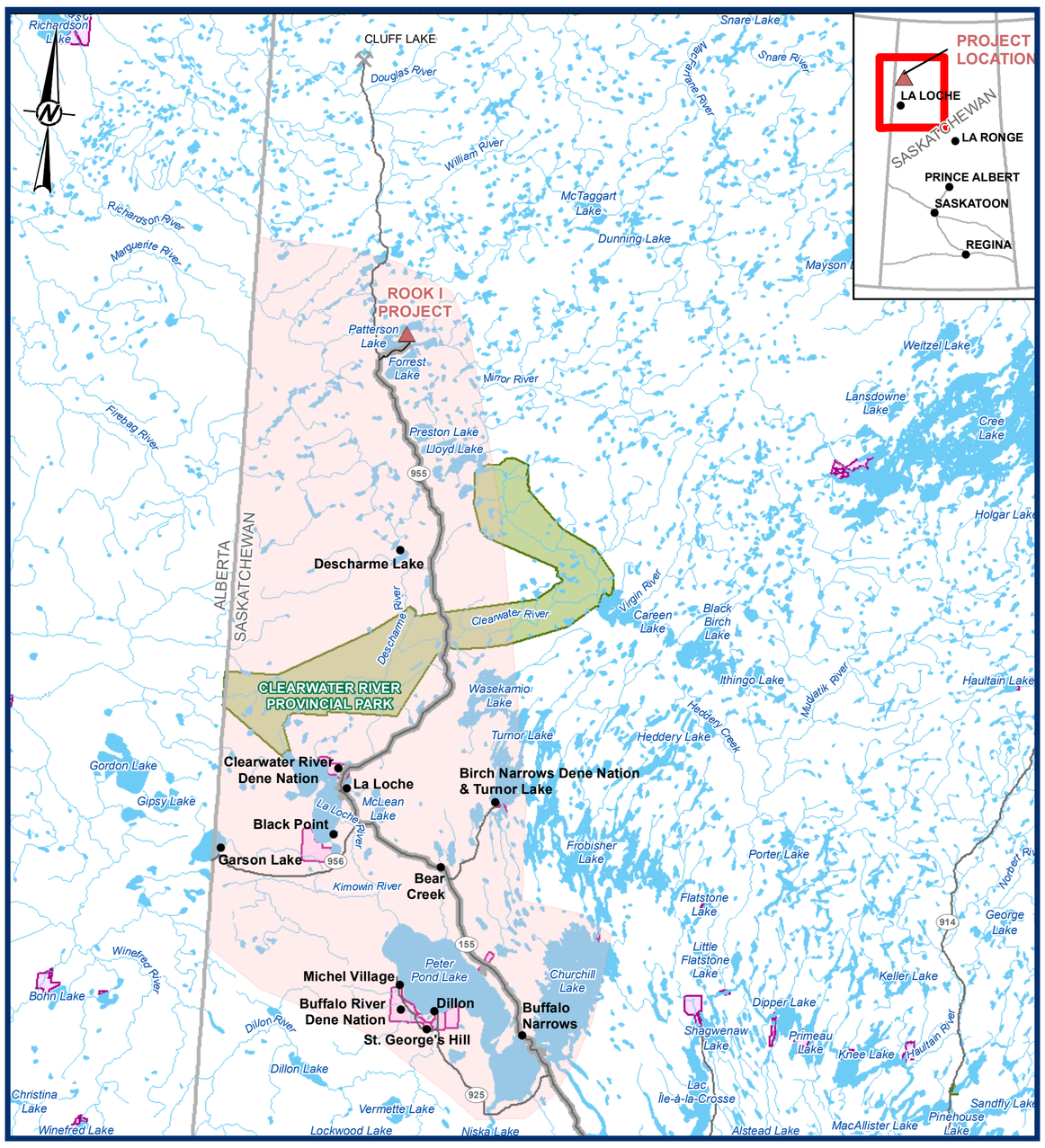
We are hosting this event to:

- Update you on the Rook I Project
- Provide you with information and a status update on all Rook I Project regulatory requirements, including the environmental assessment (EA) and licensing
- Provide details on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submission
- Answer your questions and get your feedback on the Rook I Project

We are happy to be here!



About NexGen



local priority area communities

Location of the NexGen Rook I Project in Northwestern Saskatchewan

NexGen is driven by the vision to become a global leader in delivering uranium for the world's current and future clean energy needs.

Guided by the values of honesty, respect, resilience, and accountability, NexGen's core values are foundational, defining how the team operates and influencing how decisions are made.

NexGen is setting elite standards for:

- Human health and safety
- Environmental performance
- Supporting communities
- Regulatory compliance

NexGen is proposing to develop the Rook I Project located 40 km east of the Saskatchewan-Alberta border, 130 km north of La Loche, and 640 km northwest of Saskatoon.

NexGen acknowledges and respects the interests and aspirations of those potentially affected by the Project and will continue to maximize benefits for community members in a transparent, trusting, and sustainable manner.



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Rook I Project Overview

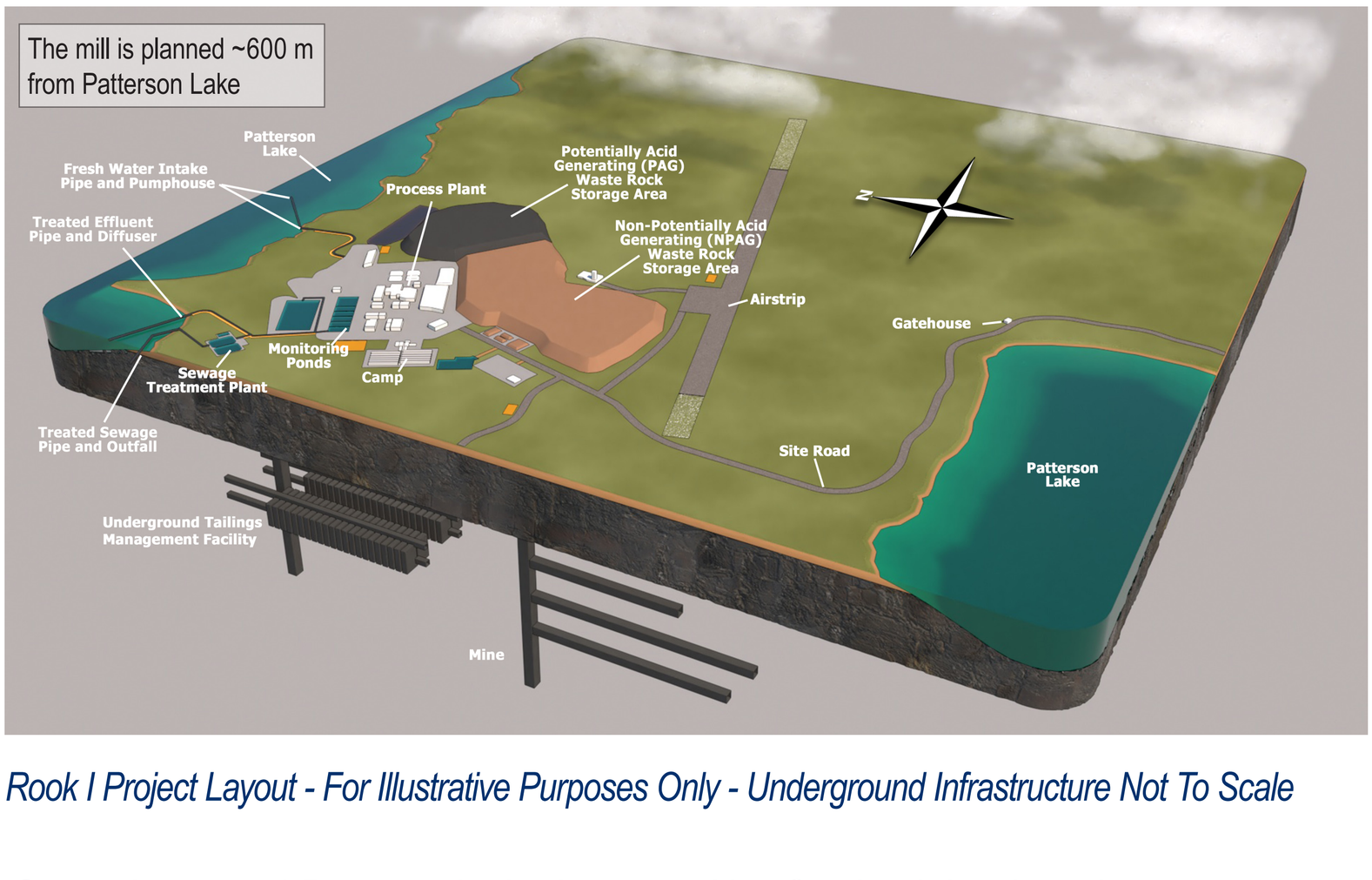
NexGen is proposing to develop the Rook I Project, a new uranium mining and milling operation in northwestern Saskatchewan. The proposed Project located is entirely on Provincial Crown Land within Treaty 8 territory and the Métis Homeland, and adjacent to Treaty 1 territory.

The Project, which is 100% owned by NexGen, proposes to include facilities to support the extraction and processing of uranium ore from the Arrow deposit, a high-grade uranium deposit. NexGen has completed exploration, geotechnical, and environmental and community studies since 2013 to define the resource and plan how to best develop the Project.

The proposed underground mine workings are within competent (very strong and hard) basement rock. The proposed mill location is on surface, about 600 m from Patterson Lake. Mining and supporting infrastructure are planned to be located above ground as seen in the graphic.

The anticipated lifespan of the Project is estimated to be 43 years and include Construction, Operations, and Decommissioning and Reclamation (i.e., Closure) phases. Monitoring is incorporated through all phases of the Project to verify environmental performance.

Direct jobs are estimated to total 350 during the 4-year Construction period and 490 during the 24 years of Operations. The Project is envisioned to be fly-in/fly-out with most employees on a two-week rotation. Work at site is proposed to be two 12-hour shifts, seven days per week.



Rook I Project Layout - For Illustrative Purposes Only - Underground Infrastructure Not To Scale

NexGen's vision is to become a world leader in delivering clean energy solutions. With this in mind, the company has approached the proposed Project with consideration of current and future generations and with a philosophy founded on sustainable and responsible resource development.



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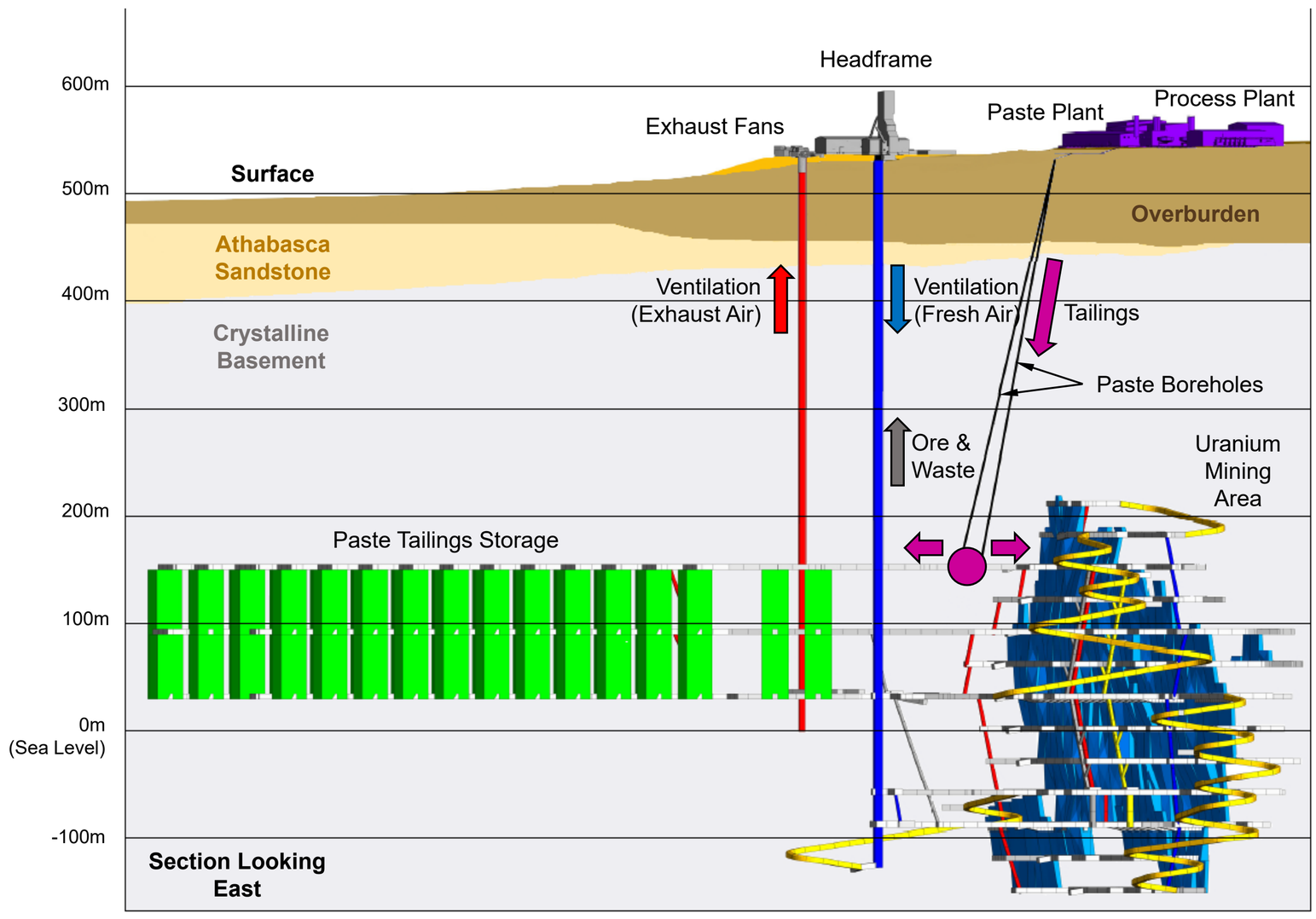
Mining Overview

The mine plan proposes a conventional underground mine using the longhole stoping mining method. This is a method of mining where holes are drilled by a production drill to a predetermined pattern, the rock is blasted, and the ore is collected for processing.

The Project proposes two vertical shafts used for ventilation, accessing underground areas, and transporting materials.

Mined rock is to be hoisted from underground and brought to surface. Rock that is uneconomic would be used either as construction material (e.g., to build roads) or placed on surface in long-term storage areas. Ore is then processed on surface to produce uranium concentrate.

Uranium concentrate produced on site will then be transported off site to facilities for further enrichment and eventual use in nuclear power reactors.

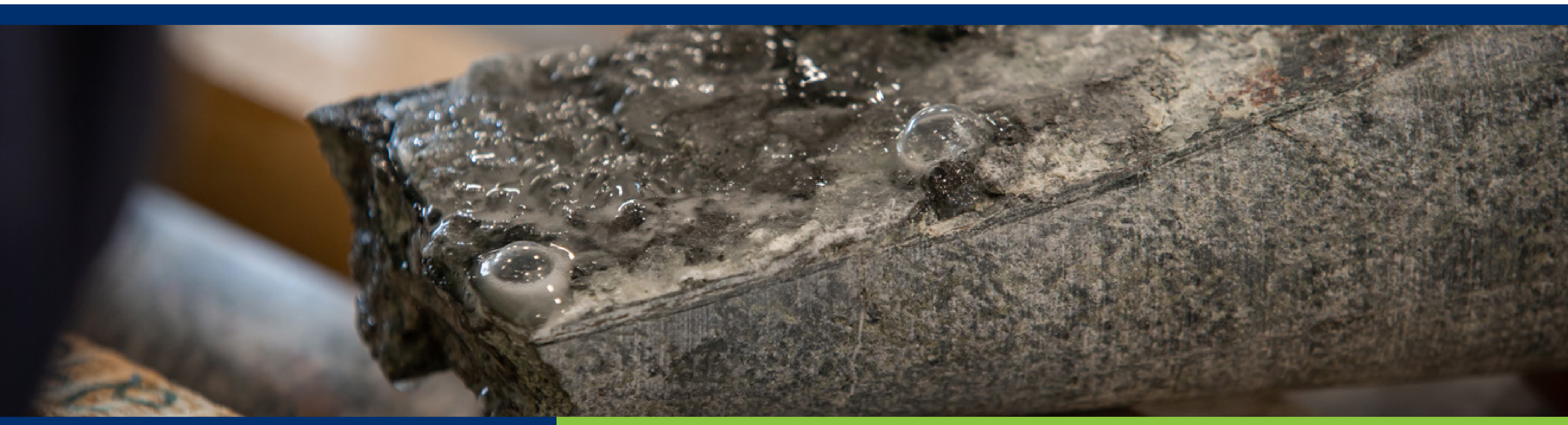


Simplified Rook I Project Tailings Distribution - Graphics for Illustration Only - Not Drawn to Scale

Ore Processing

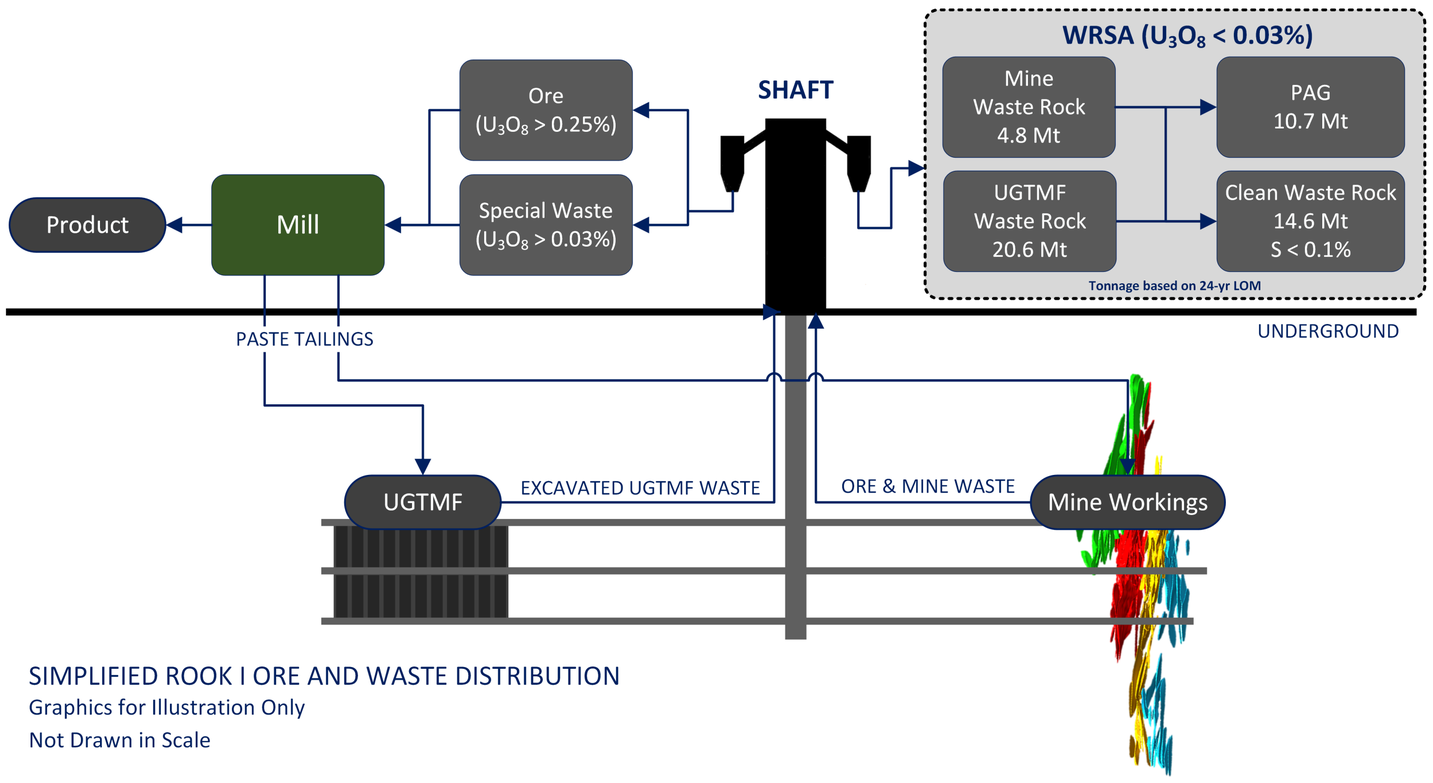
- Annual production of up to 30 M lbs of uranium concentrate
- 1,300 tonnes of ore processed per day
- Process recovery of 97.6%

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Mine

Underground Tailings Management Facility



SIMPLIFIED ROOK I ORE AND WASTE DISTRIBUTION
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LOM *– Life of Mine*

WRSA *– Waste Rock Storage Area*

PAG *– Potentially Acid Generating Waste Rock*

UGTMF *– Underground Tailings Management Facility*

Underground Tailings Management Facility (UGTMF)

Tailings are the materials left over after processing has been completed and the uranium has been removed from the ore.

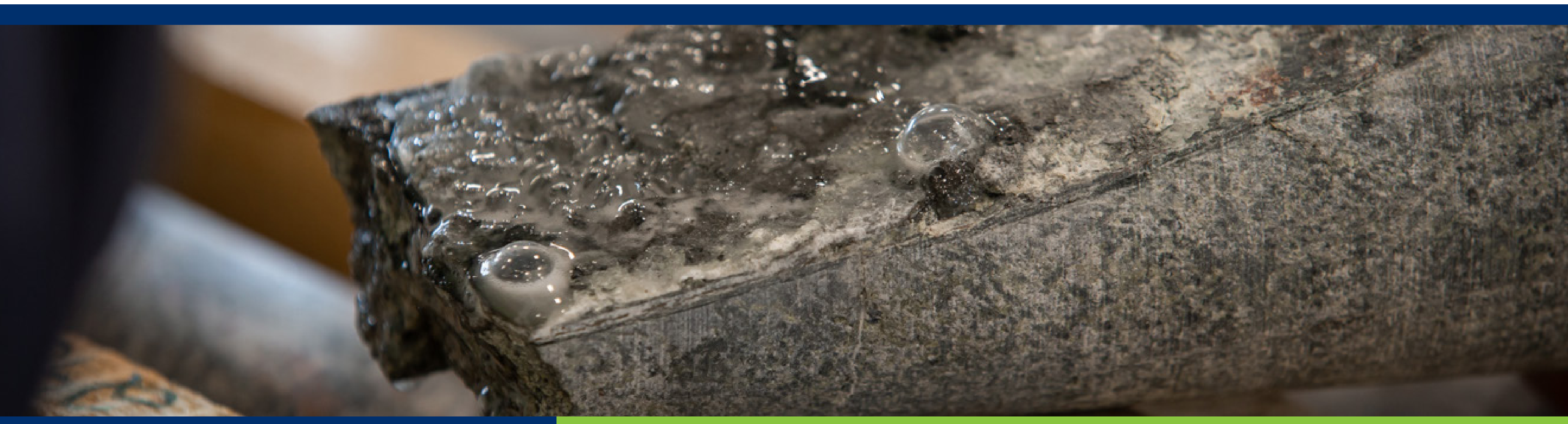
All tailings for the Rook I Project are proposed to be stored underground; there will be no tailings remaining on the surface.

Tailings are planned to be combined with cement in a paste plant and pumped underground. Approximately half of the cemented tailings are planned to be backfilled in areas excavated for mining. The other half will be pumped into underground chambers specifically mined to create space for cemented tailings storage as part of the UGTMF. The UGTMF also proposes to store any residues from the effluent treatment plant.

The decision to store tailings underground was determined through a detailed evaluation process. This included evaluating engineering requirements, human and environmental protection measures, input and feedback from Indigenous Groups and communities, and regulatory requirements.

Disposal of tailings underground reduces potential effects to the environment and allow for ongoing sdecommissioning and reclamation during the Operations Phase of the Project, setting a new global standard for environmental mine management.

The underground storage of tailings will require mining waste rock and storing it on the surface.



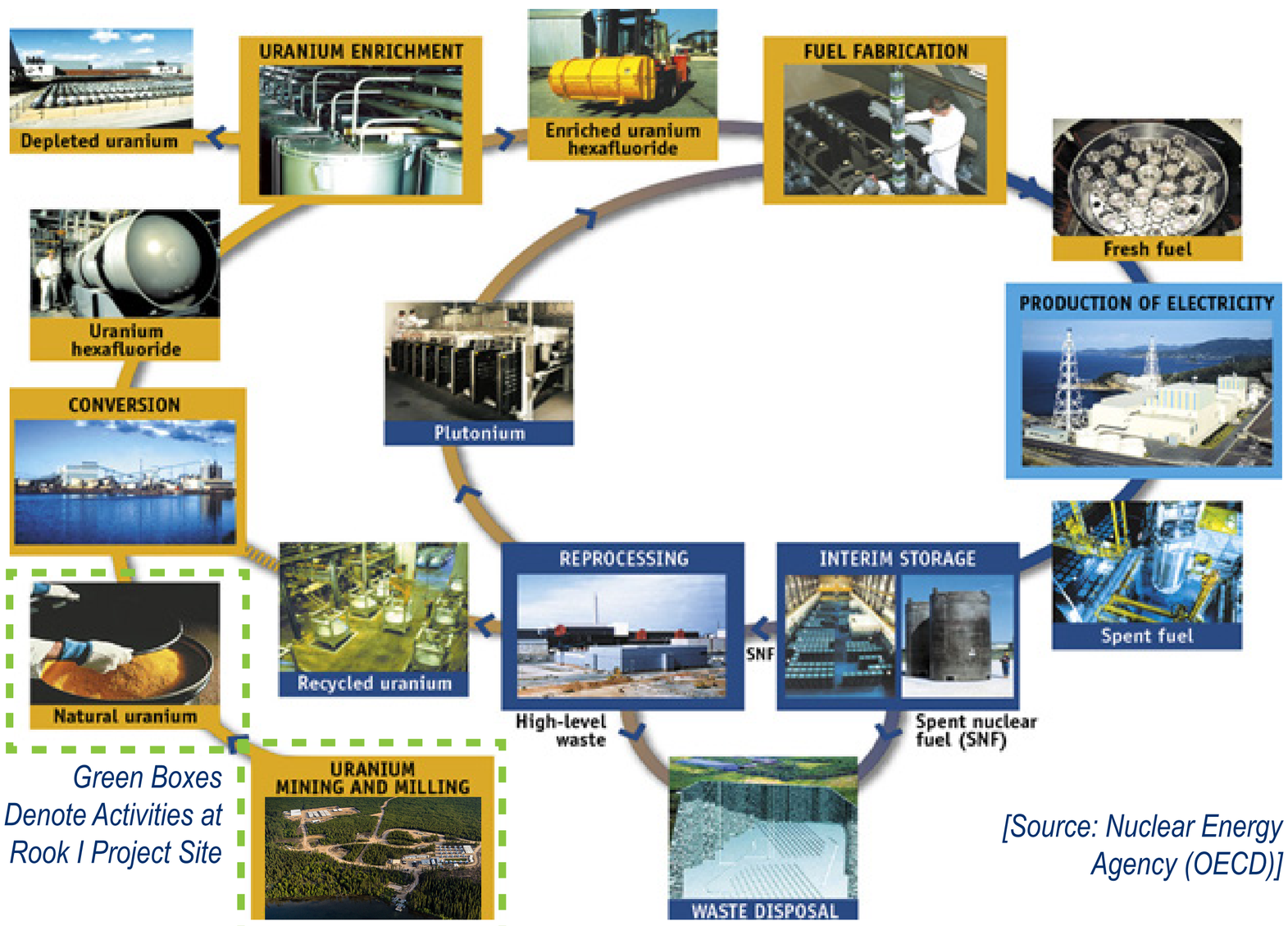
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Uranium

The Mineral

Uranium (U) is a naturally occurring radioactive element that is mined and processed to make fuel for nuclear medicine, nuclear research reactors or power reactors.

- Uranium has an average concentration of 2.8 parts per million in the Earth's crust
- Traces of uranium occur almost everywhere. Uranium is more abundant than gold, silver, or mercury, about the same as tin and slightly less abundant than cobalt, lead, or molybdenum
- Vast amounts of uranium also occur in the world's oceans, but in very low concentrations



Green Boxes Denote Activities at Rook I Project Site

[Source: Nuclear Energy Agency (OECD)]

The Nuclear Fuel Cycle

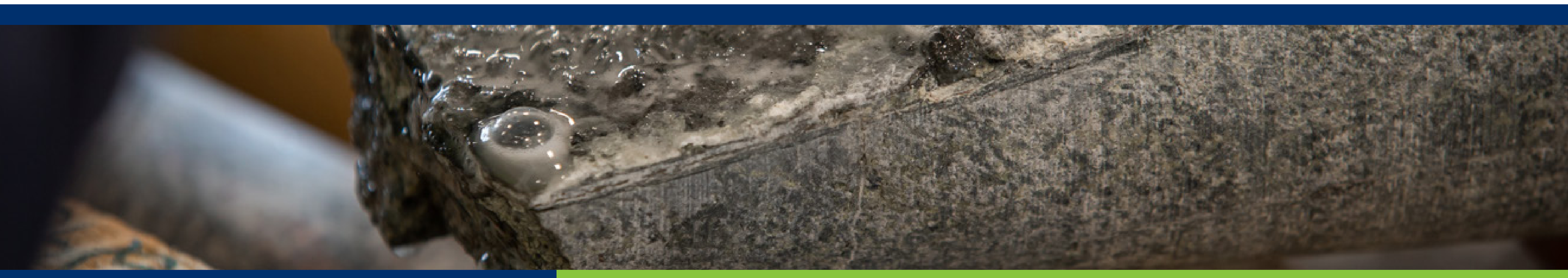
The Need for Uranium

- A significant increase in uranium is needed to support the transition to nuclear energy, which has lower carbon emissions than fossil fuels (Nuclear Energy Agency and the International Atomic Energy Agency, 2020)
- The International Energy Agency forecasts indicate that the global demand for electricity could increase by up to 90% between 2018 and 2040

Uranium in Canada

- Canada is one of the world's largest producers of uranium
- Canadian uranium is only mined and processed to make fuel for nuclear research reactors or power reactors
- The CANDU (Canada Deuterium Uranium) is a Canadian pressurized heavy-water nuclear reactor used to generate electric power

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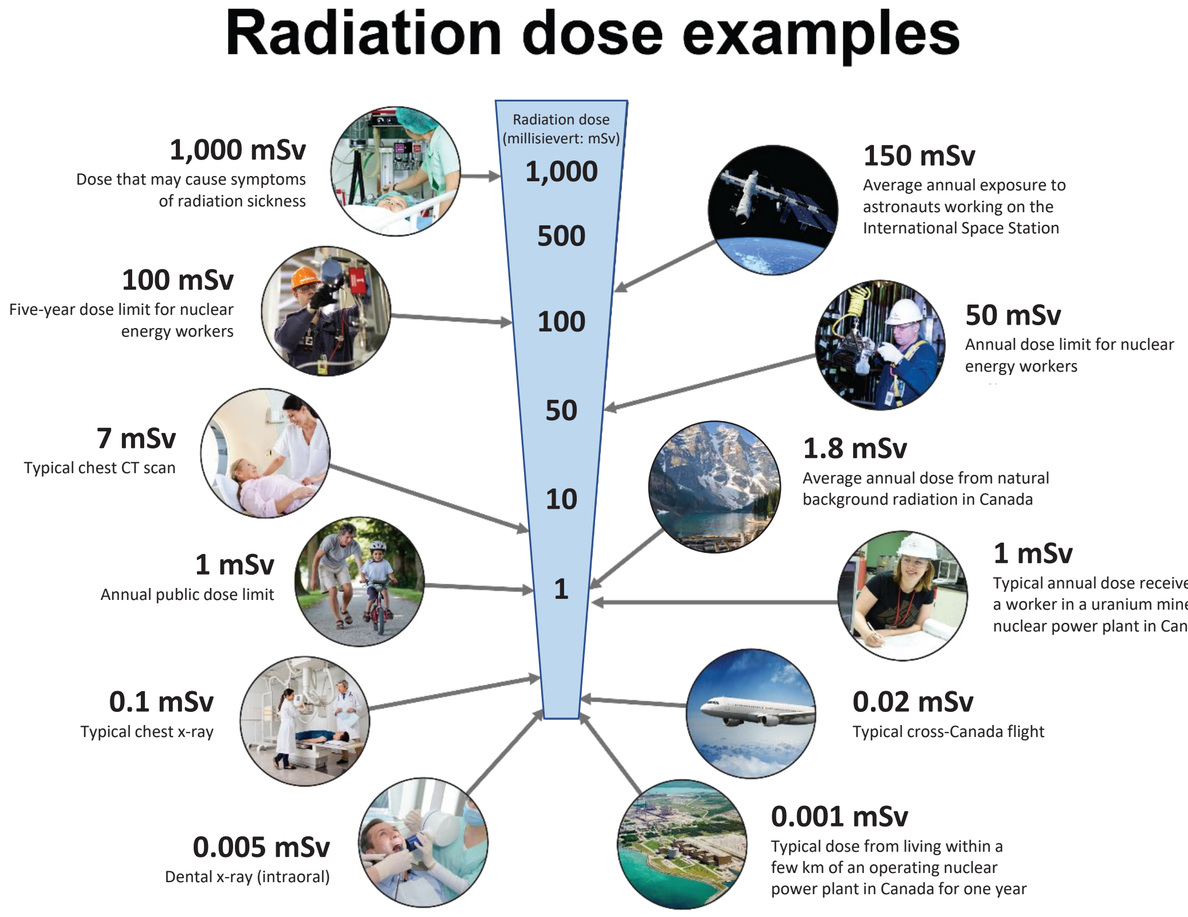
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Uranium Safety

Radiation

Radiation is energy in the form of moving waves or streams of particles.

- Radioactive materials are present in soil, rocks, the air we breathe, the water we drink, and even in our own bodies
- These sources of natural radiation make up the bulk of the total radiation we are exposed to every day
- We are also exposed to artificial radiation from various sources, such as nuclear medicine and commercial products like smoke detectors
- The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and the Province of Saskatchewan set radiation dose limits for nuclear energy workers and the public to protect human health and safety



Comparison of Radiation Doses [Source: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission]

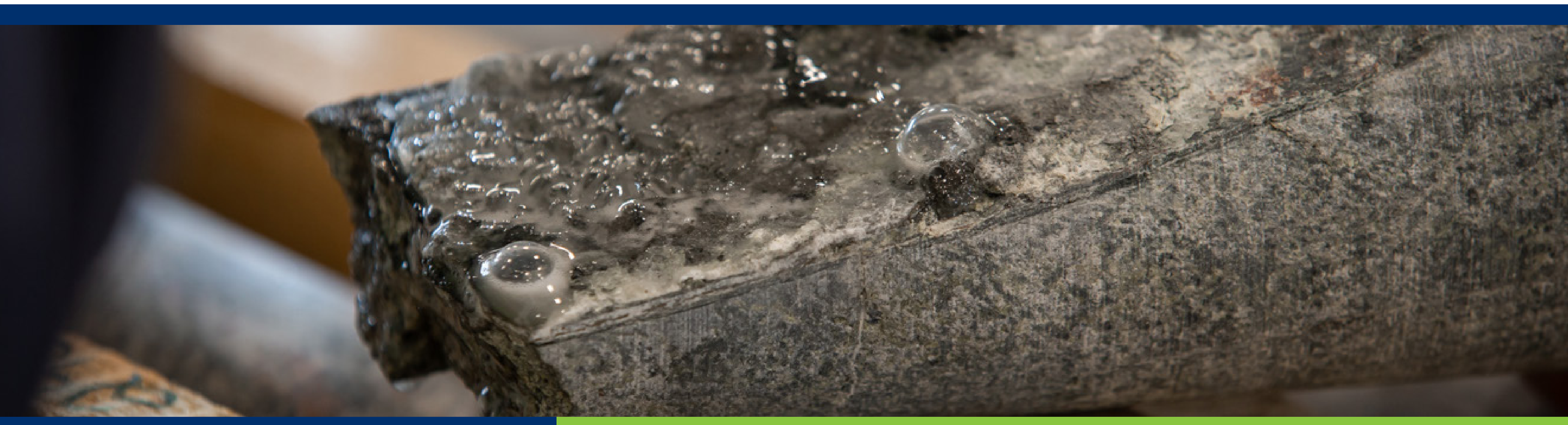
Radon Gas

Radon is a gas produced by the natural decay of uranium.

- Naturally occurring radon gas is released into the air when uranium ore is mined and, to a lesser extent, during the production of uranium fuel for nuclear power plants
- The CNSC ensures that the air quality in a uranium mine is controlled with good ventilation to reduce long-term exposure to elevated levels of radon
- The CNSC regulates radon in Canada's nuclear facilities to protect workers, members of the public, and the environment; the lung cancer risk for today's uranium mining and processing workers is the same as that for the general Canadian public
- Presently, worker exposures to radon in the uranium mining and processing industry are as low as, or only slightly greater than, public exposure from natural radon
- Radon exposure to members of the public from CNSC-regulated activities is virtually zero
- Studies have shown that uranium mining and milling activities do not increase radon levels above background levels away from the mine site

(Source: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, Fact Sheet - Radon in Canada's Uranium Industry.)

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Regulatory Process

Transparent - Thorough - Inclusive

Uranium and nuclear projects in Saskatchewan are subject to both federal and provincial environmental assessment (EA) processes, and also require federal and provincial licenses, approvals, and permits.

Engagement with local Indigenous Groups and communities has been ongoing since 2013 and studies to understand the existing conditions at the site and in the surrounding area have been ongoing since 2015, with specific focus on air, water, land, and wildlife.

The EA process formally commenced on May 2, 2019 following federal and provincial acceptance of the Rook I Project Description submitted by NexGen. At that time, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (ENV) confirmed that an EA would be required under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act,* 2012 (federal) and *The Environmental Assessment Act* (provincial).

NexGen has now submitted an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), or EA application, to both the CNSC and ENV.

- The EIS is currently under review and will be made available to Indigenous Groups, stakeholders, and the public for review and comment

In addition to comments received during the public review of the EIS, meaningful engagement with Indigenous Groups and local communities will continue to be an important part of the EA process.

The CNSC and ENV will conduct a cooperative (harmonized) provincial-federal EA review process. Although the EA is anticipated to be conducted through this cooperative process, separate requirements still apply and must be satisfied with respect to the acts, regulations, and guidelines in place for each jurisdiction.

- Feedback from Indigenous Groups and community members can be provided directly to any of the CNSC, ENV, and NexGen through the EA process

Both the CNSC and the ENV are life cycle regulators and will oversee the Project through Construction, Operations, and Closure (Decommissioning and Reclamation). The ongoing EA and licensing processes are the first of many regulatory applications under this life-cycle regulatory oversight approach.

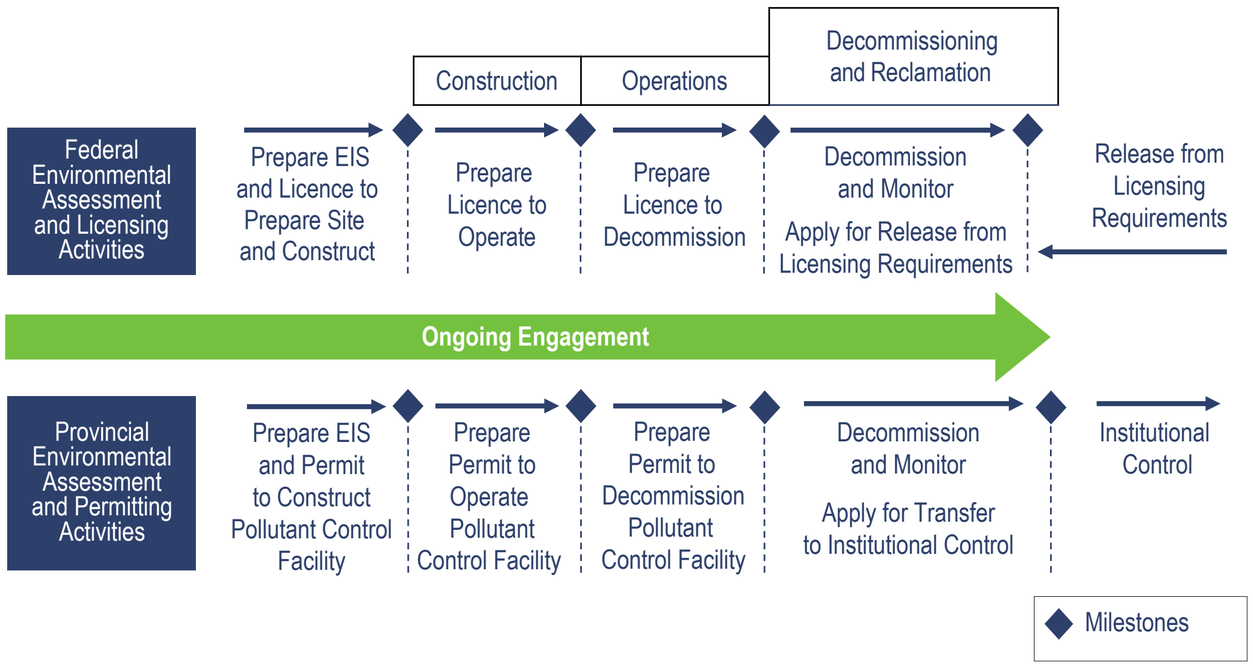
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Life of Mine

Mine

The Rook I Project will include the construction, operation, and closure (decommissioning and reclamation) of the mine and mill facilities.



NexGen Rook I Project Timeline

Construction (~4 years)

- Land clearing, site preparation, and construction of facilities and infrastructure
- Underground shaft/mine development
- Access road and site road upgrades
- Transportation of personnel and materials to and from the site
- Employment and contracting
- Infrastructure development (e.g., roads, airstrip, camp, maintenance shop, offices)

Operations (~24 years)

- Mining and processing operations
- Underground tailings deposition
- Waste rock, special waste rock, and ore management
- Water management and treated effluent discharge
- Transportation of personnel and materials to and from the site

Decommissioning and Reclamation (~15 years)

- Active Closure Stage (~5 years):
  - Backfilling mine workings
  - Removal of physical infrastructure
  - Recontouring and revegetating disturbed areas
  - Waste disposal or removal
  - Water management and treated effluent discharge (if required)
  - Any other activities deemed necessary to achieve decommissioning objectives and return the site to a safe and stable condition prior to the Transitional Monitoring Stage
- Transitional Monitoring Stage (~10 years*):
  - Environmental monitoring against performance criteria
  - Once performance criteria have been fully demonstrated, an application to be released from the CNSC licence will be submitted to the CNSC
  - Upon approval, the land will be transferred back under provincial management through the Institutional Control Program, and continue to be monitored by that Program

**Nominally 10 years; however, is dependent on the achievement of performance criteria.*



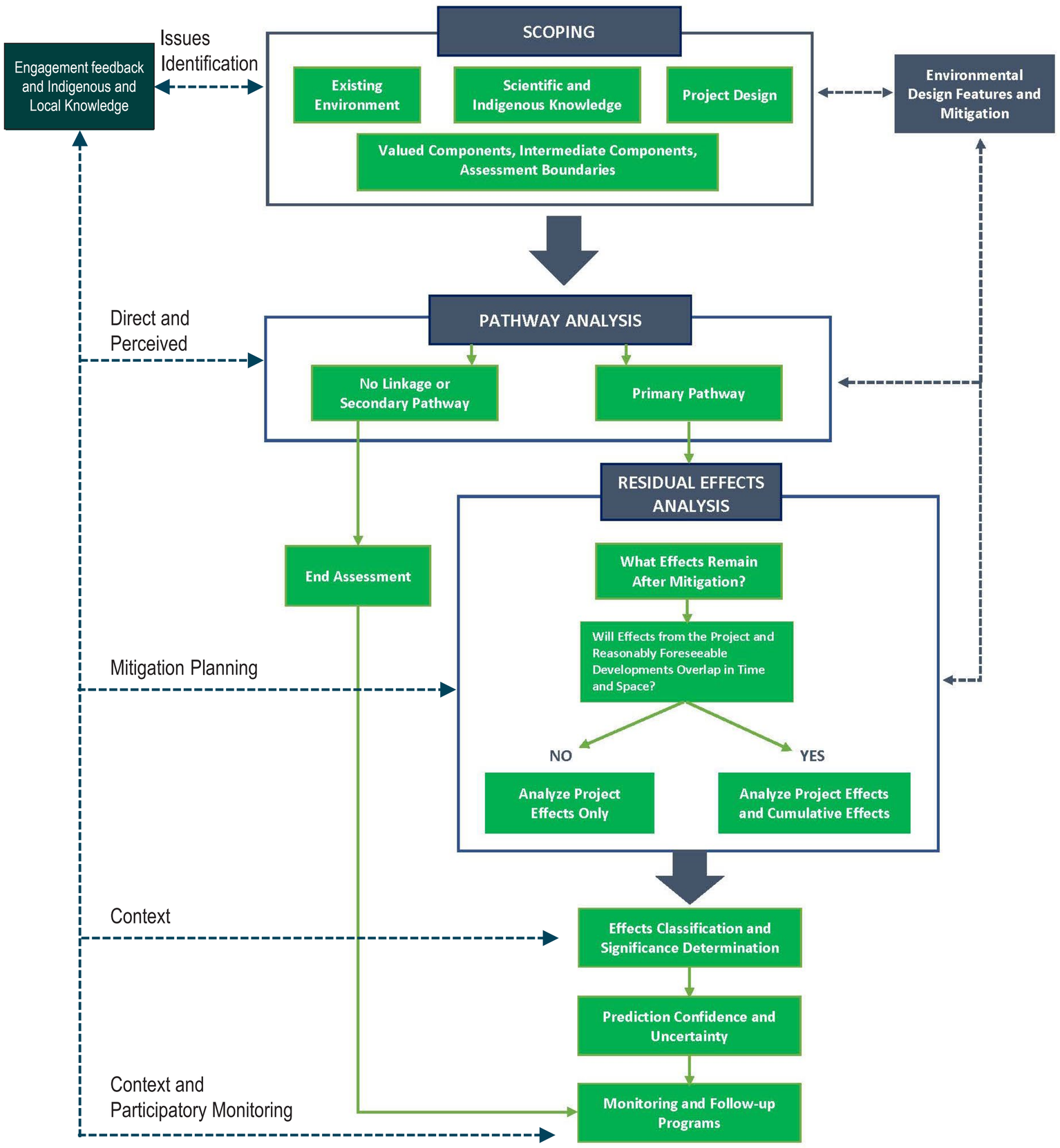
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Environmental Assessment Methods

The environmental assessment (EA) will be used to understand the potential environmental and social effects of the Project.

The EA will also be used as a planning tool that will enhance the potential benefits while safeguarding both the community and environment.

Input from Indigenous Groups, community members, regulators, and other stakeholders will be important to help facilitate a high-quality EA.



Environmental Assessment Process

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EA

Environmental Assessment Process - Master Linkage Diagram

ATMOSPHERE

WATER

LAND

PEOPLE

Air Quality
Section 7.2

Noise
Section 7.3

Climate Change
Section 7.4

Hydrogeology
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Hydrology
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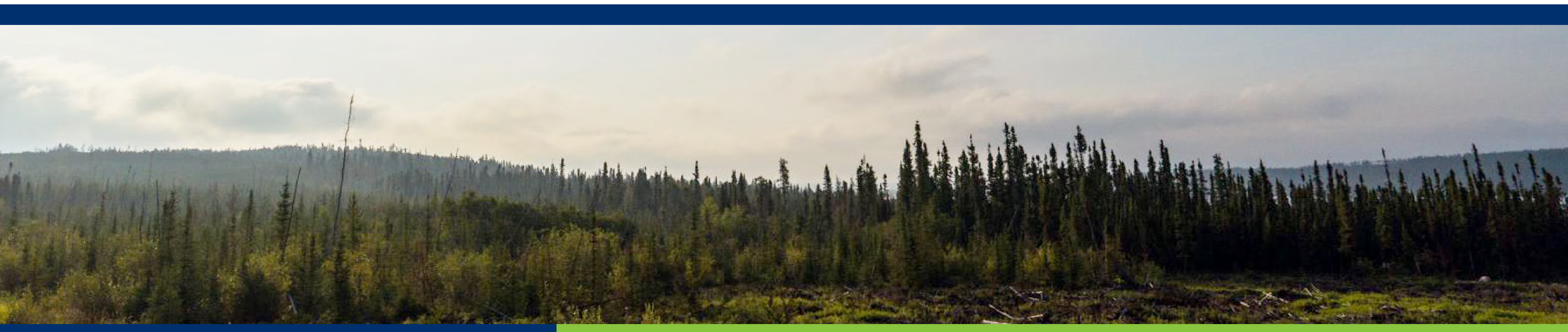
Economy
Section 18

Community Well-being
Section 19

Legend

- Valued components
- Intermediate components
- Linkages between intermediate components and valued components.

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Air

Air Quality

Existing conditions

Existing atmospheric conditions do not exceed Saskatchewan Ambient Air Quality Standards (SAAQS) except for 24-hour particulate matter less than 2.5 µm ($PM_{2.5}$) and particulate matter less than 10 µm (PM_{10}).

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were completed to describe the existing atmospheric conditions in the Rook I Project's local and regional area, including:

- **Air quality** – included measuring levels of radon, particulate matter (solid and liquid droplets in the air), carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and sulfur dioxide
- **Climate** – weather conditions averaged over long periods of time
- **Meteorology** – factors that affect weather such as temperature, humidity, precipitation, and wind speed and direction

How did we assess the effects?

Air quality was assessed using the AERMOD Gaussian Dispersion Model to determine the Project emissions for:

- Ambient air concentrations that have applicable provincial or federal air quality criteria
- Suphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide
- Greenhouse gases

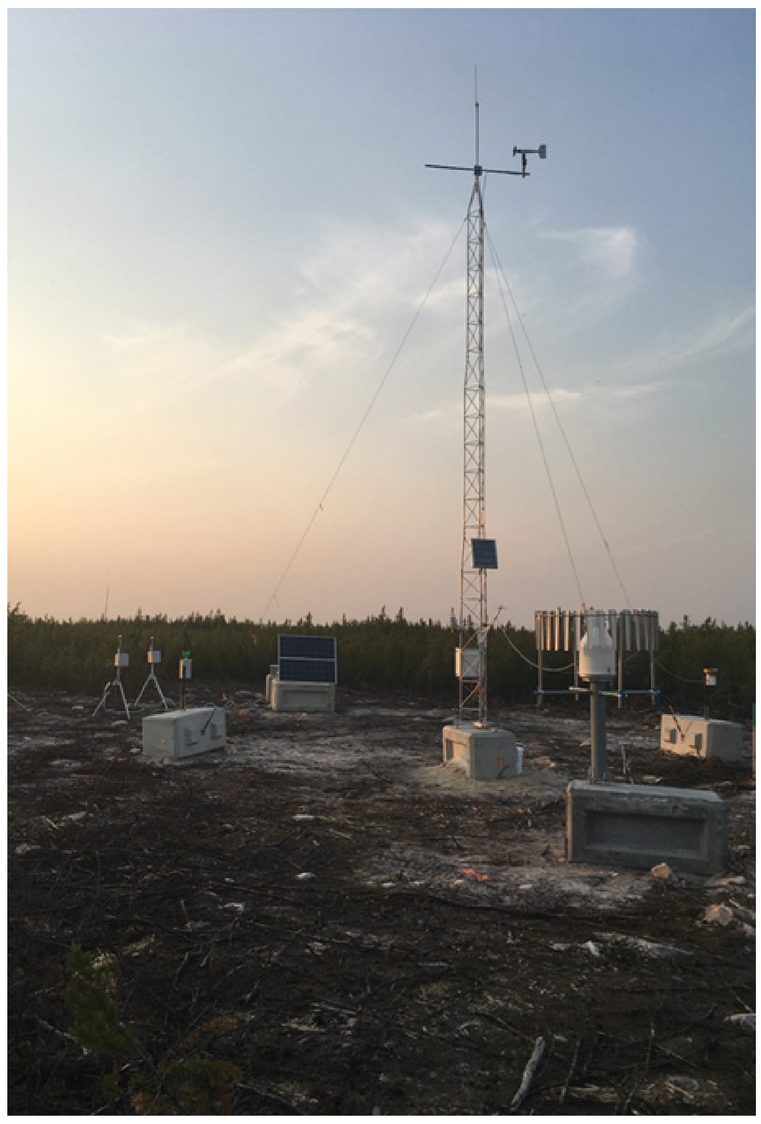
What are we doing?

Reducing potential effects to air quality was a focus during Project design:

- Liquified natural gas was selected as the primary fuel source for power generation, which produces less emissions than diesel
- Existing site roads will be upgraded and maintained to reduce dust from increased site traffic, and water and other dust suppressants will be used during dry conditions

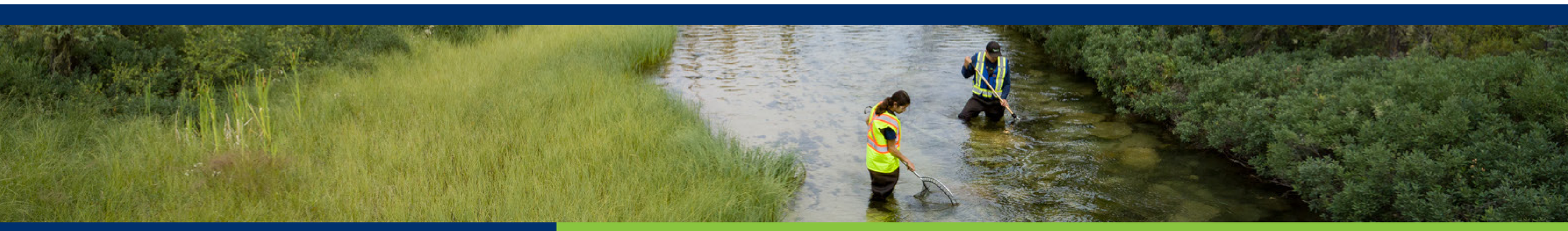
The results

- Air quality will reflect detectable changes from existing conditions; however, most of the criteria air contaminants (CACs) are predicted to remain compliant with provincial guidelines through all phases of the Project



- Short-term concentrations of PM_{10} and total suspended particulate are projected to be above provincial guidelines but exceedance frequencies would be low and localized to the maximum disturbance area
- Duration of effect of CACs is limited to the period when emissions are being released, and would cease once Project activities are complete

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Water

Hydrology

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were conducted to understand:

- The speed and direction of currents within Patterson Lake
- How water flowing out of Patterson Lake mixes within Forrest Lake
- Water levels, water flow, and sediment conditions within the lakes and rivers that could be affected by the Rook I Project

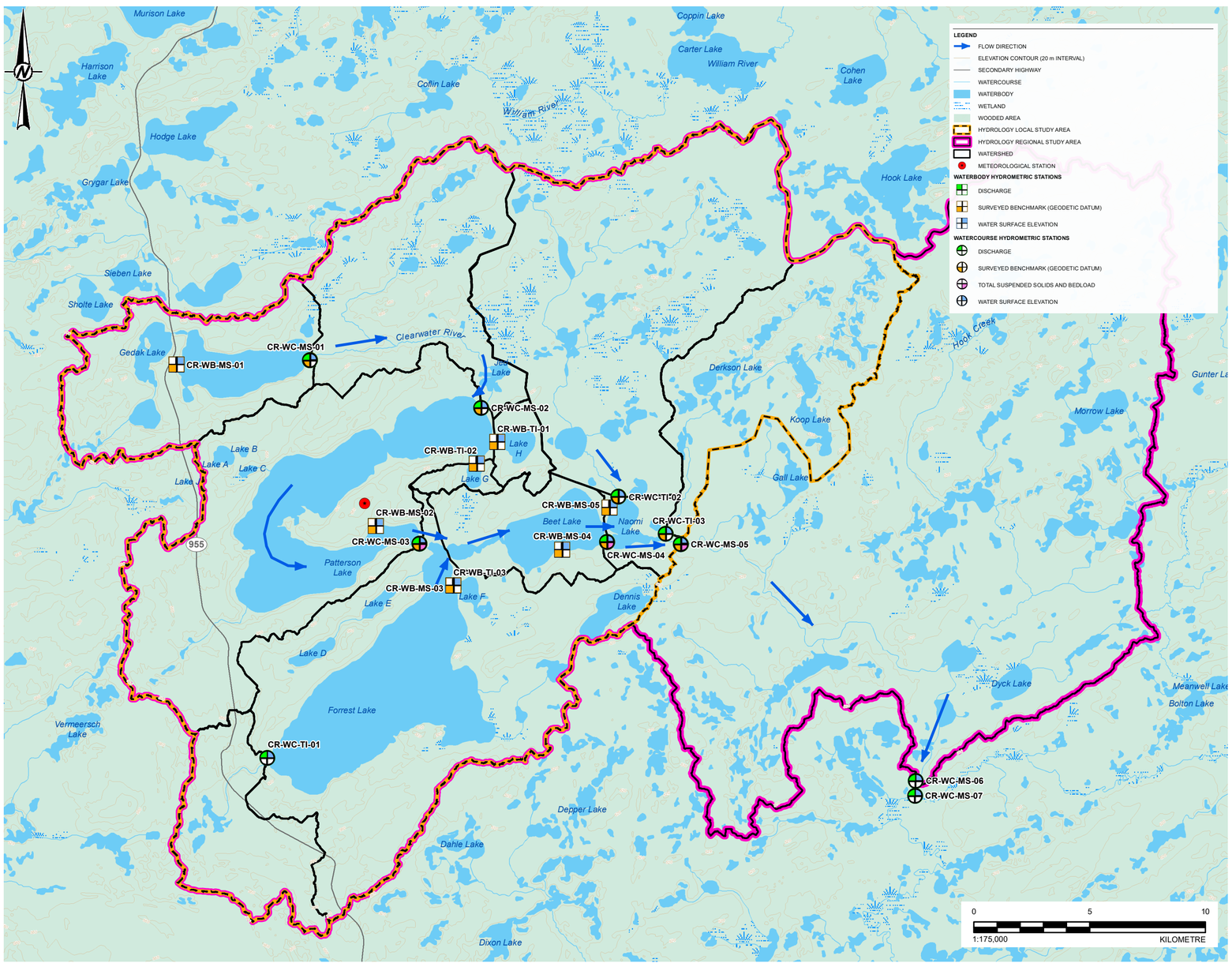
What did the studies tell us?

The studies provided information on water levels and water flows within Patterson Lake and the Clearwater River watershed.

Patterson Lake is 'U-shaped' and has three main basins. The lake has a maximum depth of 52.7 meters.

The Clearwater River is the main inflow to and outflow from Patterson Lake.

Water leaving Patterson Lake has little mixing with nearby Forrest Lake.



Monitoring Locations Used for Hydrology Assessment

How did we assess the effects?

The hydrological assessment focused on how the Project may affect:

- Waterbody water surface elevation (water depth)
- Watercourse flow rates
- Stream channel parameters (such as water depth, wetted area, width)
- Transport of sediment along streams and rivers

The results

Net discharge of water to Patterson Lake:

- Small, but undetectable, increases in waterbody water surface elevations and changes would diminish downstream of Patterson Lake

Flow rates and water surface elevations (Clearwater River):

- Clearwater River water surface elevations and flow rates are predicted to remain within the range of natural seasonal and annual variability
- Changes are likely to be undetectable



Water

Surface Water Quality

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were conducted to determine the current water quality in Patterson Lake, multiple surrounding lakes, and through the Clearwater River system.

What did the studies tell us?

The water quality conditions for 18 surface water bodies was measured between 2015 and 2020. The water is generally clear with low suspended solids. Water is typically saturated with dissolved oxygen. Surface waters are low in dissolved solids (major ions) with the dominant ions being calcium and sulphate. Nutrient concentrations were low. Total metals were generally below quality threshold levels.

How did we assess the effects?

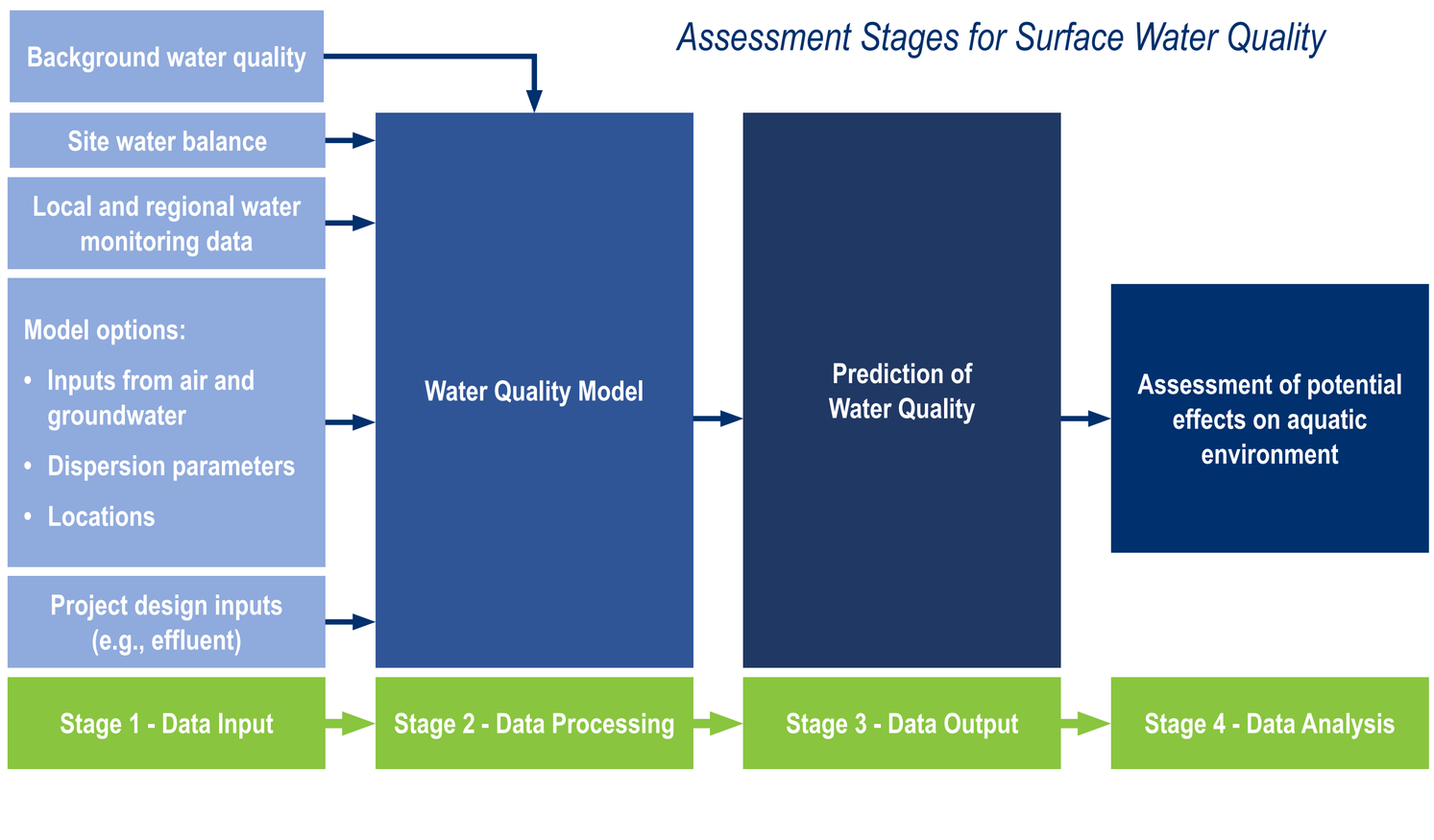
The predicted water quality from the mine activities (effluent quality), and how the effluent from the site will mix with the water in the lakes and rivers were assessed, including:

- Water quality parameters such as temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and conductivity
- Concentration of major ions, suspended solids, nutrients, metals, and radionuclides

The assessment included modelling to predict:

- How treated effluent would mix with lake water near the discharge points in Patterson Lake
- Water quality within Patterson Lake as a whole, as well as other regional lakes

Assessment Stages for Surface Water Quality



The results

- During the Project lifespan, overall constituent concentrations would increase locally but would not have threshold exceedances during Construction or Operations
- Over time, a migration of metals and radionuclides from the waste rock storage areas and underground tailings to the environment is expected to occur. Only cobalt and copper were predicted to exceed water quality thresholds in the far future. NexGen would implement an adaptive management plan during Operations to minimize effects in the far future (e.g., 400 years)



Water

Fish and Fish Habitat

A focus of the EA

Baseline surveys for fish and fish habitat were completed in 2018 and 2019 in Patterson Lake as well as other lakes and rivers in the area. Information on fish habitat types (including nursery, rearing, overwintering, and others), habitat suitability, chemistry (fish tissues, sediment, and aquatic plants), and fish community composition was collected. Baseline studies also collected information on plankton (water organisms) and benthic invertebrates (water organisms with no backbone).



School of Fish in Creek Below Broach Lake

What did the studies tell us?

The baseline studies provided information on the fish and fish habitat in the area of the Rook I Project as well as the amount and distribution of habitat types.

Surveys detected northern pike, lake whitefish, longnose sucker, walleye, perch, and lake trout. The concentration of metals, trace elements, and radionuclides in northern pike and lake whitefish tissues were low. Spawning habitat types preferred by walleye, lake whitefish, and lake trout (like sand and gravel) was more common in the study area than for northern pike. A diversity of benthic invertebrates was detected with the most common type being midge larvae (Chrironomidae).

How did we assess the effects?

The assessment for fish and fish habitat included determining the effects of the Project on fish habitat availability, distribution, and survival and reproduction (health) for key fish species.

The results

- **Habitat availability:** Limited potential for changes in habitat availability due to exposure to predicted copper concentrations in Patterson Lake after Closure and in the far future. Copper concentrations are unlikely to result in population and/or community-level effects on lower trophic organisms or forage fish, nor for overall fish and fish habitat
- **Habitat distribution:** No adverse effects on fish habitat distribution are predicted to occur
- **Survival and reproduction:** Effects on the health of fish and survival and reproduction are not expected for predator fish (e.g., lake trout, walleye, northern pike) and are unlikely for forage fish (e.g., lake whitefish)



Land

Vegetation

A focus of the EA

Vegetation surveys were conducted to take vegetation inventories, detect rare plants, characterize wetlands, and determine existing chemical element and radionuclide concentrations. Fire disturbances, human-influenced features, and ecosites were also mapped. Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies prepared by Indigenous Groups identified traditionally used plant species that will be included in the assessment.

What did the studies tell us?

The local area is predominately upland ecosystem (Jack pine is common), much of which has been burned in the past 40 years. Regenerating forested areas are common.

Wetlands are present within the local area with shrubby bogs and treed bogs being the most common types.

Human-influenced features include access roads, trails, and clearings, but represent only a small proportion of the landscape.

No federally listed vascular plants were detected within the study area.

Traditionally used plant species detected during baseline surveys included species such as birch, blueberry, cloudberry, cranberry, jack pine, kinnikinnick, spruce, mosses, and Labrador tea, among others.

How did we assess the effects?

The potential effects of the Project to ecosystems and traditional use plants were evaluated:

- For ecosystems, ecosystem availability, distribution, and condition were assessed
- For traditional use plants, habitat availability and habitat distribution were assessed



Labrador Tea near the Rook I Project Area

The results

The overall condition of ecosystems and traditional use plants will be maintained outside the Project maximum disturbance area.

- **Upland ecosystems:** Low magnitude loss in the upland ecosystem availability (approximately 1.2% of the regional study area [RSA])
- **Wetland ecosystems:** Low magnitude loss in wetland ecosystem availability (less than 0.1% of the RSA)
- **Riparian ecosystems:** Low magnitude loss in riparian ecosystem availability (0.4% of the RSA)
- **Traditional use plants:** Loss of about 282 ha of traditional use plant habitat (1.1% of the RSA)

All ecosystem and habitat losses occur within the Project maximum disturbance boundary.



Land

Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were conducted to determine the use of the area of the Project by wildlife. Vegetation surveys were conducted to determine the distribution of wildlife habitat.

What did the studies tell us?

The baseline studies provided information on the birds and mammals in the area of the Project as well as the amount and distribution of habitat types.

Surveys completed as part of the baseline studies in the local and regional area detected at least 23 species of mammals (some bat species were grouped) using winter snow tracking, ungulate pellet counts, small mammal trapping, semi-aquatic furbearer surveys, and trail cameras. Examples of detected species include: beaver, black bear, deer, fisher, lynx, marten, mink, moose, wolf, muskrat, otter, porcupine, rabbit (hare), and weasel.

Birds were surveyed using multiple methods including ARUs (song recorders), breeding bird surveys, and targeted surveys. A total of 95 species of birds were identified in the baseline surveys.



Black Bear Near Rook I Project Site

How did we assess the effects?

The potential effects of the Project to wildlife and wildlife habitat were determined through the assessment of changes to habitat availability, habitat distribution, and animal survival and reproduction (health) for key wildlife species.

The results

- Project effects are not predicted to result in changes to wildlife health or condition
- Wildlife habitat loss, habitat alteration, and sensory disturbance are expected to occur for all Project phases, though the magnitude of loss of suitable wildlife habitat would be less than 1.5% of the regional study area for all species assessed
- Only effects on woodland caribou are predicted to be significant, primarily due to effects on woodland caribou being significant under existing conditions. The Project would reduce woodland caribou habitat by less than 0.1% in SK2 West
- Wildlife habitats will be restored to the extent possible through progressive and final reclamation, and NexGen is committed to implementing a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan that is expected to provide a net increase in functional woodland caribou habitat



Land

Indigenous Land and Resources Use

A focus of the EA

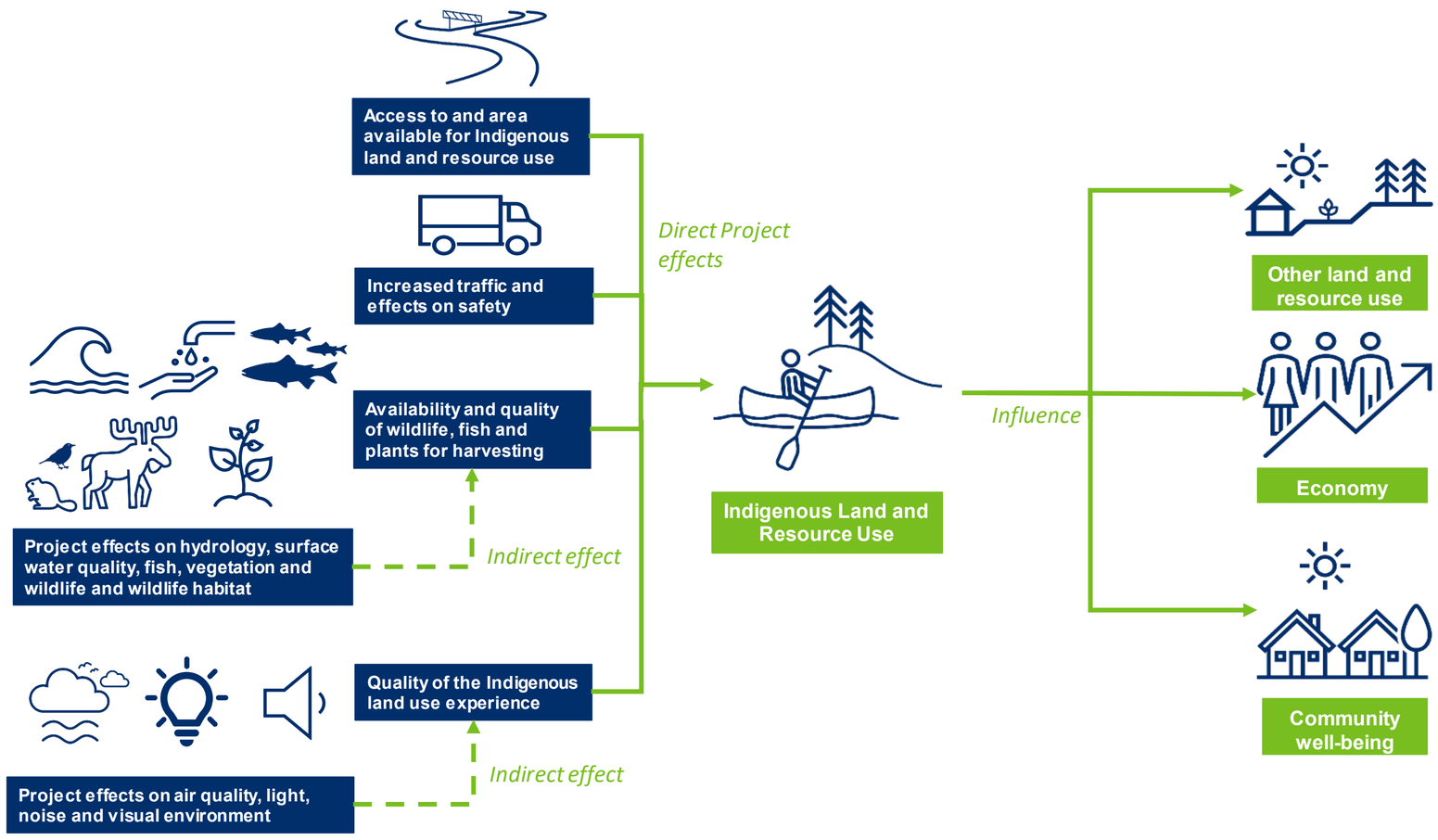
We learned many valuable aspects regarding Indigenous land and resource use through engagement with Indigenous Groups, community information sessions, workshops, interviews, and Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies.

In addition, information from other environmental assessment discipline baselines and assessments was studied to assess how Indigenous land and resource use may be affected by the Project.

What did the studies tell us?

The Project may affect Indigenous land and resource use in the following ways:

- Access restrictions may displace some Indigenous land and resource use practices
- Mining activities may alter the availability of plants, wildlife, and fish
- Sensory disturbances may change the quality of Indigenous land and resource use experience
- Changes to air or water quality may discourage traditional uses near the Project
- Ground disturbance can permanently alter the landscape, changing Indigenous land and resources use
- Awareness of the decommissioned site may change the perceived suitability of the area for Indigenous land and resource use



Pathways to Potential Changes in Indigenous Land and Resource Use

The EA is a process to ensure any potential effects are managed effectively in the interests of those affected.

How did we assess the effects?

The assessment for Indigenous land and resource use determined the effects of the Project with respect to area available for Indigenous land and resource use, quality of resources, and quality of the Indigenous land and resource use experience.

The results

While Indigenous land and resource use activities could change or be displaced to some degree, the activities will be able to continue.

What are we doing?

NexGen has worked with, and will continue to work, with local Indigenous Groups and communities to promote the use of the Patterson Lake traditional use area.

Environmental Committees have been established with local Indigenous Groups to stay actively involved in monitoring of the environmental performance of the Project. Additionally, NexGen has committed to the hiring of independent Indigenous monitors throughout the Project lifespan.

Benefit Agreements with local Indigenous Groups include funding and human resources to support community-related initiatives related to cultural and traditional values.

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People

Transportation Risk Assessment

What we heard

Potential concerns such as transportation of materials through communities and potential environmental effects were frequently noted through the key person interview program.

Highway maps were provided to Joint Working Groups (JWGs) to enable community feedback on areas of concern (environmental, health, and cultural) for accidents and spills.

Feedback from the JWGs indicated locals feel Highway 155 is of poor quality and is a safety issue for local residents.

A focus of the EA

A baseline traffic study was conducted to characterize existing traffic volumes and trends on the secondary highways leading to the Rook I Project site, specifically Highway 155 and Highway 955.

What did the studies tell us?

The study describes the average annual daily traffic, with a focus on truck traffic along Highway 155 and Highway 955.

- The portion of Highway 155 with the highest average annual daily traffic (1,510) is found immediately south of the community of Buffalo Narrows; the portion with the highest average annual daily traffic on Highway 955 is in the town of La Loche (2,000 vehicles)
- Highway 155 had more traffic accidents compared to the Saskatchewan average on provincial highways

The Project access road receives traffic from the Project, Indigenous and non-Indigenous land and resource users, and other commercial operations.

How did we assess the effects?

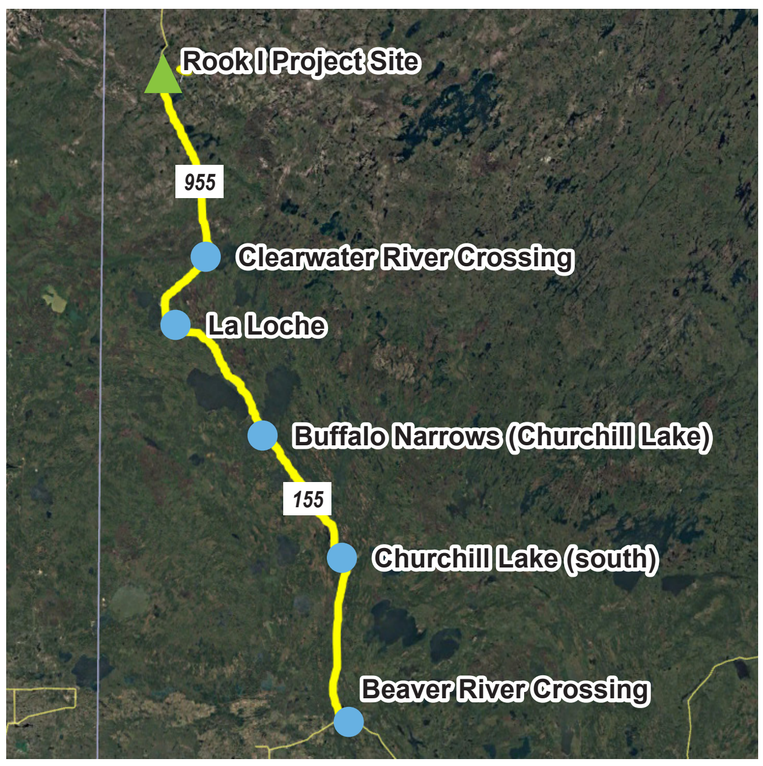
Traffic volumes, incidents and accidents, and road use patterns were assessed to determine the effects of the Project on traffic.

The results

The risks from Project-related transportation activities were deemed to be possible; however, given the proposed safeguards (e.g., driver training, speed limits, adjusting speed according to conditions, spill and emergency response planning, pedestrian and cyclist priority on roadways), risks were assessed to be reduced to as low as reasonably possible.

What are we doing?

Maintenance of public roadways is the responsibility of the Government of Saskatchewan and NexGen is working with local communities, government representatives, and the regional planning committee to make sure that community concerns are heard, and Project needs met.



Access to the Rook I Project Site via Highways 155 and 955

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People

Human Health

A focus of the EA

Information was collected on the various ways in which people could be exposed to contaminants (also known as exposure pathways). For example, people may be exposed to changes in air quality, soil, surface water, plants, fish, and wildlife resulting from the Rook I Project.

- What contaminants may be emitted in water and air (e.g., metals, radionuclides)
- How the contaminants could potentially be released (e.g., from treated effluent)
- How the contaminants could potentially reach a receptor (ecological or human) (e.g., drinking the water, breathing the air, eating food)
- Where the receptors may potentially come into contact with the contaminants
- How long a receptor may be exposed (duration and frequency)

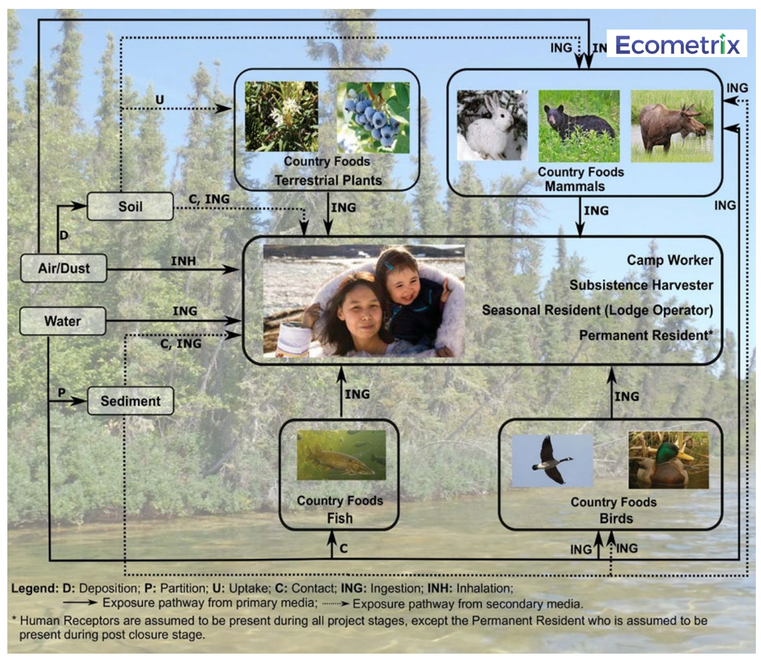
How did we assess the effects?

The human health assessment used the IMPACT Contaminant Transport and Pathways Model to predict effects to people resulting from exposures to non-cancer-causing substances, cancer-causing substances, and radiation dose.

The results

The evaluation of effects showed the following:

- No significant adverse effects to humans are likely as a result of non-carcinogenic (i.e., non-cancer causing) releases from the Project
- Low to very low predicted incremental cancer risks (average cancer risk in Canada is 50,000 in 100,000, the additional cancer risk from the Project would be 4 in 100,000). This prediction onsidered the high levels of Traditional Food consumption by community members
- No discernable health effects are anticipated from radiation exposure



Potential Exposure Pathways.
Source: Ecometrix

- No effects due to exposure to radon are anticipated

The results of the human health assessment indicate that the proposed Project design and controls are protective of human health throughout the Project lifespan.

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People

Economy

Local community members are interested in employment, training and business for community members with an emphasis on hiring.

A focus of the EA

A socio-economic baseline was conducted to examine the traditional and wage economies, including government transfers. Inputs were sought from Joint Working Groups (JWGs) to better understand the importance of the traditional econom, and the relationship between the traditional and wage economies for families and communities.

The results

Employment: Increased employment opportunities for local residents. During Construction, the peak workforce is expected to be approximately 350 workers and during Operations, the peak employment is expected to include approximately 490 positions. Local, provincial, and national indirect and induced employment benefits are also anticipated.

Income: Increased income opportunities for local residents. Construction labour costs are expected to make up approximately $384 million and Operations direct labour spending is estimated to be approximately $55 million during a typical operating year.

Broader Economic Benefits: Benefits through the payment of royalties to the governments of Saskatchewan and Canada, estimated at $288.5 million for Saskatchewan and $103.9 million for Canada in a typical operating year.

Enhancement Measures: Commitments made in Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Groups and programs developed jointly between NexGen and the local communities could further enhance income opportunities for local residents.

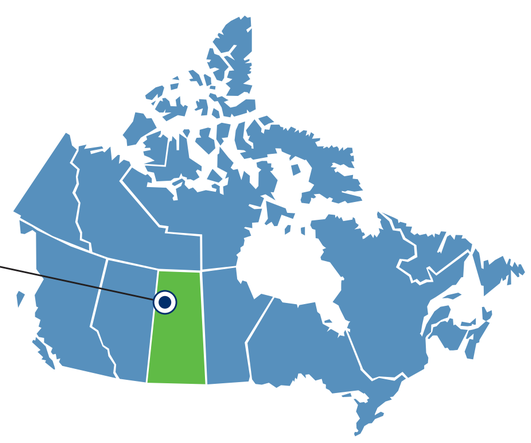
Forecasted Positions

High School	Trades/Diploma	University
Underground Miners	Surveyors	Geologists
Heavy Equipment Operators	Geological Technicians	Engineers
Mill Operators	Environment Technicians	Environmental Scientists
Warehouse Person	Laboratory Technicians	Radiation Specialists
Custodians	Mechanics	IT Specialists
	Electricians	HR Specialists
	Plumbers	Accountants
	Instrumentation Technicians	Occupational Health Nurse
	Radiation Technicians	
	Office Administrators	
	Health and Safety Administrators	
	Procurement Coordinator	
	Chefs and Bakers	

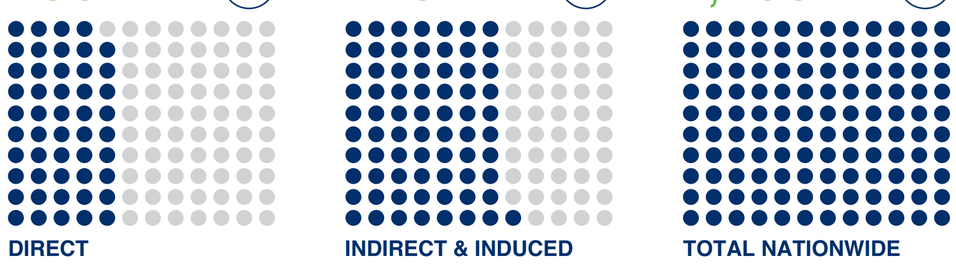
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EA Economy Assessment: Operational Employment Forecast

335 Direct jobs in Saskatchewan



Canada-wide peak employment numbers



(Source: Statistics Canada 2021)

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People

Community Well-being

A focus of the EA

Interviews were completed with community leadership, business owners, health services providers, RCMP, social and family service providers, and educators in the local communities to understand the current sense of well-being for each community and how it can be affected. Publicly available data and statistics were also collected and analysed to help understand current conditions in communities.

What did the studies tell us?

The interviews and information collected to date have provided community-specific information on well-being from a variety of viewpoints.

How did we assess the effects?

The potential effects on community well-being were assessed by evaluating the following social determinants of health:

- Societal and Cultural Well-Being (e.g., demographics, culture)
- Health Well-Being (e.g., health infrastructure, health services)
- Neighbourhood and Physical Environment Well-Being (e.g., recreation, planning)
- Educational Well-Being (e.g., education, training)
- Economic Well-Being (e.g., employment, business opportunities)

The results

When considering the benefits and potential adverse effects of the Project together, it is likely that local communities will experience a positive overall effect on community well-being.

Key benefits

- Increased income and community revenue
- Provision of revenue through the Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Groups
- Increased educational and training opportunities

Potential adverse effects

- Local loss of cultural continuity, including transmission of knowledge, related to areas around Patterson Lake that are not accessible during the Project lifespan
- The worker rotation system is expected to place increased stress on some family dynamics
- Increased demands in local communities for mental health services

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Community

Engagement

Public Review Period for Rook I Project Description

Indigenous and Local Knowledge and feedback on the Rook I Project Description was received from the Clearwater River Dene Nation, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 (Clearwater Clear Lake), Ya'thi Néné Land and Resource Office, and Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation.

Study Agreements

Individual Study Agreements were signed with:

- Clearwater River Dene Nation
- Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (including on behalf of Locals within Clearwater Clear Lake)
- Birch Narrows Dene Nation
- Buffalo River Dene Nation

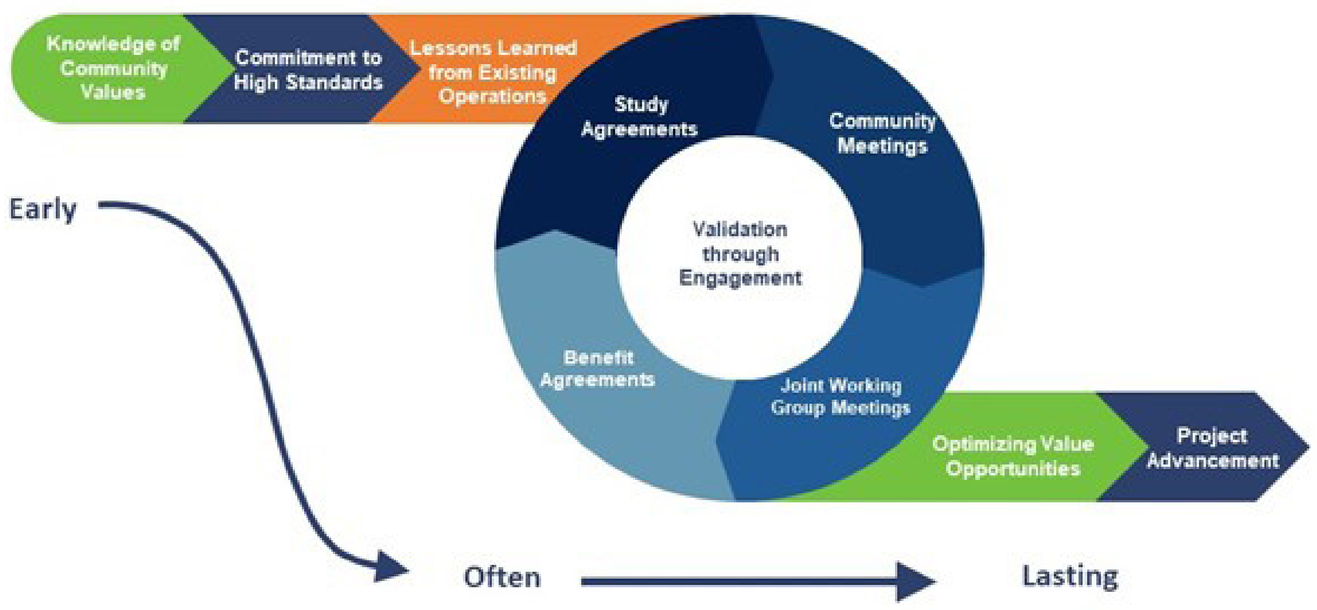
The purpose of the Study Agreements is to define a framework to work collaboratively through the environmental assessment (EA) process, including the provision of financial capacity for Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies, establish Joint Working Groups (JWGs) for each Indigenous Group to engage with NexGen on the Project EA, and participate in reviews of technical information.

Traditional Land Use Studies

To better understand land use in the area of the Project, NexGen provided the funds necessary to allow Indigenous Groups to undertake self-directed Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies.

Other Engagement Initiatives

- NexGen has a dedicated community-based Project Liaison Manager in La Loche; this individual works out of our La Loche office and is accessible for all community members
- In addition to topics discussed through the JWGs, breakout sessions have been held with JWGs where additional information has been requested for topics of particular interest to communities
- NexGen has signed three Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Groups and is negotiating a Benefit Agreement with a fourth Indigenous Group
- For information and updates on the Project, please visit https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca/





Community

Joint Working Groups

The Joint Working Groups (JWGs) were formed through the Study Agreements established with each primary Indigenous Group and have been implemented as the agreed-upon engagement pathway for the advancement of the environmental assessment (EA). JWG Members consist of NexGen staff and Indigenous Groups. Indigenous Group Leadership selected their JWG participants with consideration for diverse representation, including Elders, youth, men and women, business owners, and traditional land users in the Patterson Lake area.

The JWGs represent an important engagement platform to allow for ongoing collaboration on elements of the Rook I Project, and to enable the incorporation of community members' views and Indigenous and Local Knowledge into the Project, where applicable.

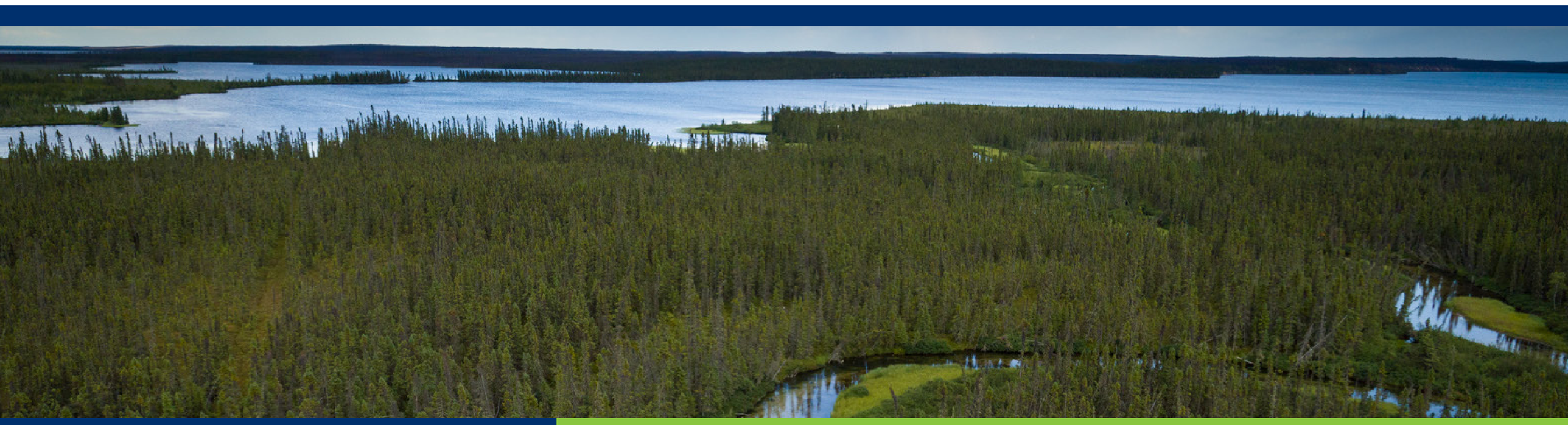
The four JWGs are:

- Clearwater River Dene Nation JWG
- Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 (Clearwater Clear Lake) JWG
- Birch Narrows Dene Nation JWG
- Buffalo River Dene Nation JWG

The JWGs help facilitate collaboration between Indigenous communities and NexGen to ensure Indigenous views and knowledge are considered in relation to the Project. The JWGs meet routinely (as needed), with a minor disruption in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since 2019 when the JWGs commenced, the following topics have been discussed:

- Project overview
- Outline of environmental assessment (EA) process
- Baseline studies
- Valued components
- Indigenous Group culture and land use shares
- Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies
- Human health risk assessment overview
- Water assessment and management
- EA pathways
- Underground tailings management facility
- Caribou
- Traffic studies
- Surface lease agreement
- Socio-economic assessment
- Community well-being
- Traditional and wage economies
- Employment, business, and training opportunities
- Project update
- Regulatory process update
- Modelling and the EA process
- Project alternatives assessed
- End land use



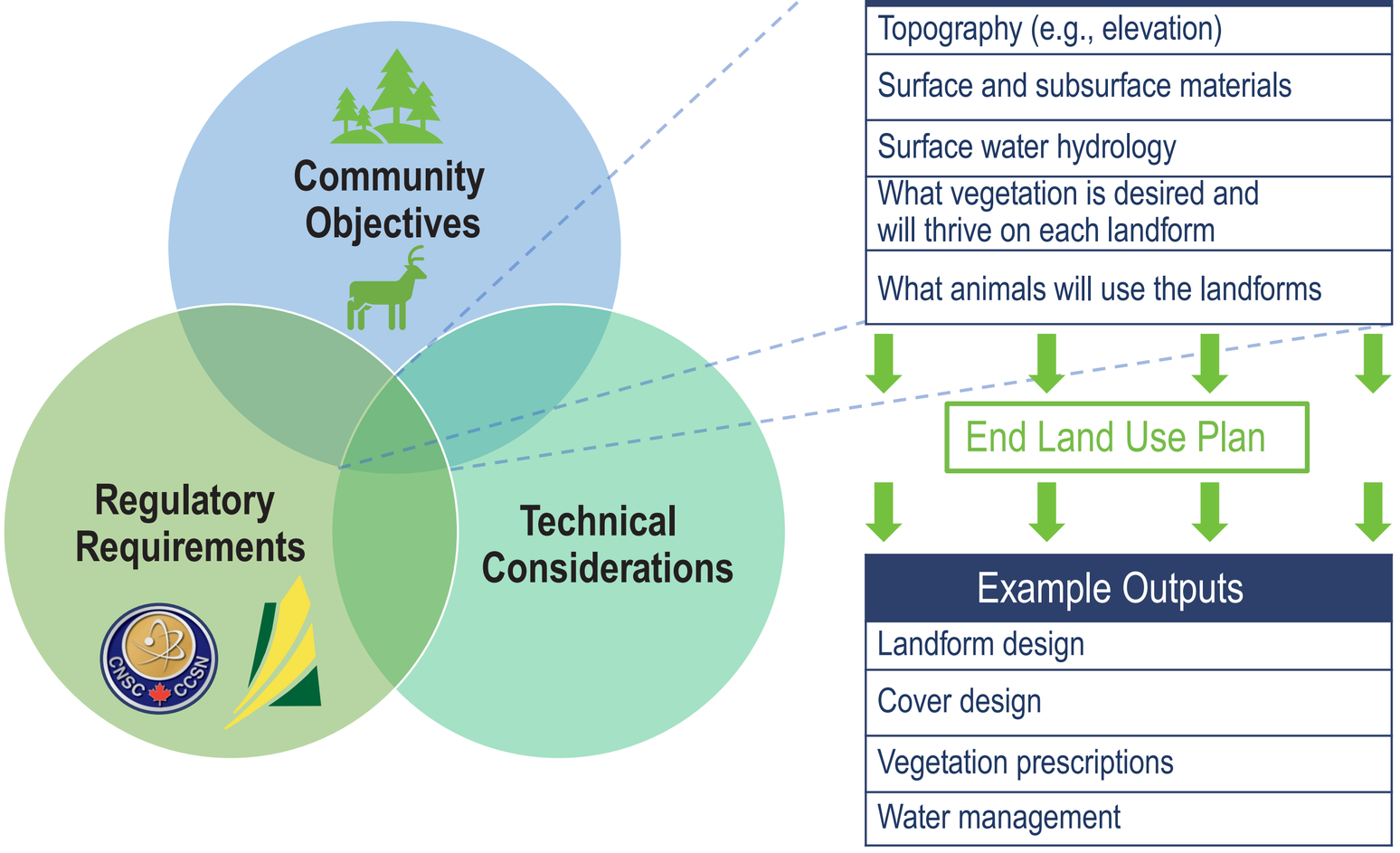
Closure

End Land Use

End Land Use

End Land Use refers to how the Rook I Project site will be used in the future, after decommissioning and reclamation. NexGen's preliminary objective is to reclaim the landscape to allow for unrestricted land use by members of local Indigenous Groups and communities. This objective would be supported through the establishment of functional, self sustaining, locally common ecosystems as soon as practical.

NexGen's End Land Use planning will occur throughout all Project phases and will use the most current information about the Project and surrounding environment.

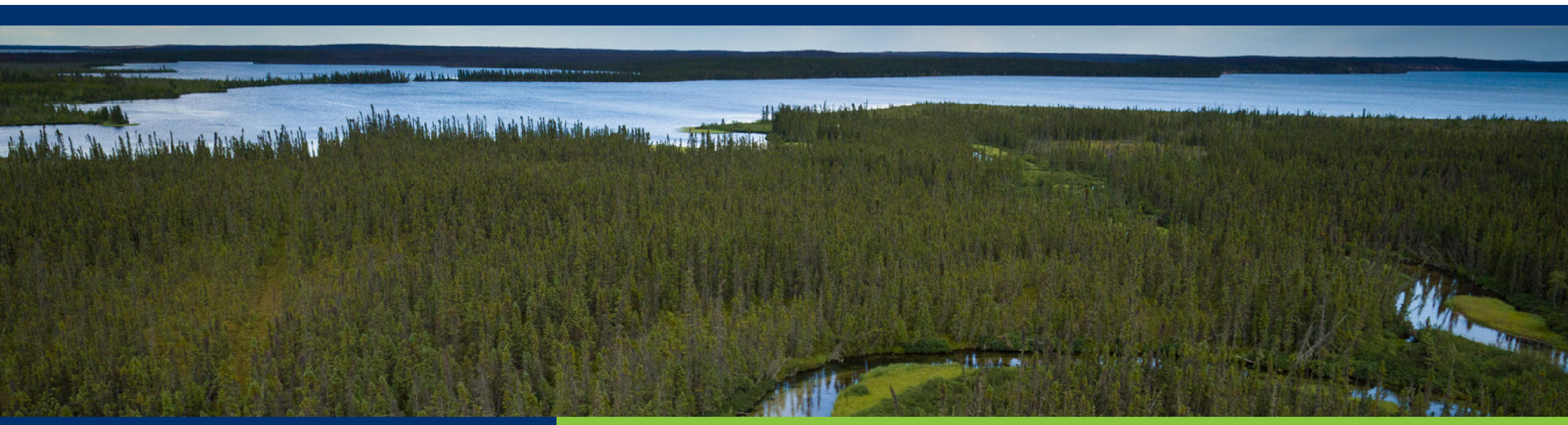


Reclamation Methods

To achieve end land use objectives, the following are commonly used and may be appropriate for the Project:

- Shaping of landforms
- Creating more natural surfaces (e.g., rough, irregular/non-linear)
- Spreading soil that was salvaged prior to construction
- Revegetating
- Assessing site access to enable ecosystem recovery
- Monitoring and adaptive management, as required

We are here to help answer your questions. All questions are important.



Closure

Environmental Protection and Monitoring

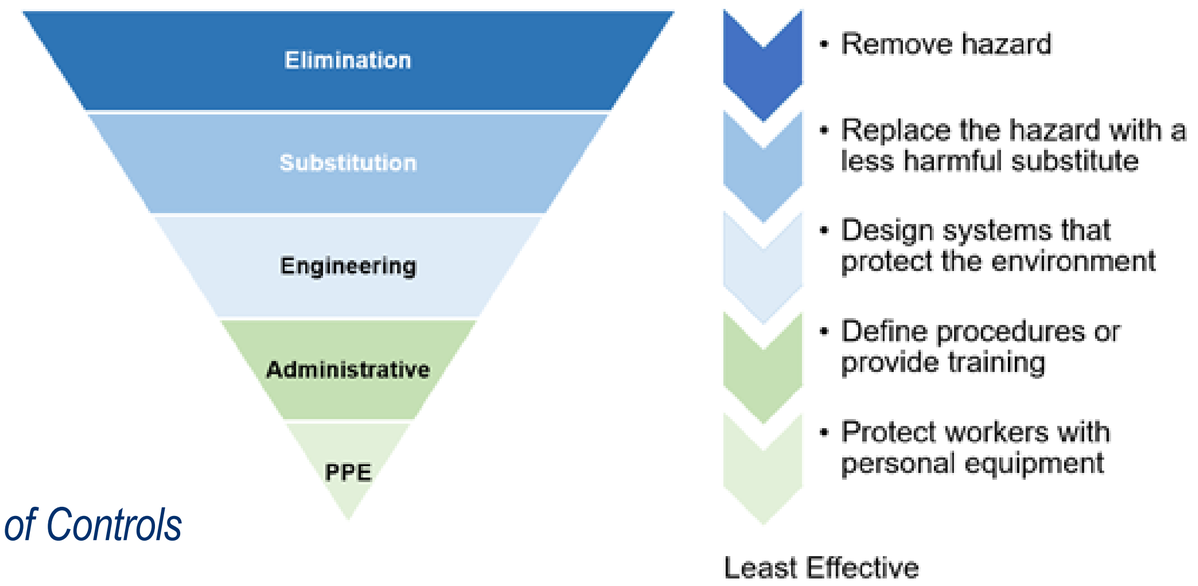
Environmental Protection

NexGen recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving the environment and biodiversity throughout the Rook I Project lifespan and for future generations. NexGen is minimizing impacts on the environment and biodiversity from Project facilities, activities, and processes by adopting a comprehensive approach to environmental protection. This includes the consideration and incorporation of Indigenous and Local Knowledge.

Environmental Interactions

Environmental interactions are the ways in which Rook I Project facilities, activities, and processes can influence or effect the natural environment.

Identifying environmental interactions and evaluating potential environmental impacts is foundational to achieving effective, risk-based environmental protection.



Hierarchy of Controls

Environmental Controls

Environmental interactions have been identified and assessed. Controls appropriate for the corresponding level of risk have been identified and will be implemented and verified to minimize environmental impacts. The Project will use a variety of controls to effectively prevent or reduce the risk to the environment.

Monitoring

Monitoring will be used to:

- characterize and monitor the overall performance of facilities, activities, and processes to ensure the environment remains protected
- determine whether environmental protection measures are performing as intended and to help inform opportunities for continual improvement

As part of the evaluation of Project performance, Environmental Committees formeded with each of the four primary Indigenous Groups will provide oversight of the environmental performance and verify Project compliance. In addition, NexGen will fund a full-time Indigenous monitor chosen by each of the primary Indigenous Groups to conduct independent environmental sampling.



Marsi cho'. Thank you!



Thank you for attending our information session about the Rook I Project. We hope that you found the session informative. Input from local communities, Indigenous Groups, regulators, and stakeholders is critical to the success of the Rook I Project.

NexGen would appreciate it if you could fill out our survey so we properly consider items of importance to you.

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Thank You for Having Us!

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General Survey Administered During the Community Information Sessions

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EXIT SURVEY

NexGen acknowledges and values the community interests and aspirations of those potentially affected by the Rook I Project. NexGen is committed to fostering trusting relationships that facilitate collaboration and to optimizing benefits to Indigenous Groups, Local Priority Area communities, and Project stakeholders.

This survey asks for your views on this Community Information Session, for comment on the information that you were provided and would like to receive, and for any additional comments that you may have at this time. Your input is important to NexGen.

Please note that feedback provided will be made public as part of the regulatory process for the Rook I Project. All comments that you provide will be anonymous – NexGen will not record your name.

1. What community are you from _____ (town)

2. How did you hear about this Community Information Session?

- ☐ Mail advertisement
- ☐ Poster in the community
- ☐ Radio advertisement
- ☐ Word of mouth
- ☐ Other (please specify):

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3. Was the information provided at this Community Information Session useful to you?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ No

Please explain:

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4. Did the NexGen representatives answer your questions sufficiently?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ No

Please explain:

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5. Do you feel you understand what environmental and socio-economic studies were done?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ No

Please explain:

_____
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6. Do you feel you understand the potential impacts and benefits of the Rook I Project?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ No

Please explain:

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7. What information would you like NexGen to provide in future information sessions?

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8. Please provide additional comments in the space below.

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Please place completed surveys in the box provided at the Community Information Session, drop off by October 20, 2022 at NexGen's La Loche office (Dene Empowerment Centre), or send by October 20, 2022 to:

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Thank you for participating and providing your input!

June 2023 Community Information Sessions

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Invitation Materials

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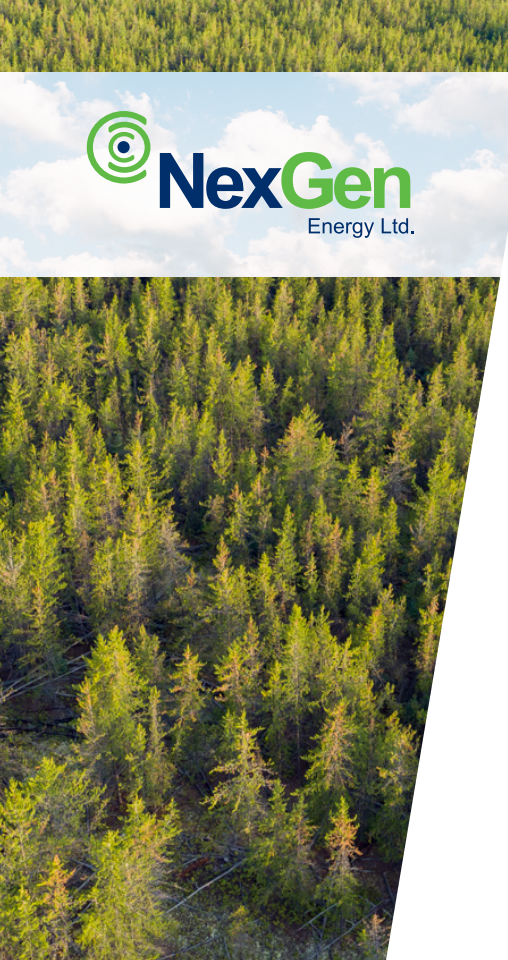
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JUNE 16
Clearwater River Dene Nation Treaty Grounds
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Please bring your filled out invitation card with you to enter a draw for a door prize!

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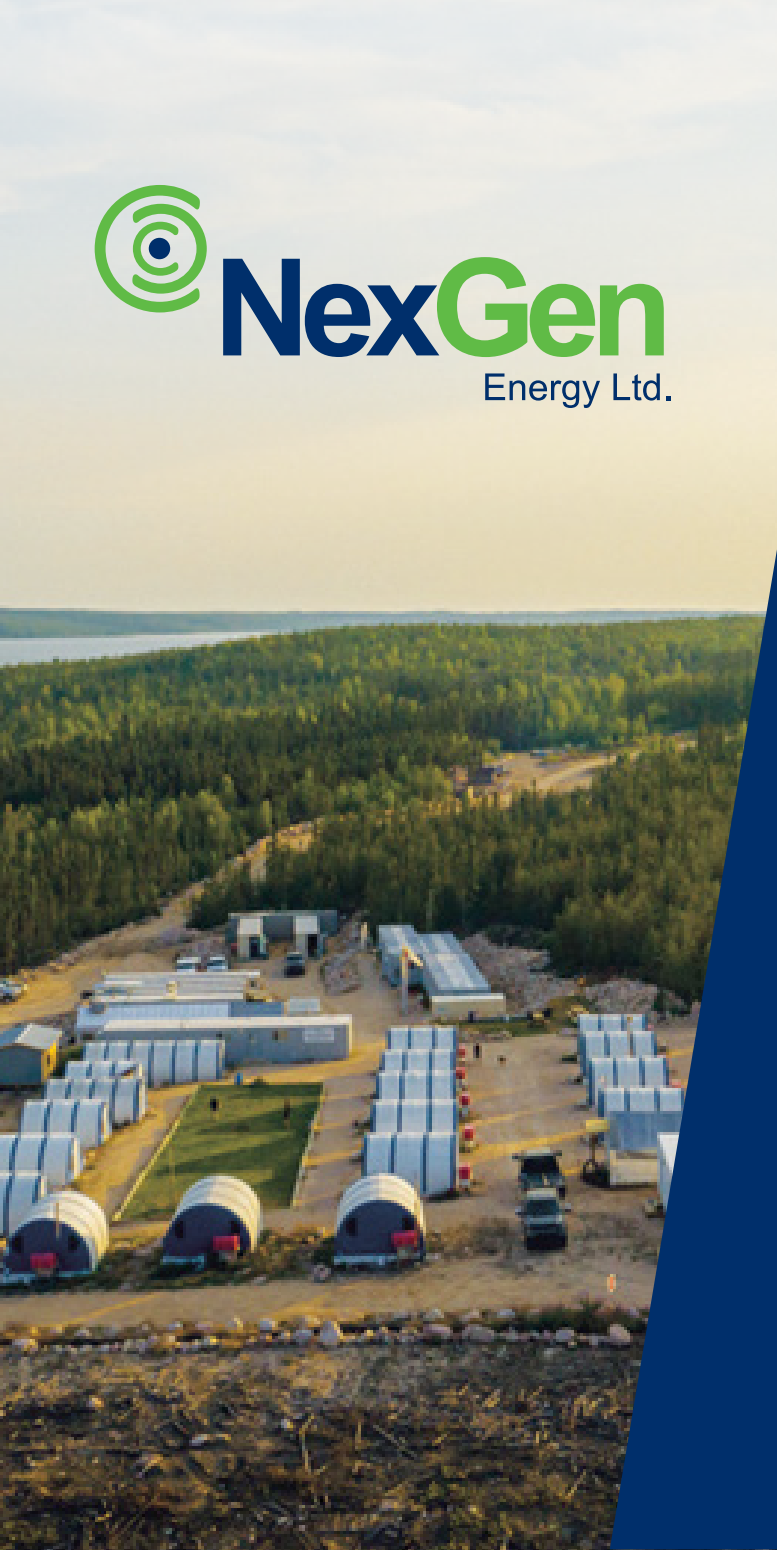
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Extra cards will be available at each session for additional family or community members to enter.

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Poster Sessions

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Welcome







Thank you for attending the June 2023 Community Information Session for the Rook I Project

We are hosting this event to:

- Update you on the Rook I Project
- Provide you with information and a status update on all Rook I Project regulatory requirements, including the environmental assessment (EA) and licensing
- Provide details on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Answer your questions and get your feedback on the Rook I Project

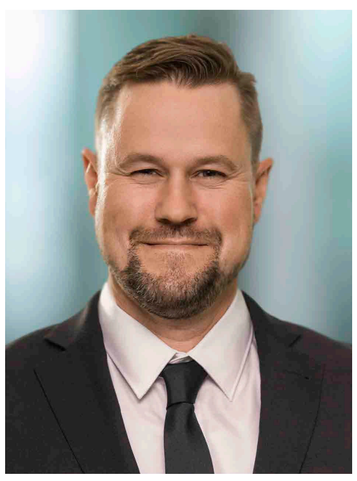
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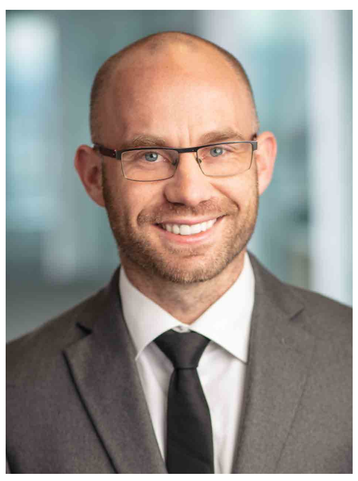
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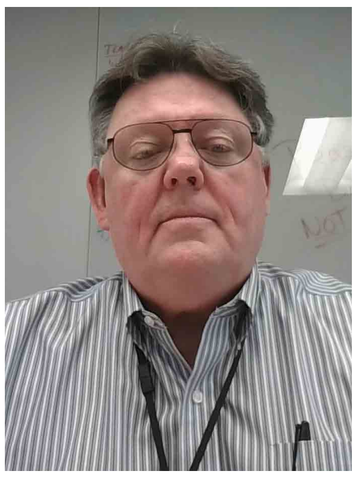
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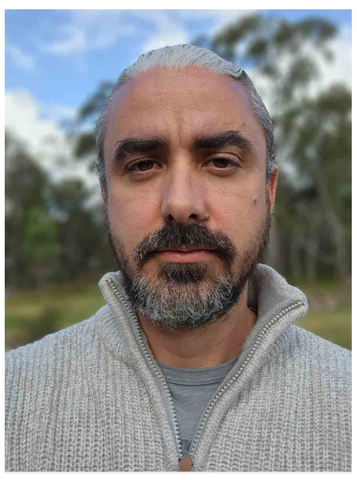
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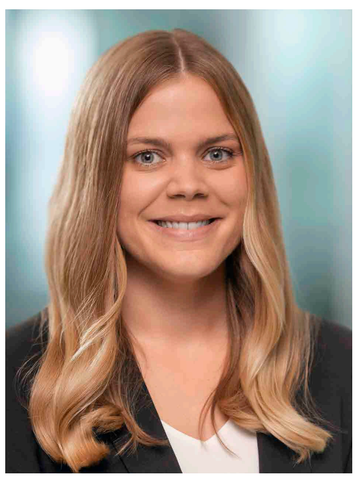
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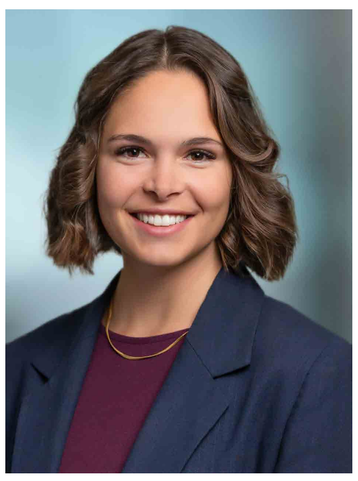
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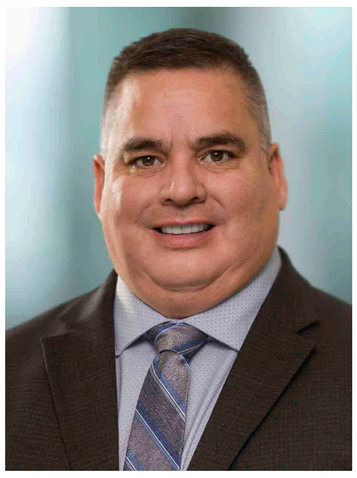
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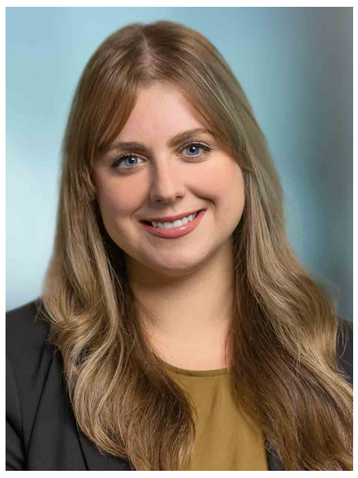
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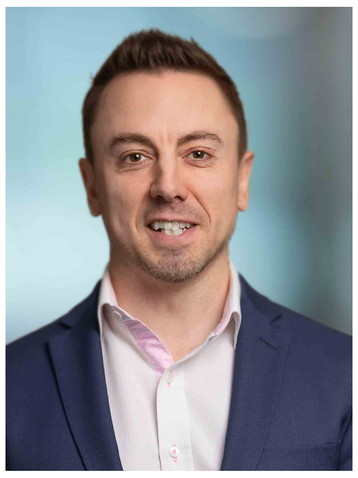
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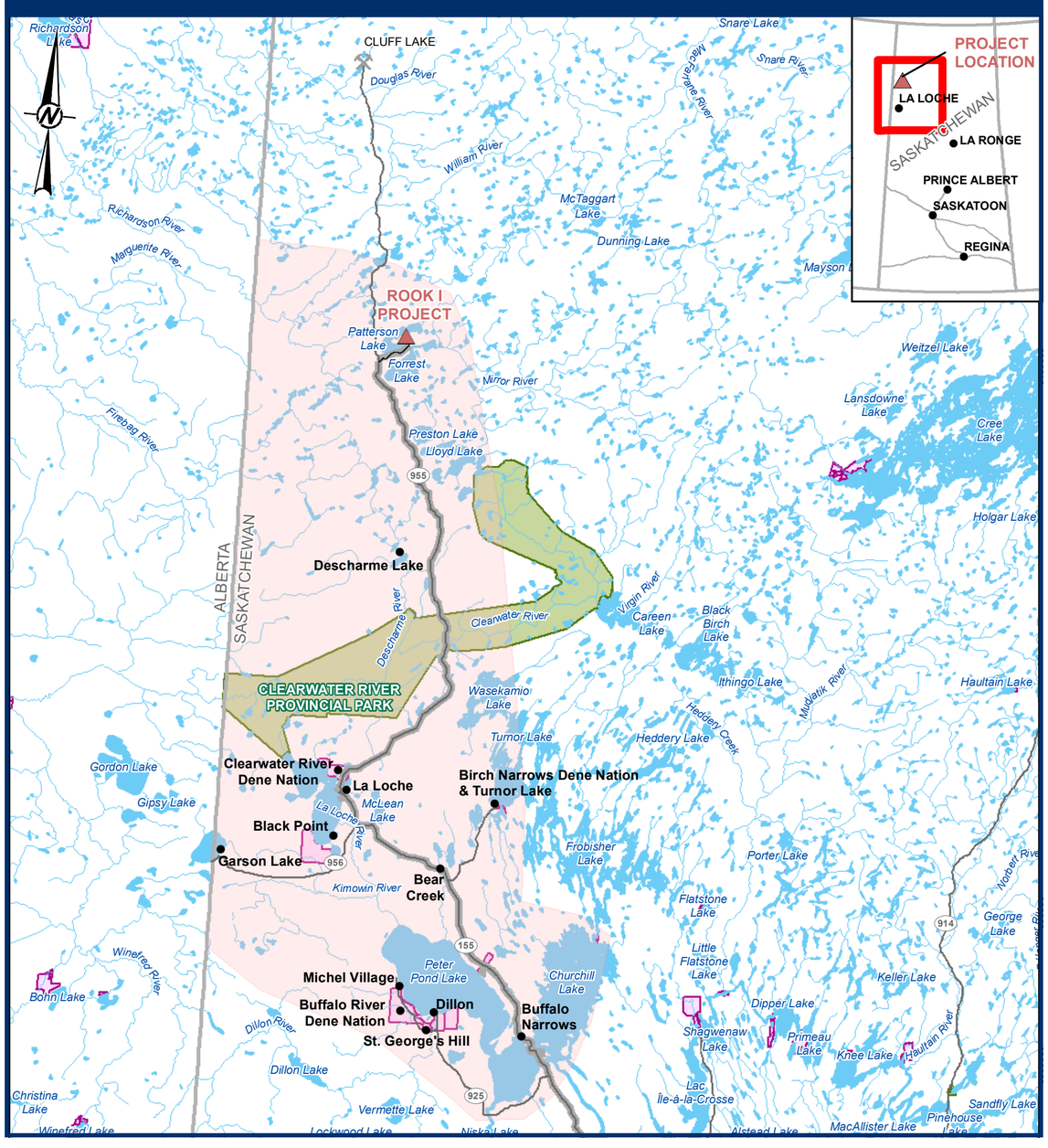
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About NexGen

Location of the NexGen Rook I Project in Northwestern Saskatchewan



local priority area communities

NexGen is driven by the vision to become a global leader in delivering uranium for the world's current and future clean energy needs.

Guided by the values of honesty, respect, resilience, and accountability, NexGen's core values are foundational, defining how the team operates and influencing how decisions are made.

NexGen is setting elite standards for:

- Human health and safety
- Environmental performance
- Supporting communities
- Regulatory compliance

The Rook I Project is located 40 km east of the Saskatchewan-Alberta border, 130 km north of La Loche, and 640 km northwest of Saskatoon.

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Rook I Project Overview

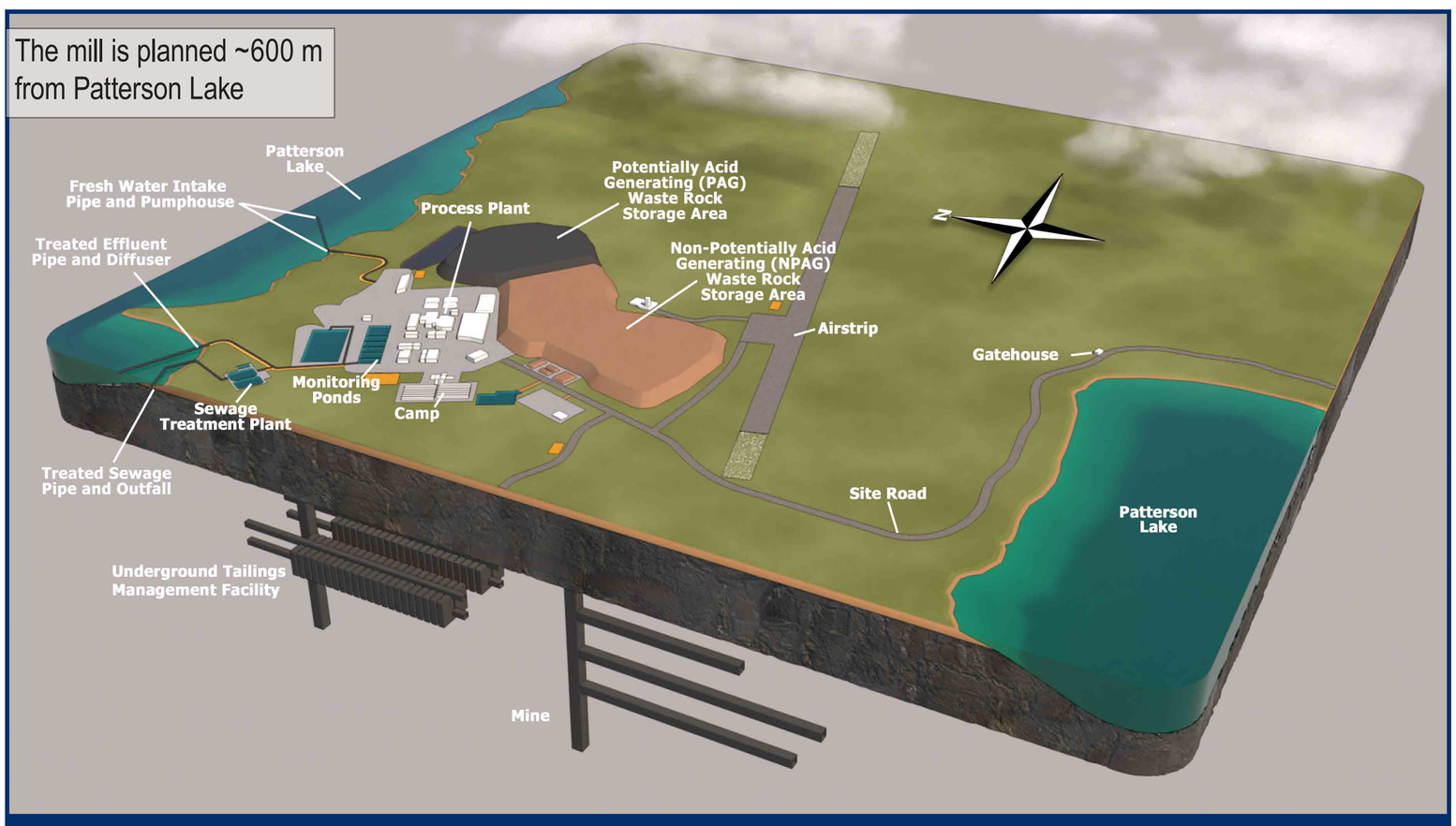
The Rook I Project is NexGen's proposed new uranium mining and milling operation in northwestern Saskatchewan. The Project is located entirely on Provincial Crown Land within Treaty 8 territory and the Métis Homeland, and adjacent to Treaty 10 territory.

The Project, which is 100% owned by NexGen, includes facilities to support the extraction and processing of uranium ore from the high-grade uranium deposit known as Arrow. NexGen has completed exploration, geotechnical, and environmental and community studies since 2013 to define the resource and plan how to best develop the Project.

The underground mine workings are within competent (very strong and hard) basement rock and include the mine and an underground tailings management facility. The mill location is on surface, about 600 m from Patterson Lake. Mining and supporting infrastructure are located above ground as seen in the graphic.

The anticipated lifespan of the Project is estimated to be 43 years and includes Construction, Operations, and Decommissioning and Reclamation (i.e., Closure) phases. Monitoring is incorporated through all phases of the Project to verify environmental performance.

Direct jobs are estimated to total 350 during the 4-year Construction period and 490 during the 24 years of Operations. The Project will be fly-in/fly-out with most employees on a two-week rotation. Work at site is planned to be two 12-hour shifts, seven days per week.



Rook I Project Layout
For Illustrative Purposes Only — Underground Infrastructure Not To Scale

NexGen's vision is to become a world leader in delivering clean energy fuel for the future. With this in mind, the company has approached the Project with consideration of current and future generations and with a philosophy founded on sustainable and responsible resource development.

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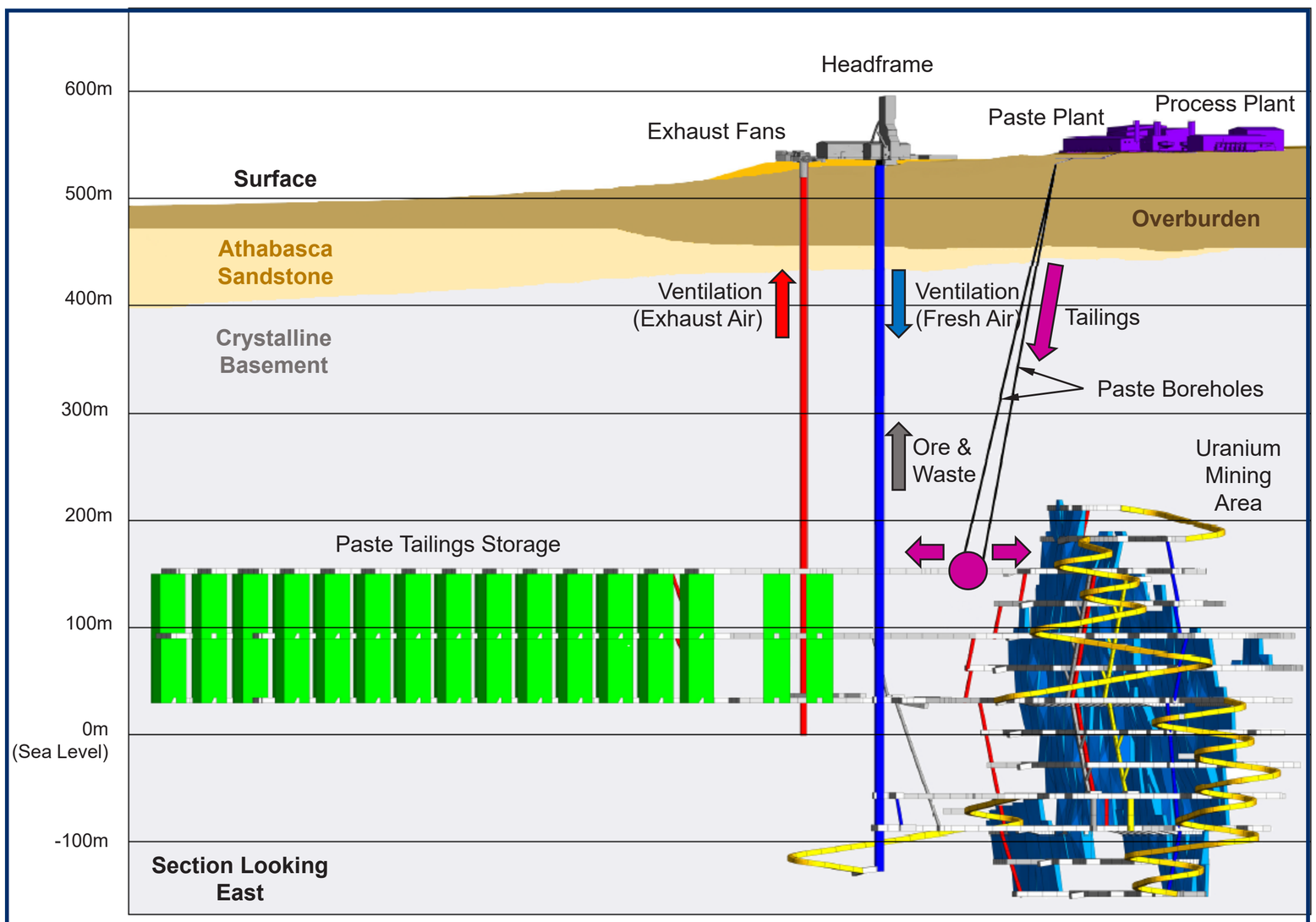


Mining Overview

The mine plan incorporates a conventional underground mine using the longhole stoping mining method. This is a method of mining where holes are drilled by a production drill to a predetermined pattern, the rock is blasted, and the ore is collected for processing.

The Project design has two vertical shafts used for ventilation, accessing underground areas, and transporting materials.

Mined rock is hoisted from underground and brought to surface. Rock that is uneconomic would be used either as construction material (e.g., to build roads) or placed on surface in long-term storage areas. Ore is processed on surface to produce uranium concentrate.



Simplified Rook I Project Operations Overview
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Uranium concentrate produced on site will be transported off site to facilities for further enrichment and eventual use in nuclear power reactors.

ORE PROCESSING

up to
30 Mlbs
annual production
of uranium concentrate

1,300 tonnes
of ore processed per day

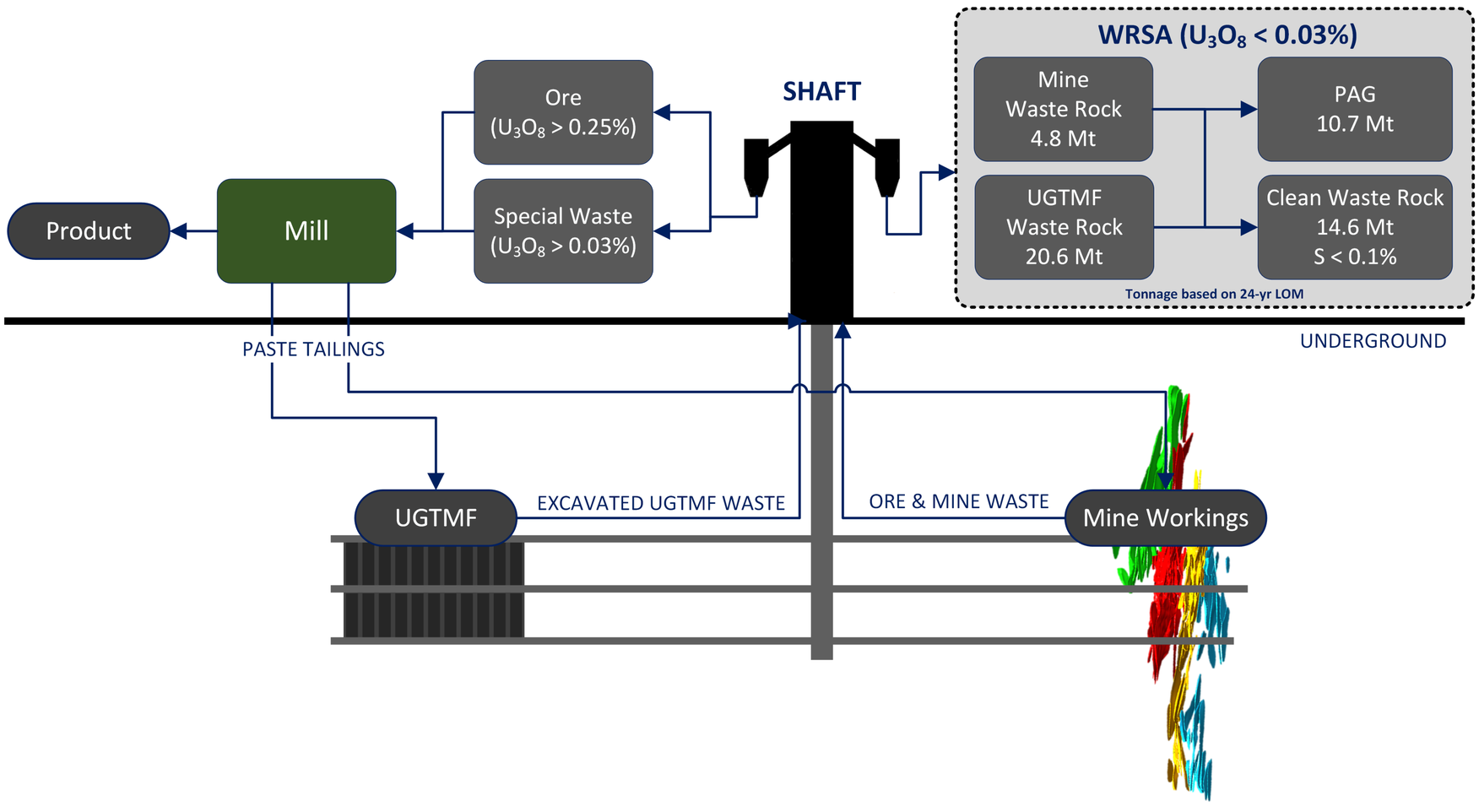
97.6%
process recovery

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Underground Tailings Management Facility



Simplified Rook I Ore and Waste Distribution

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LOM	Life of Mine
WRSA	Waste Rock Storage Area
PAG	Potentially Acid Generating Waste Rock
UGTMF	Underground Tailings Management Facility

Tailings are the materials left over after processing has been completed and the uranium has been removed from the ore.

All tailings for the Rook I Project will be stored underground; there will be no tailings remaining on the surface.

Tailings will be combined with cement in a paste plant and pumped underground. Approximately half of the cemented tailings are planned to be backfilled in areas excavated for mining. The other half will be pumped into underground chambers specifically mined to create space for cemented tailings storage as part of the UGTMF. The UGTMF also safely stores any residues from the effluent treatment plant.

The decision to store tailings underground was determined through a detailed evaluation process. This included evaluating engineering requirements, human and environmental protection measures, input and feedback from Indigenous Nations and communities, and regulatory requirements.

Disposal of tailings underground reduces potential effects to the environment and allows for ongoing decommissioning and reclamation during the Operations Phase of the Project, setting a new global standard for environmental mine management.

The underground storage of tailings will require mining waste rock and storing it on the surface.

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Uranium

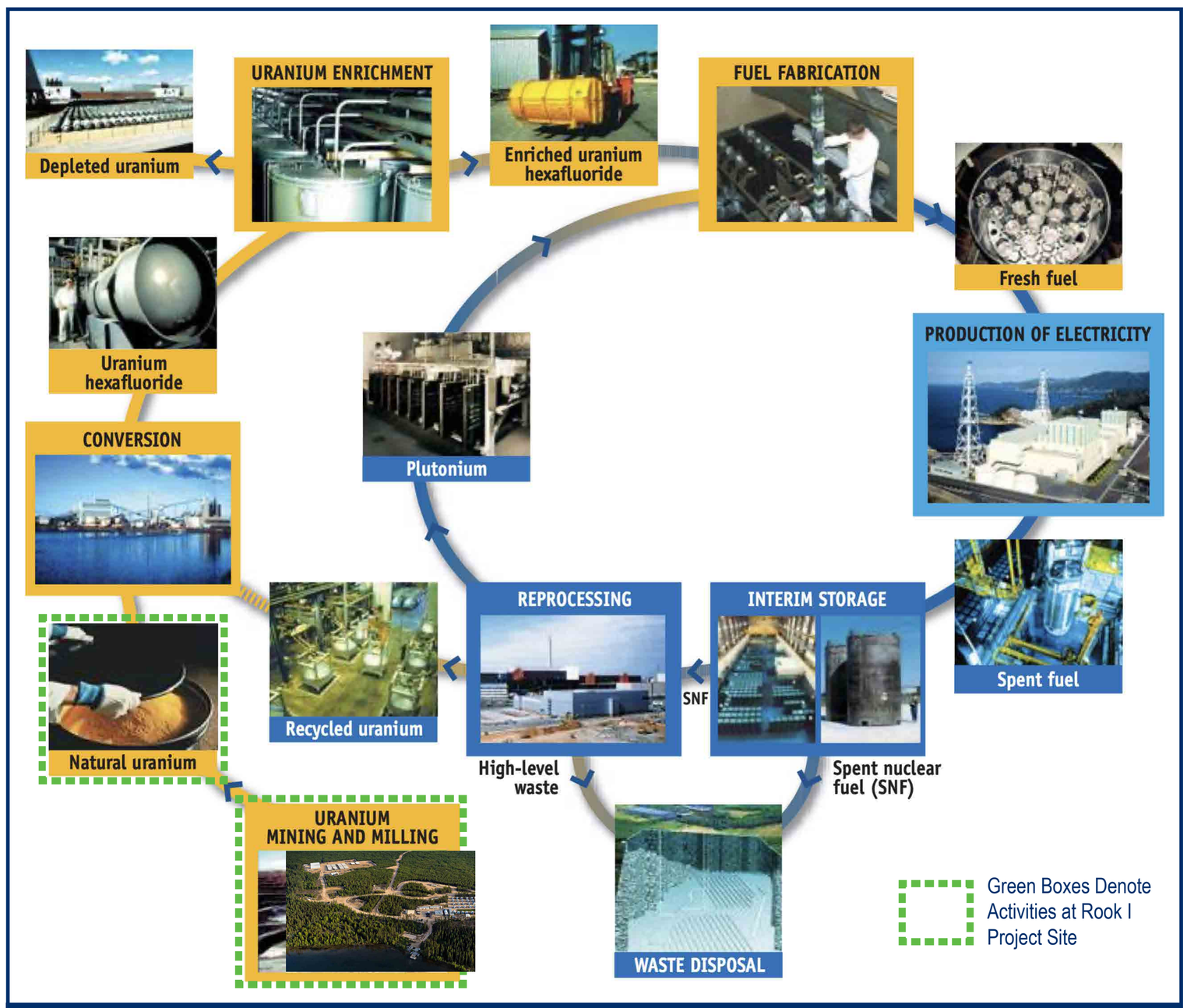
The Mineral

Uranium (U) is a naturally occurring radioactive element that is mined and processed to make fuel for nuclear medicine, nuclear research reactors or power reactors.

- Uranium has an average concentration of 2.8 parts per million in the Earth's crust
- Traces of uranium occur almost everywhere. Uranium is more abundant than gold, silver, or mercury, about the same as tin and slightly less abundant than cobalt, lead, or molybdenum
- Vast amounts of uranium also occur in the world's oceans, but in very low concentrations

The Need for Uranium

- A significant increase in uranium is needed to support the transition to nuclear energy, which has lower carbon emissions than fossil fuels (Nuclear Energy Agency and the International Atomic Energy Agency, 2020)
- The International Energy Agency forecasts indicate that the global demand for electricity could increase by up to 90% between 2018 and 2040



The Nuclear Fuel Cycle
Source: Nuclear Energy Agency (OECD)

Uranium in Canada

- Canada is one of the world's largest producers of uranium
- Canadian uranium is only mined and processed to make fuel for nuclear research reactors or nuclear power reactors
- The CANDU (Canada Deuterium Uranium) is a Canadian pressurized heavy-water nuclear reactor used to generate electric power

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Uranium Safety

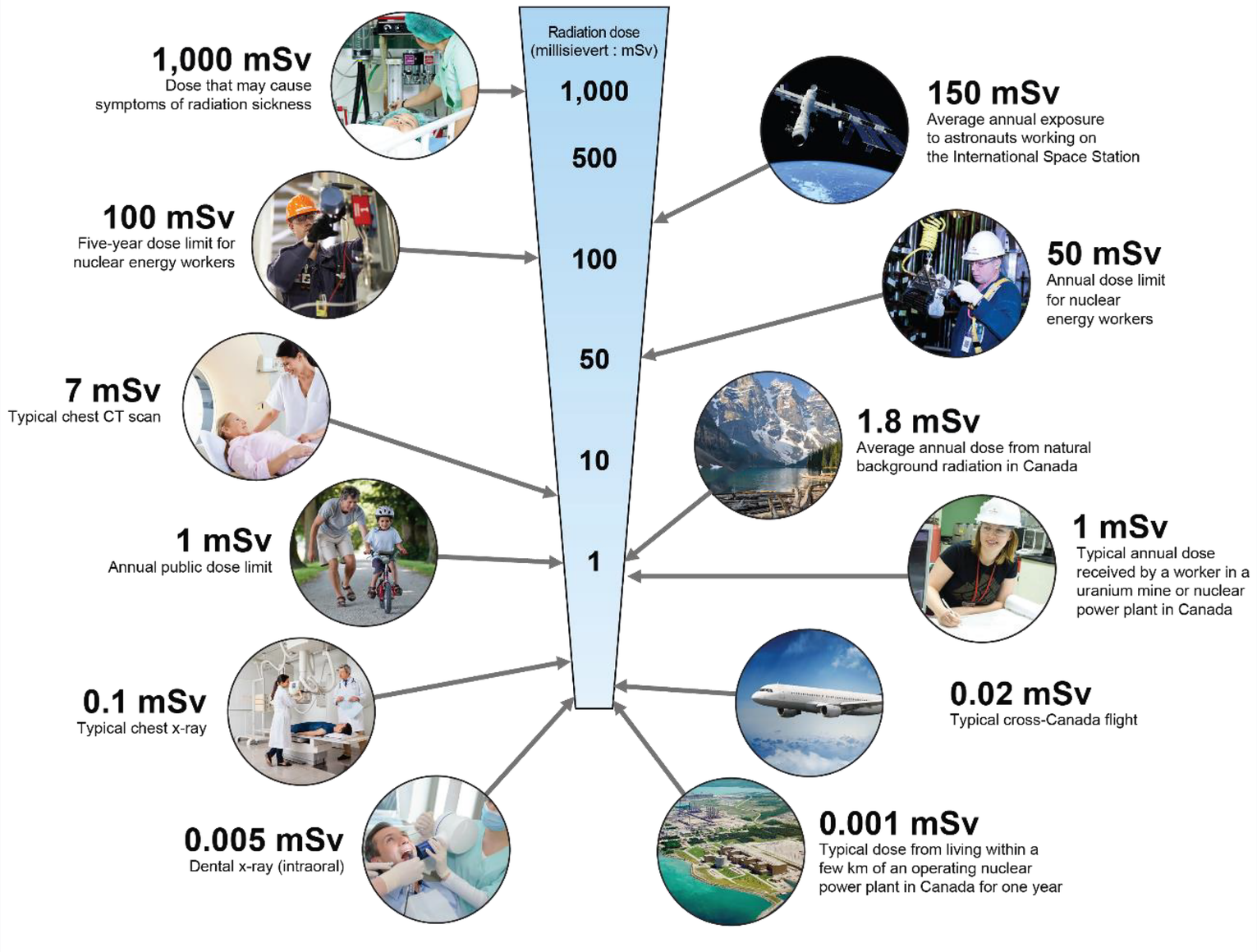
Radiation

Radiation is energy in the form of moving waves or streams of particles.

- Radioactive materials are present in soil, rocks, the air we breathe, the water we drink, and even in our own bodies
- These sources of natural radiation make up the bulk of the total radiation we are exposed to every day
- We are also exposed to artificial radiation from various sources, such as nuclear medicine and commercial products like smoke detectors
- The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and the Province of Saskatchewan set radiation dose limits for nuclear energy workers and the public to protect human health and safety

Comparison of Radiation Doses

Source: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission



Workers at uranium sites may be exposed to different types of radiation from drill core, ore, process solutions and materials, and tailings. Types of radiation that are naturally emitted include:

- Gamma rays
- Alpha particles
- Beta particles

Safely managing radiation at a uranium site involves practices such as ventilation, time minimization, increasing distance from radiation sources, use of shielding, and regular monitoring and reporting. These measures help to keep radiation doses to all people as low as reasonably achievable and well within regulatory limits.

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Transportation Risk Assessment

What we heard

Potential concerns such as transportation of materials through communities and potential environmental effects were frequently noted through the key person interview program.

Highway maps were provided to Joint Working Groups (JWGs) to enable community feedback on areas of concern (environmental, health, and cultural) for accidents and spills.

Feedback from the JWGs indicated locals feel Highway 155 is of poor quality and is a safety issue for local residents.

A focus of the EA

A baseline traffic study was conducted to characterize existing traffic volumes and trends on the secondary highways leading to the Rook I Project site, specifically Highway 155 and Highway 955.

What did the studies tell us?

The study describes the average annual daily traffic, with a focus on truck traffic along Highway 155 and Highway 955.

- The portion of Highway 155 with the highest average annual daily traffic (1,510) is found immediately south of the community of Buffalo Narrows; the portion with the highest average annual daily traffic on Highway 955 is in the town of La Loche (2,000 vehicles)
- Highway 155 had more traffic accidents compared to the Saskatchewan average on Provincial highways

The Project access road receives traffic from the Project, Indigenous and non-Indigenous land and resource users, and other commercial operations.

How did we assess the effects?

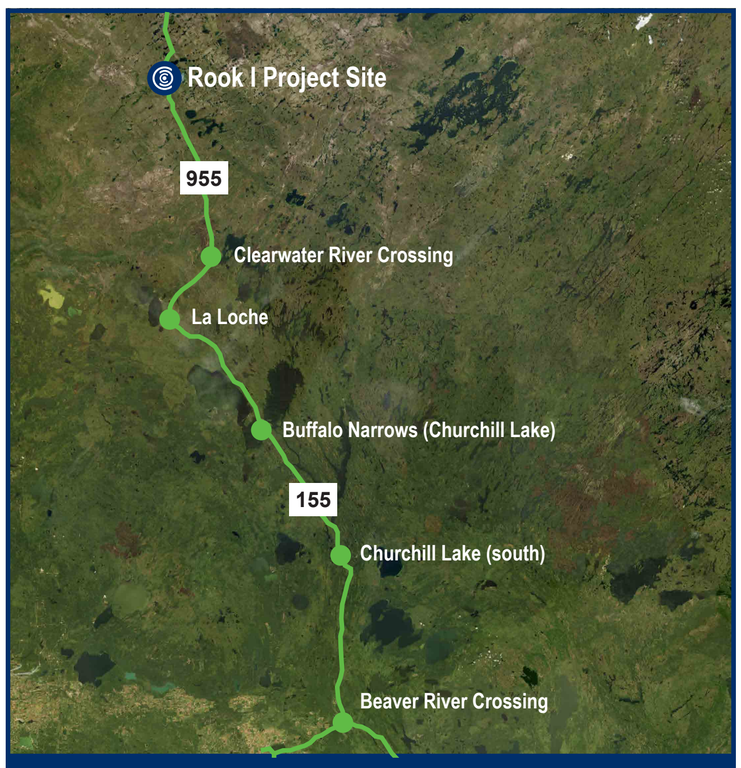
Traffic volumes, incidents and accidents, and road use patterns were assessed to determine the effects of the Project on traffic.

The results

The risks from Project-related transportation activities were deemed to be possible; however, given the proposed safeguards (e.g., driver training, speed limits, adjusting speed according to conditions, spill and emergency response planning, pedestrian and cyclist priority on roadways), risks were assessed to be reduced to as low as reasonably possible.

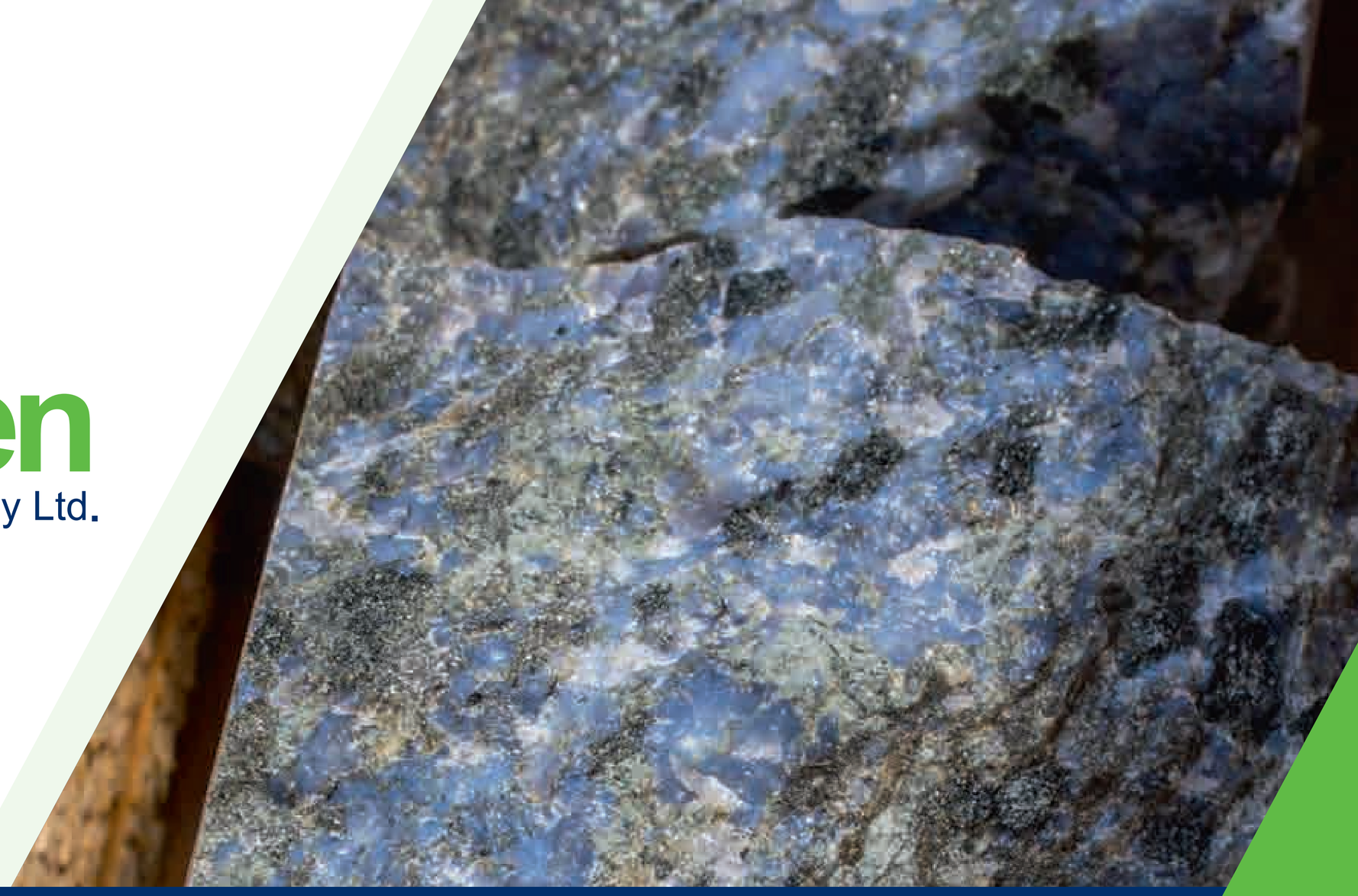
What are we doing?

Maintenance of public roadways is the responsibility of the Government of Saskatchewan and NexGen is working with local communities, government representatives, and the regional planning committee to make sure that community concerns are heard, and Project needs met.



Access to the Rook I Project Site via Highways 155 and 955

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Life of Mine

The Rook I Project will include the construction, operation, and closure (decommissioning and reclamation) of the mine and mill facilities.

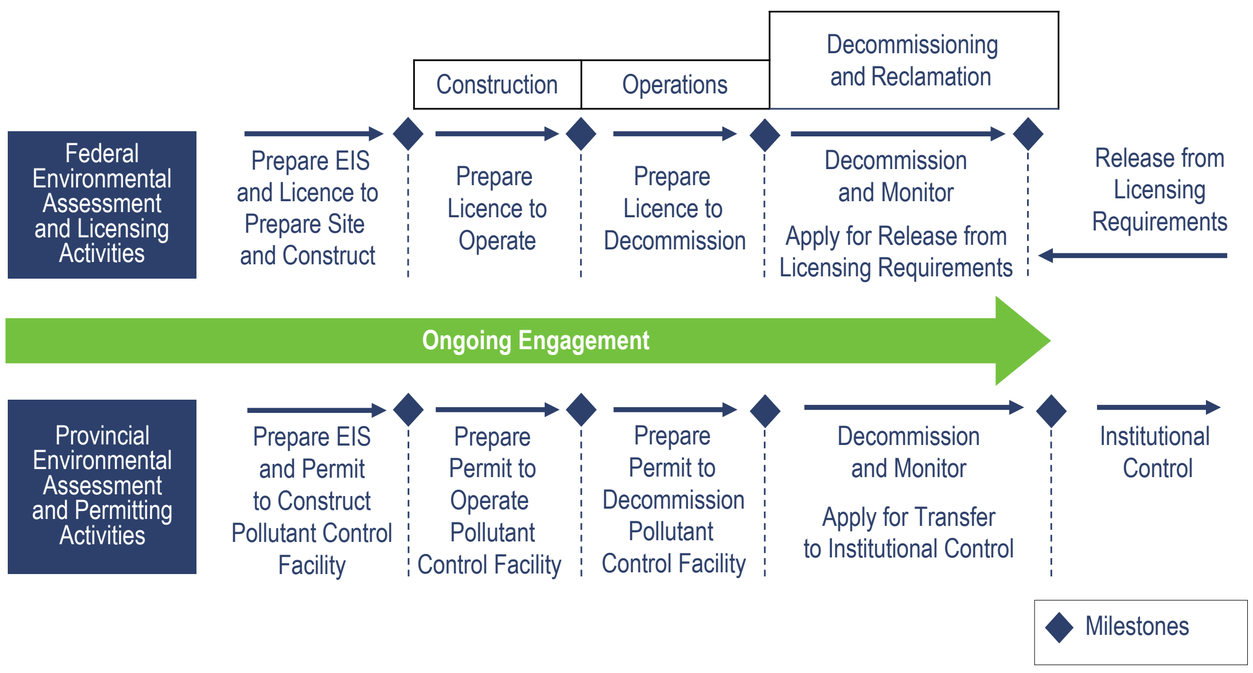
Construction (~4 years)

- Land clearing, site preparation, and construction of facilities and infrastructure
- Underground shaft/mine development
- Access road and site road upgrades
- Transportation of personnel and materials to and from the site
- Employment and contracting
- Infrastructure development (e.g., roads, airstrip, camp, maintenance shop, offices)

Operations (~24 years)

- Mining and processing operations
- Underground tailings deposition
- Waste rock, special waste rock, and ore management
- Water management and treated effluent discharge
- Transportation of personnel and materials to and from the site

NexGen Rook I Project Timeline



Decommissioning and Reclamation (~15 years)

Active Closure Stage (~5 years):

- Backfilling mine workings
- Removal of physical infrastructure
- Recontouring and revegetating disturbed areas
- Waste disposal or removal
- Water management and treated effluent discharge (if required)
- Any other activities deemed necessary to achieve decommissioning objectives and return the site to a safe and stable condition prior to the Transitional Monitoring Stage

Transitional Monitoring Stage (~10 years*):

- Environmental monitoring against performance criteria
- Once performance criteria have been fully demonstrated, an application to be released from the CNSC licence will be submitted to the CNSC
- Upon approval, the land will be transferred back under Provincial management through the Institutional Control Program, and continue to be monitored by that Program

**Nominally 10 years; however, this is dependent on the achievement of performance criteria.*

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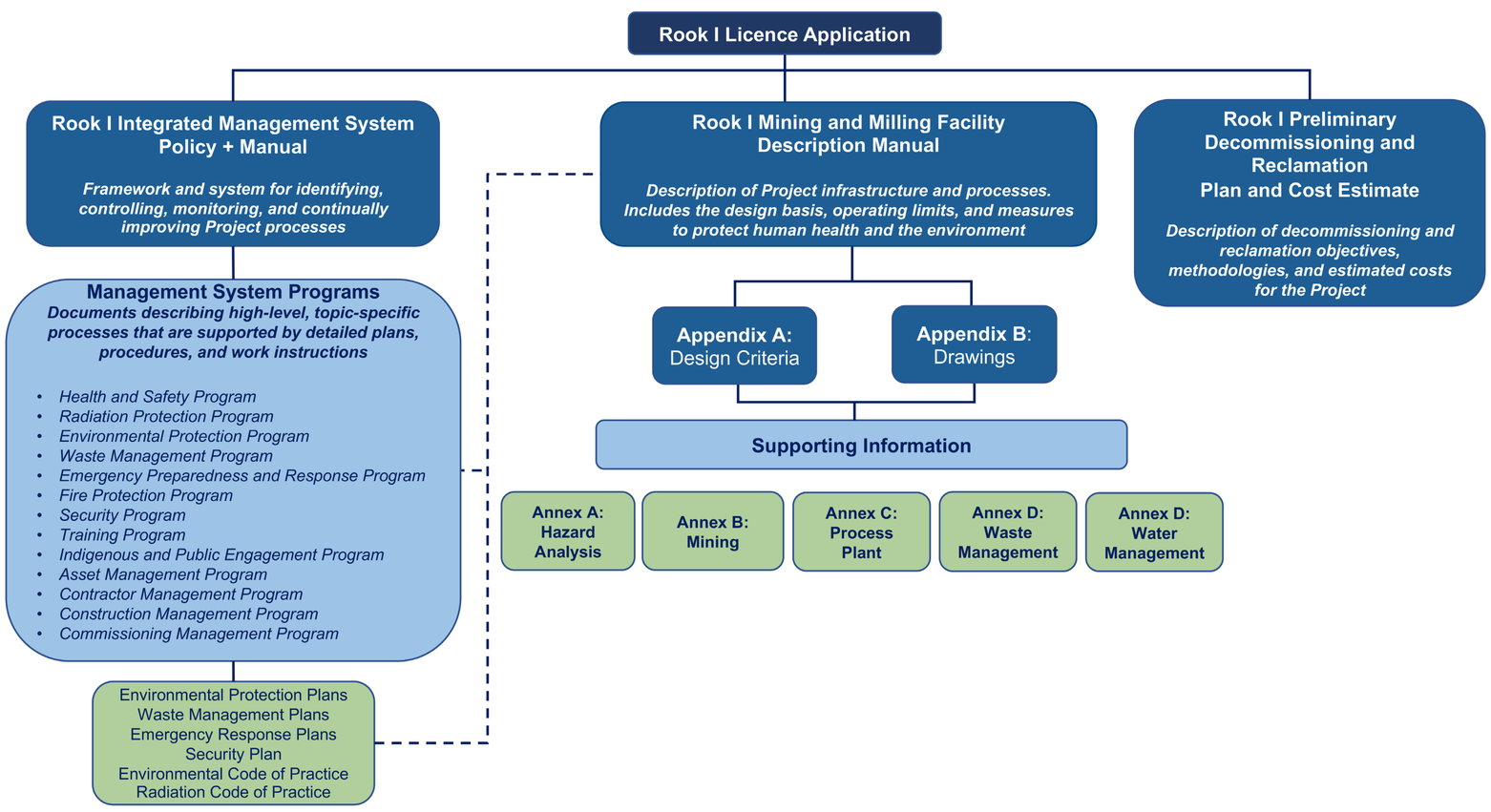
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Licensing

- The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) is responsible for regulating and licensing all existing and future uranium mining and milling operations in Canada. Licensing is one of many approval processes required for the Rook I Project
- Through the licensing process, NexGen provides information on the management system processes that govern how we work, the technical details of what we will build and operate, and plans for closure to demonstrate the capacity and capability to safely and reliably develop and execute the Project
- The CNSC is a lifecycle regulator, meaning that the CNSC will provide ongoing oversight through all stages of the Project from Construction through to Closure
- NexGen is proactively engaging with local Indigenous Nations and communities to share information on topics of interest and to receive feedback

Licensing Process



- The licence application for the Project was initiated in February 2019 and has been advanced in parallel with the environmental assessment for the Project
- The current licence application is for site preparation, construction, and commissioning of the Project
- Following several years of submitting information to the CNSC for review and feedback, the Rook I Project licence application is in the advanced stages of development
- The licence application process will culminate in a licensing hearing, during which members of the public will have an opportunity to participate
- NexGen must receive a positive environmental assessment decision from both the Provincial and Federal regulators and a positive licensing decision from the Federal regulators before the Project is fully approved

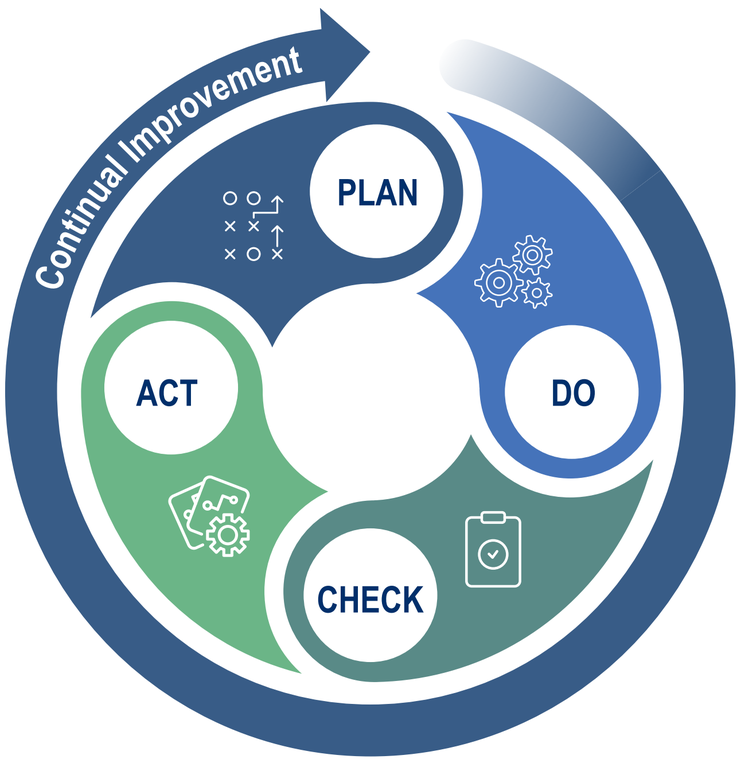
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Integrated Management System

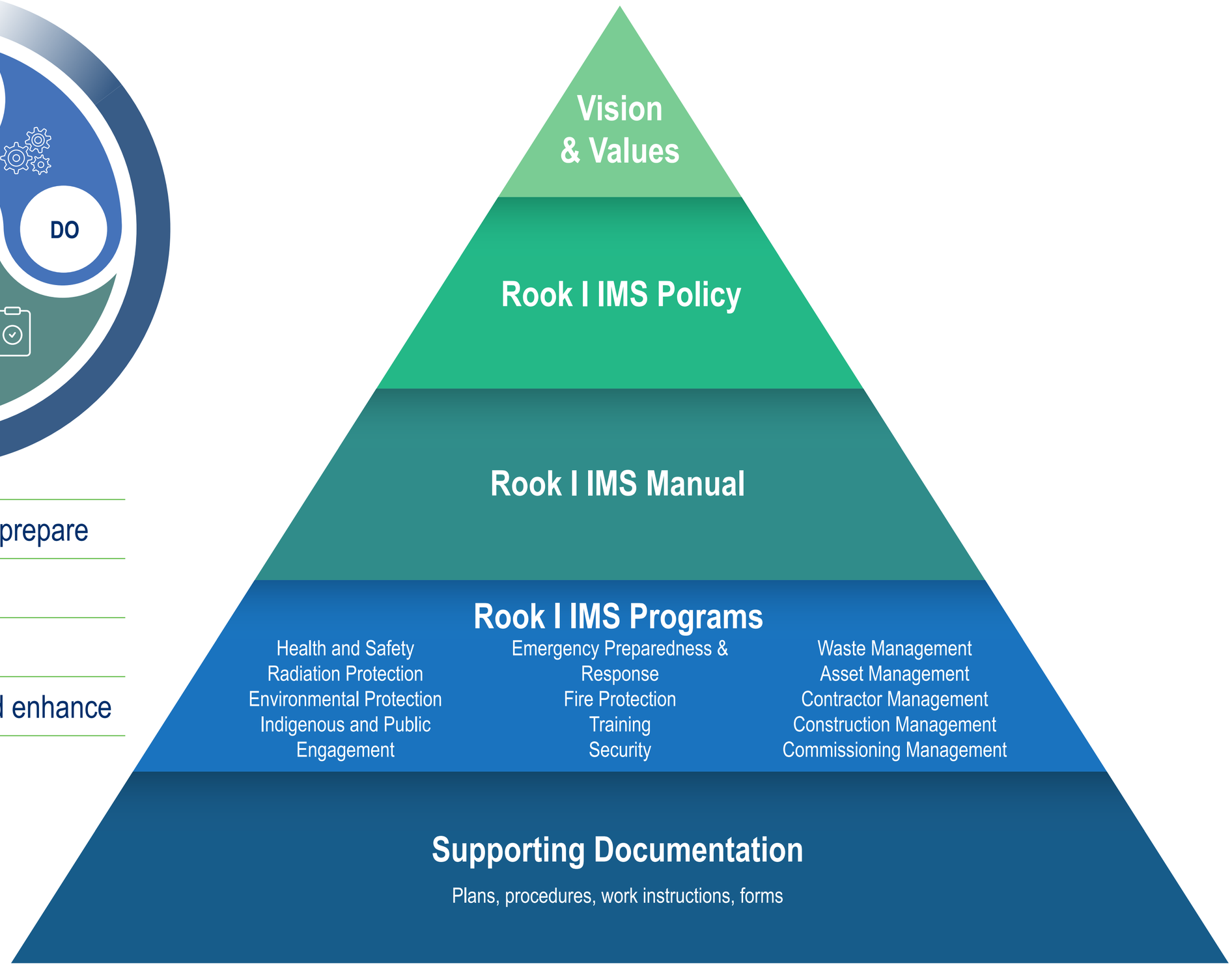
A management system is a framework of processes, procedures, and practices used to fulfill tasks and achieve all objectives safely and consistently. Personnel, equipment, organizational culture, and documented policies and processes are all integrated into one management system. An Integrated Management System is a requirement for CNSC licensing.

The Rook I Project's Integrated Management System (IMS) is foundational to successful health, safety, environmental, and community engagement activities.



Plan	Identify and prepare
Do	Perform
Check	Review
Act	Remedy and enhance

Rook I IMS Framework



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Engagement

Study Agreements

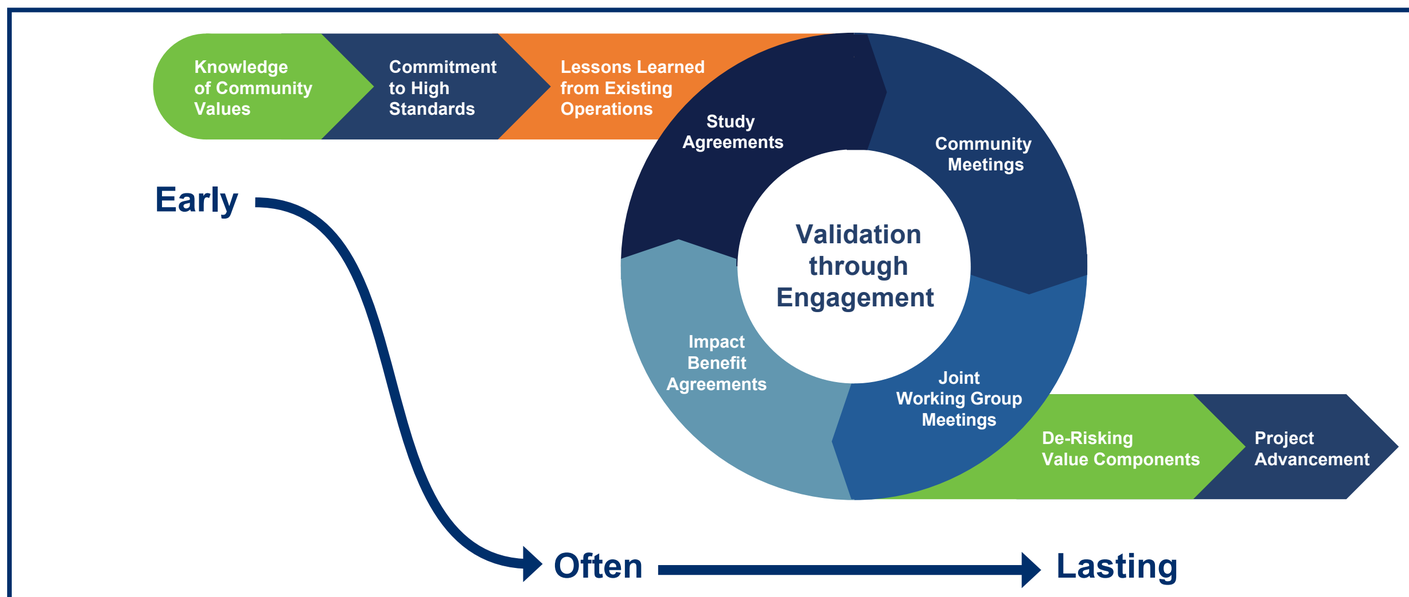
In 2019, individual Study Agreements were signed with:

- Clearwater River Dene Nation
- Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, including on behalf of Locals within Northern Region 2 (Clearwater Clear Lake)
- Birch Narrows Dene Nation
- Buffalo River Dene Nation

The Study Agreements defined a framework to work collaboratively through the environmental assessment (EA) process, including the provision of financial capacity for Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies and established Joint Working Groups (JWGs) for each Indigenous Nation to engage with NexGen on the Project EA and participate in reviews of technical information.

Traditional Land Use Studies

To understand land use in the area of the Project, NexGen provided the funds necessary to facilitate Indigenous Nations to undertake self-directed Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies.



Community engagement has been ongoing since 2013

Benefit Agreements

To date, NexGen has signed Benefit Agreements with Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN), Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN), and Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN), and continues to advance discussions for a Benefit Agreement with Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) on behalf of Locals within Clearwater Clear Lake.

The Benefit Agreements define the environmental, cultural, economic, employment, and other benefits to be provided to the communities with respect to the Project throughout its entire lifecycle.

Other Engagement Initiatives

- NexGen has a dedicated community-based Project Liaison Manager in La Loche; this individual works out of our La Loche office and is accessible for all community members
- NexGen sends regular engagement update letters to CRDN, MN-S, BNDN, and BRDN
- NexGen distributes regular community newsletters to the Local Priority Area (LPA)

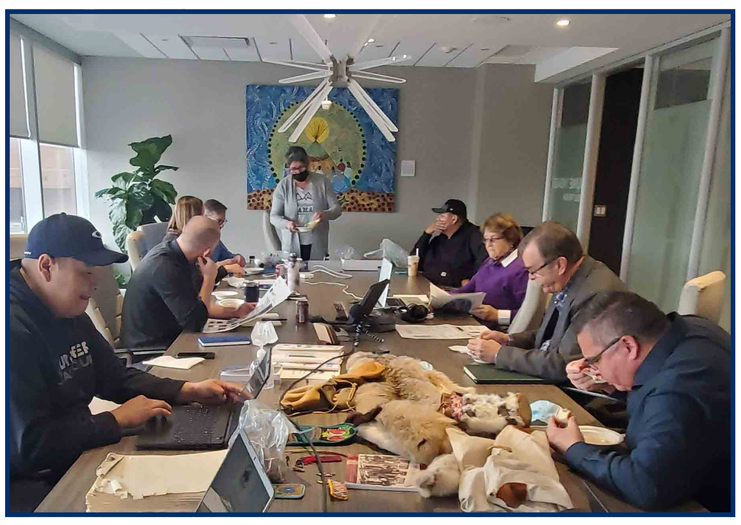
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Joint Working Groups

The Joint Working Groups (JWGs) were formed through the Study Agreements established with each primary Indigenous Nation and have been implemented as the agreed-upon engagement pathway for the advancement of the environmental assessment (EA). JWG Members consist of NexGen staff and Indigenous Nations. Indigenous Nation Leadership selected their JWG participants with consideration for diverse representation, including Elders, youth, men and women, business owners, and traditional land users in the Patterson Lake area.

The JWGs represent an important engagement platform to allow for ongoing collaboration on elements of the Rook I Project, and to enable the incorporation of community members' views and Indigenous and Local Knowledge into the Project, where applicable.



The four JWGs are:

- Clearwater River Dene Nation JWG
- Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 (Clearwater Clear Lake) JWG
- Birch Narrows Dene Nation JWG
- Buffalo River Dene Nation JWG

The JWGs facilitate collaboration between Indigenous communities and NexGen to ensure Indigenous views and knowledge are considered in relation to the Project. The JWGs meet routinely (as needed), with a minor disruption in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since 2019 when the JWGs commenced, the following topics have been discussed:

- Project overview
- Outline of environmental assessment (EA) process
- Baseline studies
- Valued components
- Indigenous Nation culture and land use shares
- Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies
- Human health risk assessment overview
- Water assessment and management
- EA pathways
- Underground tailings management facility
- Caribou
- Traffic studies
- Surface lease agreement
- Socio-economic assessment
- Community well-being
- Traditional and wage economies
- Employment, business, and training opportunities
- Project update
- Regulatory process update
- Modelling and the EA process
- Project alternatives assessed
- End land use

The JWG activities with CRDN, BNDN, and BRDN have transitioned to be performed under the committees established under the Benefit Agreements, primarily the Implementation and Environmental Committees. The MN-S NR2 JWG continues to meet.

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Benefit Agreements

Benefit Agreements formalize NexGen's partnership with all local communities with the mutual objective to responsibly develop the Project. Through the Benefit Agreements, we continue to work together to build long-term opportunities that contribute to a sustainable future beyond the life of the mine. Under the Benefit Agreements, separate Implementation Committees (ICs) and Environmental Committees (ECs) have been formed with each primary Indigenous Nation.

Implementation Committees

- The ICs promote continued and regular communication, collaboration, and information sharing between NexGen and each Indigenous Nation and are responsible for implementing the Benefit Agreements and advancing each specific article under the Agreement
- NexGen and each Indigenous Nation have an Implementation Coordinator appointed, who is responsible for being the primary point of contact for the IC and overseeing its activities
- The IC is also responsible for the discussion and implementation of NexGen-specific education, training, employment, and contracting opportunities

Environmental Committees

- The ECs oversee and monitor the environmental performance of the Project and collaboratively work together on the regulatory and environmental aspects that are related to the Project
- The ECs also:
  - collaborate on the Provincial and Federal regulatory processes;
  - provide feedback on the environmental protection and monitoring programs;
  - review and participate in environmental protection measures and preventative actions; and
  - participate in Rook I site visits
- NexGen and each Indigenous Nation have an appointed Regulatory Lead who is responsible for being the primary point of contact for the EC and supporting its activities

Indigenous Monitors

- As part of NexGen's early engagement on the Project, NexGen heard and understood the importance of having community-led environmental monitoring
- As part of each of the Benefit Agreements, NexGen funds a full-time independent Indigenous Environmental Monitor that is selected by each primary Indigenous Nation (i.e., up to one environmental monitor per Indigenous Nation)
- The Indigenous Monitors have unrestricted environmental monitoring opportunities, including independent environmental sampling for the life of the Project (i.e., through Construction, Operations, and Closure)
- The Indigenous Monitors regularly report to and attend all EC meetings, and also participate in community meetings to report openly on the environmental performance of the Project to community members

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Regulatory Process

Transparent — Thorough — Inclusive

Uranium and nuclear projects in Saskatchewan are subject to both Federal and Provincial environmental assessment (EA) processes, and also require Federal and Provincial licences, approvals, and permits.

Engagement with local Indigenous Nations and communities has been ongoing since 2013 and studies to understand the existing conditions at the site and in the surrounding area have been ongoing since 2015, with specific focus on air, water, land, and wildlife.

The EA process formally commenced on May 2, 2019 following Federal and Provincial acceptance of the Rook I Project Description submitted by NexGen. At that time, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (ENV) confirmed that an EA would be required under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, 2012 (Federal) and *The Environmental Assessment Act* (Provincial).

Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment

In May 2022, NexGen submitted an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), or EA application, to both the CNSC and ENV.

The EIS has undergone Provincial technical review and Federal technical and public review. NexGen is now working to respond to all comments submitted from Indigenous Nations, stakeholders, and members of the public.

In addition to comments received during the public review of the EIS, meaningful engagement with Indigenous Nations and local communities will continue to be an important part of the EA process.

The CNSC and ENV are conducting the Federal and Provincial review processes, and use a cooperative approach whenever possible. Although the CNSC and ENV cooperate, separate requirements still apply and must be satisfied with respect to the acts, regulations, and guidelines in place for each jurisdiction.

Feedback from Indigenous Nations and community members can be provided directly to any of the CNSC, ENV, and NexGen through the EA process

Both the CNSC and ENV are lifecycle regulators and will oversee the Project through Construction, Operations, and Closure (Decommissioning and Reclamation). The ongoing EA and licensing processes are the first of many regulatory applications under this lifecycle regulatory oversight approach.

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Environmental Assessment Process

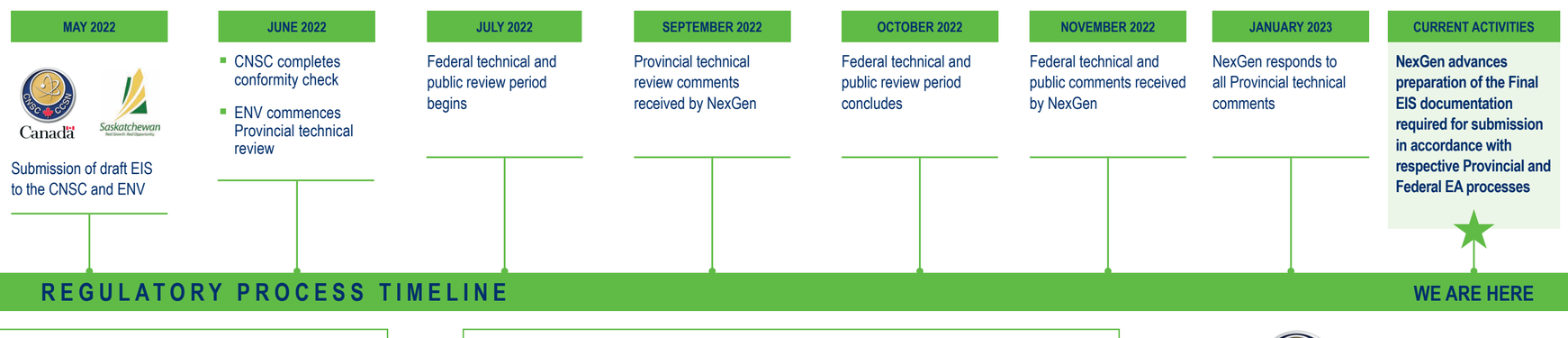
The Rook I Project is subject to both Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) processes.

- An EA is a process used to understand the potential environmental and social effects of a proposed project. This process happens before any decisions about constructing a project are made
- The EA for the Project is subject to the Canadian *Environmental Assessment Act*, 2012 (CEAA 2012) and The *Environmental Assessment Act* of Saskatchewan

NexGen prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in support of the EA for the Project. The EIS is the report that summarizes all of the work completed from the collection of baseline data (ongoing since 2015), through to the design of the Project, and the 'findings' of the EA.

In May 2022, NexGen submitted the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Rook I Project to the Federal and Provincial regulators. While the Federal and Provincial regulatory processes are similar, the CNSC and ENV have different processes for their respective technical review and public review activities, and for making a final decision on NexGen's EA application. To date, the draft EIS has undergone the Federal technical and public review, as well as the Provincial technical review.

There are several opportunities throughout the regulatory process for members of the public to provide feedback on the Project. There is also funding available for members of the public to participate.

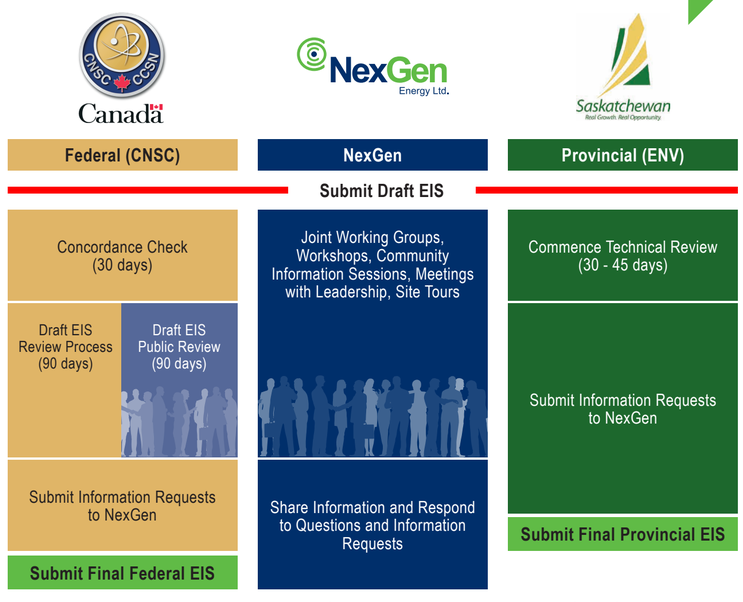


What is Next in the Federal Review Process?

- NexGen finalizes responses to all technical and public review comments
- CNSC accepts NexGen's technical comment responses and NexGen submits a Final EIS to the CNSC
- CNSC staff develop an "EA Report" for public review
- CNSC Commission members conduct a public hearing
- CNSC decides whether to approve the Project

What is Next in the Provincial Review Process?

- ENV coordinates public review of NexGen's Provincial Final EIS
- ENV staff make a recommendation to the Saskatchewan Minister of Environment
- Saskatchewan Minister of Environment decides whether to approve the Project EA



Public Engagement Opportunities on the Draft EIS

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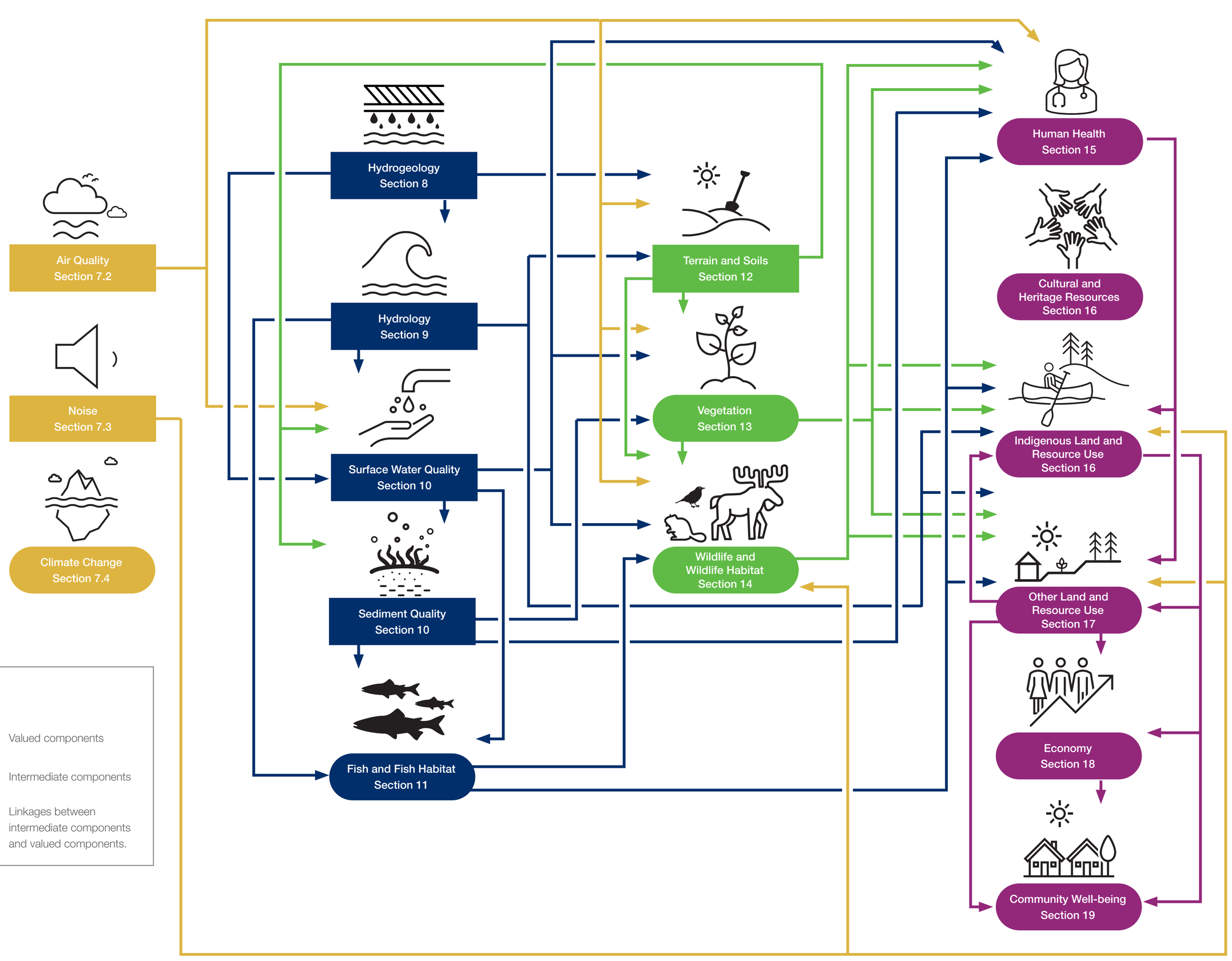
Environmental Assessment Process - Master Linkage Diagram

ATMOSPHERE

WATER

LAND

PEOPLE



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Human Health

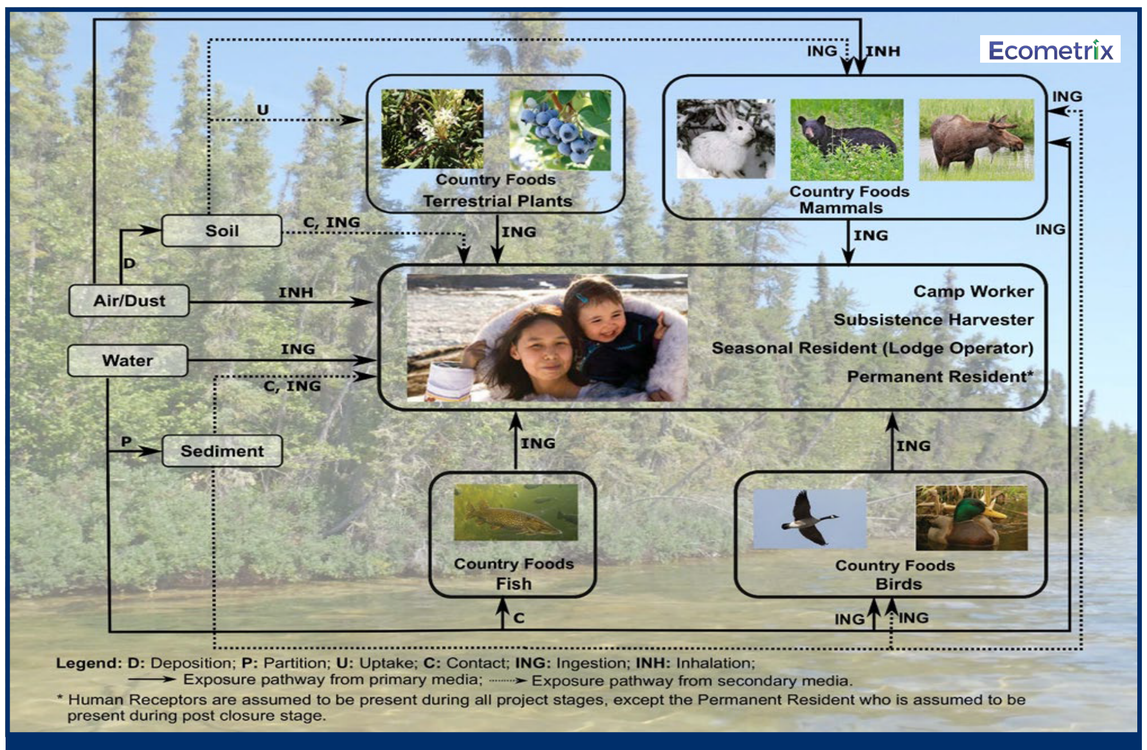
A focus of the EA

Information was collected on the various ways in which people could be exposed to contaminants (also known as exposure pathways). For example, people may be exposed to changes in air quality, soil, surface water, plants, fish, and wildlife resulting from the Rook I Project.

- What contaminants may be emitted in water and air (e.g., metals, radionuclides)
- How the contaminants could potentially be released (e.g., from treated effluent)
- How the contaminants could potentially reach a receptor (ecological or human) (e.g., drinking the water, breathing the air, eating food)
- Where the receptors may potentially come into contact with the contaminants
- How long a receptor may be exposed (duration and frequency)

How did we assess the effects?

The human health assessment used the IMPACT Contaminant Transport and Pathways Model to predict effects to people resulting from exposures to non-cancer-causing substances, cancer-causing substances, and radiation dose.



Potential Exposure Pathways

Source: Ecometrix

The results

The evaluation of effects showed the following:

- No significant adverse effects to humans are likely as a result of non-carcinogenic (i.e., non-cancer causing) releases from the Project
- Low to very low predicted incremental cancer risks (average cancer risk in Canada is 50,000 in 100,000, the additional cancer risk from the Project would be 4 in 100,000). This prediction considered the high levels of Traditional Food consumption by community members
- No discernable health effects are anticipated from radiation exposure
- No effects due to exposure to radon are anticipated

The results of the human health assessment indicate that the Project design and controls are protective of human health throughout the Project lifespan.

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Community Well-Being

A focus of the EA

Interviews were completed with community leadership, business owners, health services providers, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), social and family service providers, and educators in the local communities to understand the current sense of well-being for each community and how it can be affected. Publicly available data and statistics were also collected and analysed to help understand current conditions in communities.

What did the studies tell us?

The interviews and information collected to date have provided community-specific information on well-being from a variety of viewpoints.



How did we assess the effects?

The potential effects on community well-being were assessed by evaluating the following social determinants of health:

- Societal and Cultural Well-Being (e.g., demographics, culture)
- Health Well-Being (e.g., health infrastructure, health services)
- Neighbourhood and Physical Environment Well-Being (e.g., recreation, planning)
- Educational Well-Being (e.g., education, training)
- Economic Well-Being (e.g., employment, business opportunities)

The results

When considering the benefits and potential adverse effects of the Project together, it is likely that local communities will experience a positive overall effect on community well-being.

Key benefits

- Increased income and community revenue
- Provision of revenue through the Benefit Agreements with primary Indigenous Nations
- Increased educational and training opportunities

Potential adverse effects

- Local loss of cultural continuity, including transmission of knowledge, related to areas around Patterson Lake that are not accessible during the Project lifespan
- The worker rotation system is expected to place increased stress on some family dynamics
- Increased demands in local communities for mental health services

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Air Quality

Existing conditions

Existing atmospheric conditions do not exceed Saskatchewan Ambient Air Quality Standards (SAAQS) except for 24-hour particulate matter less than 2.5 µm ($PM_{2.5}$) and particulate matter less than 10 µm (PM_{10}).

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were completed to describe the existing atmospheric conditions in the Rook I Project's local and regional area, including:

- **Air quality** – included measuring levels of radon, particulate matter (solid and liquid droplets in the air), carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and sulfur dioxide
- **Climate** – weather conditions averaged over long periods of time
- **Meteorology** – factors that affect weather such as temperature, humidity, precipitation, and wind speed and direction

How did we assess the effects?

Air quality was assessed using the AERMOD Gaussian Dispersion Model to determine the Project emissions for:

- Ambient air concentrations that have applicable Provincial or Federal air quality criteria
- Suphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide
- Greenhouse gases

What are we doing?

Reducing potential effects to air quality was a focus during Project design:

- Liquified natural gas was selected as the primary fuel source for power generation, which produces less emissions than diesel
- Existing site roads will be upgraded and maintained to reduce dust from increased site traffic, and water and other dust suppressants will be used during dry conditions

The results

- Air quality will reflect detectable changes from existing conditions; however, most of the criteria air contaminants (CACs) are predicted to remain compliant with Provincial guidelines through all phases of the Project
- Short-term concentrations of PM_{10} and total suspended particulate are projected to be above Provincial guidelines but exceedance frequencies would be low and localized to the maximum disturbance area
- Duration of effect of CACs is limited to the period when emissions are being released, and would cease once Project activities are complete



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Hydrology

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were conducted to understand:

- The speed and direction of currents within Patterson Lake
- How water flowing out of Patterson Lake mixes within Forrest Lake
- Water levels, water flow, and sediment conditions within the lakes and rivers that could be affected by the Rook I Project

What did the studies tell us?

The studies provided information on water levels and water flows within Patterson Lake and the Clearwater River watershed.

Patterson Lake is 'U-shaped' and has three main basins. The lake has a maximum depth of 52.7 meters.

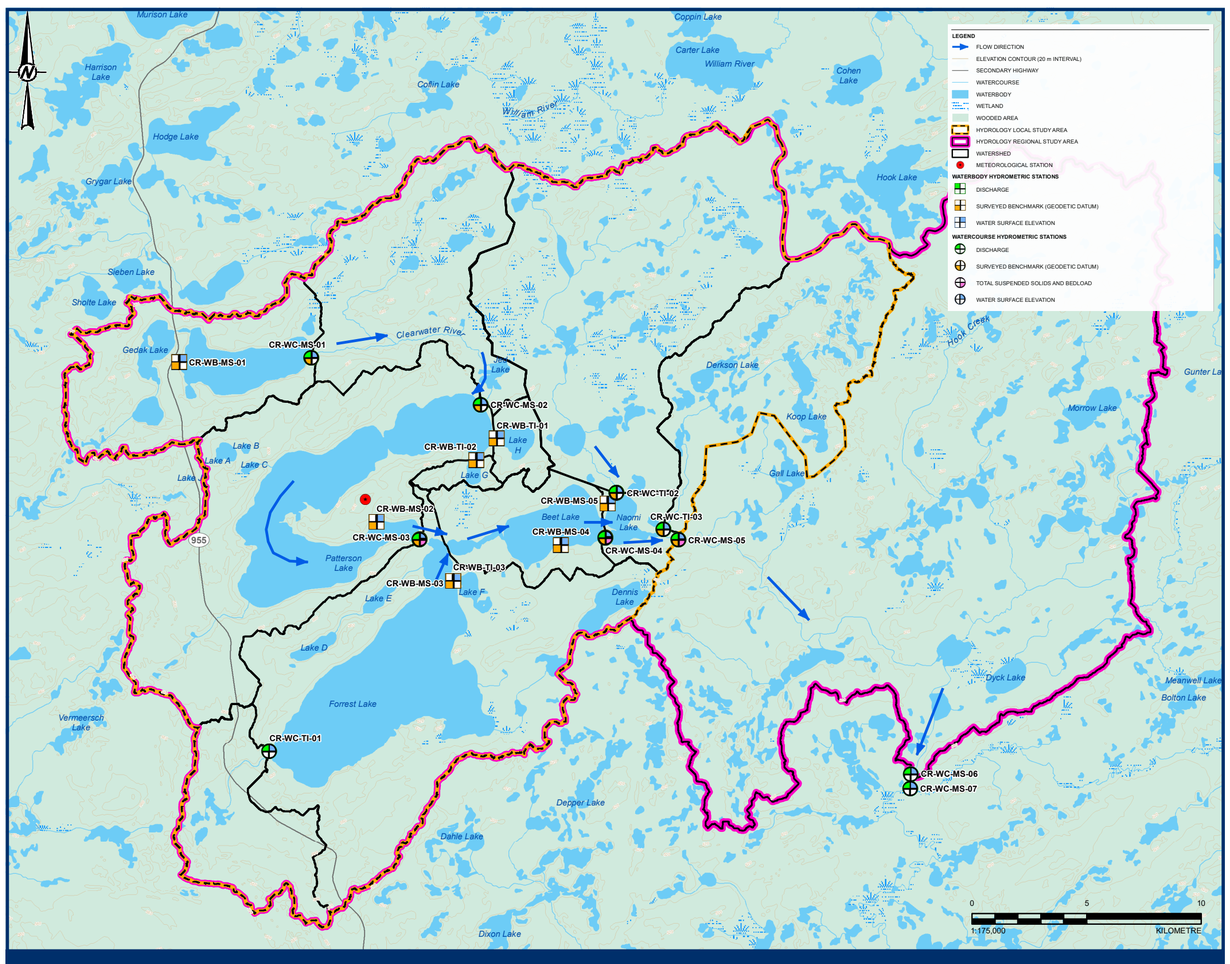
The Clearwater River is the main inflow to and outflow from Patterson Lake.

Water leaving Patterson Lake has little mixing with nearby Forrest Lake.

How did we assess the effects?

The hydrological assessment focused on how the Project may affect:

- Waterbody water surface elevation (water depth)
- Watercourse flow rates
- Stream channel parameters (such as water depth, wetted area, width)
- Transport of sediment along streams and rivers



Monitoring Locations Used for Hydrology Assessment

The results

Net discharge of water to Patterson Lake:

- Small, but undetectable, increases in waterbody water surface elevations and changes would diminish downstream of Patterson Lake

Flow rates and water surface elevations (Clearwater River):

- Clearwater River water surface elevations and flow rates are predicted to remain within the range of natural seasonal and annual variability
- Changes are likely to be undetectable

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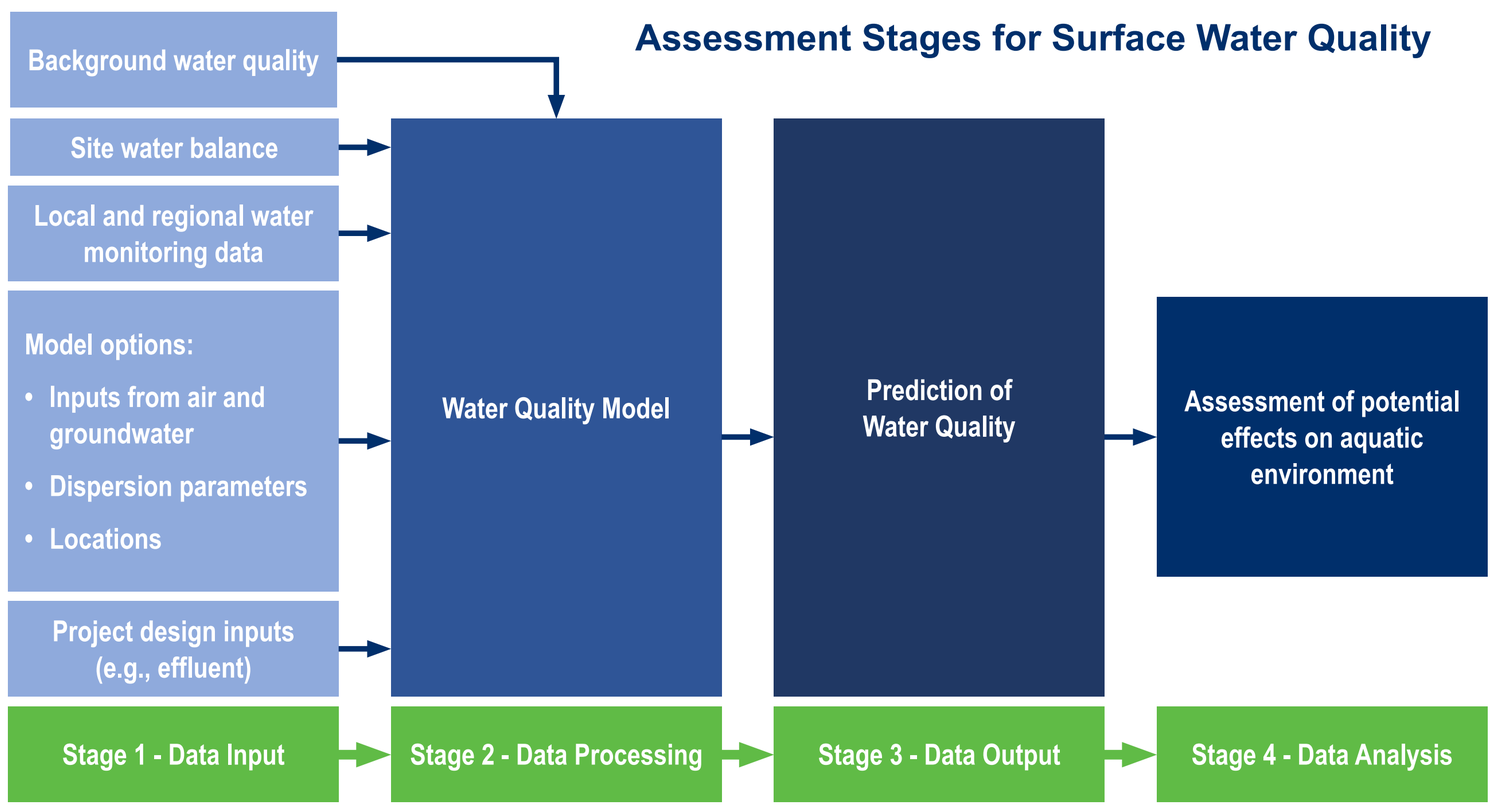
Surface Water Quality

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were conducted to determine the current water quality in Patterson Lake, multiple surrounding lakes, and through the Clearwater River system.

What did the studies tell us?

The water quality conditions for 18 surface water bodies was measured between 2015 and 2020. The water is generally clear with low suspended solids. Water is typically saturated with dissolved oxygen. Surface waters are low in dissolved solids (major ions) with the dominant ions being calcium and sulphate. Nutrient concentrations were low. Total metals were generally below quality threshold levels.



How did we assess the effects?

The predicted water quality from the mine activities (effluent quality), and how the effluent from the site will mix with the water in the lakes and rivers were assessed, including:

- Water quality parameters such as temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and conductivity
- Concentration of major ions, suspended solids, nutrients, metals, and radionuclides

The assessment included modelling to predict:

- How treated effluent would mix with lake water near the discharge points in Patterson Lake
- Water quality within Patterson Lake as a whole, as well as other regional lakes

The results

- During the Project lifespan, overall constituent concentrations would increase locally but would not have threshold exceedances during Construction or Operations
- Over time, a migration of metals and radionuclides from the waste rock storage areas and underground tailings to the environment is expected to occur. Only cobalt and copper were predicted to exceed water quality thresholds in the far future. NexGen would implement an adaptive management plan during Operations to minimize effects in the far future (e.g., 400 years)

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Fish and Fish Habitat

A focus of the EA

Baseline surveys for fish and fish habitat were completed in 2018 and 2019 in Patterson Lake as well as other lakes and rivers in the area. Information on fish habitat types (including nursery, rearing, overwintering, and others), habitat suitability, chemistry (fish tissues, sediment, and aquatic plants), and fish community composition was collected. Baseline studies also collected information on plankton (water organisms) and benthic invertebrates (water organisms with no backbone).



School of Fish in Creek Below Broach Lake

What did the studies tell us?

The baseline studies provided information on the fish and fish habitat in the area of the Rook I Project as well as the amount and distribution of habitat types.

Surveys detected northern pike, lake whitefish, longnose sucker, walleye, perch, and lake trout. The concentration of metals, trace elements, and radionuclides in northern pike and lake whitefish tissues were low. Spawning habitat types preferred by walleye, lake whitefish, and lake trout (like sand and gravel) was more common in the study area than for northern pike. A diversity of benthic invertebrates was detected with the most common type being midge larvae (Chrironomidae).

How did we assess the effects?

The assessment for fish and fish habitat included determining the effects of the Project on fish habitat availability, distribution, and survival and reproduction (health) for key fish species.

The results

- **Habitat availability:** Limited potential for changes in habitat availability due to exposure to predicted copper concentrations in Patterson Lake after Closure and in the far future. Copper concentrations are unlikely to result in population and/or community-level effects on lower trophic organisms or forage fish, nor for overall fish and fish habitat
- **Habitat distribution**: No adverse effects on fish habitat distribution are predicted to occur
- **Survival and reproduction:** Effects on the health of fish and survival and reproduction are not expected for predator fish (e.g., lake trout, walleye, northern pike) and are unlikely for forage fish (e.g., lake whitefish)

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Vegetation

A focus of the EA

Vegetation surveys were conducted to take vegetation inventories, detect rare plants, characterize wetlands, and determine existing chemical element and radionuclide concentrations. Fire disturbances, human-influenced features, and ecosites were also mapped. Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies prepared by Indigenous Nations identified traditionally used plant species that were included in the assessment.

What did the studies tell us?

The local area is predominately upland ecosystem (Jack pine is common), much of which has been burned in the past 40 years. Regenerating forested areas are common.

Wetlands are present within the local area with shrubby bogs and treed bogs being the most common types.

Human-influenced features include access roads, trails, and clearings, but represent only a small proportion of the landscape.



Labrador Tea near the Rook I Project Area

No federally listed vascular plants were detected within the study area.

Traditionally used plant species detected during baseline surveys included species such as birch, blueberry, cloudberry, cranberry, jack pine, kinnikinnick, spruce, mosses, and Labrador tea, among others.

How did we assess the effects?

The potential effects of the Project to ecosystems and traditional use plants were evaluated:

- For ecosystems, ecosystem availability, distribution, and condition were assessed
- For traditional use plants, habitat availability and habitat distribution were assessed

The results?

The overall condition of ecosystems and traditional use plants will be maintained outside the Project maximum disturbance area.

- **Upland ecosystems:** Low magnitude loss in the upland ecosystem availability (approximately 1.2% of the regional study area [RSA])
- **Wetland ecosystems:** Low magnitude loss in wetland ecosystem availability (less than 0.1% of the RSA)
- **Riparian ecosystems:** Low magnitude loss in riparian ecosystem availability (0.4% of the RSA)
- **Traditional use plants:** Loss of about 282 ha of traditional use plant habitat (1.1% of the RSA)

All ecosystem and habitat losses occur within the Project maximum disturbance boundary.

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Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

A focus of the EA

Baseline studies were conducted to determine the use of the area of the Project by wildlife. Vegetation surveys were conducted to determine the distribution of wildlife habitat.

What did the studies tell us?

The baseline studies provided information on the birds and mammals in the area of the Project as well as the amount and distribution of habitat types.

Surveys completed as part of the baseline studies in the local and regional area detected at least 23 species of mammals (some bat species were grouped) using winter snow tracking, ungulate pellet counts, small mammal trapping, semi-aquatic furbearer surveys, and trail cameras. Examples of detected species include: beaver, black bear, deer, fisher, lynx, marten, mink, moose, wolf, muskrat, otter, porcupine, rabbit (hare), and weasel.

Birds were surveyed using multiple methods including ARUs (song recorders), breeding bird surveys, and targeted surveys. A total of 95 species of birds were identified in the baseline surveys.

How did we assess the effects?

The potential effects of the Project to wildlife and wildlife habitat were determined through the assessment of changes to habitat availability, habitat distribution, and animal survival and reproduction (health) for key wildlife species.

The results

- Project effects are not predicted to result in changes to wildlife health or condition
- Wildlife habitat loss, habitat alteration, and sensory disturbance are expected to occur for all Project phases, though the magnitude of loss of suitable wildlife habitat would be less than 1.5% of the regional study area for all species assessed
- Only effects on woodland caribou are predicted to be significant, primarily due to effects on woodland caribou being significant under existing conditions. The Project would reduce woodland caribou habitat by less than 0.1% in SK2 West
- Wildlife habitats will be restored to the extent possible through progressive and final reclamation, and NexGen will implement a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan that is expected to provide a net increase in functional woodland caribou habitat



Black Bear Near Rook I Project Site

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Indigenous Land and Resources Use

A focus of the EA

NexGen learned many valuable aspects regarding Indigenous land and resource use through engagement with Indigenous Nations, community information sessions, workshops, interviews, and Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use studies.

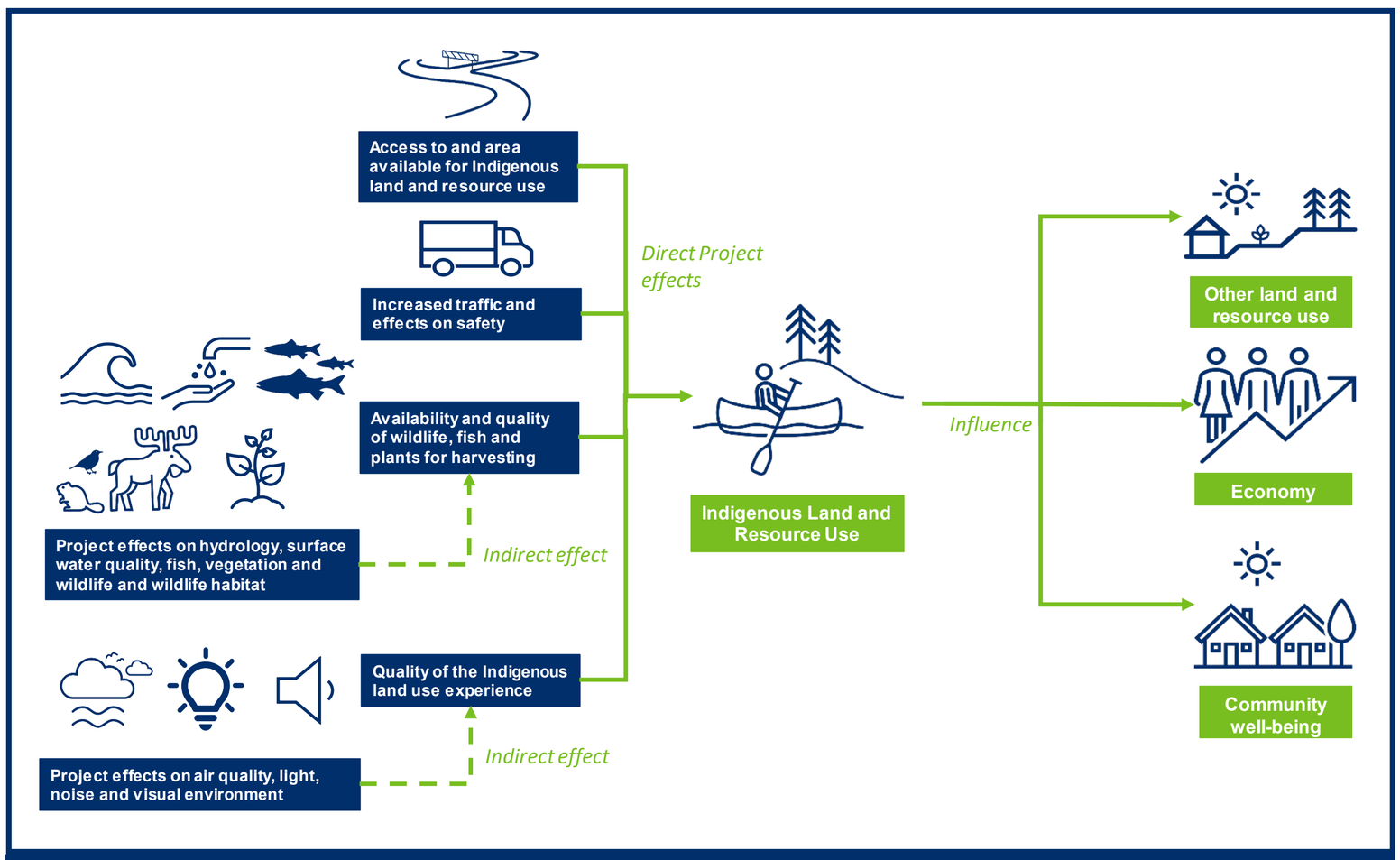
In addition, information from other environmental assessment discipline baselines and assessments was studied to assess how Indigenous land and resource use may be affected by the Project.

What did the studies tell us?

The Project may affect Indigenous land and resource use in the following ways:

- Access restrictions may displace some Indigenous land and resource use practices
- Mining activities may alter the availability of plants, wildlife, and fish
- Sensory disturbances may change the quality of Indigenous land and resource use experience
- Changes to air or water quality may discourage traditional uses near the Project
- Ground disturbance can permanently alter the landscape, changing Indigenous land and resources use
- Awareness of the decommissioned site may change the perceived suitability of the area for Indigenous land and resource use

The EA is a process to ensure any potential effects are managed effectively in the interests of those affected.



Pathways to Potential Changes in Indigenous Land and Resource Use

How did we assess the effects?

The assessment for Indigenous land and resource use determined the effects of the Project with respect to area available for Indigenous land and resource use, quality of resources, and quality of the Indigenous land and resource use experience.

The results

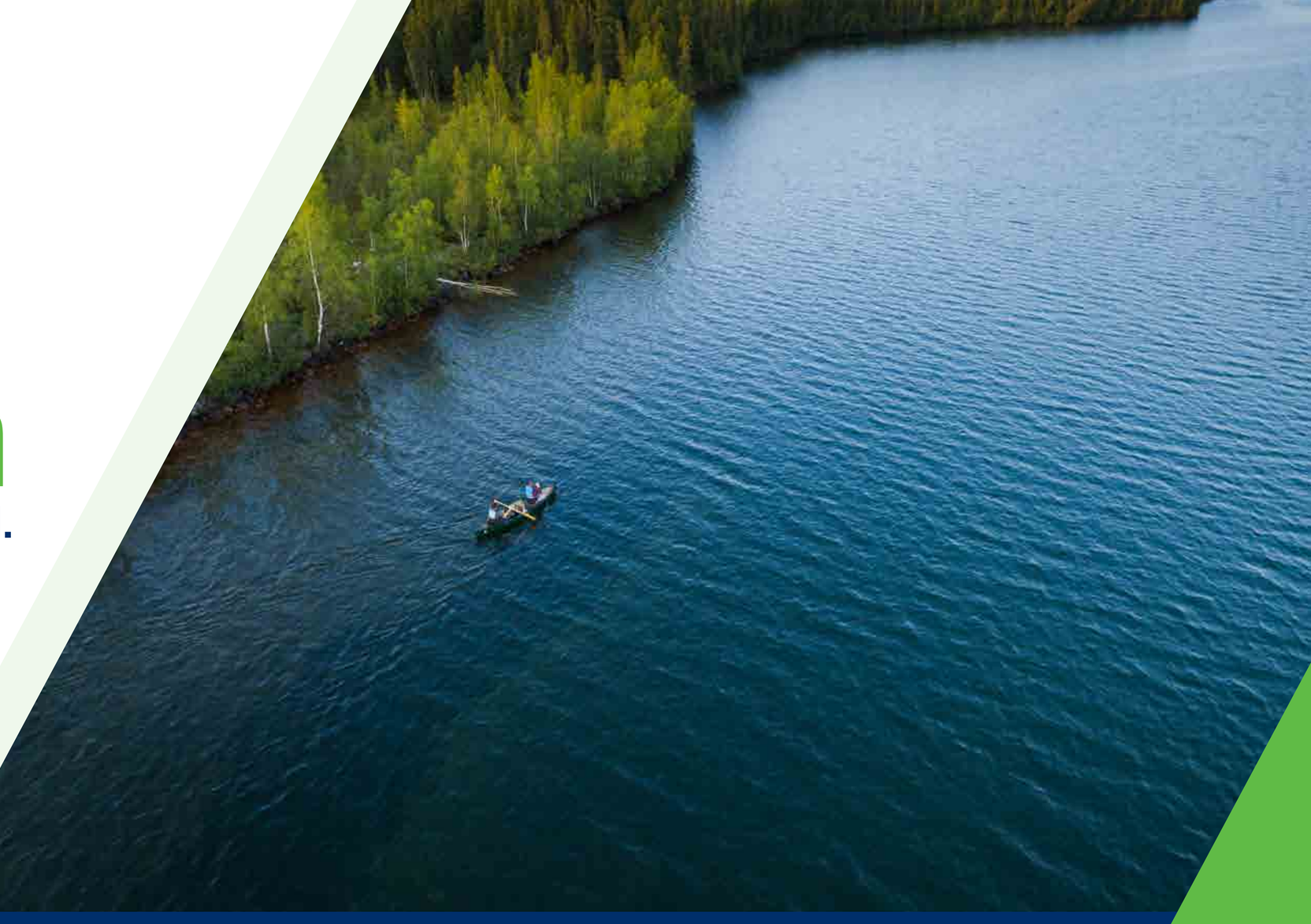
While Indigenous land and resource use activities could change or be displaced to some degree, the activities will be able to continue.

What are we doing?

NexGen has worked with, and will continue to work, with local Indigenous Nations and communities to promote the use of the Patterson Lake traditional use area.

Environmental Committees have been established with local Indigenous Nations to stay actively involved in monitoring of the environmental performance of the Project. Additionally, NexGen funds the hiring of independent Indigenous monitors throughout the Project lifespan.

Benefit Agreements with local Indigenous Nations include funding and human resources to support community-related initiatives related to cultural and traditional values.

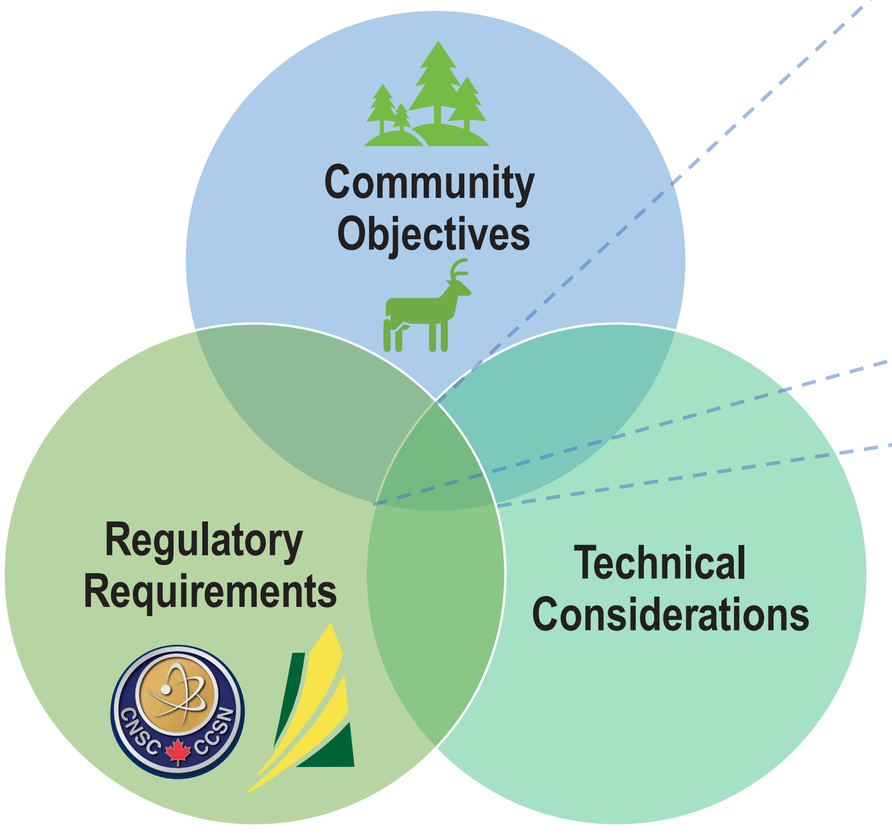


End Land Use

End Land Use

End Land Use refers to how the Rook I Project site will be used in the future, after decommissioning and reclamation. NexGen's preliminary objective is to reclaim the landscape to allow for unrestricted land use by members of local Indigenous Nations and communities. This objective would be supported through the establishment of functional, self-sustaining, locally common ecosystems as soon as practical.

NexGen's End Land Use planning will occur throughout all Project phases and will use the most current information about the Project and surrounding environment.



Reclamation Methods

To achieve end land use objectives, the following are commonly used and may be appropriate for the Project:

- Shaping of landforms
- Creating more natural surfaces (e.g., rough, irregular/ non-linear)
- Spreading soil that was salvaged prior to construction
- Revegetating
- Assessing site access to enable ecosystem recovery
- Monitoring and adaptive management, as required

Environmental Committees

The Environmental Committees are discussing end land use planning and have prioritized collaborating on the end land use plan and reclamation and closure plan.

We are here to help answer your questions. All questions are important.

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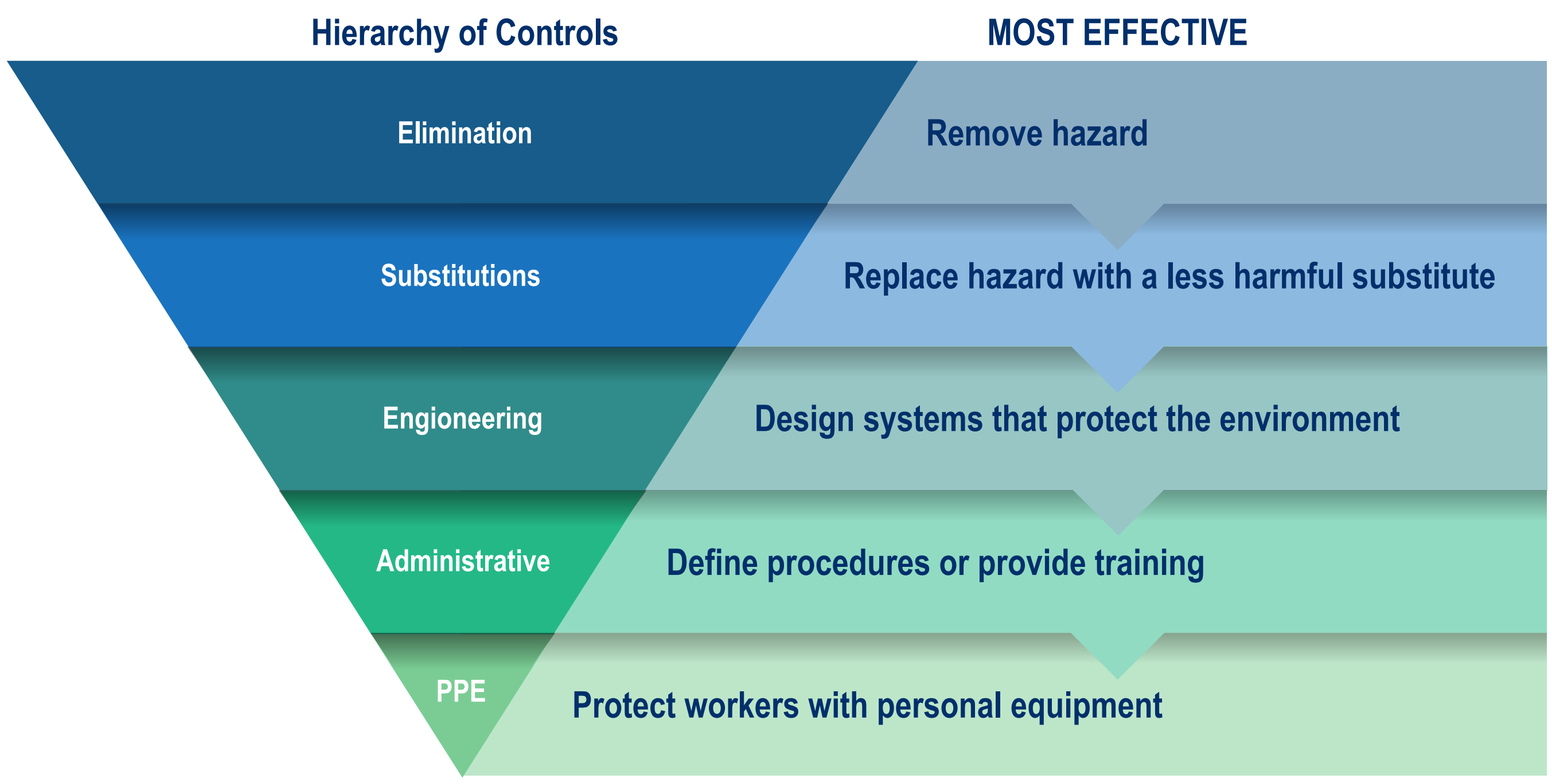
Environmental Protection and Monitoring

Environmental Protection

NexGen is minimizing impacts on the environment and biodiversity from Rook I Project facilities, activities, and processes throughout the Project lifespan and for future generations. This includes the consideration and incorporation of Indigenous and Local Knowledge.

NexGen's Environmental Protection Principles

- Protect and promote the health, safety, and well-being of people and the environment through all aspects and phases of the Project
- Established culture of environmental protection which is periodically assessed and continually improved
- Apply economically viable, best available technology and techniques
- Design and plan for responsible closure
- Respect the principle of pollution prevention
- Provide workers with the knowledge, skills, and tools to implement environmental protection processes



- Keep releases to the environment as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA)
- Maintain diverse, open, and transparent two-way communication channels that build trust and confidence of local Indigenous Nations and the public
- Monitor and assess against indicators and targets based on science and Indigenous and local knowledge
- Comply with applicable requirements and
- Continually improve Program performance.

Environmental Controls

Environmental interactions are the ways in which Rook I Project facilities, activities, and processes can influence or effect the natural environment.

Environmental interactions have been identified and assessed. Controls appropriate for the corresponding level of risk have been identified and will be implemented and verified to minimize environmental impacts. The Project will use a variety of controls to effectively prevent or reduce the risk to the environment.

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Environmental Protection and Monitoring

Environmental Monitoring

A purpose-driven monitoring approach considering a wide variety of environmental elements has been implemented which continually evaluates environmental protection performance. Monitoring is used to:

- Characterize and monitor the overall performance of facilities, activities, and processes to ensure the environment remains protected
- Determine whether environmental protection measures are performing as intended and to help inform opportunities for continual improvement

As part of the evaluation of Project performance, Environmental Committees formed with each of the four primary Indigenous Nations provide oversight of the environmental performance and verify Project compliance. In addition, NexGen funds a full-time Indigenous monitor chosen by each of the primary Indigenous Nations to conduct independent environmental sampling.

Who Monitors

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CNSC CCSN

Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment

What is Monitored

Terrestrial Ecosystems
(terrain and soils intermediate components, vegetation and wildlife VCs)

Aquatic Ecosystesm
(hydrology, water and sediment quality intermediate components, fish valued components [VCs])

Wildllife

Vegetation

Fish

Sediment Quality

Hydrology

Terrain and Soil

Surface Water Quality

Air Quality

Noise

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Economy

Local community members are interested in employment, training, and business opportunities for community members with an emphasis on hiring.

A focus of the EA

A socio-economic baseline was conducted to examine the traditional and wage economies, including government transfers. Inputs were sought from Joint Working Groups (JWGs) to understand and incorporate the importance of the traditional economy, and the relationship between the traditional and wage economies for families and communities. NexGen heard the importance of managing the potential negative effects of economic opportunities, including increases in disposable income. Benefit Agreements with the primary Indigenous Nations and programs developed jointly between NexGen and the local communities will further enhance income opportunities for local residents and manage social effects.

The results

Increased income opportunities for local residents

(during a typical operating year)

~$384 million
expected Construction labour costs

~$55 million
estimated Operations direct labour spending

Broader Economic Benefits through the payment of royalties to the governments of Saskatchewan and Canada

(during a typical operating year)

~$288.5 million
estimated for Saskatchewan

~$103.9 million
estimated for Canada

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EA Operational Employment Forecast

What are we currently doing?

NexGen is working proactively with the local communities and training institutions to collaborate on training and employment programs that are aligned with the development of the Rook I Project.

Carpentry Program: NexGen initiated an 18-week Carpentry Applied Certificate Program in La Loche, which concluded in March 2023. The eight graduating students received 540 hours towards their first-year accreditation and will be registered as first-year apprentices.

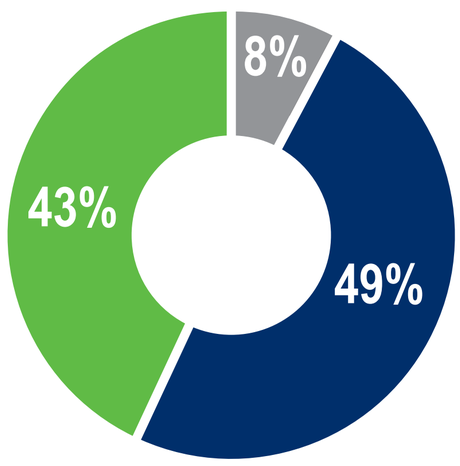
Summer Student Program: Builds skills and confidence in young adults through skilled employment at the existing exploration site. To date, more than 60 students have been employed in the program.

Scholarship Program: Since 2017, NexGen has provided up to four scholarships per year to students from the LPA to successfully pursue their post-secondary education.

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Economy



During Operations, NexGen is creating approximately **490 jobs** at the Rook I Project, across all departments.

Examples of Career Opportunities During Operations



Short-term Certificate and On-the-Job Training Required

- Labourers
- Camp Attendants
- Kitchen Helpers
- Security
- Warehouse Persons
- Class 1A Drivers
- Heavy Equipment Operators
- Mill Operators
- Shotcrete Operators
- Batch Plant Operators
- Paste/Slurry Crew
- Undergound Drillers
- Undergound Miners



1+ Year Certificate or Diploma Required

- Office Administrators
- Radiation Technicians
- Geological Technicians
- Environmental Technicians
- Lab Technicians
- Health and Safety Officers
- Human Resource Specialists
- Training Coordinators
- Surveyors

Trades Required

- Millwrights/Welders
- Metallurgists
- Carpenters
- Electricians
- Plumbers/Pipefitters



University Degree Required

- Occupational Health Nurses
- Geologists
- Engineers
- Accountants

Other

- Supervisors
- Superintendents

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Community First

Since 2013, NexGen has been an active member of the communities near the Rook I Project. We are continuing to work together to build long-term opportunities that contribute to a sustainable future.

NexGen recognizes the importance of working together with local communities and will continue to focus on meaningful engagement throughout the Project lifespan.

Community Programs



The School Breakfast Program

Through a partnership with the Breakfast Club of Canada, healthy breakfasts are provided to over 1,000 students each school day. Eight local cooks are employed to prepare breakfasts for students.



Youth Sports Programs

Each year, NexGen provides support to minor sports teams in the LPA. This support keeps the local youth engaged in sports and provides them with opportunities to participate in sporting events throughout the province and country.



Youth Mentorship Programs

In addition to the annual Summer Student Program, NexGen provides mentorship opportunities for students who contribute positively to their schools and communities. Through partnerships with the Vancouver Canucks hockey team, the Saskatchewan Roughriders football team, and the Saskatchewan Rush lacrosse team, NexGen leads mentorship opportunities for students in the LPA to inspire youth to be active, be stewards in their community, and pursue their dreams.



Recreational Program

Provides structured after-school and summer holiday recreational events and opportunities for the youth community and community members. Programming includes beadwork, holiday decorating, traditional music lessons, and free public skating.



Culture Program

Understanding the importance of culture and traditional values, NexGen supports the communities in the LPA through various initiatives that provide opportunities for the youth to work with the Elders and Knowledge Keepers of their communities.



Dog Fostering Program

Through collaboration with the Meadow Lake Humane Society, NexGen has fostered over 40 dogs at the existing exploration site, with almost all the fostered dogs having found a permanent home. Beginning in 2023, NexGen is proud to also sponsor the La Loche Paw Protection and Buffalo Narrows Animal Control dog rescue programs in the LPA.

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Key Findings from the Environmental Assessment

Overall, the Project is expected to result in some changes to the environment but is not predicted to result in significant adverse effects to any biophysical or socio-economic component with the exception of woodland caribou.



Potential Project Effects

The Project effects on woodland caribou are predicted to be minimal; however, as effects to woodland caribou are already significant under existing conditions, this would continue with the addition of the Project. NexGen will be implementing a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan designed to improve woodland caribou habitat from the current environmental conditions.



In the far future (e.g., 400 years), copper and cobalt levels in Patterson Lake are predicted to exceed regulatory threshold values. However, these exceedances are expected to be localized and are not predicted to impact fish, plants, wildlife, or human health. During Operations, NexGen would analyze data and apply adaptive management processes to further minimize effects.

Project Benefits

The Project is anticipated to provide many benefits to local community members including increased employment, income, education and training, and business opportunities. NexGen will continue to maximize opportunities for local communities.

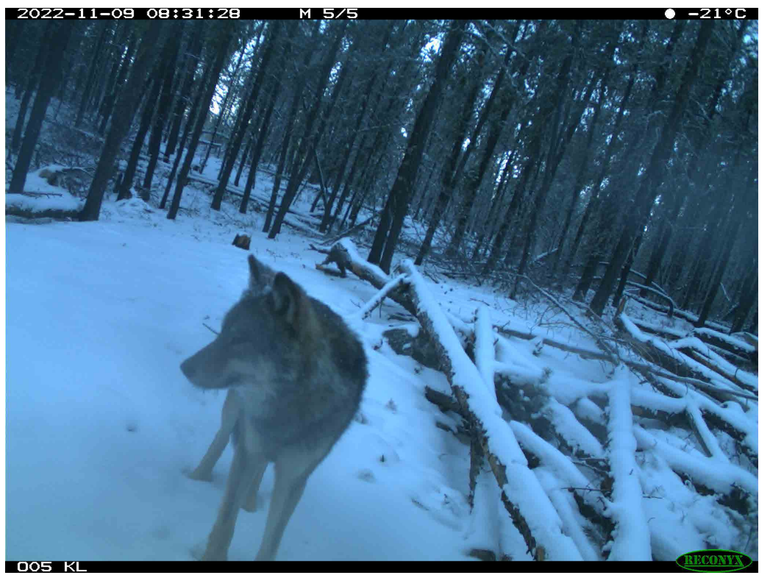
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Wildlife Observed at the Rook I Site















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Marsi cho'. Thank you!

Thank you for attending our information session about the Rook I Project. We hope that you found the session informative. Input from local communities, Indigenous Nations, regulators, and stakeholders is critical to the success of the Rook I Project.

NexGen would appreciate it if you could fill out our survey so we can consider items of importance to you.

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General Survey Administered During the Community Information Sessions

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EXIT SURVEY

NexGen acknowledges and values the community interests and aspirations of those potentially affected by the Rook I Project. NexGen is committed to fostering trusting relationships that facilitate collaboration and to optimizing benefits to Indigenous Nations, Local Priority Area communities, and Project stakeholders.

This survey asks for your views on this Community Information Session, for comment on the information that you were provided and would like to receive, and for any additional comments that you may have at this time. Your input is important to NexGen.

Please note that feedback provided will be made public as part of the regulatory process for the Rook I Project. All comments that you provide will be anonymous – NexGen will not record your name.

1. What community/town are you from? _____

2. What age group do you belong to?

☐ 18 years or younger ☐ 19-29 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 50-59 ☐ 60-64 ☐ 65+ ☐ Prefer not to disclose

3. What is your gender? _____ ☐ Prefer not to disclose

4. How did you hear about this Community Information Session? (please check all that apply)

☐ Mail advertisement

☐ Poster in the community

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☐ Word of mouth

☐ Other (please specify):

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5. Was the information provided at this Community Information Session useful to you?

☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

Please explain:

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6. Did the NexGen representatives answer your questions sufficiently?

☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

Please explain:

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7. Do you feel you understand what environmental and socio-economic studies were done?

☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

Please explain:

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8. Do you feel you understand the potential impacts and benefits of the Rook I Project?

☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

Please explain:

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9. What information would you like NexGen to provide in future information sessions?

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10. Please provide additional comments (e.g., what you liked about the sessions, any suggestions for future sessions):

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Please place completed surveys in the box provided at the Community Information Session or by one of the following options by July 1, 2023:

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Invitation Materials

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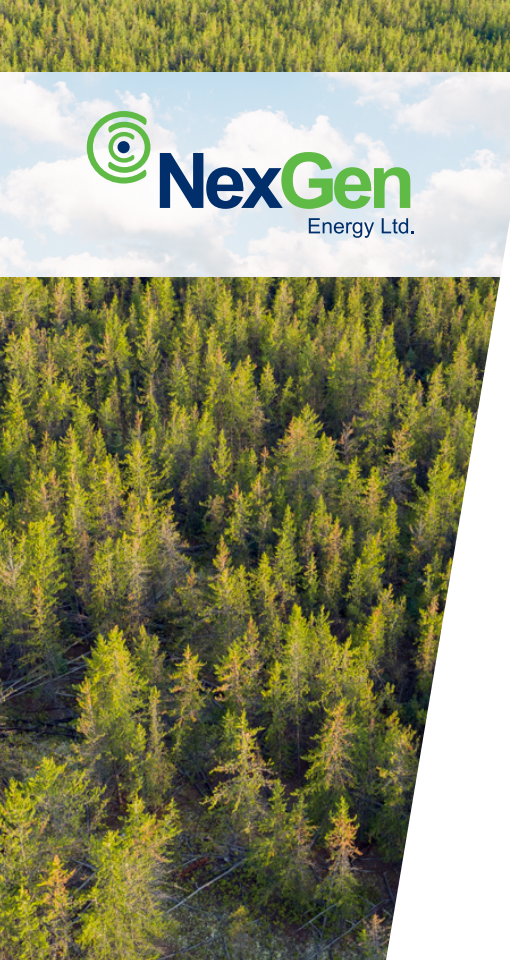


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NexGen's subject matter experts will be available at each session to share information about the Project and answer questions. This year, we also look forward to sharing more information about:

- Updates on the regulatory process for the Project, including the status of the Federal Environmental Assessment, Federal Licensing, and Provincial permitting
- Environmental protection and monitoring
- Community engagement and programs
- Education, training, and employment opportunities for LPA residents



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2024 Community Information Session Schedule

MAY 28 — **Buffalo River Dene Nation Hall**
from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

MAY 28 — **Buffalo Narrows Lakeview Complex Arena**
from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

MAY 30 — **Turnor Lake and Birch Narrows Community Food Centre**
from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sessions are come-and-go. There will be refreshments and a door prize at each session. We hope to see you there!

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The sessions are come-and-go. There will be refreshments served and a door prize at each session.

We hope to see you there!

May 2024 Community Information Sessions

Poster Sessions (Posters)

Welcome

Thank you for attending the 2024 Rook I Project Community Information Session.

We are hosting this event in your community to provide you with:

- An update on the Rook I Project (the Project)
- Updates on the regulatory process for the Project, including the Environmental Assessment (EA), Federal Licensing, and Provincial permitting requirements
- Details on NexGen's education, training, and employment opportunities

Please help yourself to a booklet, which contains further information on the Project. NexGen staff are available to answer questions you may have.

We want to hear from you, and encourage you to complete a survey before you leave today. Tell us how we did, and enter to win a door prize.

We are happy to be here!





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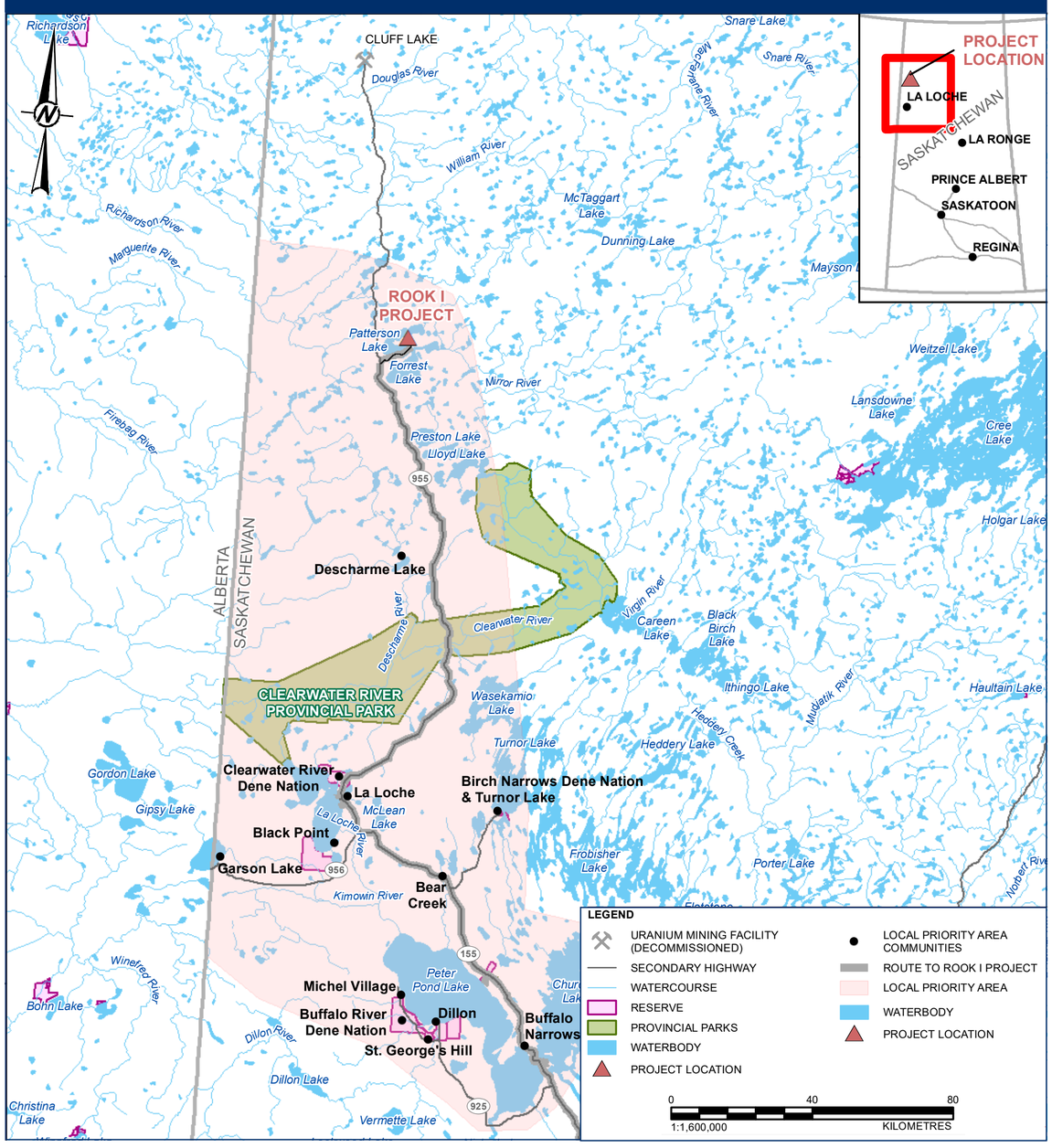




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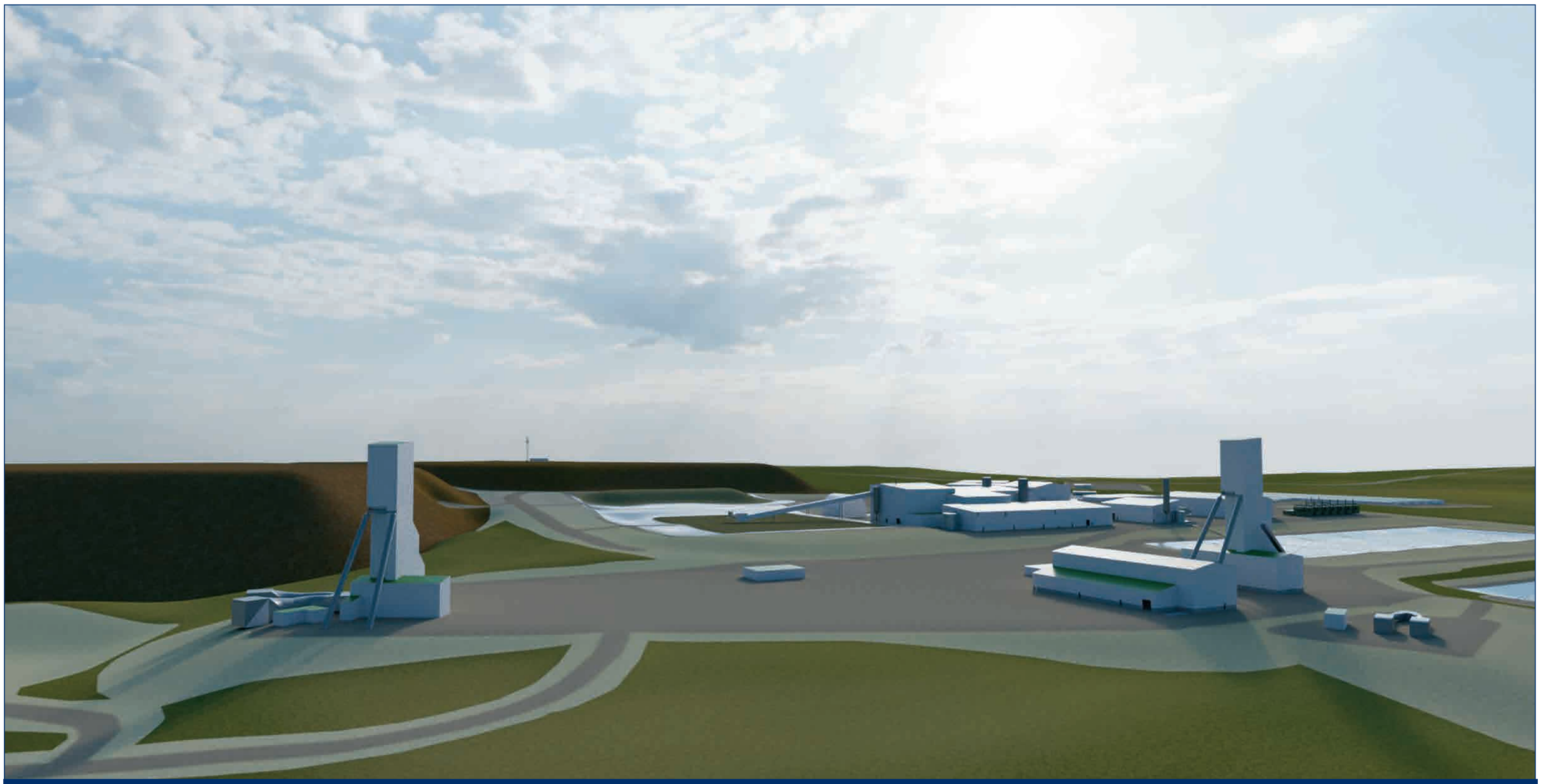
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Location of the NexGen Rook I Project in Northwestern Saskatchewan



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- Project Location
- Mining Overview
- Underground Tailings Management Facility
- Life of Mine and Key Phases
  - Construction
  - Operation
  - Closure (Decommissioning and Reclamation)



Rook I Project Layout

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Community Engagement



- Local Priority Area and Regional Priority Area for the Project
- Engagement Methods
- Community Programs
- Investment in Local Priority Area Communities



Education and Training:

Creating the conditions for academic pursuits as well as practical experience and skills development



Mentorship, Health and Wellness:

Impactful youth programs that instill self-esteem and confidence, and promote health and wellness



Economic Capacity Building:

Economic capacity building for generational change

Collaboration with Nations

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Clearwater River Dene Nation Treaty 8

NR2

Buffalo River Dene Nation

- Benefit Agreements
- Implementation Committees
- Environmental Committees
  - Independent Indigenous Monitors
  - Environmental Initiatives and Programs









Education and Training

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- Regional Training Committee
- Opportunities for Employment
  - Construction
  - Operations
  - Decommissioning and Reclamation (Closure)
- Training Statistics
- Summer Student and Scholarship Programs

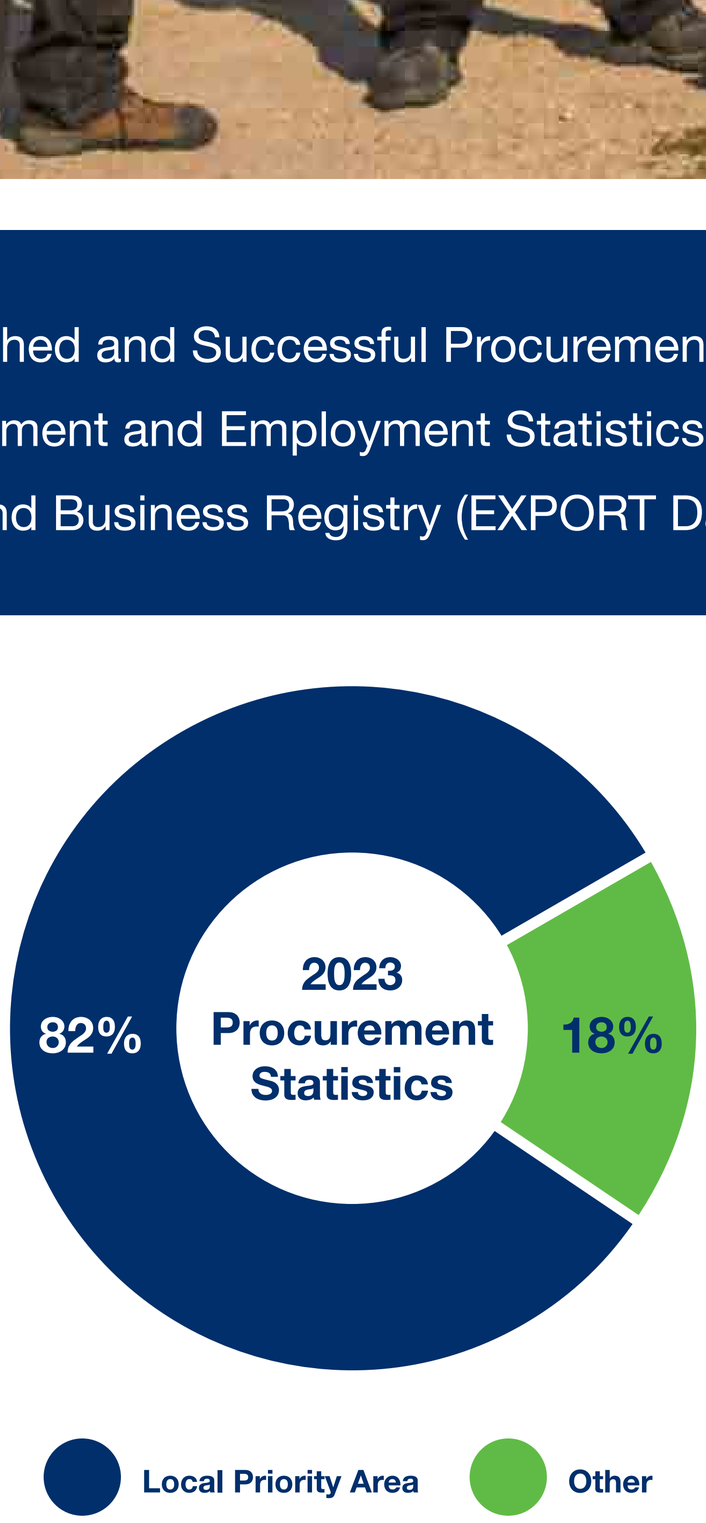


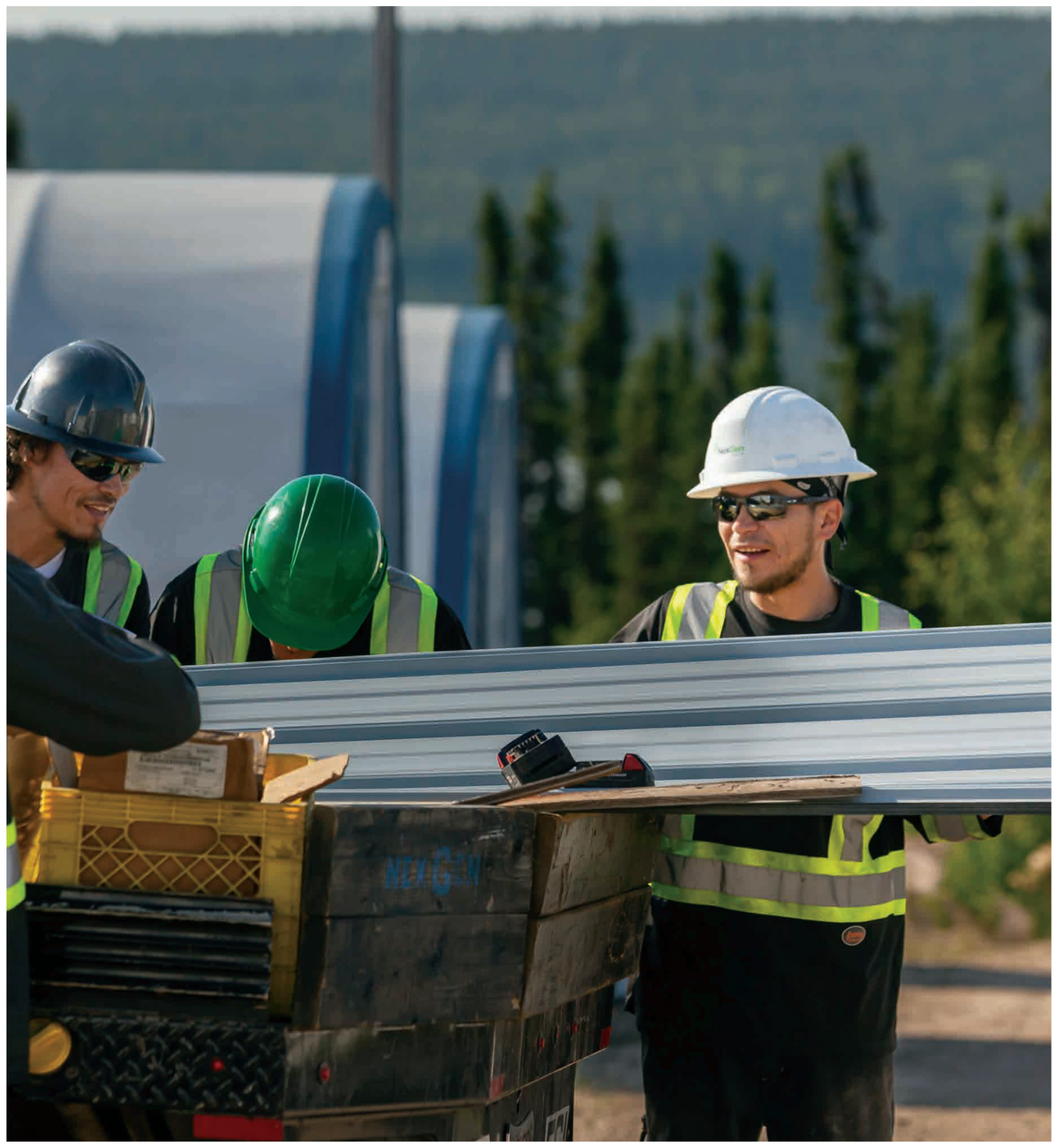
Procurement and Employment

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- Established and Successful Procurement Process
- Procurement and Employment Statistics
- Skills and Business Registry (EXPORT Database)

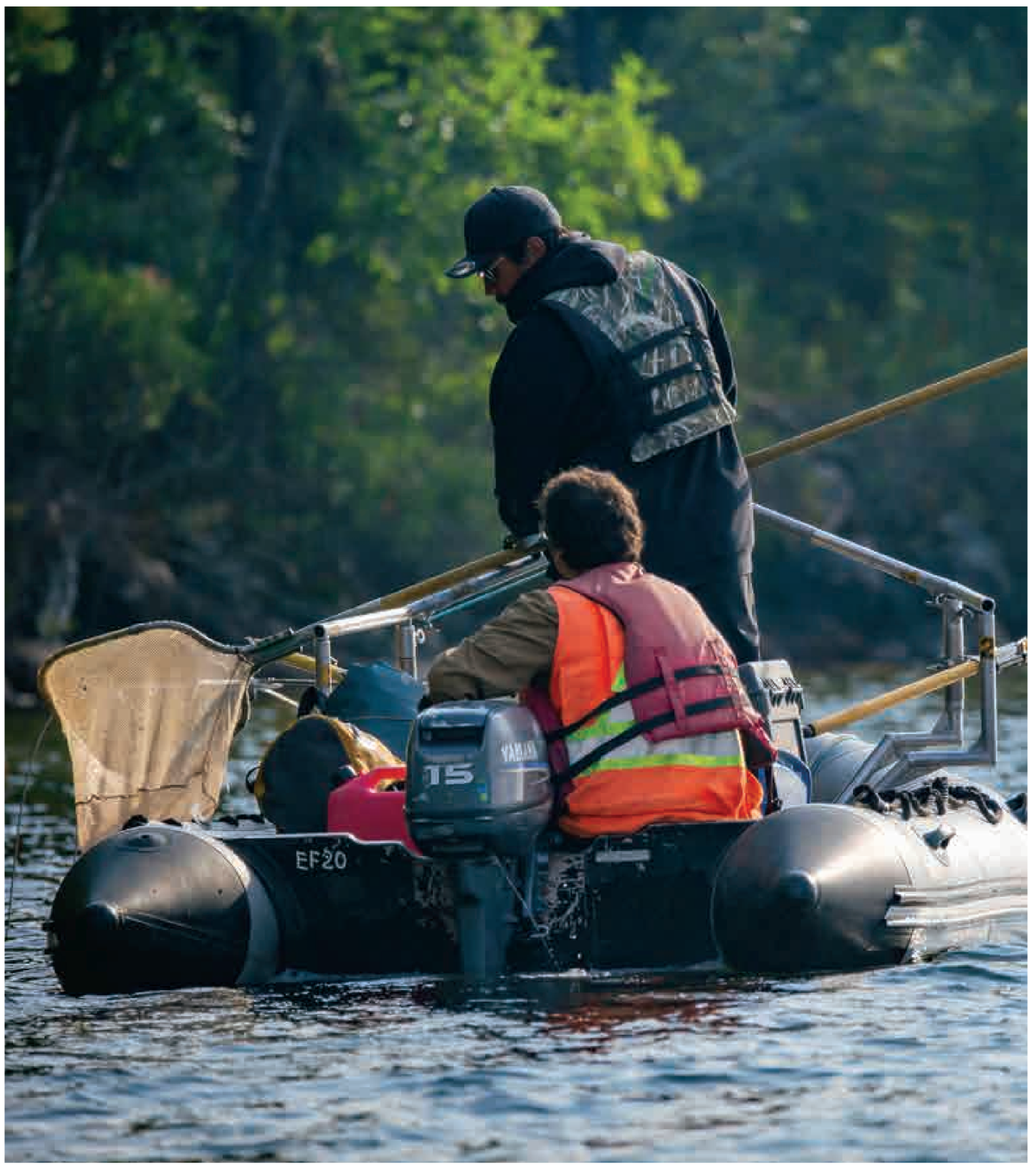




Environment



- Integrated Management System
  - Management System Programs and Plans
- Industry-leading Environmental Stewardship
  - Environmental Protection Principles
  - Environmental Monitoring
- Collaboration with Communities
  - Environmental Committees
  - Indigenous Monitors
  - Environmental Initiatives (Caribou, Traditional Foods, Seed Collection, Land Use Planning)





Regulatory Updates

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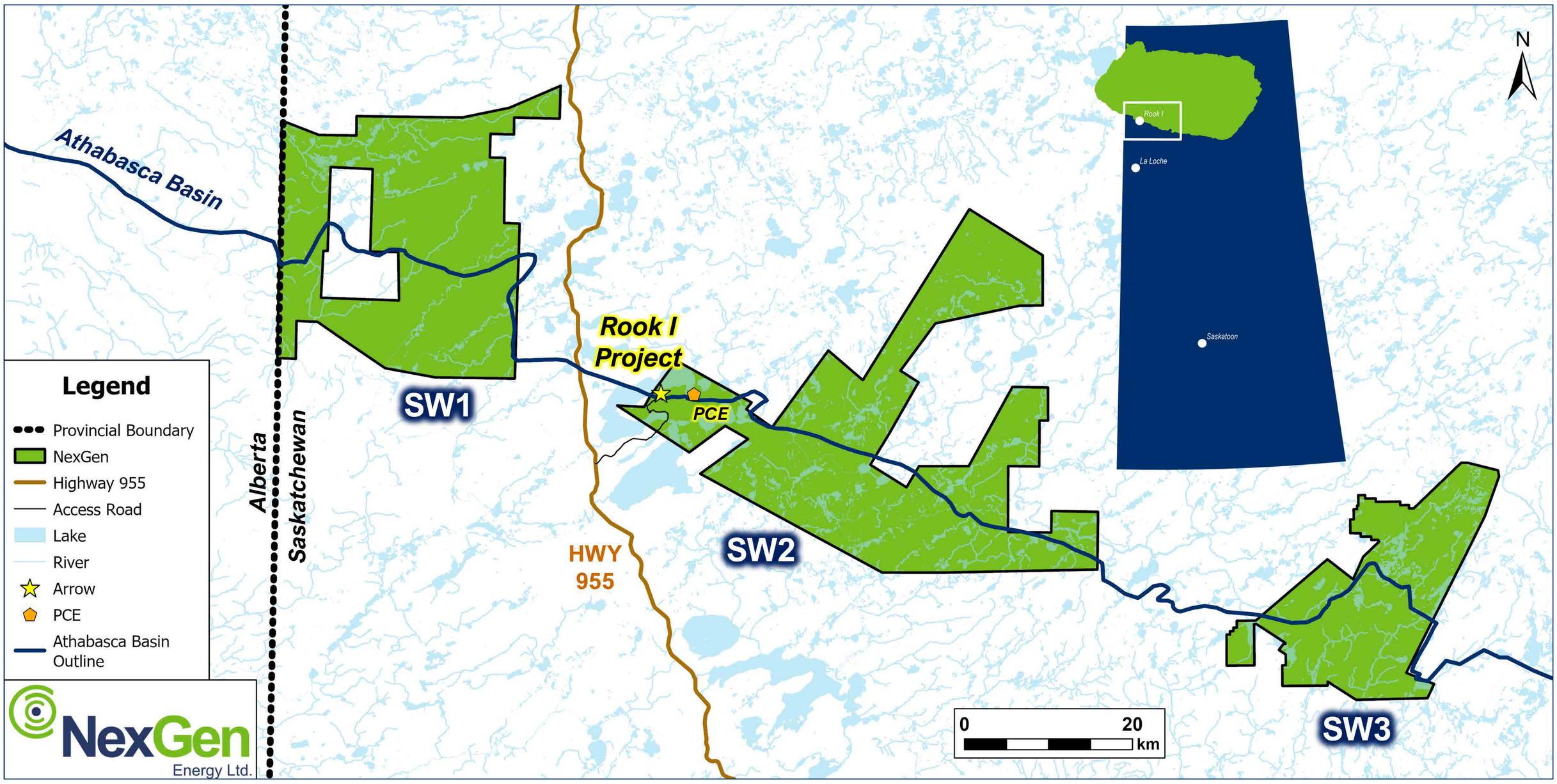


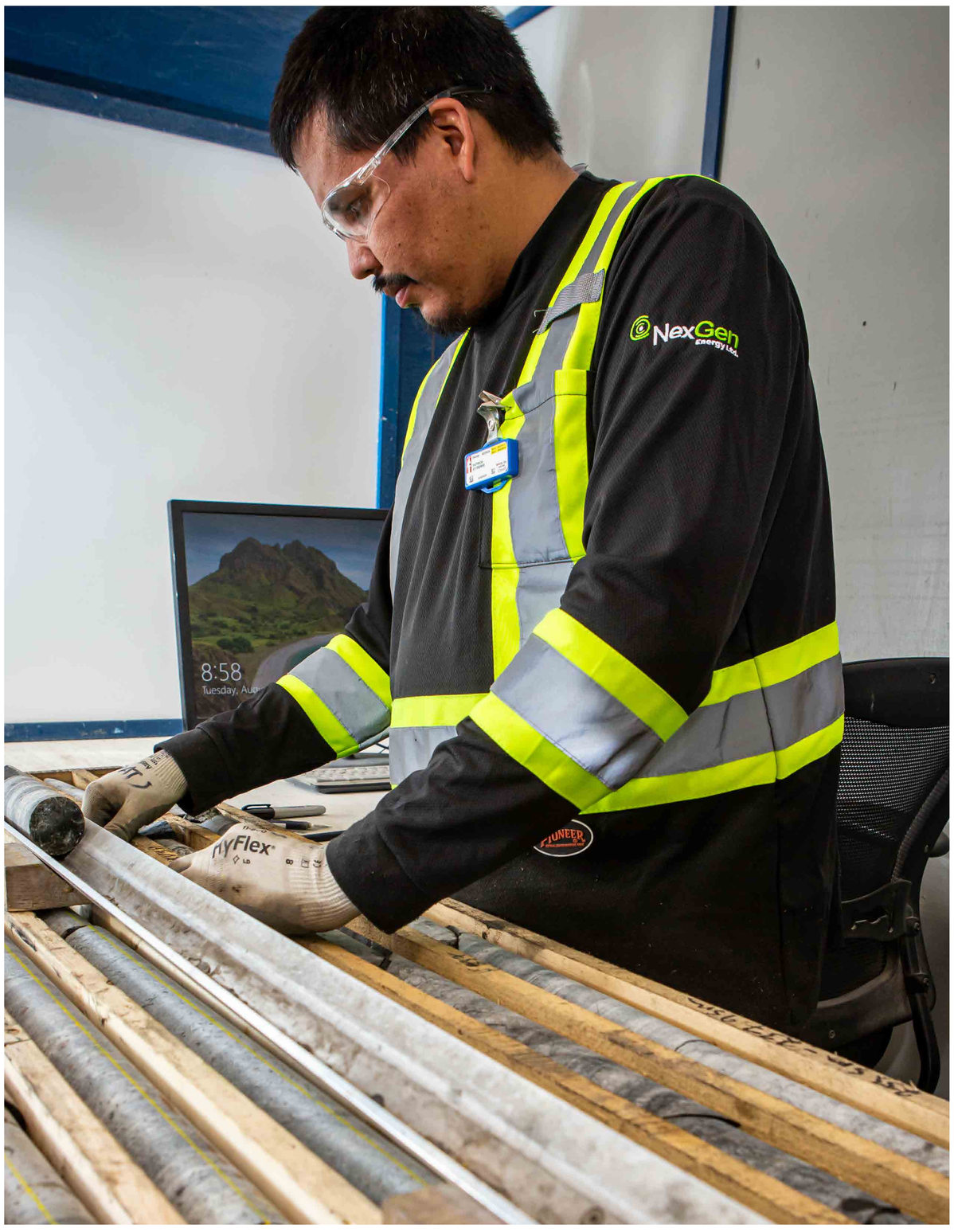


- Provincial Environmental Assessment
- Provincial Permitting
- Federal Environmental Assessment
- Federal Licensing



Exploration





- NexGen's Highly Prospective Exploration Targets Across the SW1, SW2, and SW3 Properties
- Discovery of New Uranium Mineralization 3.5 Kilometres from the Arrow Deposit
- Ongoing Exploration Planned for 2024 and Beyond



Thank you!

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Thank you for attending our 2024 Rook I Project Community Information Session. We hope you found the session informative.

Continual feedback from the Local Priority Area (LPA) communities, Indigenous Nations, regulators, and stakeholders is critical to the success of the Rook I Project.

We encourage you to complete a survey so we can better understand items that are important to you. Upon completing the survey, please enter to win the door prize.

If you would like further information about the Rook I Project:

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Thank You for Having Us!

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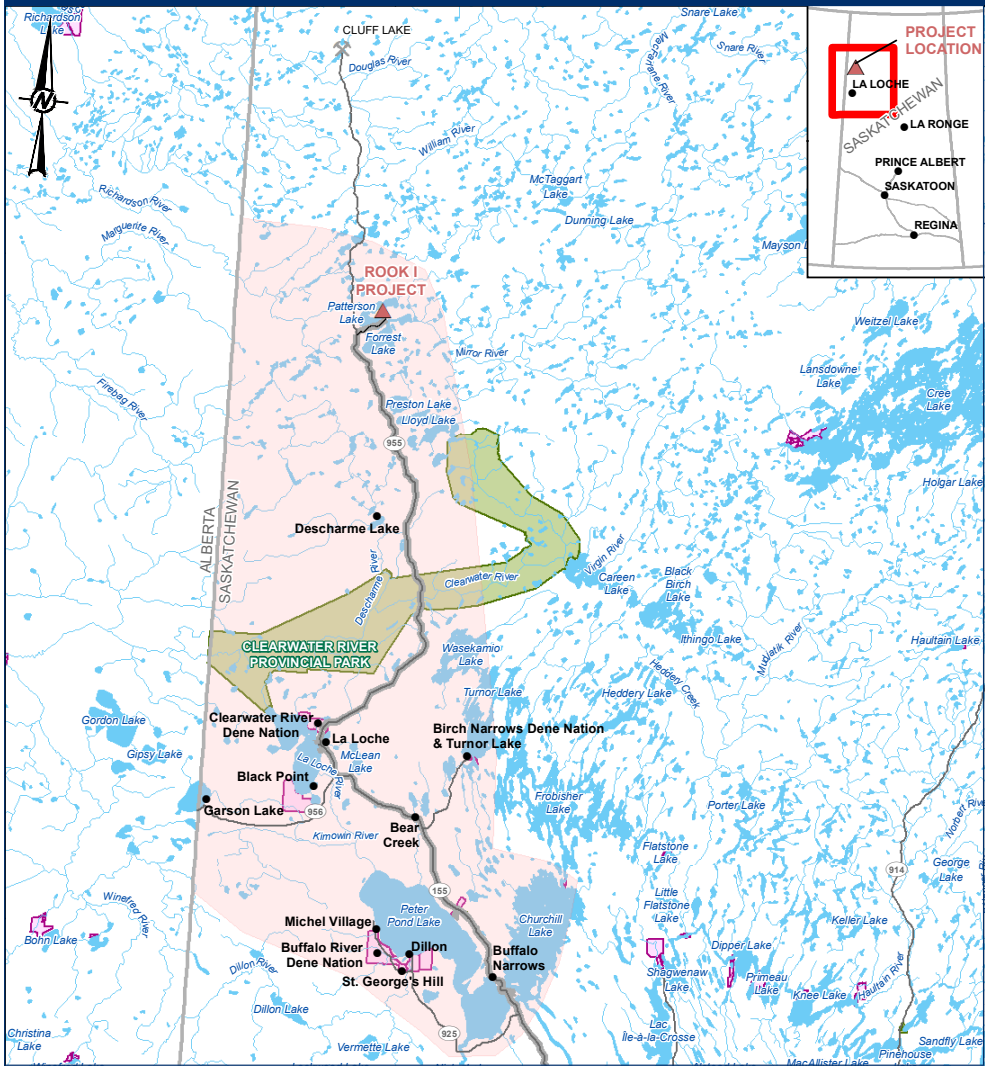
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Rook I Project Overview

Location of the NexGen Rook I Project in Northwestern Saskatchewan



Local Priority Area (LPA)

NexGen is driven by the vision of sustainably delivering the uranium required to provide clean energy fuel for the future, and is guided by the values of:

- honesty;
- respect;
- accountability; and
- resilience

NexGen's purpose is to create as much positivity as possible – socially, economically, and environmentally.

- The Rook I Project (Project) is NexGen's proposed new uranium mining and milling operation in northwestern Saskatchewan. The Project is located entirely on Provincial Crown Land within Treaty 8 territory and the Métis Homeland, and adjacent to Treaty 10 territory.
- The Project is located 40 km east of the Saskatchewan-Alberta border, 130 km north of La Loche, and 640 km northwest of Saskatoon.
- The Project, which is 100% owned by NexGen, includes facilities to support the extraction and processing of uranium ore from the high-grade uranium deposit known as Arrow.
- The Project is being developed into the largest source of low-cost uranium globally, which could deliver up to 30 million pounds of high-grade uranium annually, generating enough energy to power 46 million homes per year.
- Since the exploration stages, NexGen has continued to advance the Project to create lasting, positive impacts and maximizing benefits to local communities.
- The Project will support the establishment of clean energy options, help meet growing global electricity demands, and assist both national and international efforts to meaningfully reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Rook I Project Overview



Rook I Project Layout
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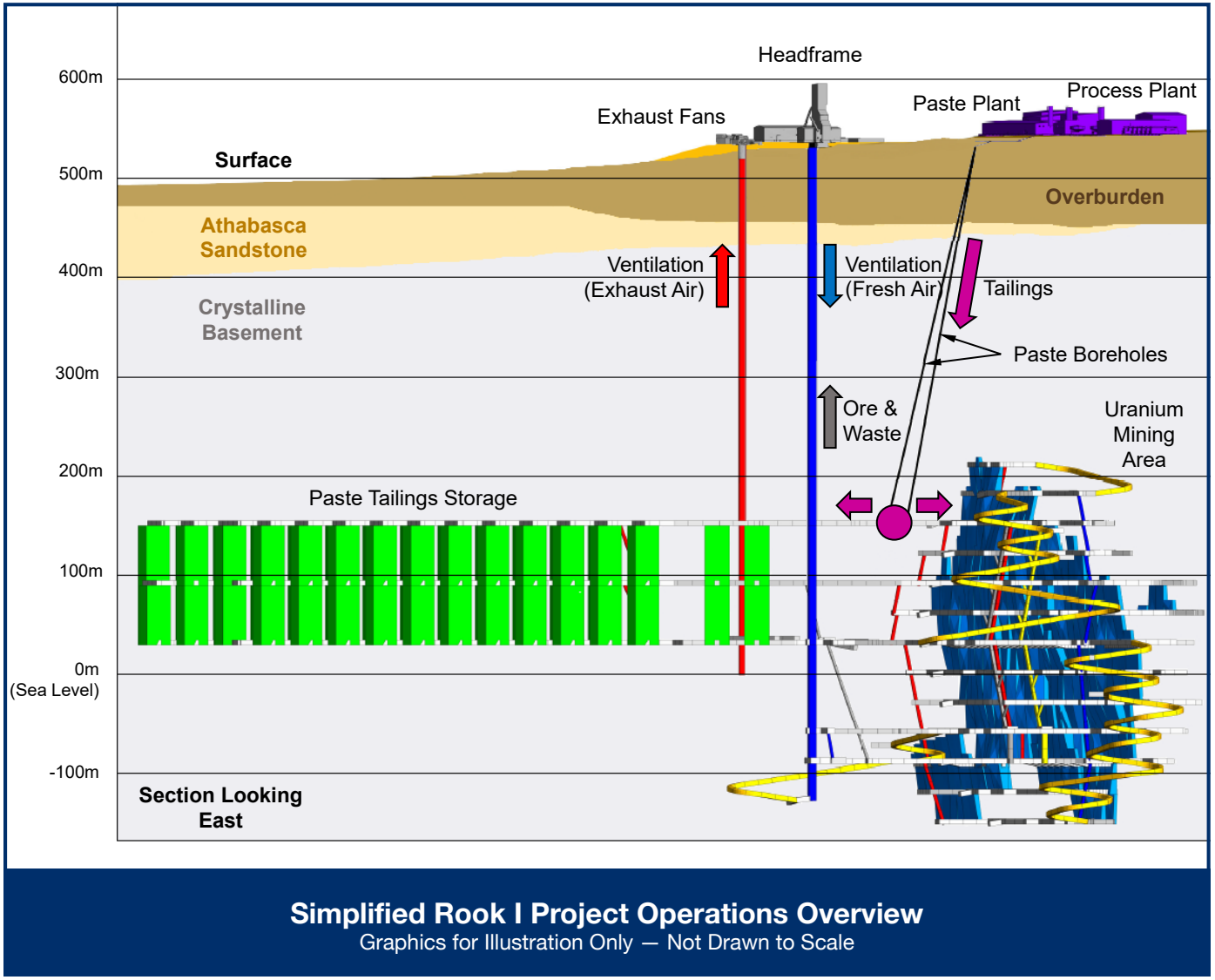
up to
30 Mlbs
annual production
of uranium concentrate

up to
1,300 tonnes
of ore processed
per day

97.6%
process recovery

- The underground mine workings are within competent (very strong and hard) basement rock and include the mine and an underground tailings management facility.
- The mine plan incorporates a conventional underground mine using the longhole stoping mining method. This is a method of mining where holes are drilled by a production drill to a predetermined pattern, the rock is blasted, and the ore is collected for processing.
- The Project design has two vertical shafts used for ventilation, accessing underground areas, and transporting materials.
- Mined rock is hoisted from underground and brought to surface. Rock that is uneconomic would be used either as construction material (e.g., to build roads) or placed on surface in long-term storage areas.
- Ore is processed on surface to produce uranium concentrate, which will be transported off site to facilities for further enrichment for the eventual use in nuclear power reactors.

Rook I Project Overview



Simplified Rook I Project Operations Overview
Graphics for Illustration Only — Not Drawn to Scale

Underground Tailings Management Facility (UGTMF)

- Tailings are the materials left over after processing has been completed and the uranium has been removed from the ore.
- All tailings for the Project will be stored underground; there will be no tailings remaining on the surface. Tailings will be combined with cement in a paste plant and pumped underground.
- Approximately half of the cemented tailings are planned to be backfilled in areas excavated for mining. The other half will be pumped into underground chambers specifically mined to create space for cemented tailings storage as part of the UGTMF. The UGTMF also safely stores any residues from the effluent treatment plant.
- Disposal of tailings underground reduces potential effects to the environment and allows for ongoing decommissioning and reclamation during the Operations Phase of the Project, setting a new global standard for environmental mine management.

Project design includes an underground mine, a surface mill and ancillary facilities, and an Underground Tailings Management Facility (UGTMF) that provides the ability to store all tailings generated from the Project underground – a first for the uranium industry and a new standard of environmental excellence.

Rook I Project Overview

Rook I Project Timeline

Phase	Key Activities	Anticipated Duration (years)
 **Construction**	■ Preparing the site ■ Building and testing parts of the mine, mill, and supporting facilities	4
 **Operation**	■ Mining and milling activities ■ Producing uranium concentrate	24
 **Closure (Decommissioning and Reclamation)**	■ Backfilling mine workings ■ Removing all physical infrastructure ■ Recontouring and revegetating disturbed areas ■ Environmental monitoring to confirm that the reclamation objectives are being met	15

The lifespan of the Project is estimated to be 43 years and includes Construction, Operations, and Decommissioning and Reclamation (i.e., Closure) phases.

Monitoring is incorporated throughout all phases of the Project to verify environmental performance.



Collaboration with Nations

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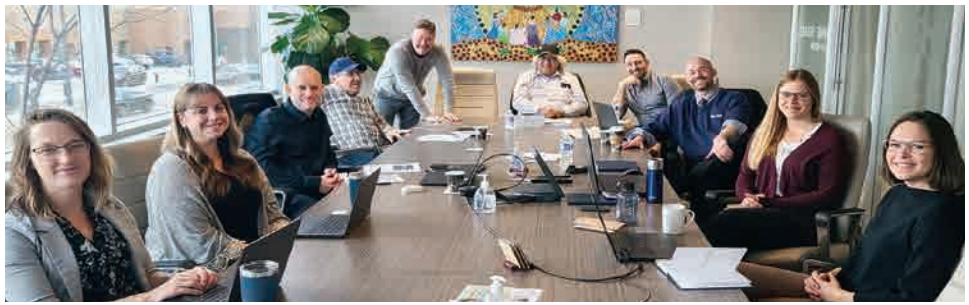
NexGen has Benefit Agreements signed for the Rook I Project (Project) with Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN), Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 (MN-S NR2) and Métis Nation of Saskatchewan (MN-S), Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN), and Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN).

What do the Benefit Agreements do?

- Formalize NexGen's long-standing collaborative relationship with all communities within the Project's Local Priority Area (LPA) with the mutual objective to responsibly develop the Project.
- Define environmental, cultural, economic, training, employment, financial, and other benefits to be provided to the respective LPA Indigenous Nations by NexGen in respect to the Project.
- Confirm the consent and support of the LPA Indigenous Nations for the Project throughout its complete lifecycle, including reclamation.
- Confirm mechanisms and forums for continued engagement such as joint committees that include representatives from both NexGen and the respective Indigenous Nation.

What do the Implementation Committees do?

- Responsible for overseeing the principles and objectives of the Benefit Agreement.
- Discuss and implement education, training, employment, and contracting opportunities.
- NexGen and each LPA Indigenous Nation have an Implementation Coordinator appointed, who is responsible for being the primary point of contact for the Implementation Committee and overseeing its activities.







Collaboration with Nations

What do the Environmental Committees do?

- Collaboratively and transparently discuss, oversee, and monitor the environmental performance of the Project.
- Provide feedback on environmental protection measures.
- NexGen and each LPA Indigenous Nation have an appointed Regulatory Lead who is responsible for being the primary point of contact for the Environmental Committee and its supporting activities.

Indigenous Monitors

- NexGen funds a full-time independent Indigenous Environmental Monitor that is selected by each primary Indigenous Nation (i.e., up to one environmental monitor per LPA Nation).
- The Indigenous Monitors have unrestricted environmental monitoring opportunities, including independent environmental sampling for the life of the Project (i.e., through Construction, Operations, and Closure).
- The Indigenous Monitors will regularly report to and attend all Environmental Committee meetings, and also participate in meetings with community members.
- NexGen is currently working with the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN to identify their Indigenous Monitors and identify opportunities for specific training programs.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE INITIATIVES

NexGen is collaborating with communities on innovative initiatives that are outside of and beyond EA requirements.



Regional Traditional Food Study

- NexGen has advanced a regional traditional food study with LPA Indigenous Nations to inform future monitoring and management planning.



Seed Collection

- NexGen funded a local seed collection program, completed by students at Clearwater River Dene School, to collect native seeds from the Project area for future studies and progressive reclamation.



Regional Caribou Working Group

- NexGen has formed a regional woodland caribou working group with LPA Indigenous Nations to support discussions regarding caribou and increasing functional caribou habitat.



Tree Planting and Linear Feature Reclamation Program

- Since exploration, NexGen has managed progressive rehabilitation initiatives including tree planting on areas no longer needed (e.g., old exploration pads or trails) and linear feature reclamation (e.g., old cut lines) to assist with land recovery and beneficial use for plants and animals.



Land Use Planning

- NexGen is working with the CRDN, MN-S NR2, BNDN, and BRDN to discuss land use planning throughout the Project lifecycle, including final land use following Project decommissioning and closure.

Regulatory Process for the Project

The Rook I Project (Project) is subject to both Federal and Provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) processes.

- An EA is a process used to understand the potential environmental and social effects of a proposed project. This process happens before any decisions about constructing a project are made.
- The EA for the Project is subject to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, 2012 (CEAA 2012) and *The Environmental Assessment Act* of Saskatchewan.

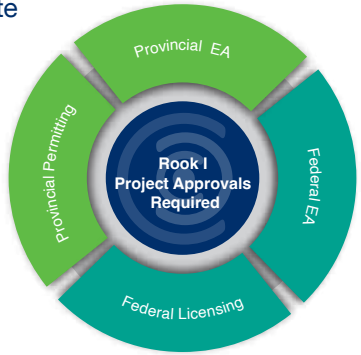
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In May 2022, NexGen submitted the draft EIS for the Project to the Federal and Provincial regulators. The draft EIS underwent a Provincial technical review and a Federal technical and public review.

NexGen submitted a revised EIS to the Provincial regulator – the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment – which underwent a public review between September 2, 2023 and October 3, 2023. On November 8, 2023, NexGen received Ministerial approval under *The Environmental Assessment Act of Saskatchewan* to proceed with the development of the Project. NexGen is the first company in more than 20 years to receive Provincial EA approval for a greenfield uranium mine and mill project in Saskatchewan.

With the Provincial EA approval in place, NexGen continues to progress through the Federal EA process. NexGen submitted responses to all Federal technical review comments to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) in Q4 2023, which, following a 30-day completeness check by CNSC staff, progressed to technical review by the Federal-Indigenous Review Team. NexGen received the results of that review in February 2024. Once the remaining technical review comment responses are resolved and a revised EIS is accepted by the CNSC, NexGen will be required to submit responses to the public comments received on the EIS to the CNSC.

The Federal EA process will culminate in a Commission hearing in which the CNSC Commission will decide whether to approve the Project. NexGen is ready to execute the Project once Federal approvals are received.



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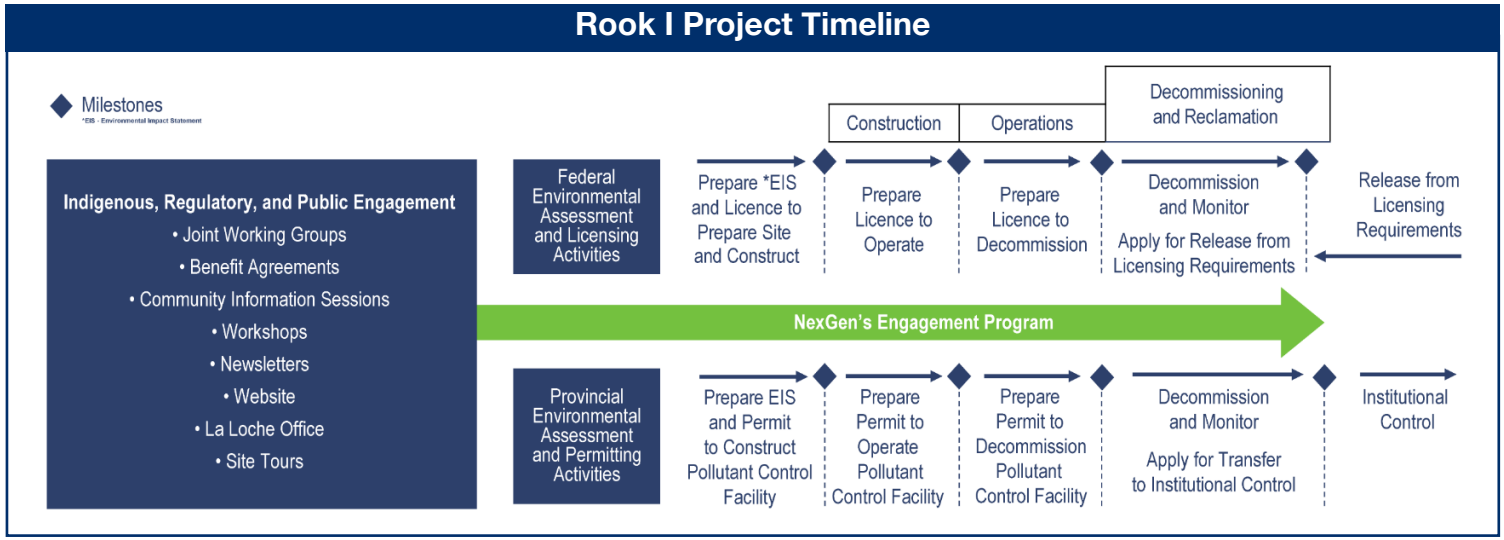
Regulatory Process for the Project

Licensing (Federal) and Permitting (Provincial)

- Licensing and permitting for the Project provide the details of how work related to the Project is completed. This includes information on the management system processes that govern how NexGen works, the technical details of what NexGen will build and operate, and plans for closure to demonstrate the capacity and capability to safely and reliably develop and execute the Project.
- Both the CNSC and ENV are lifecycle regulators and will oversee the Project through Construction, Operations, and Closure (Decommissioning and Reclamation).

Federal Licensing Updates:

- The licence application for the Project was initiated in February 2019 and has been advanced in parallel with the EA for the Project.
- NexGen submitted the final components of the Federal licence application for the construction phase of the Project to the CNSC on June 30, 2023. The licence application was formally accepted by the CNSC on September 1, 2023.
- Similar to the EA process, a CNSC Commission hearing is held to approve the Federal licence; subject to receipt, NexGen is ready to execute the Project.



Provincial Permitting Updates:

- NexGen is working on the application to the ENV for permits to begin construction on the Project. The information included is consistent with the Federal licence application, which was formally accepted by the CNSC on September 1, 2023.
- NexGen is also required to complete a Mineral Surface Lease Agreement (MSLA), which provides long-term rental of crown land for mine operations while also holding mine operators accountable to use best efforts to maximize benefits for local communities.

Regulatory Process for the Project

Federal Hearing Process:

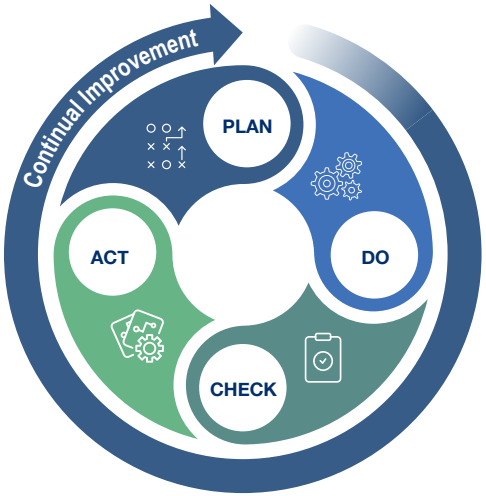
- The CNSC makes decisions on the EA and licensing of major nuclear facilities and uranium mines and mills through a Commission hearing process.
- The Commission hearing gives involved parties and members of the public an opportunity to be heard before the Commission. Following a Commission hearing, the Commission deliberates and makes its decision, typically within 90 days.
- Commission hearings are governed by *Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure*, under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*. Commission hearings usually take place in a one or two-part process. Two-part Commission hearings take place on days that are usually 60 days apart. Most decisions involving major nuclear facilities are made through the two-part Commission hearing process.
- NexGen is working with the CNSC to establish a hearing date for the Project and to determine the hearing details; a hearing date has not yet been determined.
- At the hearing, NexGen, CNSC staff, ENV staff, and members of the public will have the opportunity to present.
- After the hearing has concluded, and following the statutory review time, the CNSC Commission will make a decision on both the EA and Licence for the Project.
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Integrated Management System

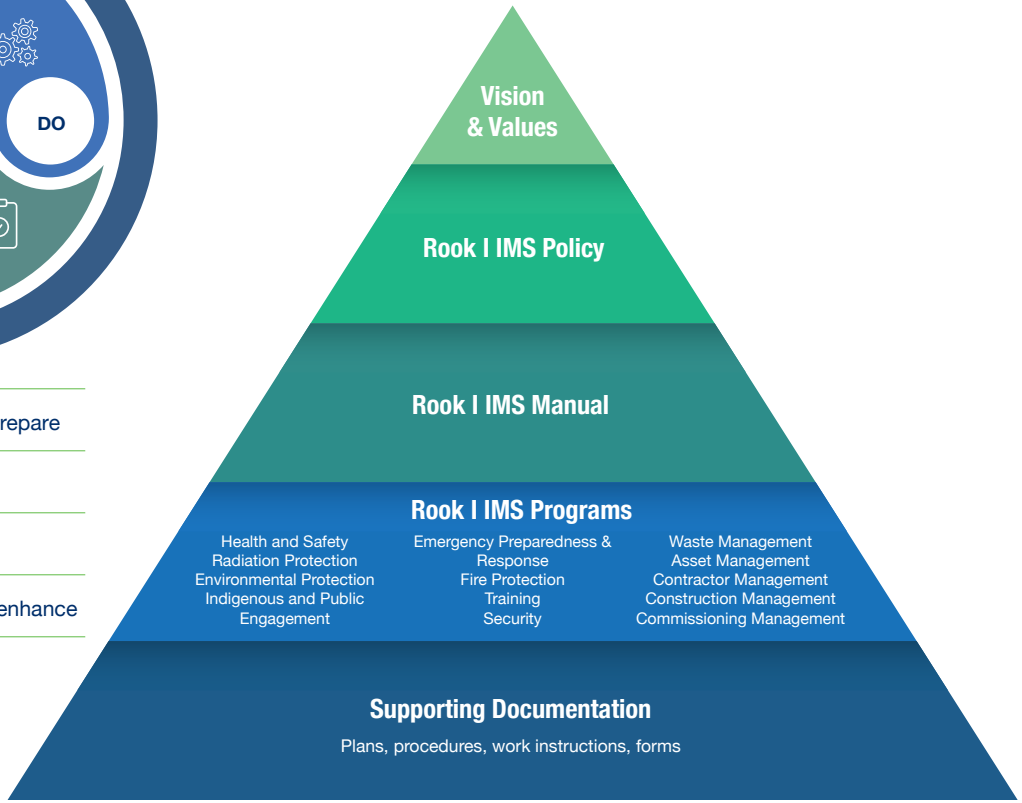
A management system is a framework of processes, procedures, and practices used to fulfill tasks and achieve all objectives safely and consistently. Personnel, equipment, organizational culture, and documented policies and processes are all integrated into one management system. An Integrated Management System (IMS) is a requirement for Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) licensing.

The IMS for the Rook I Project (Project) is foundational to successful health, safety, environmental, and community engagement activities.



Plan	Identify and prepare
Do	Perform
Check	Review
Act	Remedy and enhance

Rook I IMS Framework



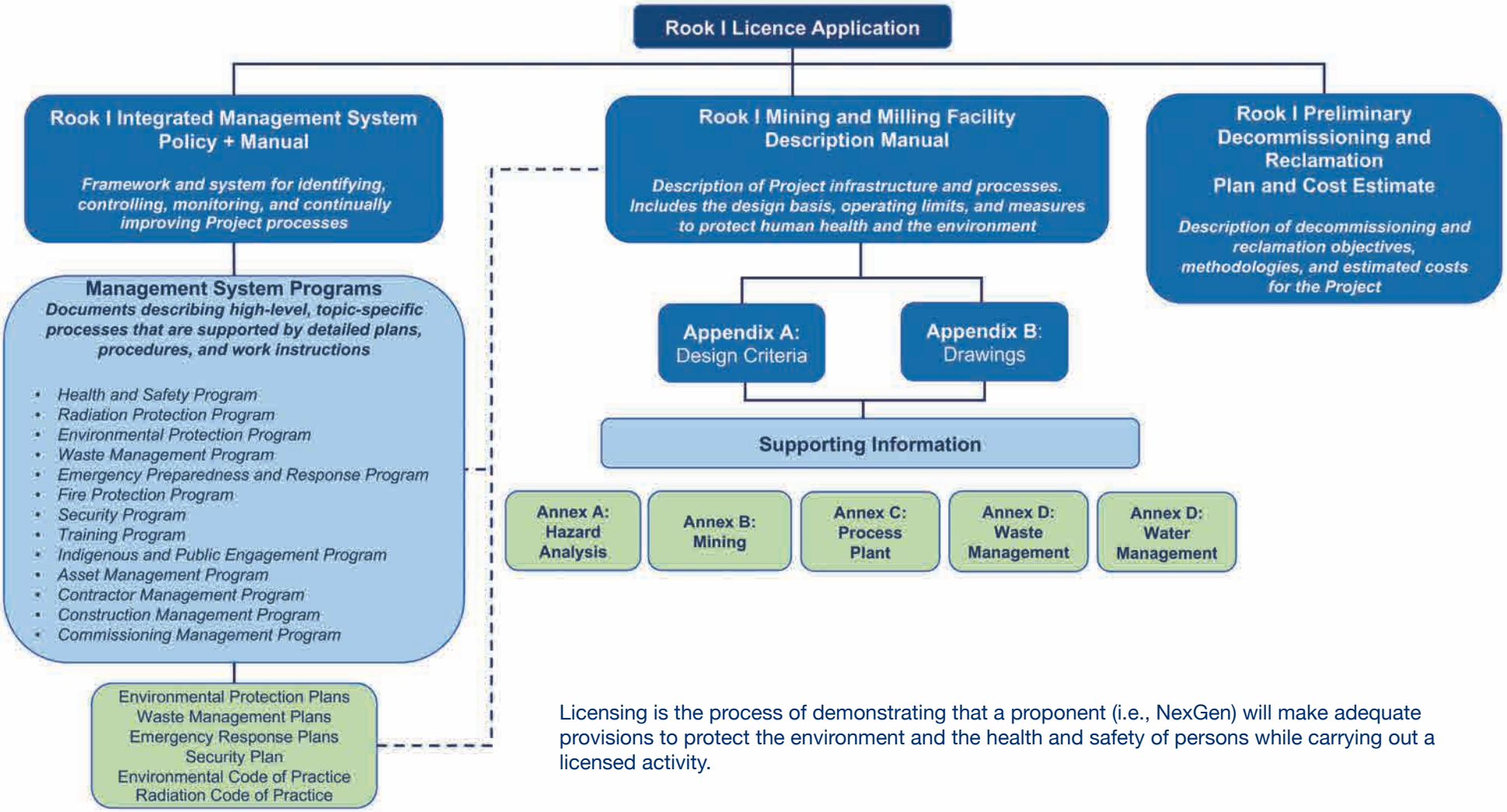
Federal Licensing

- Through the licensing process, NexGen provides information on the management system processes that govern how we work, the technical details of what we will build and operate, and plans for closure to demonstrate the capacity and capability to safely and reliably develop and execute the Project
- NexGen is proactively engaging with local Indigenous Nations and communities to share information on topics of interest and to receive feedback

Management System Programs

Documents describing high-level, topic-specific processes that are supported by detailed plans, procedures, and work instructions

- Health and Safety Program
- Radiation Protection Program
- Environmental Protection Program
- Waste Management Program
- Emergency Preparedness and Response Program
- Fire Protection Program
- Security Program
- Training Program
- Indigenous and Public Engagement Program
- Asset Management Program
- Contractor Management Program
- Construction Management Program
- Commissioning Management Program



Licensing is the process of demonstrating that a proponent (i.e., NexGen) will make adequate provisions to protect the environment and the health and safety of persons while carrying out a licensed activity.



This is a visualization of the Environmental Protection Program, which is a program included in the Rook I Project Licence Application and the Rook I IMS.

NexGen worked with the Environmental Committees from Clearwater River Dene Nation, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2, Birch Narrows Dene Nation, and Buffalo River Dene Nation to create this image, and we thank them for their valuable input and guidance.

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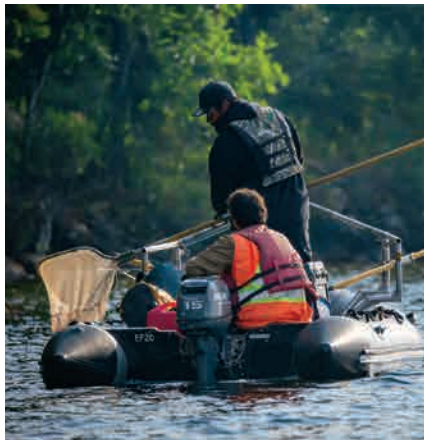
NexGen's Environmental Protection Principles

- Protect and promote the health, safety, and well-being of people and the environment through all aspects and phases of the Project
- Established culture of environmental protection which is periodically assessed and continually improved
- Apply economically viable, best available technology and techniques
- Design and plan for responsible closure
- Respect the principle of pollution prevention
- Provide workers with the knowledge, skills, and tools to implement environmental protection processes
- Keep releases to the environment as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA)
- Maintain diverse, open, and transparent two-way communication channels that build trust and confidence of local Indigenous Nations and the public
- Monitor and assess against indicators and targets based on science and Indigenous and local knowledge
- Comply with applicable requirements
- Continually improve Program performance

Monitoring is used to:

- Characterize and monitor the overall performance of facilities, activities, and processes to ensure the environment remains protected
- Confirm that environmental protection measures are performing as intended and to help inform opportunities for continual improvement







Who Monitors

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CNSC CCSN

Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment



In addition, NexGen funds a full-time Indigenous Monitor, chosen by each of the LPA Indigenous Nations to conduct independent environmental sampling and reporting to communities.

What is Monitored

- Terrestrial Ecosystems
- Aquatic Ecosystems
- Wildlife
- Vegetation
- Fish
- Sediment Quality
- Hydrology
- Terrain and Soil
- Surface Water Quality
- Air Quality
- Noise

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Wildlife Observed at the Rook I Site



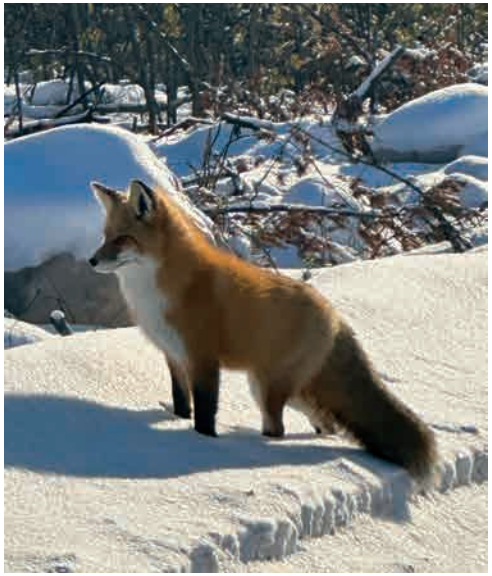


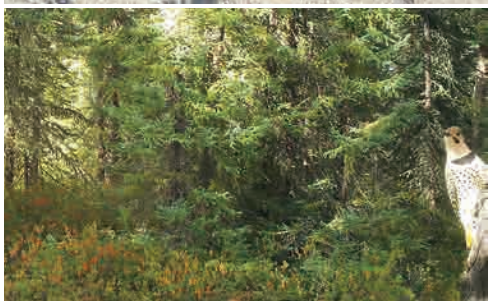


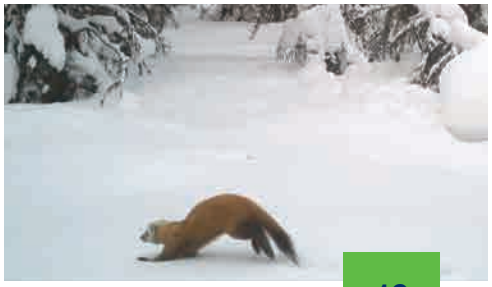


- Baseline studies are conducted at the Rook I site to determine the use of the area of the Project by wildlife.
- Wildlife habitats will be restored to the extent possible through progressive and final reclamation.



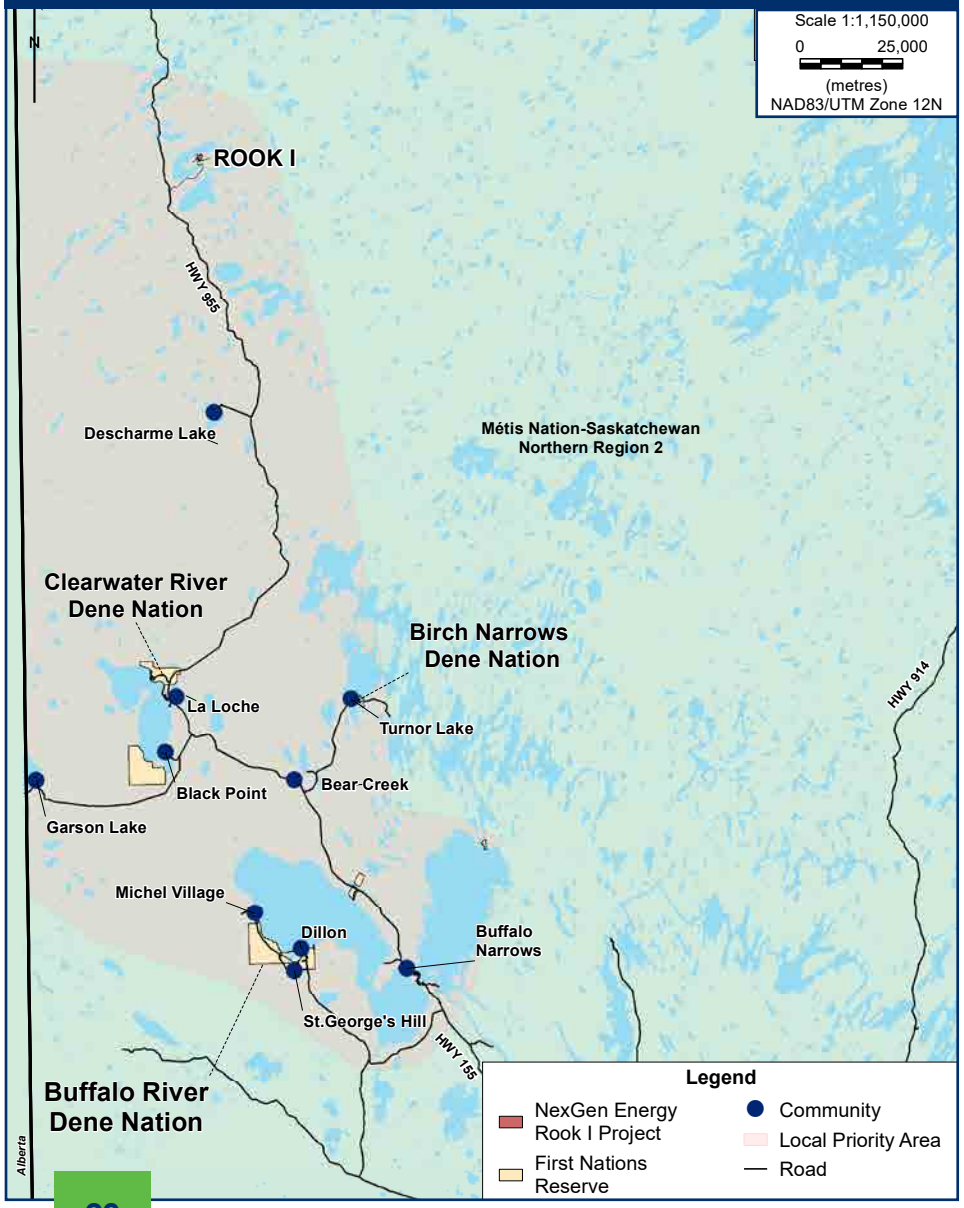






Community Engagement

Local Priority Area for the Rook I Project



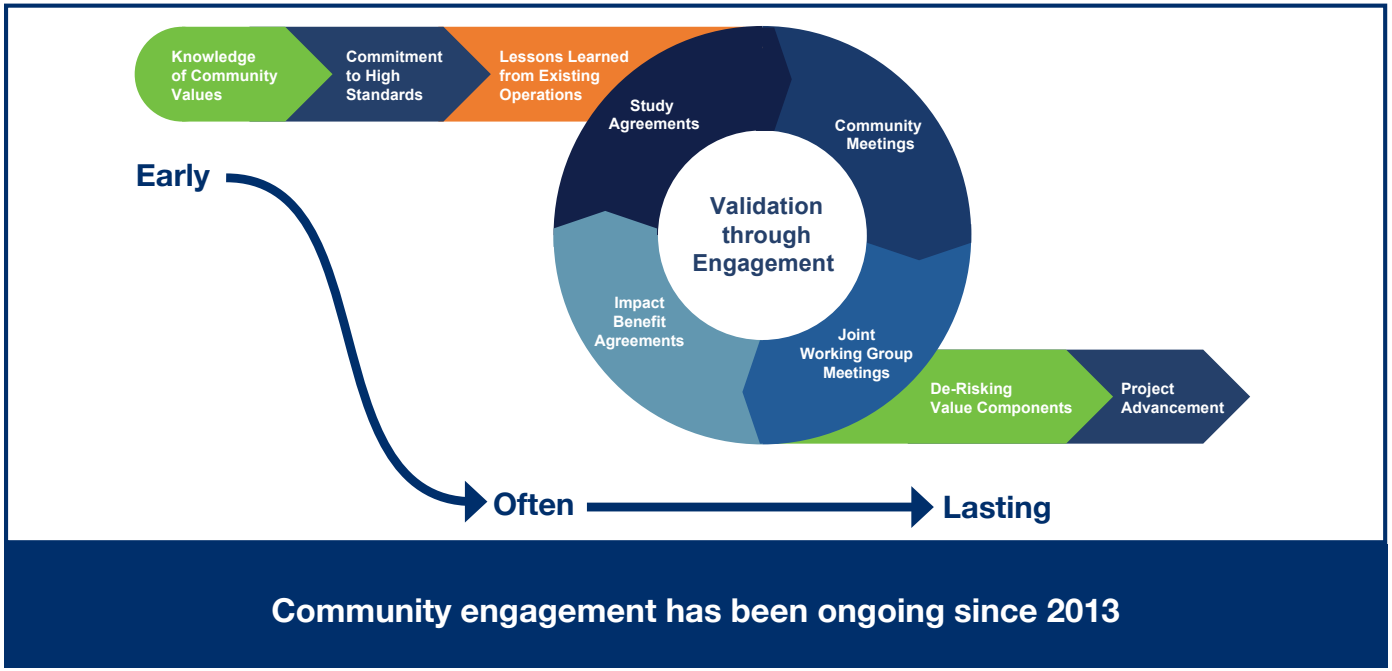
Local Priority Area (LPA)

- The LPA consists of the local communities closest to the Rook I Project (Project) that would experience most of the Project effects and for which NexGen would prioritize local training, employment, and business opportunities for the Project.
- These communities are located along, or accessed via, Highways 155 and 955 north of the intersection of Highways 155 and 925. This includes the Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN), Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 (MN-S NR2), Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN), Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN), Northern Village of La Loche, and Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows, and surrounding hamlets and communities.
- In addition to working with the LPA Indigenous Nations, NexGen conducts meaningful engagement with other Indigenous Groups and communities, and members of the public.

Regional Priority Area (RPA)

- The RPA consists of the communities within the Athabasca Basin and more broadly, the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District (NSAD). The NSAD is defined in the Province of Saskatchewan's *Northern Municipalities Act,* 2010.

Community Engagement



Community engagement has been ongoing since 2013

Meaningful Engagement

Engagement is a core value at NexGen. NexGen acknowledges and respects the interests and aspirations of LPA Indigenous Nations, community members, and stakeholders, and is fostering relationships that facilitate collaboration and maximize benefits to all.

Prior to beginning exploration work in Northern Saskatchewan in 2013, NexGen regularly engaged with LPA Indigenous Nations and communities on proposed exploration activities.

Engagement in Action

Community Information Sessions



La Loche Office



Newsletters



Radio Reports



School Presentations



Community Programs

Since 2013, NexGen has been working with local communities to initiate, fund, and facilitate meaningful community programs focused on education and training, mentorship, health and wellness, and economic capacity building. Programs are developed to deliver and enhance social and economic benefits for communities now and beyond the lifecycle of the Rook I Project. Below is an overview of the programs and initiatives.

LEGEND: Mentorship Health & Wellness; Education & Training; Economic Capacity Building; New; Expanded

CATEGORY:	PROGRAM:	
	Breakfast Program	Since 2017, through a partnership with the Breakfast Club of Canada, healthy breakfasts are provided to over 1,000 students each school day. Eight local cooks are employed to prepare breakfasts for the students.
	Trade and Safety Certification Training	In 2023, NexGen initiated and funded a series of Early-stage Training Programs for 288 Local Priority Area (LPA) students to develop trade skills and receive safety certification.
	Canucks Youth Mentorship Program	In 2023, NexGen collaborated with the Vancouver Canucks to initiate a unique and unprecedented Youth Mentorship Program in which 32 LPA youth met and connected with NHL players and staff on the power of goal setting and pursuing their dreams.
	Canucks Community Visit	In 2023, NexGen hosted over 600 members of the LPA for a celebration of sport and community with Canadian hockey legends.
	Arena improvements	In 2023, NexGen funded infrastructure upgrades to the Robbie Fontaine Memorial Arena in La Loche, which resulted in the lighting being replaced. This improvement will be important to ensure the safety of youth, coaches, and players for years to come.
	Summer Student Program	Since 2016, more than 80 local students have worked side by side with the NexGen team at the Rook I exploration camp to enhance their skills and gain knowledge about exploration and the mining industry.
	Career Information Sessions	NexGen has visited local high schools and connected with over 500 high school students annually since 2022 to discuss the importance of education and the broad range of opportunities at the Rook I Project.
	Scholarship Program	Since 2017, NexGen has provided scholarships for LPA students pursuing post-secondary education. A total of 26 scholarships have been awarded to 13 different individuals to date.








Community Programs

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INVESTED IN INITIATIVES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

2021	2022	2023
$1,850,000	**$3,140,000**	**$9,240,000**

NexGen works in partnership with communities to initiate, fund, and facilitate impactful programs and initiatives that deliver a wide range of benefits that are building stronger communities for the long term. In 2023, NexGen expanded its reach and impact with the implementation of new and innovative initiatives that delivered mentorship and career development opportunities for the next generation of leaders in the Local Priority Area. In 2023, NexGen invested $9,240,000 in initiatives and cultural activities in local communities. Initiatives and community events were defined as activities that were for public benefit and included cultural activities in local communities.

LEGEND: Mentorship Health & Wellness; Education & Training; Economic Capacity Building; New; Expanded

CATEGORY:	PROGRAM:	
Mentorship Health & Wellness; Education & Training	**Saskatchewan Roughriders Northern Community Initiative**	Since 2019, NexGen has partnered with the Saskatchewan Roughriders to have players visit LPA schools and connect with students of all ages about the benefits associated with education and health and wellness. A total of 58 students participated in 2023.
Mentorship Health & Wellness; Education & Training	**Saskatchewan Rush**	Since 2018, NexGen has supported the growth and success of minor league lacrosse teams across the province through bringing Saskatchewan Rush players to the LPA annually to connect with and mentor students during interactive school visits. A total of 76 students participated in 2023.
Mentorship Health & Wellness	**Dog Adoption Program**	NexGen has partnered with the Meadow Lake Humane Society Dog Adoption Program to host dogs waiting for their forever homes at the Rook I site, with over 40 dogs being fostered since 2015. NexGen has also supported the La Loche Paw Protection and Buffalo Narrows Animal Shelter.
Mentorship Health & Wellness	**Youth Sports**	NexGen supports youth sports in the LPA, including the funding of equipment, registration fees, and travel expenses for the La Loche minor volleyball teams.
Mentorship Health & Wellness	**Recreation Programs**	NexGen funds recreational programs through the La Loche Sports, Recreation and Culture Board for after-school and summer holiday events.
Mentorship Health & Wellness; Economic Capacity Building	**Community-led Activities and Events**	NexGen works with the LPA to support a variety of cultural and traditional community-led activities and events.
Mentorship Health & Wellness; Education & Training	**Saskatchewan Minor Football League**	NexGen provides financial aid for families who are otherwise unable to participate in football through the Saskatoon Minor Football league. The League's program supports 4,500 youth annually, and focuses on excellence in Leadership, Community Service, Innovation and Growth; with target initiatives that focus on Women in Football, Indigenous Initiatives, At-Risk Youth, and New Canadians.
Mentorship Health & Wellness; Education & Training	**Saskatchewan Chapter of HEROS**	NexGen funds the provision of free mentor-based hockey programs for vulnerable youth through the Saskatchewan Chapter of HEROS. The program is centered around providing a safe place for at-risk youth to build confidence and gain important life skills.







Education and Training

Regional Training Committee

The Regional Training Committee, formed by NexGen and composed of representatives from the Local Priority Area (LPA) communities, training institutions, and NexGen, meets to deliver plans based on NexGen's employment needs at the Rook I Project (the Project), with a focus on maximizing opportunities for LPA residents.

The Regional Training Committee continues to meet quarterly, with Implementation Coordinators for each of the Indigenous Nations in the LPA as members.

The Regional Training Committee Mandate is to:

- Develop short- and long-term training plans for NexGen and the region. Training should coincide with employment opportunities, if possible.

Regional Training Committee Members:

- NexGen;
- Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN);
- Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 (MN-S NR2);
- Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN);
- Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN);
- Meadow Lake Tribal Council (MLTC);
- Northlands College;
- Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT);
- Gabriel Dumont Institute-Dumont Technical Institute (GDI-DTI);
- Lotus Learning Solutions;
- Morris Interactive; and
- Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC).



In 2023, NexGen expanded its impact by initiating and funding a first-ever collaboration of its kind in northern Saskatchewan between industry, education institutions, and LPA communities. A series of early-stage training programs for skills and certifications were delivered in the initiative's inaugural year, setting a total of 288 Local Priority Area students on the pathway to long-term careers in their communities.

Education and Training

Opportunities for Employment — Construction

Trades

- Laborer
- Electricians
- Instrument Technicians
- Carpenters
- Ironworkers
- Boilermakers
- Painters
- Equipment Operators
- Hoist Operators
- Pipefitters
- Millwrights
- Mechanics
- Miners
- Welders

Office/Management

- Site Administrator
- Security Coordinator
- Health and Safety Trainer
- Safety Advisor
- Safety Administrator
- Document Controller
- Quality Assurance Coordinator
- Quantity Surveyor
- Contract Administrator
- Cost Controller
- Planner/Scheduler
- Facilities Coordinator
- Materials/Logistics Coordinator
- Purchaser/Buyer
- E&I Superintendent
- Environmental Technician

Opportunities for Employment — Operations

On-the-Job

- Underground Miner
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Mill Operator
- Warehouse Person
- Custodian

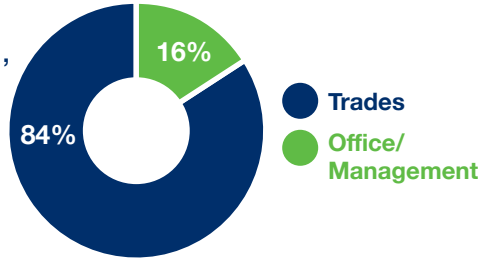
Trades/Diploma

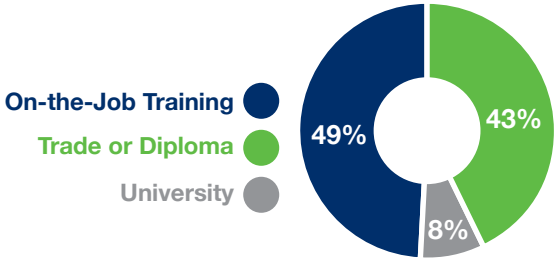
- Surveyor
- Technician: Geological, Environmental, Laboratory, Instrumentation, and Radiation
- Mechanic
- Electrician
- Plumber
- Office Administrator
- Health and Safety Officer
- Chef and Baker

University

- Geologist
- Engineer
- Environmental Scientist
- Radiation Specialist
- IT Specialist
- HR Specialist
- Accountant
- Occupational Nurse

Once the Project is approved, during construction, we are predicting an approximate average of **695 positions** at Rook I annually.





During operation, we are predicting approximately **490 Careers** at Rook I across all departments.



In October 2022 and 2023, NexGen staff visited the five high schools in the LPA (Clearwater River Dene School, Dene High School, Birch Narrows Dene Community School, Buffalo River Dene School, and Twin Lakes Community School) to share information about future career opportunities that will be available for the Project. In 2023, the local training institutions accompanied NexGen to the schools to share information about their various programs and how to apply.

NexGen looks forward to continuing this initiative annually every fall to share information about the Project and the potential careers with the high school students in the LPA.



Education and Training

2023 Training Statistics

2023 Program	Partner/Institution	Number of Students	Male	Female
Safety Ticket Training	CRDN - Carbon Medical / NexGen	150	92	58
Safety Ticket Training	BRDN - Sixteen Safety / NexGen	119	73	46
Carpentry Course	Northlands / Northern Career Quest (NCQ) / NexGen	8	4	4
Carpentry Course	Northlands / SIIT / GDI / NexGen	11	7	4
Total		**288**	**176**	**112**

- Safety Ticket Training (2023)
  - **269** graduates received Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG), Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS), Confined Space Level 1 & 2, Fall Protection, H2S Alive, First Aid CPR "C"/AED.
- Carpentry Program (October 2022 – March 2023)
  - **8** graduates received 540 hours towards Level 1 Apprenticeship and were registered directly with the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship Trades Certification Commission (SATCC).
- Carpentry Program (October 2023 – February 2024)
  - **11** graduates received 540 hours towards Level 1 Apprenticeship and will be registered directly with the SATCC.

Current and Upcoming Training Programs

- Applied Electrical Certificate Program
  - An 18-week program, which began on January 29, 2024 and has 9 students enrolled.
- Radiation and Environmental Technician Program
  - A 29-week program, which began on April 2, 2024. NexGen is funding 5 seats and has worked with the LPA Indigenous Nations and communities on student selection.
- Uranium Specific Digital Readiness Program
  - NexGen is developing an underground mining employment program which is expected to run for 10-weeks, beginning in the fall of 2024.

In 2023, there were a total of 288 Indigenous students that went through training programs that developed skills to support future employment at the Rook I Project.

Education and Training






NexGen Summer Student Program

- The NexGen Summer Student Program, initiated in 2016, builds skills and confidence in young adults through skilled employment at the existing exploration site.
- As of May 2024, over 80 students have been employed in the program.



NexGen Scholarship Program

- Since 2017, NexGen has provided up to four scholarships per year to students from the LPA to successfully pursue their post-secondary education.
- As of May 2024, NexGen has awarded 26 scholarships to 13 individual students from the LPA, for a total value of $237,000.





Procurement and Employment

Procurement processes are in place and continue to be refined commensurate with NexGen's activities as NexGen advances toward the construction phase for the Rook I Project (Project).

NexGen has signed Benefit Agreements with the four Local Priority Area (LPA) Indigenous Nations. Mechanisms have been established to ensure procurement opportunities are communicated transparently and well in advance to allow for maximum local supply chain participation in the near-, medium-, and long-term.





Success Factors

- NexGen's engagement philosophy: early, often, and lasting.
- NexGen's procurement process for early opportunity notice on all construction, service, and supply contracts.
- Transparent communication through monthly business opportunity meetings with LPA Indigenous Nation Leadership and Economic Development groups, where data-driven updates are shared on all contracting statistics.

PROCUREMENT PROCESS

Scope of package is identified: supply, service, or construction

Business Opportunity Notice (BON) is sent to Local Priority Area (LPA)

Contractors and/or Indigenous Nations' Economic Development Corporations submit the completed BON

Bidders List is informed and developed from the BON process

Request for Proposal (RFP) is sent to proponents on the Bidders List

Proposals are received and evaluated

Contract awarded

Bid debrief provided to LPA proponents

Continued transparent collaboration for maximum opportunities

Procurement and Employment

Employment and Procurement at Rook I in 2023

2023 Employment

- In 2023, 47% of the total hours worked at the Rook I site were by an LPA member.
- In 2023, 80% of the NexGen Rook I site employees were from the LPA.

2023 Procurement

- In 2023, 82% of the Rook I site overall spend (which included construction, service, and supply contracts) was awarded to LPA-partnered or member-owned businesses.

Success Factors

- Indigenous Nations from the LPA partnering with companies that are dedicated to building capacity through meaningful employment.
- NexGen's procurement evaluation process and holding companies accountable.
- Ongoing collaboration with LPA Indigenous Nations and their partners on training programs.





Procurement and Employment

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PROVIDING LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

NexGen works with local suppliers to build capacity in a transparent and organic manner and uses local vendors as much as practical to share economic benefits with local communities and drive positive community development. In 2023, NexGen's procurement spend from suppliers in the LPA was $44,360,000, which represented 81% of NexGen's overall procurement for Rook I.

SPENT ON LPA[1] SUPPLIERS[2]

2021	2022	2023
$2,890,000	**$9,640,000**	**$44,360,000**

1 Local Priority Area (LPA) is defined as the local geographic area comprising those communities in northwestern Saskatchewan primarily affected by the Project.
2 Beginning in 2022, includes amounts spent at companies that are partnered with LPA entities.
3 Procurement for Rook I property.

The Benefit Agreements with the LPA Indigenous Nations include a pillar for economic participation, which includes commitments to employment, training, and contracting opportunities.

Through training initiatives, collaborating with LPA Indigenous Nations and their partners, and contractor accountability, NexGen is working with LPA Indigenous Nations and communities to aim for a Project employment goal of an overall workforce of 75% LPA residents.





Procurement and Employment

EXPORT – Indigenous Skills and Business Database

- EXPORT is an Indigenous skills inventory and business registration database. EXPORT enhances communication and streamlines the execution and implementation of community and company agreements to maximize training, employment, and contracting opportunities.

EXPORT
Indigenous Network

What can NexGen do?

- NexGen, as a corporate partner, will be able to connect directly to communities. NexGen will also be able to build standardized and dynamic dashboards and reports to maximize information access to optimize education, training, and employment potential for LPA residents.

What can LPA Indigenous Nations and communities do?

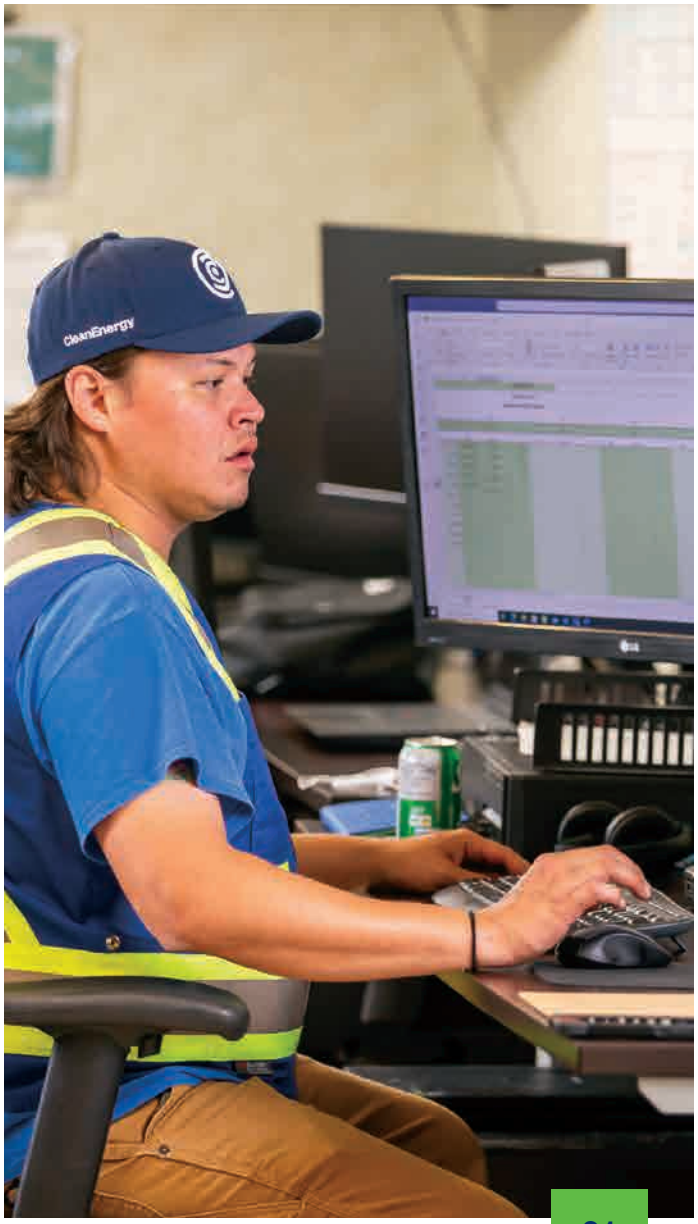
- LPA Indigenous Nations and communities can connect to community businesses, employment opportunities, and training goals to meet community needs and maximize opportunity. They can send employment, training, or business opportunities directly to members.

What can Indigenous businesses and Economic Development Corporations do?

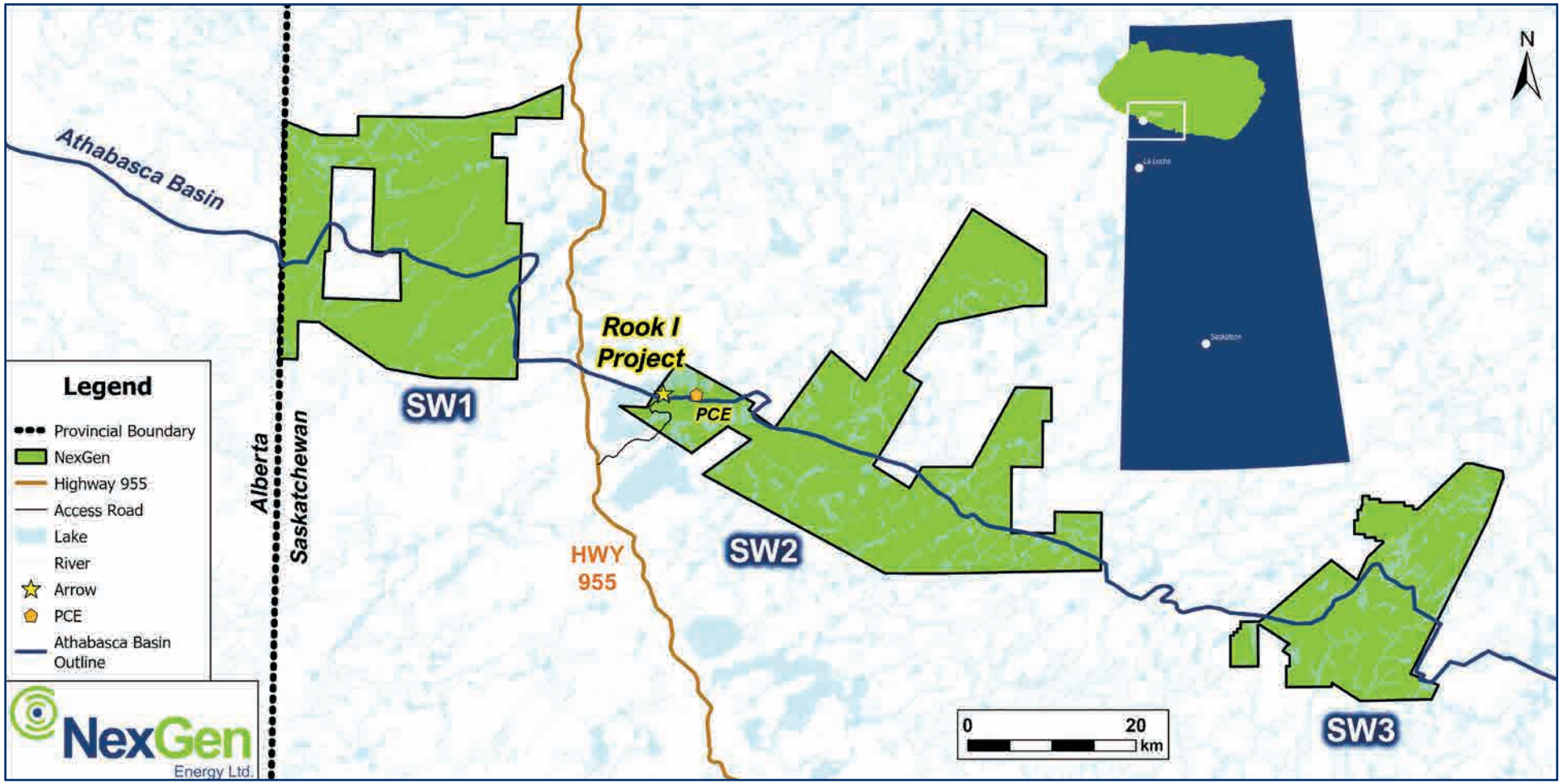
- Indigenous businesses can set up a profile which can be searched by corporate partners, and search for qualified vendors.

What can LPA residents do?

- LPA residents can access online tools to find and prepare for work and career opportunities. LPA residents can build and store a resume, search employment and training opportunities, store tickets/certifications for easy access, and get automated expiration notifications and other alerts.

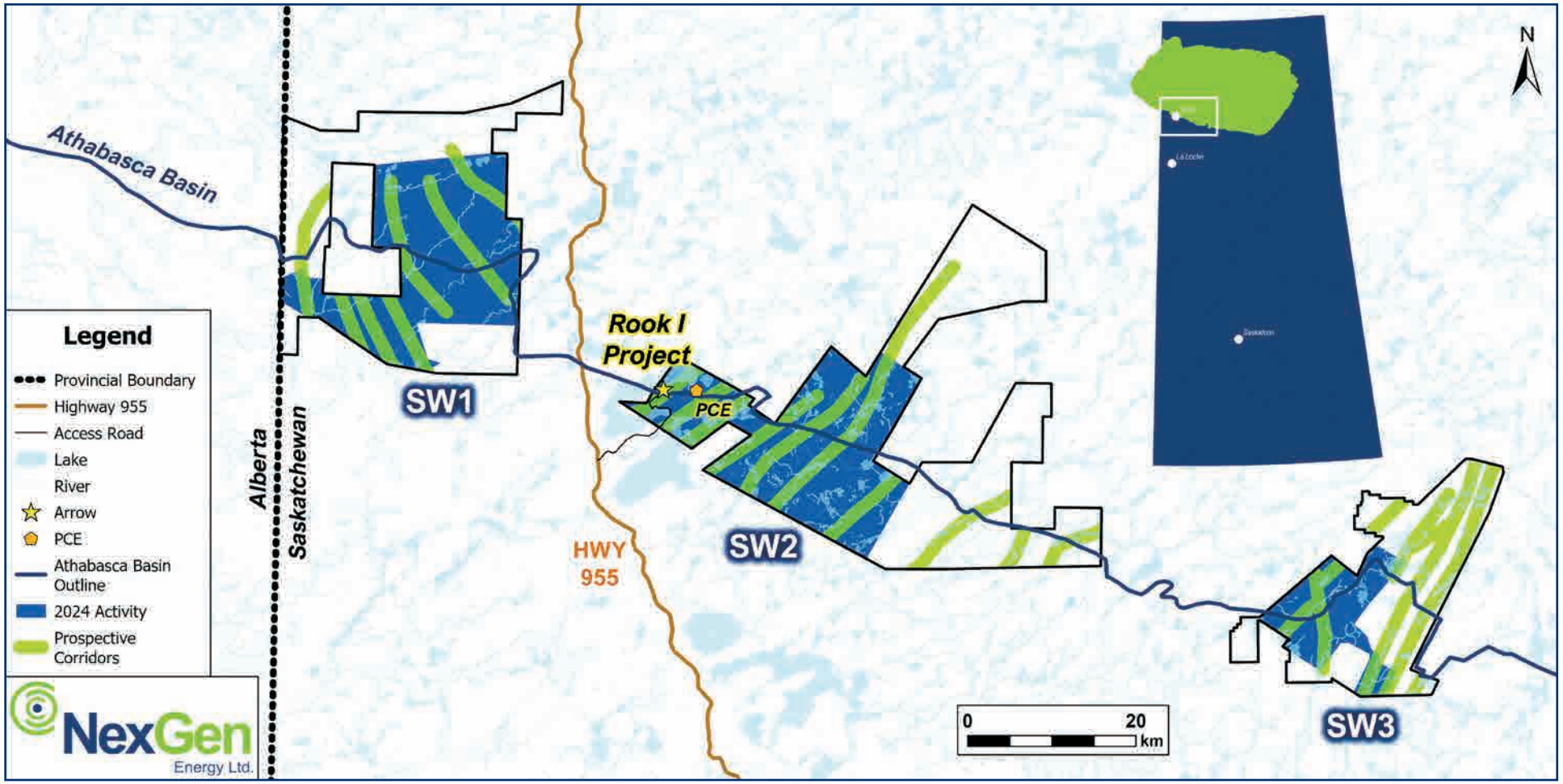


Exploration



- NexGen has a significant land position in Saskatchewan's southwest Athabasca Basin, where it holds over 190,000 hectares for ongoing uranium exploration.
- NexGen's land package includes the SW1, SW2, and SW3 properties. The Rook I Property, which hosts the high-grade uranium deposit called Arrow, is located within the SW2 property, towards the western edge of the property.
- In 2024, NexGen discovered new uranium mineralization on the SW2 property, 3.5 kilometres east of the Arrow Deposit. The new uranium occurrence is referred to as Patterson Corridor East (PCE).

Exploration



- In 2024, exploration is taking place on NexGen's properties to target priority prospective trends with the objective of discovering new uranium mineralization in the region. This reflects NexGen's focus to meet urgent global clean energy needs.
- New uranium mineralization, now referred to as PCE, was discovered 3.5 kilometres from the Arrow deposit during the winter 2024 exploration drilling program on the SW2 property. Drilling activity will continue in the PCE area as part of the summer 2024 drilling program to continue to advance understanding of the mineralization.
- Geophysical surveys are also occurring across all three land packages to assist with future drilling programs.

For More Information

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Rook I Project, education and training opportunities, or careers with NexGen, please see the website links and contact information below:

If you would like further information about the Rook I Project:

- **DROP IN:** NexGen's La Loche Office, located in the Dene Empowerment Centre
- **WEBSITE:** www.saskatchewanuranium.ca
- **EMAIL:** engagement@nxe-energy.ca
- **PHONE:** 1-833-333-8895
- **WRITE TO US:** Suite 200, 475-2nd Ave South Saskatoon SK, S7K 1P4

Please scan the QR code for more information on careers with NexGen, as well as to view current openings.

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Band Office 306-822-2021

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Birch Narrows Dene Nation Implementation Coordinator
Simon Pollard
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Buffalo River Dene Nation Implementation Coordinator
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- **The Provincial Environmental Assessment Approval** on the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment website: https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/products/122362
- **The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's (CNSC) Federal Indigenous Review Team** review for the Rook I Project: https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80171

Abbreviations and Key Terms

Abbreviation	Definition
ALARA	As Low as Reasonably Achievable
BNDN	Birch Narrows Dene Nation
BON	Business Opportunity Notice
BRDN	Buffalo River Dene Nation
CEAA 2012	The *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, 2012
CMOP	Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan
CNSC	Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
CRDN	Clearwater River Dene Nation
DTI	Dumont Technical Institute
EA	Environmental Assessment
EC	Environmental Committee
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ENV	Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment
GDI	Gabriel Dumont Institute
IC	Implementation Committee
IMS	Integrated Management System

Abbreviation	Definition
LPA	Local Priority Area
MLTC	Meadow Lake Tribal Council
MN-S	Métis Nation of Saskatchewan
MN-S NR2	Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Northern Region 2
MSLA	Mineral Surface Lease Agreement
NSAD	Northern Saskatchewan Administrative District
PCE	Patterson Corridor East
RFP	Request for Proposal
RPA	Regional Priority Area
SATCC	Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Committee
SIIT	Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies
TDG	Transportation of Dangerous Goods
UGTMF	Underground Tailings Management Facility
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System






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Contact Cards

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Email us at **engagement@nxe-energy.ca**
Phone us at **1-833-333-8895**
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ROOK I COMMUNITY SURVEY

NexGen acknowledges and values the community interests and aspirations of those potentially affected by the Rook I Project. NexGen is committed to fostering trusting relationships that facilitate collaboration and to optimizing benefits to Indigenous Nations, Local Priority Area communities, and Project stakeholders.

In demonstration of this commitment, this survey asks for your views on this Community Information Session, for comment on the information that you were provided and would like to receive, and for any additional comments that you may have at this time. Your input is important to NexGen. Information collected from this survey is analyzed, interpreted, summarized, and used to inform improvement opportunities, management decisions, and ongoing communication and engagement activities, as well as to evaluate trends in opinions over time.

Please note that feedback provided may be made public as part of the regulatory process for the Rook I Project. All comments that you provide will be anonymous – NexGen will not record your name.

1. What Nation/community/town/village/hamlet do you live in? _____

   ☐ Prefer not to disclose

2. What Nation are you a member of?

   ☐ CRDN ☐ MN-S NR2 ☐ BNDN ☐ BRDN ☐ Not Indigenous ☐ Other

   ☐ MN-S NR2 Local or Other (please specify):

   _____

   _____

   _____

   ☐ Prefer not to disclose

3. What age group do you belong to?

   ☐ 14 years or younger ☐ 15-19 ☐ 20-34 ☐ 35-49 ☐ 50-64 ☐ 65+

   ☐ Prefer not to disclose

4. What is your sex?

   ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Prefer not to disclose

5. What is your highest level of education?

   ☐ Currently in high school ☐ Completed grade 10 ☐ Graduated high school

   ☐ Trades certificate ☐ Bachelor's degree ☐ Post-graduate degree ☐ Prefer not to disclose

6. What is your employment status?

   ☐ Employed full-time ☐ Employed part-time ☐ Seasonally employed (currently employed)

   ☐ Seasonally employed (currently unemployed) ☐ Unemployed ☐ Retired ☐ Student

☐ Prefer not to disclose

☐ Other (please specify):

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7. How did you hear about this Community Information Session? (please check all that apply)

☐ Invited by NexGen
☐ Mail advertisement
☐ TV advertisement
☐ NexGen newsletter
☐ Nation social media
☐ NexGen social media
☐ Poster in the community
☐ Radio Advertisement
☐ Word of mouth
☐ Other (please specify):

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8. How do you prefer to receive Project updates and other information? (please check all that apply)

☐ Invited by NexGen
☐ Mail advertisement
☐ NexGen newsletter
☐ Poster in the community
☐ NexGen social media
☐ Poster in the community
☐ Radio advertisement
☐ Word of mouth
☐ Other (please specify):

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9. Were you satisfied with the level of information at the Community Information Session about NexGen and the Rook I Project?

☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

Please explain:

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10. How well do you know the uranium mining and milling industry?

☐ Very Well ☐ Somewhat ☐ Not well

11. Did the community information session change your level of understanding of the uranium mining and milling industry?

☐ Feel more informed ☐ Did not change ☐ Feel less informed

12. What are your thoughts on uranium mining and milling in your region?

☐ It will have an overall positive effect on the region (i.e., more positive than negative)
☐ It needs to balance opportunities, health and safety, and environmental effects
☐ Effects on the environment, workers, or communities are a concern (i.e., more negative than positive)
☐ Not sure
☐ Other (please explain):

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13. What do you feel is important to consider in the development of the industry in your area?

Please explain:

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14. What opportunities could occur from the development of the uranium mining industry in your region?

Please explain:

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15. What concerns have you heard in the community with uranium mining and milling (you do not have to agree with them)?

Please explain:

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16. Do you support uranium mining and milling?

☐ I am supportive ☐ I am neutral ☐ I am not supportive ☐ I am unsure

Please explain:

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17. Do you feel you understand the potential impacts and benefits of the Rook I Project?

☐ Yes ☐ Somewhat ☐ No

Please outline interests and/or concerns (if applicable):

18. How important are training and employment opportunities with the Rook I Project to you?

☐ Very important ☐ Neutral ☐ Not important

Please detail:

19. Are you interested in training and employment opportunities with the Rook I Project?

☐ Training Opportunities ☐ Employment Opportunities ☐ Training & Employment Opportunities ☐ No

Please detail:

20. What information would you like NexGen to provide in future information sessions?

21. Please provide additional comments (e.g., what you liked about the sessions, what you would like to see happen in your community as a result of the Project):

Please place completed surveys in the box provided at the Community Information Session

Drop off: NexGen's La Loche office (Dene Empowerment Centre)
Mail: NexGen, Suite 200, 475 2nd Ave South, Saskatoon, SK S7K 1P4, or
Email: engagement@nxe-energy.ca

Thank you for participating and providing your inputs, they are very much appreciated.

Marci Cho'!

Appendix 2F Public Engagement Materials

Joint Working Group Summaries



March 2021

JWG Monthly Update

In March, the following topics were discussed:

- Historic land uses and future land uses
- Incorporation of Indigenous and Local Knowledge into the land use assessment
- Environmental Assessment (EA) status update

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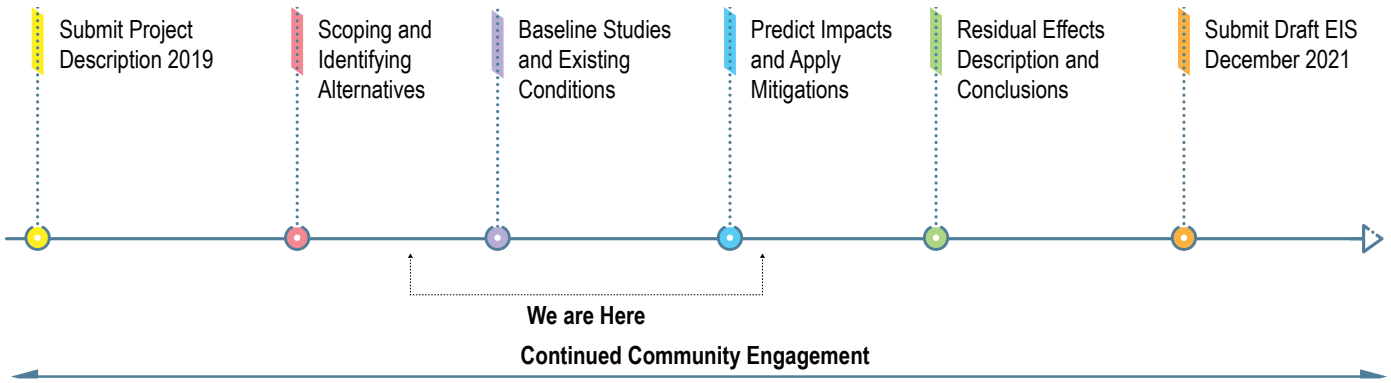
In the March 2021 Joint Working Group (JWG) meetings, we discussed three key topics:

- Historic land use and desired land uses in the future. JWGs presented information regarding land use and other important community items to NexGen.
- JWGs provided Indigenous (First Nations and Métis) and Local Knowledge and observations relating to land use to inform the Environmental Assessment (EA) process and enhance the overall Rook I Project (Project).
- The current status of the EA and upcoming activities.



Aerial View of Rook I Project Site and Patterson Lake

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process

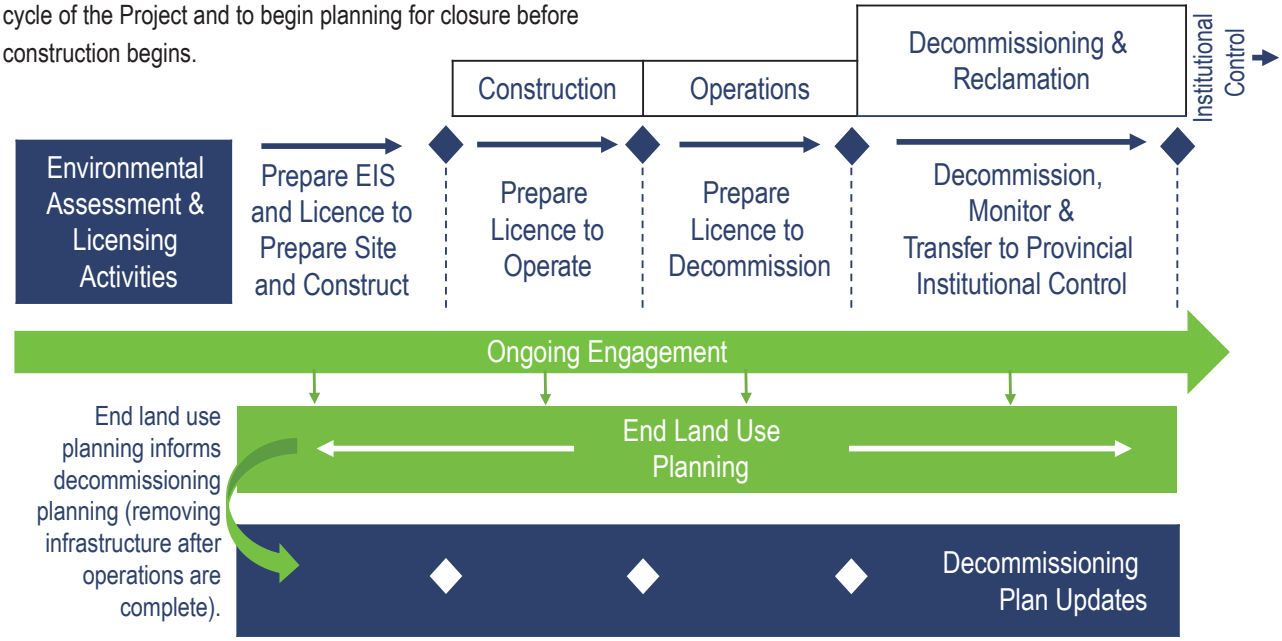


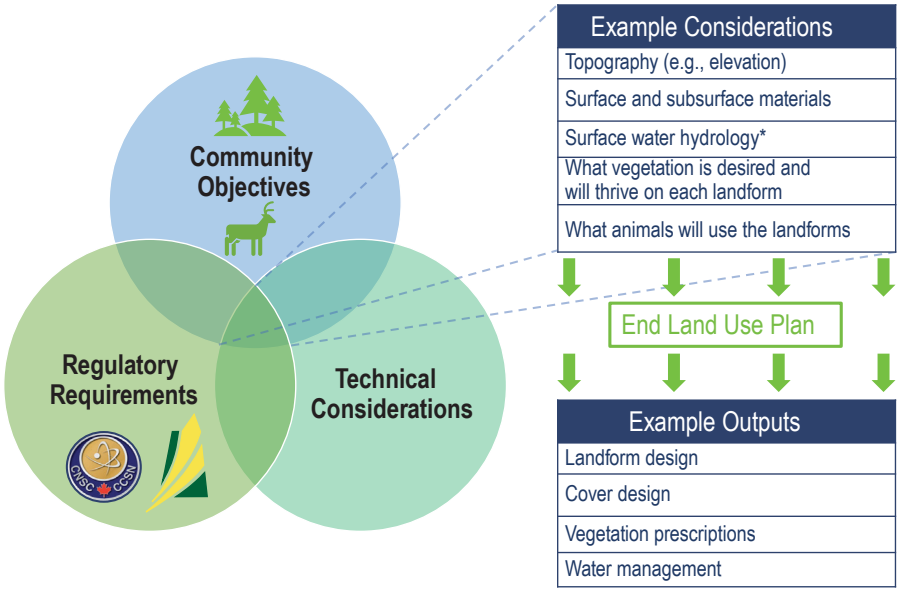
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Meeting Summary

Land Stewardship Through all Project Phases

- NexGen is looking forward to continued engagement with local communities through all Project stages, and to learn more about how local land users have used the land in the past and would like to use the land in the future.
- NexGen's approach to land stewardship includes the full life cycle of the Project and to begin planning for closure before construction begins.
- While there is a regulatory process to be followed, NexGen's goal is to go above and beyond those requirements. Community input at all stages is important to NexGen to facilitate our intention for high-quality Project development.





The study of movement, distribution and management of water.

Informing the Path Forward

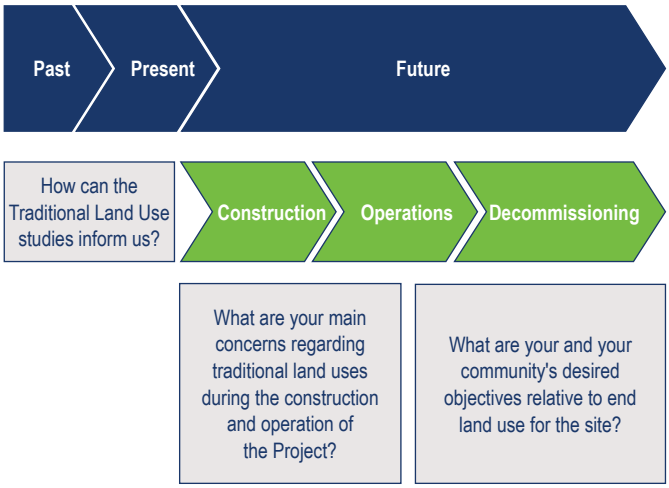
- End land use refers to how the site will be used in the future, after decommissioning and reclamation.
- Shared knowledge contributes to the EA and the Project in important ways, including by:
  - Informing baseline studies and identifying potential impacts.
  - Contributing to developing appropriate mitigations and management plans.
- The goal is to establish ecosystems that are safe to use, common to the area, and will provide land uses similar to pre-disturbance land uses.

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Land Use and the Project Life Cycle

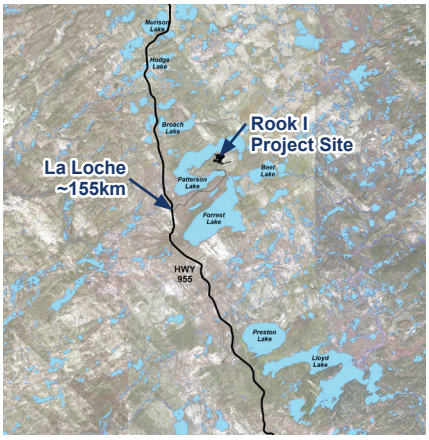
- NexGen would like to hear from you at all stages of the Project life cycle.
- NexGen is committed to responsibly developing the Project. The objective is to leave all areas that were disturbed during operations safe for traditional land uses and in a condition that is consistent with the surrounding environment.
- NexGen looks to the community for feedback on what you think is important and what your objectives are in relation to end land use.

Land Use is Considered Throughout all Project Phases



Questions to Think About Regarding Traditional Land Use

- Which activities during construction and decommissioning are likely to impact traditional land use in the Project area?
  - Can you describe those impacts (e.g., noise, effects to water, traffic)?
  - Do you think there may be any differences among the different phases of the Project?
- What concerns you most about your ability to continue to exercise your rights relative to Project activities?
- Do you have any thoughts on how we may lessen impacts to traditional land use or how continued land and resource use could be supported during the Project life cycle?
- What lessons should be learned from other mine sites in northern Saskatchewan (e.g., Cluff Lake)?



Location of Rook I Project Site

Decommissioning

- NexGen believes that it is important to start planning for decommissioning and closure early in the Project development process.
- Early and ongoing collaboration with Indigenous communities is very important to NexGen.
- There are several different options for the decommissioning of the site and other items relating to the site (e.g., equipment, waste).
- These items and materials can be sold, repurposed, recycled or disposed of. Community input is important to determine the best course of action.

Options for Safe and Environmentally Responsible Disposal of Project Infrastructure and Wastes

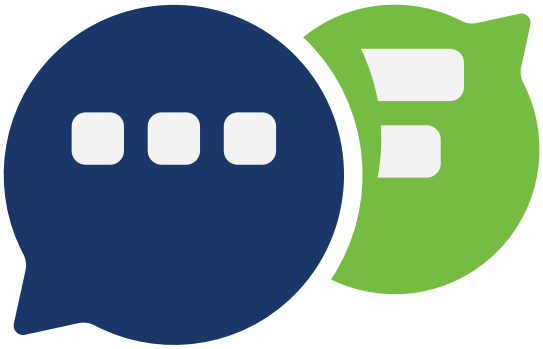
On-site	Off-site
Keep as-is	Sale
Repurposing	Recycling or reprocessing
Decommissioning in place	Disposal
Purpose-built landfill	
Placement underground	

What are your ideas for the use of Project infrastructure following decommissioning and reclamation?

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EA Update

- Women's interviews are being planned to understand how the Project might uniquely affect women both positively and negatively. Feedback on how these interviews should be conducted and with whom was sought from the JWGs.
- A Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial is planned for 2021 and the names of two people from each Indigenous Group were sought from the JWGs to participate.
- A Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan will be developed in collaboration with Indigenous Groups.
- NexGen would also like to understand how best to present the EA findings to communities.



WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE JOINT WORKING GROUPS

- The land is of vital importance to communities; it has helped establish traditions, practices, and people's way of life.
- Hunting, fishing, trapping, and harvesting of medicines and food plants continue to be a critical part of the well-being, survival, identity, and culture of communities.
- Potential Project effects to hunting, trapping, and fishing are a concern for some community members.
- Social impacts need to be considered; there are issues with drugs and alcohol in the communities that need to be carefully managed with increased salaries.
- Communities would like to understand what effects to the environment have been experienced at similar projects (e.g. Cluff Lake).
- Consideration of the cumulative effects of projects in the area and consideration of studies completed at other sites is important in the assessment of this Project.
- Working together towards a harmonious and prosperous future is the desired outcome; communities appreciate the opportunity to discuss the Project and work alongside NexGen.
- Communities expressed a desire to have the EIS Summary presented in Dene and liked the concept of an audio recording. A version in Cree might be helpful for some community members.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

- How would you like the land to be able to be used post-decommissioning (after mining is completed)?
- What is most important for NexGen to consider now, in these early stages, with respect to land use?
- How would you like your community to be involved in end land use planning going forward?
- To help in preparations for future discussions around caribou, is there anything you would like to understand or share specific to caribou and mitigating effects on caribou?
- A summary of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared and translated – what languages would you like to see provided? Are there any other considerations for the presentation of the EIS? How would communities like to see Dene used in the EIS?
- Would an audio recording of the summary EIS be beneficial?

Please contact us by any of the means below if you wish to ask questions or discuss anything – we look forward to hearing from you!



April 2021

JWG Monthly Update

In April, the following topics were discussed:

- Transportation Risk Assessment, accidents and malfunctions
- Environmental Assessment (EA) scoping and pathways analysis
- Caribou mitigation pilot program

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WHAT WE DISCUSSED

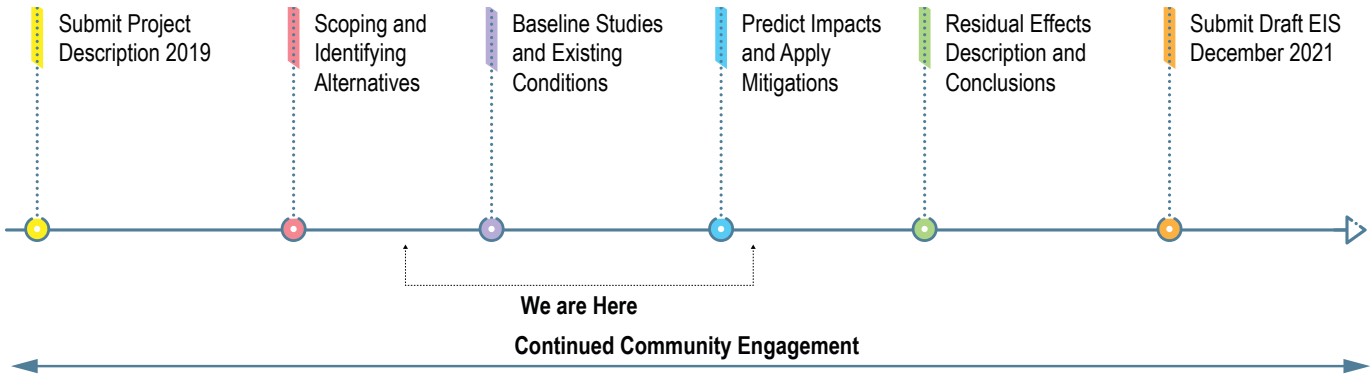
In the April 2021 Joint Working Group (JWG) meetings, we discussed three key topics:

- The Transportation Risk Assessment and the evaluation of accidents and malfunctions to assess the potential environmental consequences.
- Environmental Assessment (EA) methodology with a focus on scoping, pathways analysis, and how the Rook I Project (Project) could positively or negatively affect community well-being.
- The caribou mitigation and offsetting plan and the pilot program to reclaim linear disturbances. Input from communities will strengthen these projects.



Aerial View of Patterson Lake area near Rook I Project Site

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process



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Meeting Summary



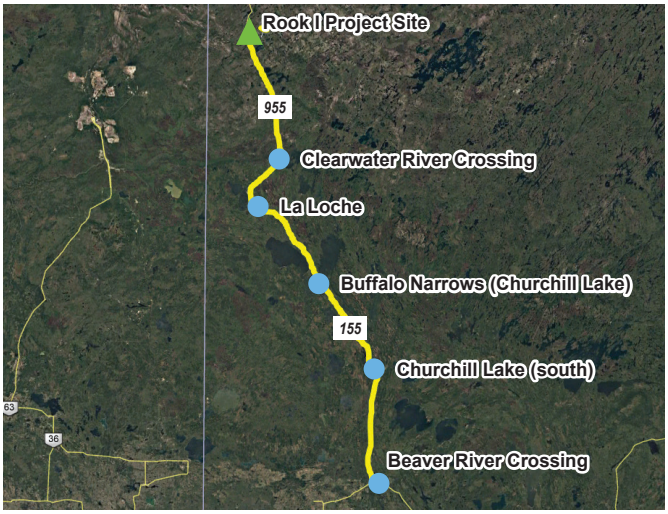
Proposed Rook I Project Site

Accidents and Malfunctions Study

- This study assesses the 'what if' for events that are outside of what is expected.
- Considers a wide range of Project activities and scenarios to understand 'what might happen should an accident occur'.
- For those events that 'might happen', those that pose a relatively high risk are evaluated further to determine the environmental consequence.
- Twenty-one different Project activities were considered with multiple scenarios considered for each activity. In total, 90 individual scenarios were identified for further assessment.

Transportation Risk Assessment

- The Transportation Risk Assessment will focus on Highways 955 and 155 from the Rook I Project site to Green Lake.
- Early engagement with communities identified a concern for increased traffic and the consequences of traffic accidents.
- The Transportation Risk Assessment will evaluate the risks related to changes in traffic patterns and assess the environmental consequences that may occur due to traffic-related accidents, including how these accidents may affect communities along the transportation corridor.
- Five locations have been identified where spill assessments will be evaluated (see map).

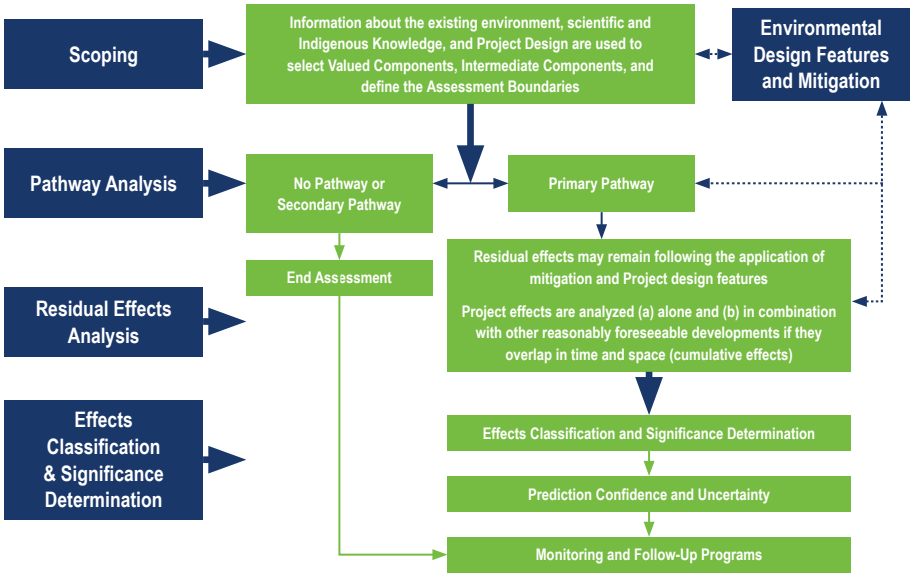


Access to the Rook I Project Site via Highways 155 and 955

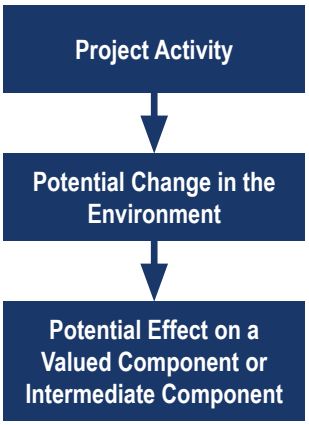
Environmental Assessment Process

- The steps of an EA are listed on the left of the figure and include scoping, pathways analysis, residual effects analysis and effects classification, and the determination of significance. Information about mitigations and Project environmental design features are used throughout the EA process.
- The pathways analysis step was discussed in detail during the April meeting with a focus on community well-being.
- Both Project effects and cumulative effects will be assessed.

Environmental Assessment Process Flowchart



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Pathways Analysis

- A pathways analysis is an important step in the EA process because it focuses the EA on the key interactions between the Project and the environment after the incorporation of mitigation and environmental design features.
- Pathways are classified into three categories:
  - **Primary pathway:** where there is a likely environmental change that could cause greater-than-negligible effects on a valued component (VC) or intermediate component.
  - **Secondary pathway:** where the potential effect is measurable, but the effect is negligible.
  - **No pathway:** where the potential effect can be avoided through mitigation or Project design.
- Primary pathways are the focus of the EA. These primary pathways are carried forward in the EA for a detailed analysis of residual effects.

Community Well-being

- Community Well-being will be a VC in the EA.
- Community Well-being will be defined based on input from the community, information from other projects, and literature.
- NexGen would like to understand the factors that contribute positively and negatively to Community Well-being, including historical and current influences.
- To better understand Community Well-being in each community, NexGen has conducted key person interviews with community members, held community information sessions and a youth workshop, and JWG meetings.



Promoting Active Living



Staff at the Rook I Project Site

Pathways Analysis Example: Community Well-being

The Project could positively and negatively affect Community Well-being through several pathways including:

- Training, education, and employment may increase disposable incomes, which could have both positive and negative effects on communities.
- The presence of the Project may affect how community members participate in land and resource use opportunities.
- Traffic from the Project may affect Community Well-being.

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Caribou in the Environmental Assessment

- The potential effects of the Project on caribou and caribou habitat will be evaluated in the EA.
- Because the boreal population of woodland caribou is listed as threatened under the federal *Species at Risk Act*, a Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan (Plan) is required for the Project.
- NexGen would like to collaborate with local communities to develop the Plan, with the objective to create a net benefit or no net loss to caribou and caribou habitat.

Linear Feature Reclamation & Mitigation Trial

- NexGen is undertaking a study to identify practical ways to improve caribou habitat, with a focus on linear features.
- Reclaiming or restoring linear features may reduce predation on caribou by wolves or other predators.
- The trial will focus on non-Project related disturbances and use combinations of seeding/planting, coarse woody debris, tree tipping, fencing, and mounding.



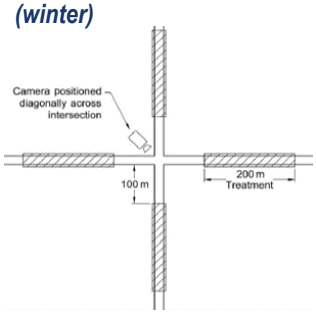
Linear disturbance (summer)



Evidence of natural deadfall (winter)



Boreal Forest at Rook I Project Site



WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE JOINT WORKING GROUPS

- Learning more about health and safety issues related to the uranium industry is of interest to the communities.
- Communities are concerned about highway conditions from Green Lake to the Rook I Project site. Increased traffic volume and reduced visibility due to blowing dust or snow were discussed.
- An emergency response plan, including the need for training, will be important in the event of a spill or accident.
- Information about the Project should be shared with the broader community.
- The potential positive and negative socio-economic impacts of the Project are of high interest. The positive educational and economic effects on communities should be sustainable beyond the life of the Project.
- Communities have strong, dynamic cultures. Cultural sensitivity training will be important for Project employees. For example, employment schedules should consider the timing of seasonal activities such as hunting.
- The Transportation Risk Assessment should consider including muskeg areas because they may have connections to the river systems and provide fish habitat.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

- How would you best like to be kept up to date on the Project?
- What are the most important things you would like us to know about your community and the potential Project effects (both positive and negative)?
- When we describe the potential effects of the Project, what type of information would be most useful to help you understand the effects?
- What specific topics are important to you?

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Rook I Project Exploration Camp

May 2021

JWG Monthly Update

In May, the following topics were discussed:

- Environmental Assessment (EA) Methods
- Pathways for Indigenous Land and Resource Use
- Community Well-being

NexGen Energy is pleased to present this update to communities on the discussions that took place as part of the May 2021 Joint Working Groups.

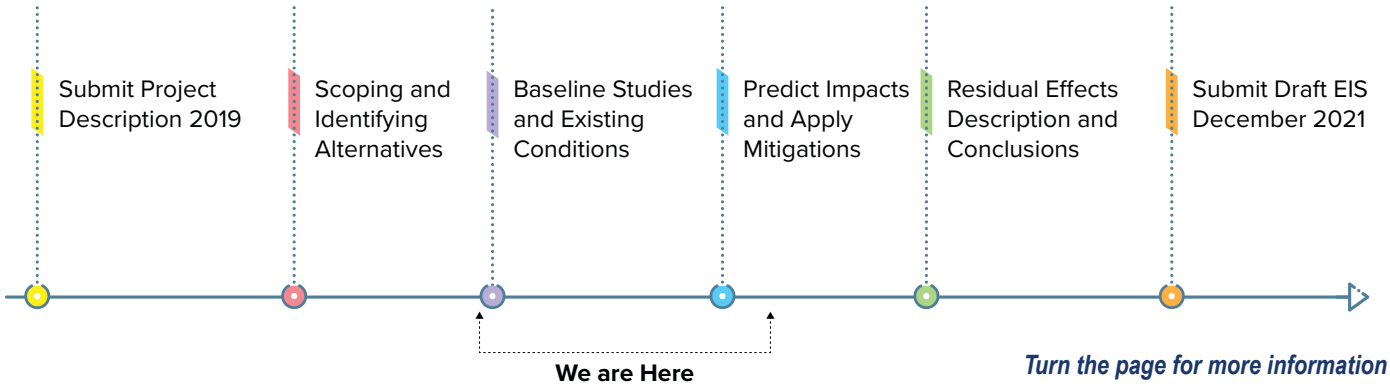
WHAT WE DISCUSSED

In the May 2021 Joint Working Group (JWG) meetings, we discussed three key topics:

- Environmental Assessment (EA) methods, focusing on the pathway analysis using examples such as air quality, water quality, fish, and wildlife.
- The pathways used to assess Indigenous Land and Resource Uses in the NexGen Rook I Project (Project) area and region. We had good conversations about how the Project could affect this Valued Component.
- Community Well-being in terms of what this means to communities and how it may be affected by the Project, including how it can be enhanced or improved.


Kayaks on Patterson Lake

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process



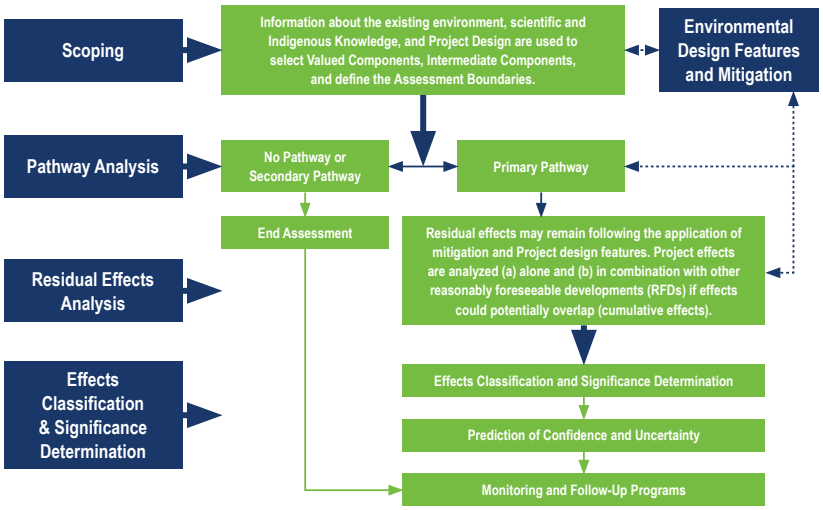
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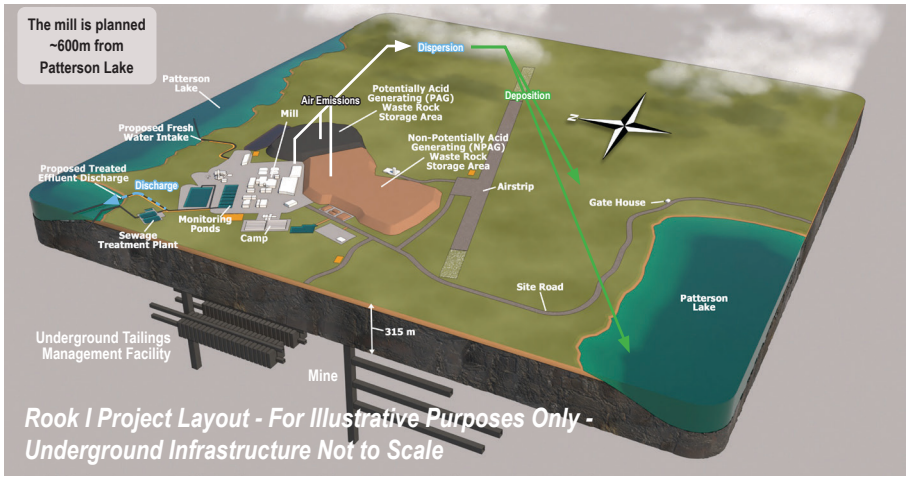
Meeting Summary

Environmental Assessment Process

- The steps of an EA process include scoping, pathways analysis, residual effects analysis, the classification of effects, and the determination of significance.
- The effects are classified and significance is determined, along with a discussion about confidence and monitoring programs.
- Both effects from the Project and cumulative effects will be assessed.

Environmental Assessment Process Flowchart





Rook I Project Layout - For Illustrative Purposes Only - Underground Infrastructure Not to Scale

Examples of Pathways

- Examples of pathways include the air emissions or discharge of treated water into Patterson Lake.
- The emissions and discharge would enter the environment where they could be taken up by plants, animals, and people.
- Project effects that remain after mitigations are applied are called residual effects.

Residual Effects

- Residual effects will be described in the EA to provide a full understanding of the effects of the Project on the environment.
- Residual effects will be classified as either significant or not significant.
- The level of confidence in effects predictions (including any uncertainty) will be described in the EA.
- Monitoring and follow-up programs will be implemented to meet regulatory requirements, evaluate mitigations, and assess predictions about Project effects.

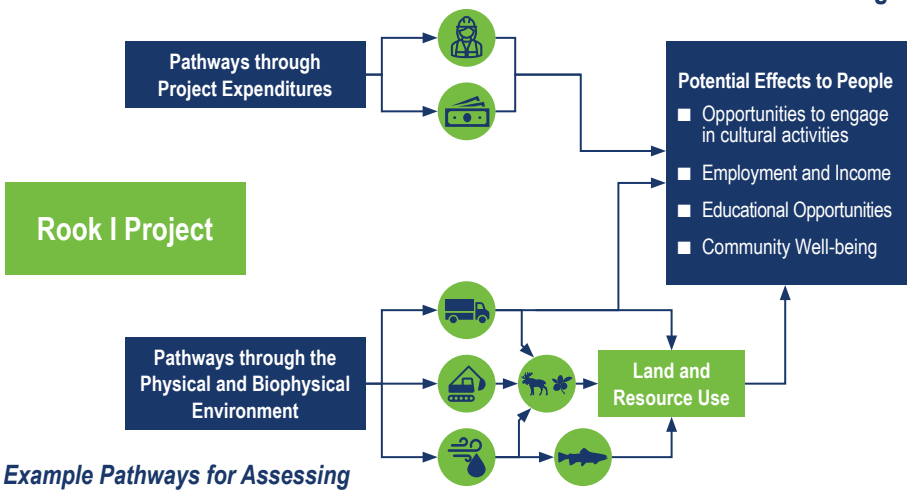
The Main Effects Criteria Used in the Residual Effects Classification

Criteria	Description
Direction	Adverse (negative), neutral (no change), or positive (improvement) effect.
Magnitude	The intensity of the effect, or the size, degree, or level of change.
Geographic extent	The area (or distance covered or range) of the effect.
Duration	The amount of time from the beginning of an effect to when the effect is reversed.
Reversibility	Whether the effect will stop or be reversed, or is permanent.
Frequency	How often an effect occurs during the assessment.

The classification of residual effects is used to determine the significance for Valued Components

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Indigenous Land and Resource Use Assessment



Example Pathways for Assessing Indigenous Land and Resource Use

- This diagram shows the pathways we plan to use to evaluate Project effects on Indigenous Land and Resource Use.
- The pathways assessed for the socio-economic and biophysical environments will be an important part of the assessment of Indigenous Land and Resources Use.
- For example, the residual effects identified in the fish and wildlife assessments may become pathways in the assessment of Indigenous Land and Resource Use.

Resources, Access, and Quality of Experience

We will assess the Project effects on Indigenous Land and Resource Uses in three ways:

- **Resources:** Examples include changes in wildlife availability and water quality (real or perceived).
- **Access:** Examples include fencing that restricts access, new roads, and improved quality of roads, which can allow users in from farther away.
- **Quality of Experience:** Examples include the experience being affected by noise or because resource users know the Project is nearby.



We discussed how changes may affect Indigenous Land and Resource Use, including:

- Project footprint and activities may change the availability of plants, wildlife, and fish, which can reduce the opportunities for Indigenous land and resource use.
- Changes to air or water quality may result in actual or perceived contamination of plants, fish, and wildlife and discourage traditional uses in proximity to the Project.
- Changes to air or water quality may result in actual or perceived changes to human health, discouraging Indigenous land and resource use close to the Project.

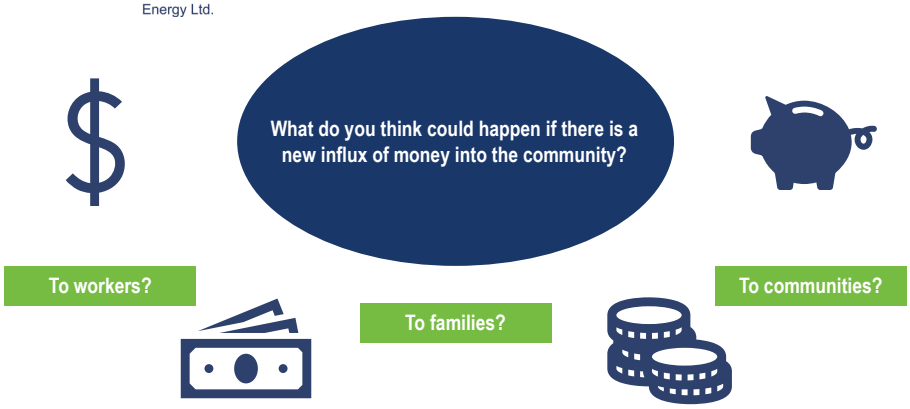
Assessment Endpoints and Measurement Indicators for Community Well-being

Valued Component	Assessment Endpoint
Community Well-being	A continued sense of well-being in the local communities.
Measurement Indicators	
■ Community population/demographics. ■ Well-being (as defined by communities). ■ Determinants of health (including social determinants of health). ■ Cultural expression, including transmission of knowledge and language. ■ Public safety (including traffic). ■ Community infrastructure and services (policing and emergency services, health facilities and services, social services, educational institutions and housing).	

Community Well-being

- Community Well-being means different things to different people. We will consider a number of different indicators in assessing potential effects from the Project.
- In the May meeting, we explored changes in employment and income as well as worker rotations in more detail.
- These can have both positive and negative effects on Community Well-being.

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Increased Income May Affect Workers, Families, or Communities

Potential Effects of Increased Income

- Effects to Community Well-being from increased income can affect different parts of the community and in different ways.
- Quality of life can be enhanced through increased spending power and reduced debt.
- Increased income can also present unintended outcomes such as increased drug and alcohol use.

Worker Rotations

Worker rotations can affect Community Well-being in a number of potential ways (positive and negative), for example:

- Changes in family dynamics.
- Changes in connection to the community.
- Changes in availability and time spent with family and friends.
- Changes in how people access the land.

Example Assessment from a Predicted Effect to Mitigation, and Questions that could be Considered for Residual Effects

Predicted Effect	Mitigation	Residual Effect
■ May impact family stability because of time spent away at the work site (e.g., rotational work).	■ Develop and implement human resource policies (including employee and family assistance programs) to assist workers in finding information and referral services for family-related resources as required.	■ Do you know anyone who has worked a job that requires being away from their home community? Someone who lives with someone who is away from home for work? ■ How did being away affect them? Their family? Their friends? ■ What helped them with this situation? ■ Is there anything else that they think would have helped?

WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE JOINT WORKING GROUPS

- The potential for increased income in communities is welcomed; however, all changes have positive and negative sides to consider. For example, increased drug and alcohol use.
- Helping community members with financial management will help to effectively manage increased income.
- Worker rotation cycles can affect community members in different ways. Family and community support networks are important to help make this successful.
- Consideration of resource use activities in developing the worker rotation schedule would be beneficial and help community members retain their connection to the land.
- Having an Elder on-site at the Project could help workers retain a connection to their communities, as well as provide mentorship and support.
- People are interested in environmental monitoring in their communities.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

- How would you best like to be kept up to date on the Project?
- What are the most important things you would like us to know about your community and the potential Project effects (both positive and negative)?
- When we describe the effects of the Project, what type of information would be most useful to help you understand the effect?
- What specific topics are important to you?

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June 2021

JWG Monthly Update

In June, the following topics were discussed:

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- EA prediction confidence
- Monitoring types
- How to present EA results

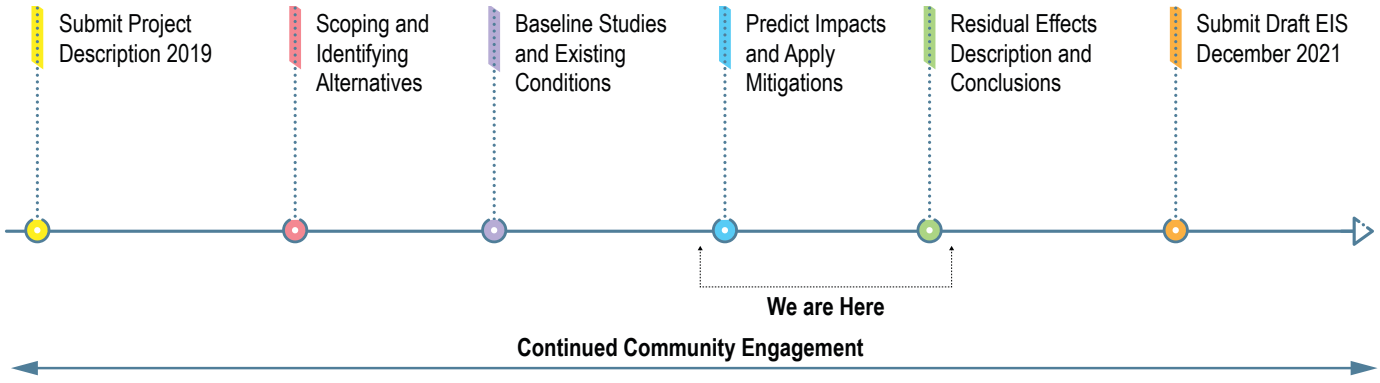
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- How confidence in EA predictions is increased through each step of the process and how potential uncertainty is being addressed.
- How the NexGen Rook I Project (Project) could affect Community Well-being and Indigenous Land and Resource Use VCs.
- The types of monitoring and follow-up programs that will be implemented for the Project, including how community members would like to be involved and how Indigenous Knowledge should be included.
- How we can best present the EA results to the wider community.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process



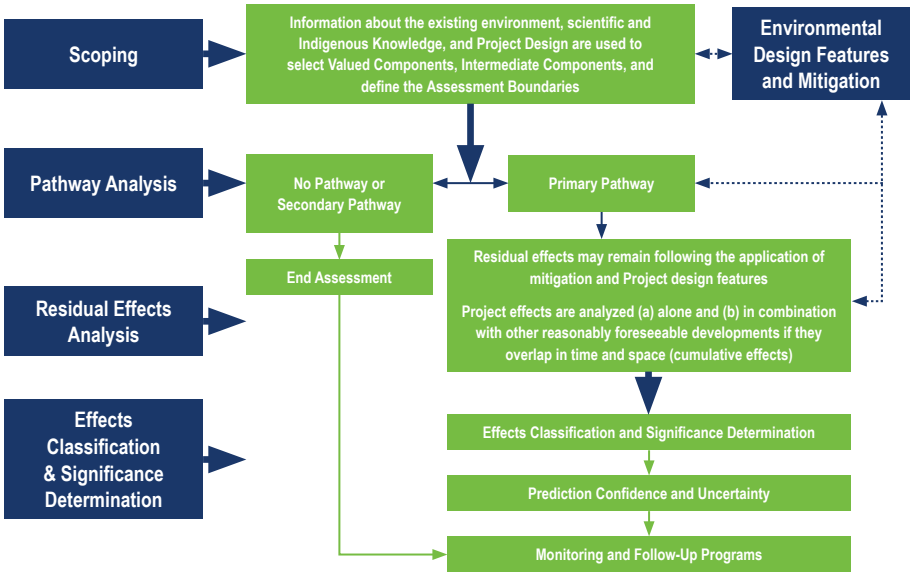
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Environmental Assessment Process

- The steps of an EA include scoping, pathways analysis, the classification of residual effects, and the determination of significance.
- The significance of Project effects on VCs will be determined and the degree of confidence and uncertainty in predictions will be discussed. Where required, monitoring and follow-up programs will be proposed and implemented.
- Both Project effects and cumulative effects will be assessed.

Environmental Assessment Process Flowchart



Environmental Assessment Methods - Determining Significance

- Significance is determined for VCs where residual adverse effects are predicted after mitigations are applied.
- The significance of residual effects on VCs is determined using measurement indicators and assessment endpoints.
- The overall effect on a VC is deemed 'significant' or 'not significant' based on the weight of evidence. The precautionary approach is used in cases with high uncertainty.
- Significance will be determined for the Project alone and for cumulative effects (e.g., the combined effects of multiple projects).

Measurement Indicators

- Selected for each VC and intermediate component
- Represent features that are measured or described to characterize the effects from the Project on the VC or intermediate component

Assessment Endpoint

- A description of what should be protected for the VC

Prediction Confidence and Uncertainty

- A major element of an EA is predicting future conditions of the environment as a result of the Project.
- Predictions often have some uncertainty due to variabilities in the socioeconomic and biophysical environments.
- Each step of the EA process is designed to increase prediction confidence and decrease uncertainty.
- The EA will describe the level of confidence in the predictions and where uncertainties remain.

Increasing Prediction Confidence - Indigenous Land and Resource Use Example

Scoping	■ Broad study areas that reflect human relationships to the land ■ Incorporate Indigenous Knowledge
Pathway Analysis	■ Include pathways based on experiences as well as resource and access pathways ■ Incorporate local and Indigenous Knowledge
Residual Effects Analysis	■ Will incorporate Indigenous Knowledge, including experience and relationship to the land ■ Will include perceived effects
Effects Classification & Significance Determination	■ Will incorporate Indigenous Knowledge ■ Classification will be conservative if uncertainty exists
Monitoring and Follow-up	■ Environmental monitoring will be important ■ Are there other forms of monitoring we should consider?

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Monitoring and Follow-up Programs

- Monitoring is used to verify the predicted effects from the EA, measure compliance with permit conditions, identify unanticipated effects, and provide information for adaptive management plans.
- Monitoring will focus on specific aspects of the environment and generally include the following main categories:
  - Environmental Protection Plan monitoring.
  - Regional monitoring.
  - EA follow-up monitoring.
  - Regulatory compliance monitoring.



Aquatic Monitoring near Rook I Project Site

Questions on Community Involvement in Monitoring

- How would your community like to be involved in the monitoring?
- Do you see a role for Indigenous Knowledge within the monitoring programs? If so, how?
- What concerns do you have regarding monitoring programs?
- How can we help community members feel confident in the monitoring programs?



Plant Surveys at Rook I Project Site

Plain Language Summary

- The plain language summary is intended to present the key findings from the EA in a clear and easily understood manner.
- We would like to hear from communities on your preferences for this document. It is important to ensure that the Plain Language Summary meets your needs.

- **What format makes sense for your community?**
- **How do you think people will use these documents?**
- **What topics are people interested in?**
- **What language(s) would you like the Plain Language Summary to be in?**
- **What other considerations would be useful?**

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Field Surveys at Rook I Project Site



Fish Surveys near Rook I Project Site

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- Images, video, and translation of text into Dene are important to help explain the results of the EA.
- The communities are interested in understanding the direction of water flow once it leaves Patterson Lake.
- Trained community members would help communities better understand mining projects like Rook I.
- Engagement with communities, in addition to JWG meetings, is important to help people understand the Project and provide feedback.
- There is concern that some wildlife species like wolves and bears have increased in number, possibly due to a poor market for furs and reduced hunting during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Local contractors may need assistance with understanding bidding processes, insurance, and other criteria necessary to be competitive. A database for employment and training services would be beneficial.
- JWG members need support to address tasks and actions stemming from JWG meetings.

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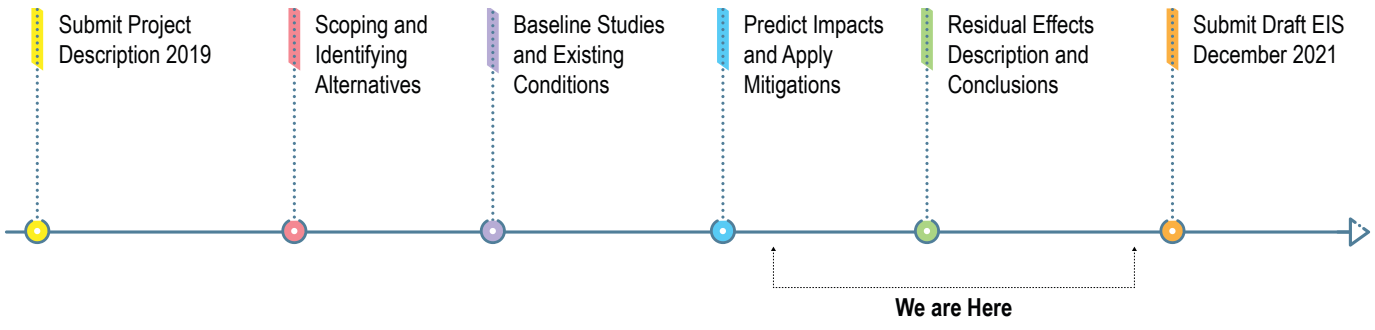
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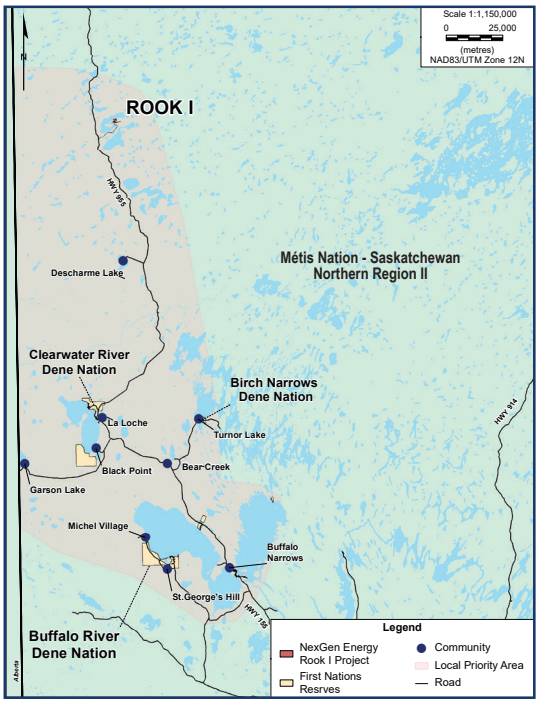
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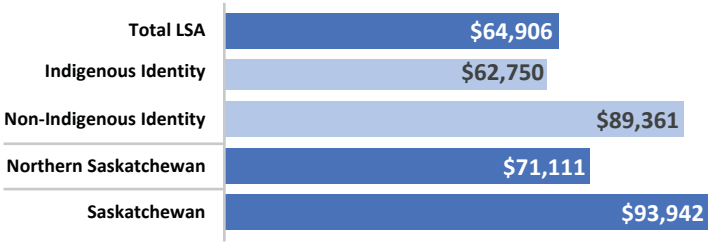
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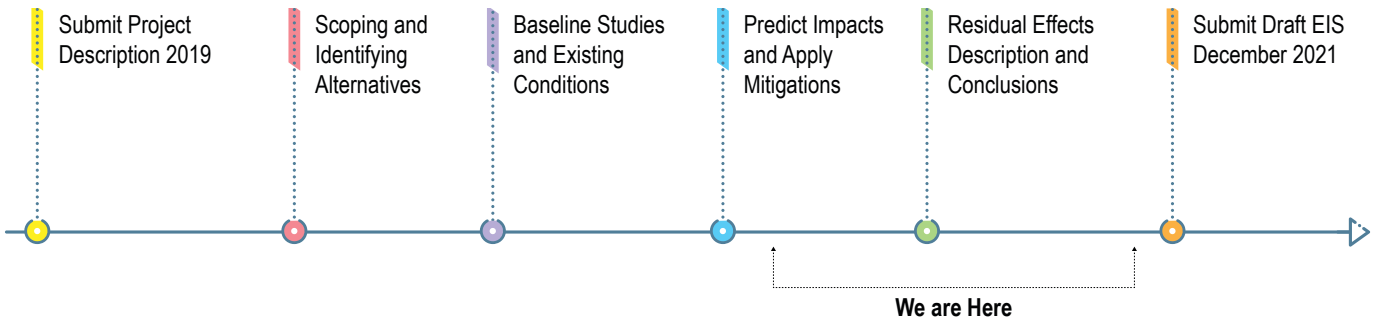
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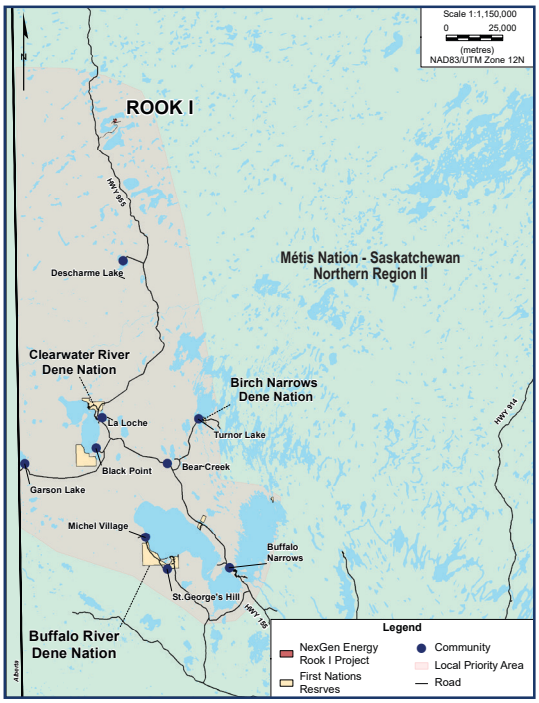
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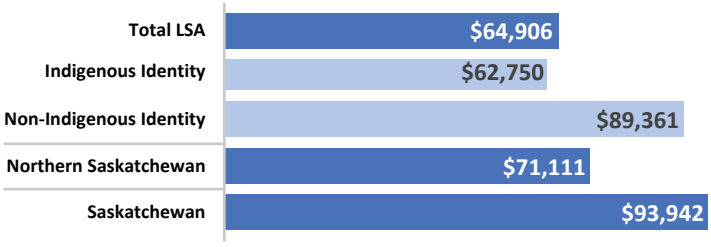
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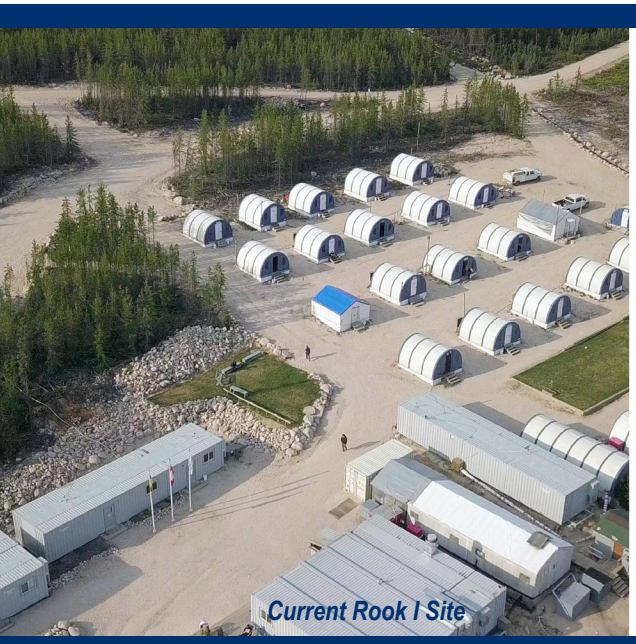
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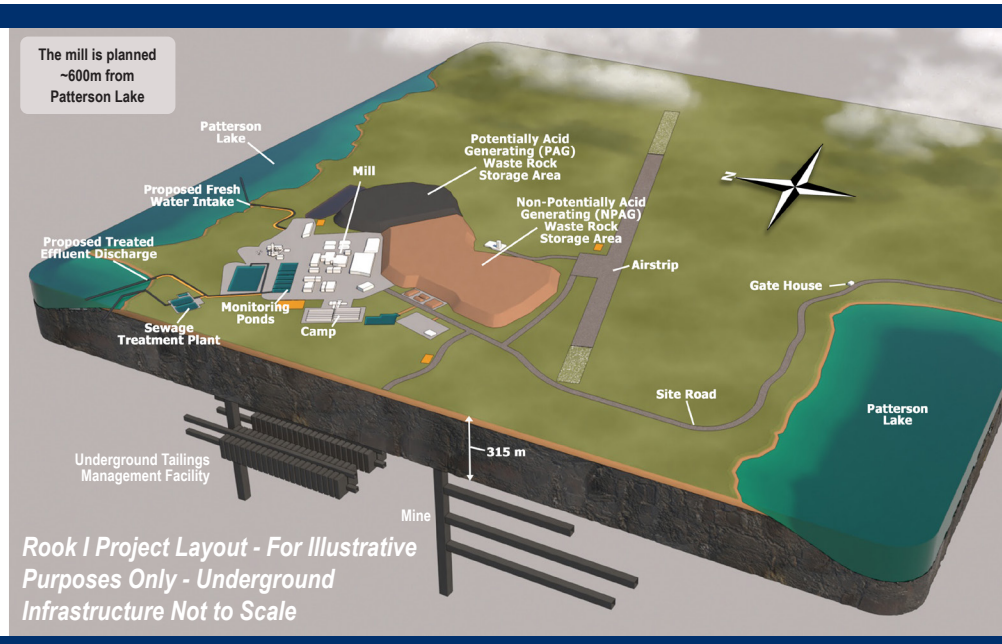
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Current Rook I Site



Rook I Project Layout - For Illustrative Purposes Only - Underground Infrastructure Not to Scale

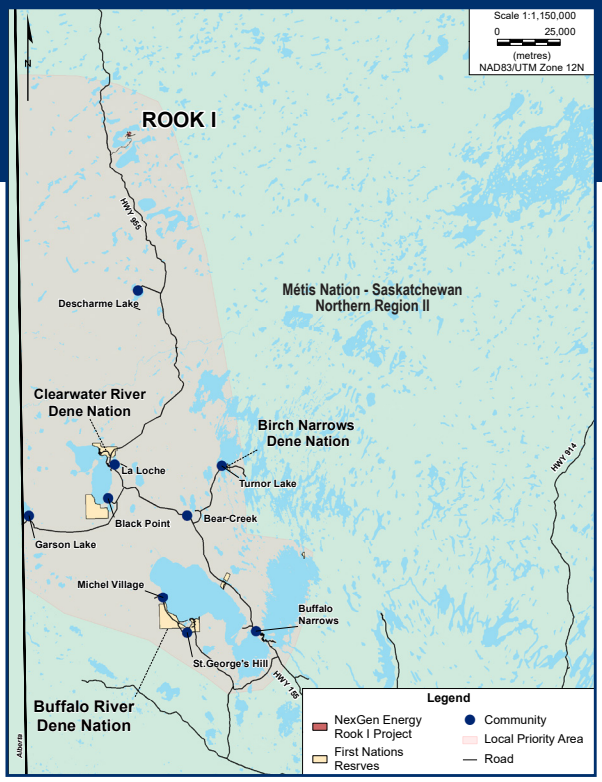
Community Newsletter - Project Overview

- NexGen is guided by its values of honesty, respect, resilience, and accountability, and is driven to become a world-leading uranium producer delivering the clean energy needs of the future.
- The Rook I Project is a proposed new uranium mine and mill to support the mining and on-site processing of the Arrow deposit. The proposed operation would produce approximately 30 million lbs of uranium concentrate at peak production.
- NexGen is committed to meaningful, long-lasting partnerships with Indigenous Peoples (First Nations and Métis) and local communities to maximize the sustainable benefits of the Rook I Project.
- NexGen is focused on achieving elite standards in all areas and through every stage of the Rook I Project – from pre-development through to construction, operations, decommissioning and reclamation, and final closure.

THE ROOK I PROJECT

Delivering lasting environmental, social, and economic benefits to the communities where we operate.

- Located near Patterson Lake ~155 km north of La Loche and ~14 km east of Highway 955 by road.
- Includes an underground mine, a uranium mill, an underground tailings management facility, surface mine rock storage, water treatment facilities, an airstrip, and a camp.
- All tailings placed underground for permanent storage in an underground tailings management facility (UGTMF); there would be no tailings facility on surface during or after the mining operations.



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Core Boxes Containing Rock Samples

KEY PROJECT COMPONENTS

Rook I Mine

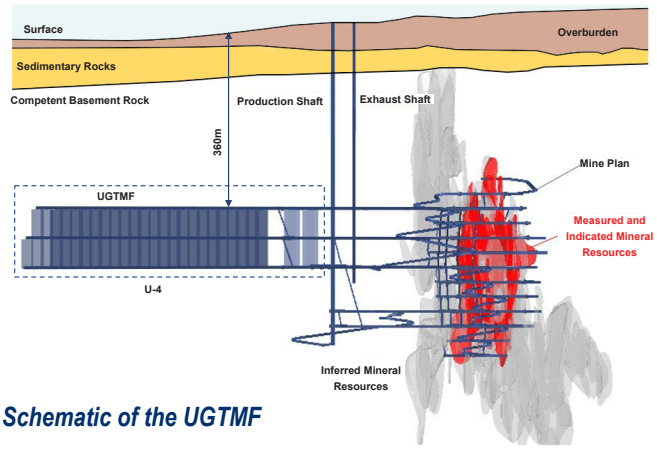
- Underground mine located entirely below the land surface.

Rook I Mill

- Is planned to be located more than 600 m from the nearest lake.

Underground Tailings Management Facility (UGTMF)

- NexGen's approach to planning starts with closure in mind, making decisions today that are informed by protecting the environment for generations to come. For the first time in northern Saskatchewan, no tailings will be stored on surface at the Rook I Project. All tailings produced from the mining of the Arrow deposit will be placed permanently underground, allowing for progressive decommissioning with no tailings facility on surface during or after the mining operation.



Schematic of the UGTMF

COMMITMENT TO PROTECTION OF PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Water Resources

- Safe now, and for future generations.
- Monitoring and testing programs will ensure that any water discharged from site remains protective of people and the environment and meets all regulatory discharge limits.



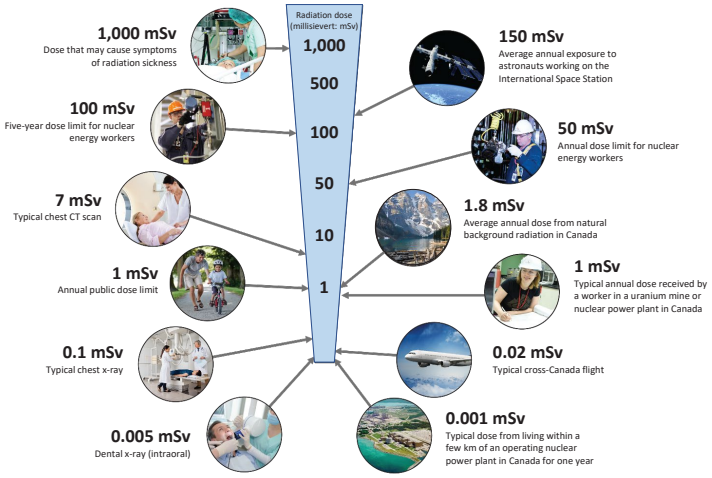
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Monitoring

- Regulated environmental samples will be taken during all phases of the Rook I Project and the results available to Indigenous and local community members.
- Monitoring includes:
  - Water quality in area lakes
  - Lake sediments
  - Biota living in the sediments
  - Fish (including fish tissue)
  - Air quality
  - Radon and radiation
  - Vegetation and berries
- NexGen is committed to supporting community-led, independent environmental monitoring where Indigenous and local community members will conduct sampling of the water, wildlife, and traditional foods on and around the Rook I Project throughout all phases.

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Radiation Dose Examples



Source: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (modified)

Radiation (the natural emission of energy waves or particles)

- The health and safety of all being our top priority, NexGen is dedicated to achieving 'zero harm', ensuring workers have the knowledge, skills, and tools to safely perform their duties. Worker and public exposure to radiation is strictly controlled, monitored, and regulated in all aspects and all phases of the Rook I Project. This includes the mining, milling operations, decommissioning, reclamation, and final site closure. To date, NexGen workers have zero lost time incidents.

Radon (a gas produced from the natural decay of uranium)

- Uranium mining and milling activities do not increase radon levels above background levels in the environment away from the mine site. (Source: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, Radon in Canada's Uranium Industry, Fact Sheet http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/resources/fact-sheets/radon.cfm)



Summer Students at Rook I Access Road

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

NexGen is proudly and actively involved with many community initiatives that support the pillars of health and wellness, recreation, and capacity building.

Summer Student Mentorship Program

- In 2017, NexGen founded the Summer Student Mentorship Program to provide young adults from local communities the opportunity to build skills and confidence and gain insight into careers in the mining industry.

Scholarships

- The NexGen Scholarship Program was initiated in 2018 to support students from local communities as they work towards their education and training goals.

Breakfast Program

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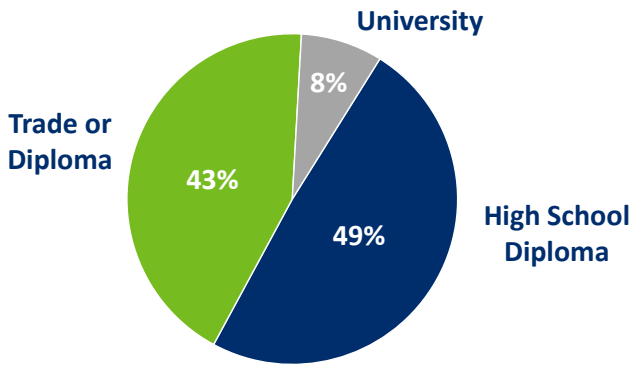


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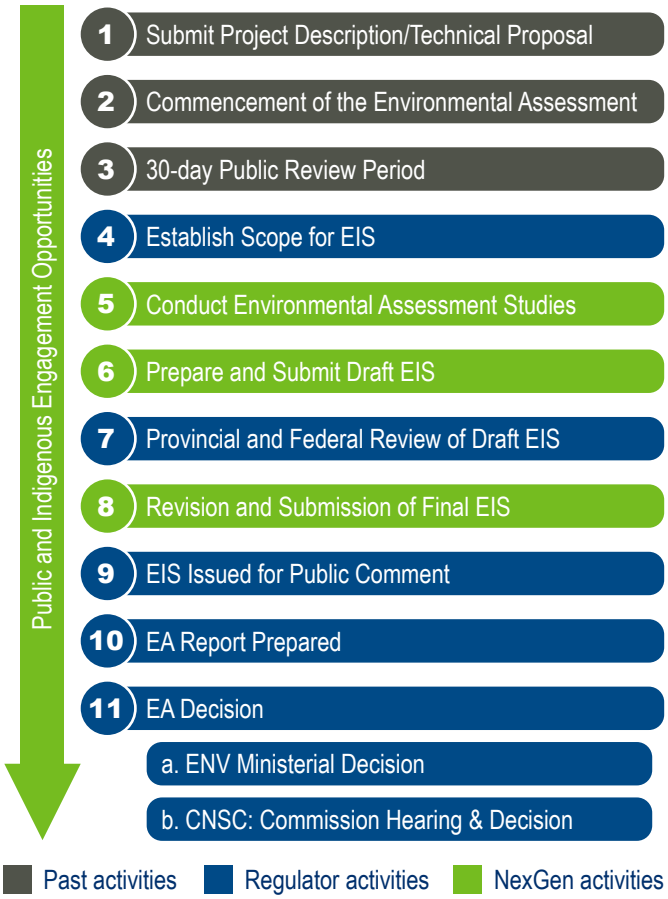
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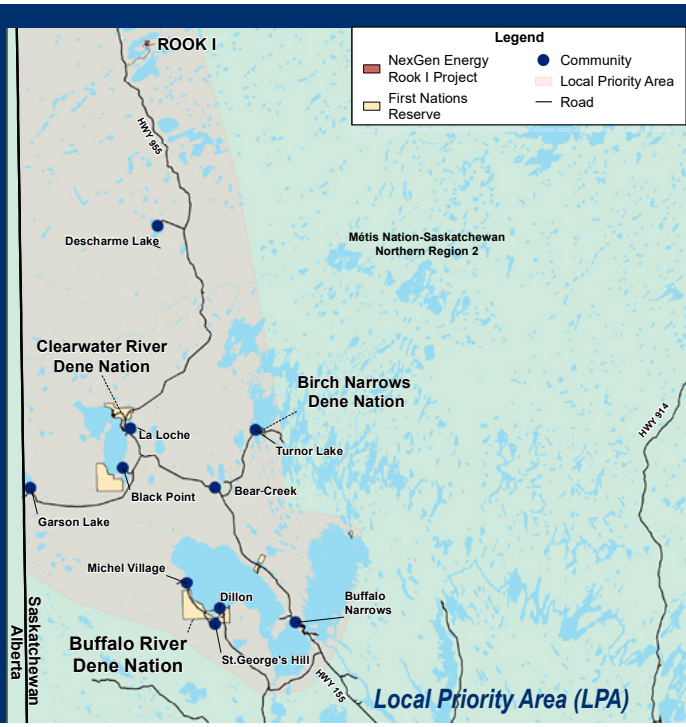
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NEW TO THE NEXGEN TEAM

Alison Auramenko

Director, Regional Development



Alison is NexGen's Director of Regional Development. She is a proud member of Clearwater River Dene Nation and brings a wealth of experience to NexGen with a diverse background, having worked with Procter and Gamble as the Category Account Executive, the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies as the Student Recruitment Manager, Muskowekwan Resources as the Director of Communications and Strategy, and then Director of Intergovernmental Relations, and most recently before joining the NexGen Team, with Federated Co-operatives as the Indigenous Engagement Manager.

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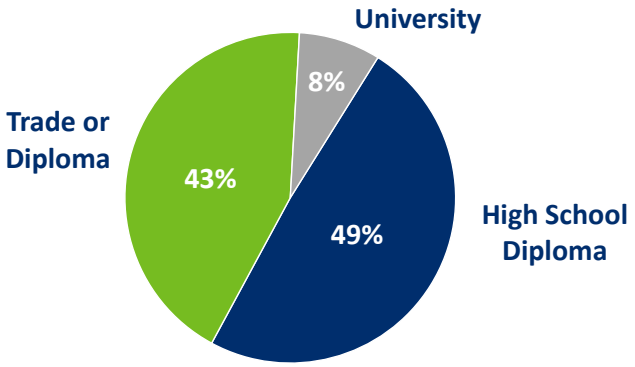
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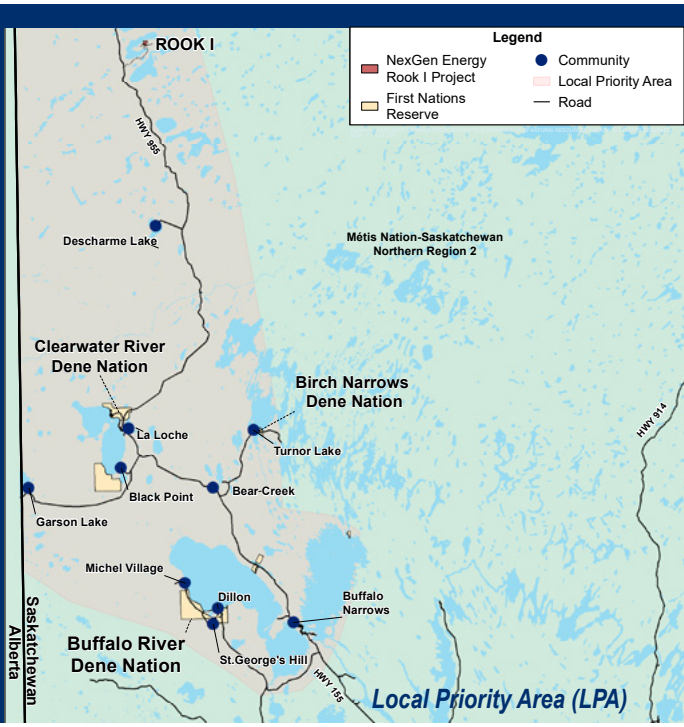
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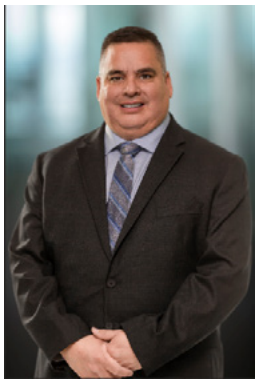


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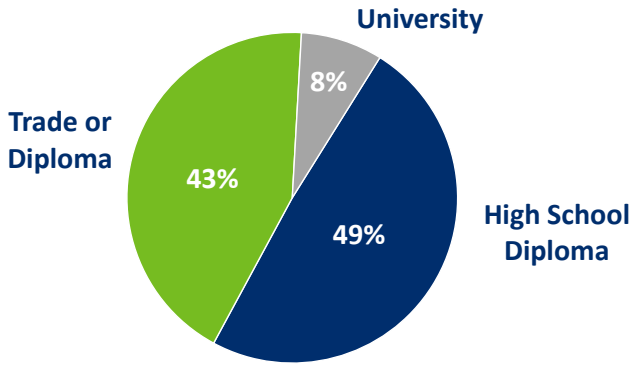
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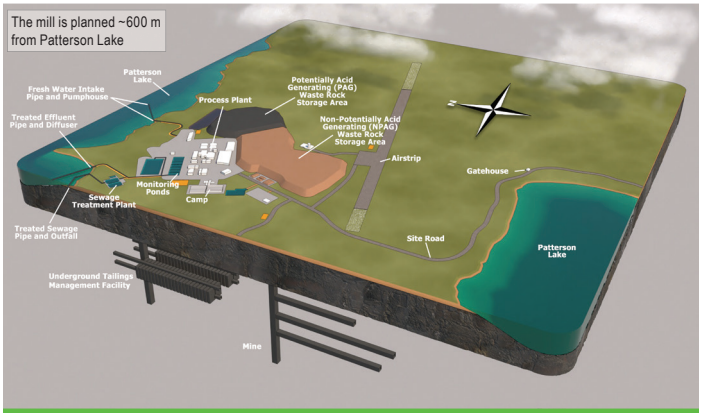
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Uranium and nuclear projects in Saskatchewan are subject to rigorous regulatory review processes, including both federal and provincial environmental assessment (EA) and additional federal and provincial licenses, approvals, and permits.

NexGen is responsibly developing the Project, with a continued focus on environmental protection, cultural respect, health and wellness, education, careers, and training and economic capacity building.



Proposed surface and underground infrastructure for the Project (for illustrative purposes only - not to scale)

Current Site Activities

Current activities at the Rook I property support regional exploration programs, environmental baseline and monitoring programs for the Project, and field investigation programs to support Project design.

An existing all-season exploration camp and associated facilities are located on the Rook I property to support current activities, with all authorizations and permits in place for all current site work.

Engagement with local Indigenous Groups and communities has been ongoing since 2013. Studies to understand the existing conditions at the site and in the surrounding area have been ongoing since 2015, with specific focus on air, water, land, and wildlife.



Current Rook I exploration site

Permitting Status and Update

NexGen is currently in the process of seeking approvals to construct the proposed Rook I Project.

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- For the past two years, NexGen has continued to collect environmental monitoring data, engage with local communities, and has been conducting the EA, with the inclusion of Indigenous and Local Knowledge.
- NexGen has submitted a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) to the CNSC and ENV, which represents the next step in the EA process.

What is an Environmental Assessment?

- An EA is a process used to understand the potential environmental and social effects of a proposed project. Conducting an EA is required as part of the regulatory approval process.
- An EA is also a planning tool that is used to minimize or avoid potential negative effects to the environment and people, and enhance potential benefits.
- Input from Indigenous Groups, community members, regulators, and others is important to help facilitate a high-quality EA.

What is an Environmental Impact Statement?

- The EIS is the report that summarizes all of the work completed from the collection of baseline data, through to the design of the Project, and the 'findings' of the EA.
- The EIS includes a full description of any potential changes (positive and negative) that the Project may cause to the environment and includes a list of key mitigation measures and commitments proposed by NexGen to avoid or minimize any potential adverse environmental effects, and enhance Project benefits.
- The EIS is initially submitted as a draft, and made available to Indigenous Groups, regulators, and the public for review and comment.

Working with Local Indigenous Groups and Communities

Engagement activities have been developed in agreement with local Indigenous Groups and community leadership to foster relationships based on respect and trust, and with a shared vision of optimizing Project outcomes.

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Community members attending a meeting in CRDN

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Workshops and interviews have been conducted to support EIS studies and engagement, including:

- N-19 Trappers workshop;
- youth workshop; and
- key person interviews (e.g., health, education, social service providers).

Meetings with local community leadership and economic development leaders have been held to discuss:

- employment at the Project (if approved) and maximizing opportunities for local community members;
- local training requirements and the development of suitable programs tailored to local community needs; and
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The Regulatory Process

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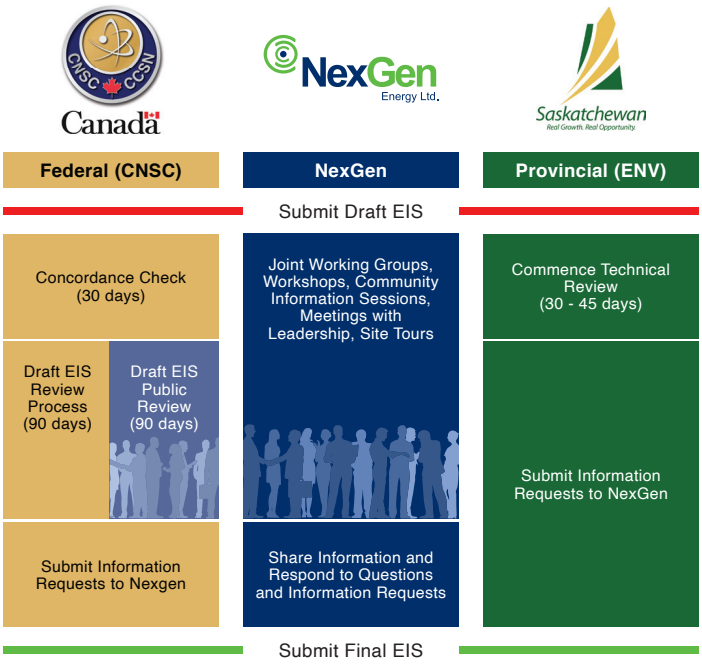
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Draft EIS Review

The CNSC starts their review process by making sure that the draft EIS contains all information required. The ENV completes this check at the same time as starting their technical review.

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Developing a Final EIS

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NexGen's Continued Engagement – Your Feedback is Important!

Throughout the regulatory review process for the Environmental Assessment, NexGen will continue to work directly with local Indigenous Groups and communities.

The draft EIS and supporting documents can be accessed at the above link to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry website or on the Rook I Project website (https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca/environmental-impact-study/).

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Community Information Session in La Loche in 2019

Community Information Sessions

NexGen held more Community Information Sessions in June 2022 to update community members on the Project.

The sessions included information on:

- the EA process;
- data collected and monitoring completed for the draft EIS; and
- results of the EA.

Community Information Sessions were held between June 22 and 25, 2022 in the following communities:

- La Loche
- Buffalo Narrows
- Clearwater River Dene Nation
- Turnor Lake and Birch Narrows Dene Nation
- Buffalo River Dene Nation

Over 300 community members attended these sessions. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend to learn more about the Project.

For more information on the Community Information Sessions, please contact Robert St. Pierre.

Interested in Learning More?

Contact us at **1-833-333-8895** or **engagement@nxe-energy.ca**

Let us know if you have any questions—
we are interested in what you think!

2022 Summer Student Program

NexGen is proud to announce that the 2022 Summer Student Program has commenced. This year, NexGen hired a total of eight post-secondary and secondary students from the Local Priority Area (LPA). These students are working at the Rook I exploration camp this summer with our team of professionals to advance their skills and learn more about the exploration and mining industries.

Summer students completing environmental monitoring in 2019



2022-2023 Scholarship Program

Thank you to all of the interested students who submitted applications for the 2022-2023 Scholarship Program. The application deadline closed on June 30, 2022 and NexGen is now reviewing all applications.

NexGen's Scholarship Program is designed to support students from the LPA who will be attending post-secondary education (trade, technical program, or university program) and who are leaders in their schools and communities.

Continued Engagement

NexGen is undertaking regular engagement with community members including women, youth, and Elders and will continue to do so throughout the life of the Rook I Project.

Anyone who has questions about the Project or about NexGen's community programs is encouraged to visit Robert St. Pierre, Project Liaison Manager at NexGen's office in the Dene Empowerment Centre in La Loche. Office hours are Monday to Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM. Robert can also be contacted directly by email at rstpierre@nxe-energy.ca or by phone at 306-822-7579.

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Rook I Project Update and Community Engagement Activities

- **Updates on Community Programs**
- **Summary of June 2022 Community Information Sessions**
- **Rook I Project Status Update**
- **Ongoing Collaboration on Community Initiatives**

Successful 2022 Summer Student Program Concludes at Rook I Exploration Site

As part of the 2022 Summer Student Program, NexGen hired a total of eight secondary and post-secondary students to work at the Rook I exploration site. The program, initiated in 2016, helps students advance their skills and learn more about the exploration and mining industries. This year's summer students were:

- Elayna Mercredi
- Jewel Janvier
- Kiera Tobac
- Logan Gailey
- Marcus Chanalquay
- Noah Noltcho
- Ondre Fontaine
- Tylie Montgrand



NexGen Summer Students at the Canada Day BBQ in La Loche

Congratulations to the Recipients of NexGen's 2022-2023 Scholarship Program

NexGen is pleased to announce and congratulate the four recipients from the Local Priority Area (LPA) of the 2022-2023 NexGen Scholarships.

Since 2017, NexGen has been proudly collaborating with communities in the LPA to help students pursue their academic goals through the scholarship program.

NexGen wishes Brianna, Emily, November-Raine, and Tylla a safe and successful year in their chosen field of studies.

Thank you to all those who applied for scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year. We were pleased to see a growing interest based on the number of applications this year, and we strongly encourage everyone who applied to apply again for future opportunities.



Brianna Park

La Loche

Resource and Environmental Law at Saskatchewan Polytechnic



Emily Balaneski

La Loche

Practical Nursing at Saskatchewan Polytechnic



November-Raine Piche

Clearwater River Dene Nation

Education at University of Saskatchewan



Tylla Laprise

Turnor Lake

Plumbing and Pipefitting at Northlands College

NexGen Hosts Five Community Information Sessions

Community Information Sessions (CISs) were hosted by NexGen in five Local Priority Area (LPA) communities from June 22 to 26, 2022. These sessions were held in La Loche, Buffalo Narrows, Turnor Lake and Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN), Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN), and Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN).



June 2022 Community Information Session in CRDN

The objectives of the CISs were to:

- update local communities on the Rook I Project (the Project) and inform community members on the results of the environmental assessment (EA) conducted for the Project;
- answer questions and receive feedback specific to the Project and the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submitted to the provincial and federal regulators;
- provide information about the draft EIS regulatory review process and how members of the LPA can be involved in that review.

The sessions were a drop-in format, with a series of ten stations of three posters, each staffed by one or more of NexGen's subject matter experts, including:

- the Chief Project Officer,
- 3 Vice Presidents,
- 4 Directors,
- 2 Managers,
- 2 Discipline Leads,
- the Site Operations Administrator, and
- 3 subject matter expert / technical consultants.

Two of the NexGen employees in attendance were fluent in Dene and available to assist with translations for community members.



June 2022 Community Information Session in Buffalo Narrows

All five of the 2022 CISs were well attended with more than 300 community members formally registering, and many others stopping by for an informal discussion or to ask specific questions.



June 2022 Community Information Session in BRDN

Representatives of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (ENV) were also in attendance to explain their roles as regulatory agencies and answer questions.



June 2022 Community Information Session in La Loche

A summary booklet of all the posters used in the Community Information Sessions is available at: https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca/working-with-people/default.aspx#info-sessions.

If you have any questions about NexGen or the Rook I Project, please contact us – we are interested in your feedback!



June 2022 Community Information Session in Turnor Lake and BNDN

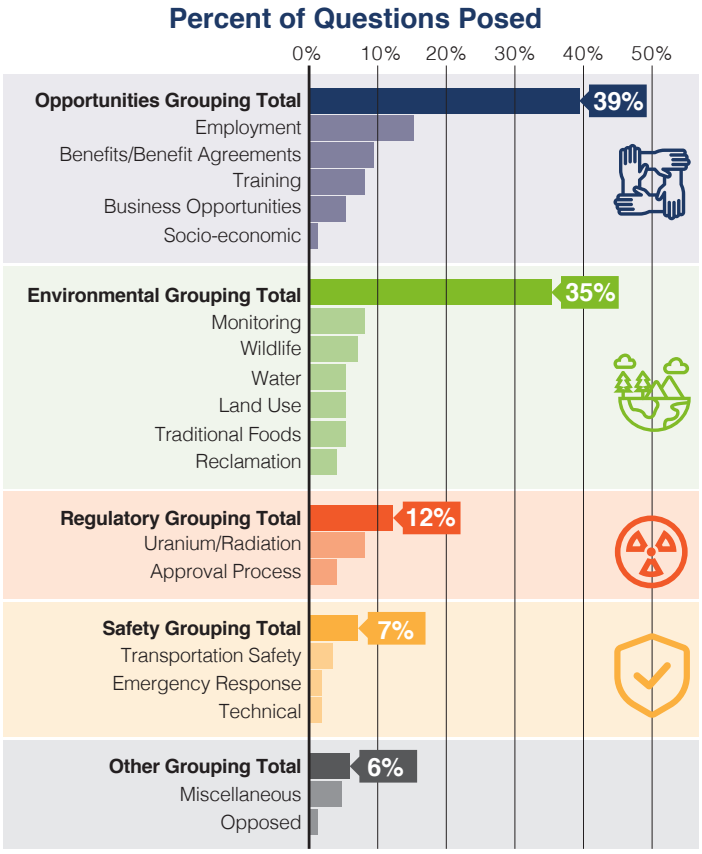
What We Heard

Questions and comments related to employment, training, business opportunities, and other socio-economic-related items were the most often raised (approximately 40% of comments received), followed closely by environment-related questions and comments related to the results of the environmental baseline studies and EA (approximately 35% of comments received).

Approximately 12% of the questions and comments had to do with uranium, radiation, and mining, while approximately 7% were related to transportation safety, emergency response, and technical aspects of the Project.

Interest from community members regarding economic opportunities while highlighting the importance of the environmental aspects of the Project being responsibly managed, is consistent with NexGen's approach and vision since 2011. Key aspects of NexGen's environmental approach are reflected in design considerations which include:

- underground tailings storage to avoid impacts associated with storage of tailings on surface;
- optimizing the Project footprint to reduce surface disturbance; and



170 total comments and questions received

- mitigating impacts through best-in-class design and practices reflecting a respect for the environment.

NexGen has identified several mitigation, management, and monitoring approaches in the draft EIS to minimize and effectively manage potential environmental and socio-economic effects from the Project, including (but not limited to):

- development of Environmental Committees through the implementation of the Benefit Agreement with each of the Indigenous Groups; and
- support for dedicated Indigenous Monitors to independently monitor activities and report directly to the Indigenous Groups through the implementation of the Benefit Agreements.

NexGen thanks the leadership of the LPA communities for helping to organize our visit to local communities, and thanks all who attended the 2022 Community Information Sessions. We look forward to conducting similar sessions in the future.

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Rook I Project Update and Community Engagement Activities

Rook I Project Status Update

The Rook I Project is undergoing a harmonized environmental assessment process by the federal (CNSC) and provincial (ENV) regulators.

For the past two years, NexGen has been conducting an EA for the Project. The findings of the EA and detailed Project information is summarized in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which is the report that is submitted to the regulators.

In May 2022, NexGen submitted the draft EIS to the CNSC and ENV for review, and in July 2022, the CNSC publicly posted NexGen's draft EIS on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry website (https://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80171?&culture=en-CA), initiating the 90-day technical federal and public review process.

Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public, and government departments and agencies have the opportunity to submit comments to the CNSC on NexGen's draft EIS during this 90-day period. All comments must be delivered to the CNSC by October 12, 2022.

In parallel, the ENV is coordinating a technical review of the draft EIS. Technical comments from the ENV will be provided to NexGen once the ENV's review is complete.

NexGen will respond to all of the questions and comments received through the federal technical and public review, and the provincial technical review. Following this, next steps include the development and submission of a Final EIS by NexGen, and continued engagement by NexGen, the CNSC, and the ENV.

Interested in Learning More?

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Let us know if you have any questions—we are interested in what you think!

Rook I Project Website

NexGen has developed a website dedicated to the Rook I Project: www.saskatchewanuranium.ca.

This website is used to share Project information and updates, including information on the regulatory approval process, the federal and provincial EA process, as well as information on how NexGen has been engaging with local and Indigenous communities, residents, businesses, organizations, and land users.

The draft EIS and supporting documents are available for download on the Project website: https://saskatchewanuranium.ca/environmental-impact-study/

Education, Training, and Employment

Discussions with community members have informed NexGen that education, training, and employment opportunities are important to the communities. NexGen continues to collaborate with communities and leadership, and is excited to be advancing on several initiatives, including:

- **High School Career Presentations** – From October 18 to 20, 2022, NexGen will be visiting schools in the LPA to present to Grade 10, 11, and 12 students about career opportunities that will be available at the Rook I Project.
- **Education and Training** – NexGen is collaborating with Northern Career Quest, Northlands College, Dene High School, and Bird Construction to provide an 18-week Carpentry Applied Certificate program accredited through Saskatchewan Polytechnic in La Loche, beginning October 24, 2022.

For questions about our community programs, or education, training, and employment initiatives, please contact Robert St. Pierre or visit our La Loche office located in the Dene Empowerment Centre.

Rook I Project and Community Engagement Update

- Education, Training, and Employment Initiatives
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Education, Training, & Employment Updates

High School Career Presentations - From October 18 to 20, 2022, NexGen visited high schools in the Local Priority Area (LPA) and presented to students an overview of the career opportunities that will be available at the Rook I Project (the Project). NexGen encouraged students to complete their high school studies to allow for opportunities to pursue post-secondary education and highlighted programs in place to support students, such as the NexGen scholarship program and summer student program.



Students reading job descriptions for careers in mining

NexGen was joined by Hatch, an EPCM (Engineering, Procurement, Construction Management) company working with NexGen on aspects of the Project.

NexGen and Hatch staff met with students afterwards to answer questions and engage in one-on-one discussions. Career profiles and other materials outlining job descriptions were available for students to take away. NexGen appreciates the thoughtful questions and feedback received from students during the presentations.

Thank you to the students and teaching staff who welcomed NexGen into their schools. We look forward to the opportunity to return to schools in the LPA and continue these discussions.



High school career presentation

Carpentry Program - The 18-week Carpentry Applied Certificate Program in La Loche, certified through Saskatchewan Polytechnic, began on October 24, 2022 and will continue to March 2023. Following the successful completion of this program, each of the 12 students will receive 540 hours towards their first year apprenticeship accreditation. NexGen is collaborating with Northern Career Quest, Northlands College, Dene High School, and Bird Construction (Clearwater River Dene Nation business partner) for this course.



Students attending class for the carpentry program

NexGen Meets with Saskatchewan Ministers - On October 20, 2022, NexGen met with Government officials in La Loche to discuss opportunities for future employment and training that will be available throughout the various phases of the Project. Government officials included the Honourable Gordon S. Wyant, K.C., Minister of Advanced Education; Honourable Don McMorris, Minister of Government Relations; and Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) Jim Lemaigre for Athabasca and Alana Ross for Prince Albert Northcote.

The meeting was a great opportunity to discuss ongoing relationship building and collaboration between Indigenous Nations, industry, and Government partners. NexGen shared information about the partnerships it is advancing with provincial educational institutions to maximize training and development opportunities for LPA community members to continue to develop positive benefits for each community.

Additional Education and Training Initiatives

NexGen is collaborating with community partners, educational institutions, and different levels of government to advance the following education and training courses in the Local Priority Area (LPA) in 2023:

- **Safety Ticket Training in Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN) and Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN)** – Buffalo Professional Services (BRDN's Economic Development Corporation) and Sixteen Safety Services Inc. (BRDN business partner) are offering safety ticket training courses in Dillon and Turnor Lake, SK. These courses started on November 29, 2022, and will continue to April 28, 2023, and are fully funded by NexGen.

- **Safety Ticket Training in Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN)** – ONYX Industrial Inc. (CRDN business partner) will be offering a safety ticket course in CRDN in 2023, of which dates are still being confirmed. These courses will be fully funded by NexGen.

- **Digital Transformation Course** - NexGen is partnering with Morris Interactive to create a uranium-specific digital transformation course for underground mining. NexGen will be working with Morris Interactive to build the course curriculum in 2023, with the goal of delivering the course in the LPA in 2024.

- **Electrical and Pipe Fitting Courses** – Similar to the Carpentry Program that is currently underway in La Loche (see Page 1), NexGen is collaborating with educational institutions to fund separate electrical and pipe fitting courses in the LPA in 2023. More details will be shared once they become available.



Presenting potential career opportunities that will be available at the Rook I Project to students

NexGen is excited to support and deliver these education and training opportunities in the LPA. If you are interested in learning more about the courses listed above or have suggestions of other courses that you think should be considered for the LPA, please contact your respective community representative or NexGen directly through Robert St. Pierre, Community Liaison Manager, NexGen La Loche Office.

Environmental Monitoring Programs in 2022

NexGen has continued collecting baseline monitoring data for the Project to understand existing conditions, including:

- Groundwater monitoring;
- Air quality monitoring;
- Continuous weather station monitoring;
- Hydrology (surface water flow) monitoring;
- Surface water quality monitoring;
- Baseline gamma radiation survey;
- Vegetation mapping;
- Heritage resource impact assessment; and
- Fish habitat survey.

To assist in reclamation planning, NexGen also conducted field programs to understand how different restoration techniques may be used to protect woodland caribou, and how natural forest fire effects revegetation.



Summer student assisting with hydrology monitoring this summer

Traditional Foods Study

CanNorth (an environmental consultant to NexGen) will be working with communities to conduct a Traditional Foods Study in northwestern Saskatchewan. This will involve working with communities to further understand the type, quantity, and location of traditional foods consumed, and will analyze the key food types.

This information will complement the work already conducted in support of the environmental assessment (EA), such as the self-directed Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies that were fully funded by NexGen through the Study Agreements with the CRDN, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S, on behalf of the Northern Region 2 [NR2]), BNDN, and BRDN.

NexGen is engaging with communities on the Traditional Foods Study and has asked local Indigenous Groups to collaborate on the study development.

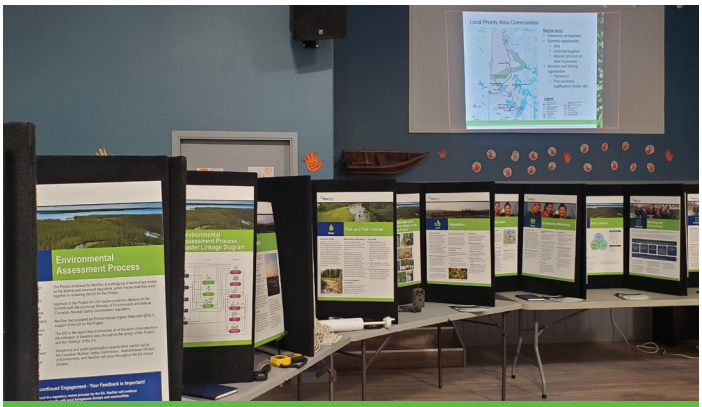
Community Information Sessions with MN-S NR2

The MN-S NR2 hosted Community Information Sessions (CISs) on October 5, 2022 in the Northern Village of La Loche (NVLL) and October 6, 2022 in the Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows (NVBN), and NexGen was invited to present the results of the EA for the Project. NexGen's presentation focused on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that was submitted to the provincial and federal regulators.



October 2022 CIS in Buffalo Narrows

Similar to the June 2022 CISs, NexGen brought a series of posters detailing information about the Project, the EA, and the regulatory process for the Project. Two Vice Presidents, several managers, and subject matter experts from NexGen were also in attendance to answer questions and discuss the Project with community members. When combined, the two sessions were attended by over 65 MN-S citizens.



October 2022 CIS posters in La Loche

NexGen thanks the MN-S NR2 leadership for the invitation to present to community members on the Project, as well as all those that were able to attend the sessions.

A summary booklet of all of the posters used in the June 2022 and October 2022 CISs is available on the Rook I Project website: https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca

Monthly Radio Announcement

Beginning in May 2022, NexGen initiated a series of monthly radio announcements about the Project and NexGen's community engagement activities.

Radio announcements occur on the first Tuesday of each month at 4 PM CST on the La Loche (CHPN) and Buffalo Narrows (CIBN) radio stations.

The La Loche radio announcement can also be streamed online at http://listen.streamon.fm/chpn, and a translator is available to translate the announcement for Dene speakers.

If there are any topics of interest to consider in future radio announcements, please contact Robert St. Pierre at (306) 822-7579, by email at rstpierre@nxe-energy.ca, or by visiting Robert at the NexGen office in La Loche.

In Memory of Don Hovdebo

Don will be greatly missed by the NexGen Team and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Don's passion, leadership, and commitment to meaningful community engagement was unparalleled.



In recognition of Don, one of the annual NexGen Scholarships that is offered to post-secondary students from the LPA will be named the "Don Hovdebo Memorial Scholarship" in his honour, reflecting his commitment to community advancement, particularly in the north.

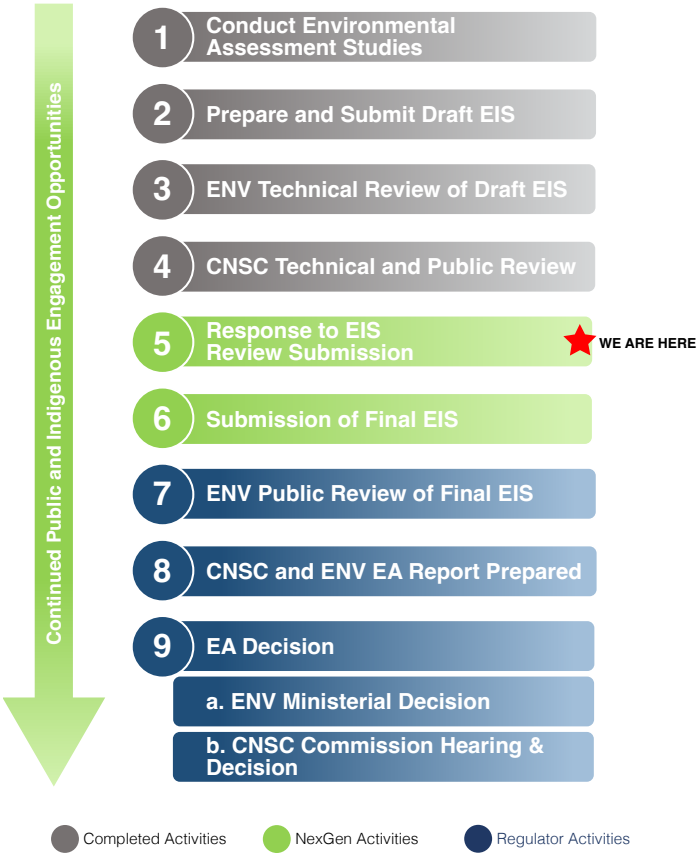
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The CNSC has provided NexGen with the questions and comments, collectively referred to as information requests (IRs), from Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public, and government departments and agencies. NexGen is currently working on providing responses to these IRs.



What is Next?

Once NexGen has responded to the IRs, NexGen will develop a final EIS which will again be submitted to the CNSC and ENV. The ENV will post the final EIS for public comment and then make a recommendation to the Saskatchewan Minister of Environment regarding the Project. The CNSC will develop an 'EA Report' which will be posted for public review, and then will make a recommendation to an independent Commission, which will take place in a hearing.

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Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays

The NexGen team wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We enjoyed being back in the community this year and are thankful for the continued collaboration with our valued community partners as we work together to create lasting benefits for current and future generations. Thank you to all the employees, contractors, suppliers, and community members who contributed to another safe and successful year. We are looking forward to 2023 and beyond. From all of us at NexGen, have a safe and happy holiday season!



Foster dog, Chutney, at the Rook I exploration camp. Chutney was recently adopted and is now at her forever home for the holidays!

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Rook I Project and Community Engagement Update

- Education and Training Updates
- Regulatory Process Updates for the Rook I Project
- Community Engagement Updates

Education and Training Updates

NexGen Congratulates Graduates of the 2022-2023 Carpentry Training Program

NexGen is pleased to announce and congratulate the 8 graduating students of the 18-week Carpentry Applied Certificate Program in La Loche, SK.

The carpentry training program was initiated by NexGen and provided in collaboration with Northern Career Quest, Northlands College, Dene High School, and Bird Construction (Clearwater River Dene Nation [CRDN] business partner) and was certified through Saskatchewan Polytechnic. The program, which began on October 24, 2022, concluded on March 17, 2023, following the graduation ceremonies in La Loche which were attended by the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Athabasca Jim Lemaigre. Not only will the graduating students receive 540 hours towards their first-year accreditation, they will be the first students to be indentured (i.e., will be registered as first-year apprentices) directly through the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trades Certification Commission (SATCC).

Congratulations to the graduating class and all the best in their new careers!

- Lynell Fontaine
- Shendell Fontaine
- Daniel Janvier-Mercredie
- Austin Herman
- Rayni-Mae Fontaine
- Lucas Janvier
- Joshua Janvier-Mercredie
- Ramcia Montgrand



Graduation ceremony with MLA Jim Lemaigre and representatives from the course providers

Safety Ticket Training Courses

The CRDN and Carbon Medical are offering safety ticket training courses in CRDN. These courses started on February 14, 2023, and will continue to be offered until July 31, 2023; these courses are fully funded by NexGen.

Buffalo Professional Services (Buffalo River Dene Nation [BRDN] Economic Development Corporation) and Sixteen Safety Services Inc. (BRDN business partner) are continuing to offer safety ticket training courses in Dillon and Turnor Lake, SK. These courses are all fully funded by NexGen and will continue to April 28, 2023.



Youth Mentorship VIP Program participants attending the Canucks versus Wild Game in Vancouver

NexGen Hosts Students from the Local Priority Area (LPA) for Youth Mentorship VIP Program in Vancouver

NexGen proudly hosted students and chaperones from Clearwater River Dene School, Birch Narrows Dene Community School, Buffalo River Dene Community School, Dene High School, and Twin Lakes Community School for its first Youth Mentorship VIP Program hosted in partnership with the Vancouver Canucks (Canucks) in Vancouver, B.C. on March 1 and 2, 2023.

The participants - chosen for their outstanding community contributions - enjoyed quality time with Canucks players and coaches, ice time skills, inspirational talks, and experienced the Canucks paying tribute to Indigenous history and culture at the Canucks' 5th Annual First Nations Night where the Canucks played against the Minnesota Wild. The event even included a surprise visit by Saskatchewan-born Indigenous player, Ethan Bear.

NexGen thanks the students, the chaperones, leadership, and school staff for making this experience possible. Everyone returned home with unforgettable memories and mentors for life.

Regulatory Process Updates for the Rook I Project

In May 2022, NexGen submitted the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Rook I Project (Project) to the Federal (Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission [CNSC]) and Provincial (Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment [ENV]) regulators.

While the Federal and Provincial regulatory processes are similar, the CNSC and ENV have different processes for their respective technical review and public review activities, and for making a final decision on NexGen's environmental assessment (EA) application. To date, the draft EIS has undergone the Federal technical and public review, as well as the Provincial technical review.

As of mid-January 2023, NexGen has responded to all technical review comments received through the ENV process. As soon as confirmation has been received from the ENV that all technical review comments are resolved, a Final EIS can be submitted to the ENV. Following this, a Provincial public review period will commence and will ultimately inform a Provincial EA approval decision by the Saskatchewan Minister of Environment.

REGULATORY PROCESS TIMELINE

MAY 2022

Submission of draft EIS to the CNSC and ENV

JUNE 2022

- CNSC completes conformity check
- ENV commences Provincial technical review

JULY 2022

Federal technical and public review period begins

SEPTEMBER 2022

Provincial technical review comments received by NexGen

OCTOBER 2022

Federal technical and public review period concludes

NEXGEN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MILESTONES

MAY 2022

Draft EIS and supporting documents posted on NexGen's Project website

JUNE 2022

NexGen hosts 5 Community Information Sessions (CISs) in the LPA

JULY 2022

NexGen hosts Canada Day Barbeque in La Loche



OCTOBER 2022

- NexGen visits LPA High Schools to present on career opportunities
- Carpentry Training Program begins
- NexGen attends CISs hosted by MN-S NR2





NexGen continues to advance a Federal Final EIS with the CNSC, which involves responding to all comments received during the Federal technical and public review process. Once all technical comments have been received and accepted by the CNSC, NexGen will submit the Federal Final EIS to the CNSC. CNSC staff will then develop an 'EA Report' for public review and make a recommendation to the CNSC Commission members, which will take place at a hearing. The CNSC Commission will then make a Federal EA approval decision on the Project.

What is Next in the Federal Review Process?

- NexGen finalizes responses to all technical and public review comments
- CNSC accepts NexGen's technical comment responses and NexGen submits a Final EIS to the CNSC
- CNSC staff develop an "EA Report" for public review
- CNSC Commission members conduct a public hearing
- CNSC decides whether to approve the Project

**Dates to be determined.*

What is Next in the Provincial Review Process?

- ENV coordinates public review of NexGen's Provincial Final EIS
- ENV staff make a recommendation to the Saskatchewan Minister of Environment
- Saskatchewan Minister of Environment decides whether to approve the Project EA

**Dates to be determined.*

NOVEMBER 2022

Federal technical and public comments received by NexGen

JANUARY 2023

NexGen responds to all Provincial technical comments

APRIL 2023

- **NexGen continues to develop responses to all Federal technical and public comments**
- **NexGen prepares to submit Provincial Final EIS**

WE ARE HERE

NOVEMBER 2022

NexGen funds safety ticket training in BRDN and BNDN

FEBRUARY 2023

NexGen funds safety ticket training in CRDN

MARCH 2023

Carpentry Program Graduation



Upcoming Community Events and Opportunities:

- NexGen to host CISs in LPA (tentatively planned for June 2023)
- NexGen to develop a uranium-specific digital transformation course with Morris Interactive
- NexGen to collaborate with education institutions to provide additional training programs

**Dates to be determined.*

BNDN	Birch Narrows Dene Nation
BRDN	Buffalo River Dene Nation
CIS	Community Information Sessions
CRDN	Clearwater River Dene Nation
LPA	Local Priority Area
MN-S NR2	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2

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Rook I Project and Community Engagement Update

Community Engagement Updates

Engagement with local Indigenous communities in the Local Priority Area (LPA) has been foundational to the responsible development of the Rook I Project (the Project). NexGen's engagement activities have continued to evolve with the Project to foster relationships built on mutual trust and respect, with a shared vision of the Project contributing as much positivity as possible to the LPA, and beyond.

In 2019, NexGen signed Study Agreements with each of the Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN), Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S, on behalf of the MN-S Northern Region 2 [NR2]), Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN), and Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN). The Study Agreements created four individual Joint Working Groups (JWGs) funded by NexGen to support the inclusion of Indigenous and Métis Knowledge throughout the environmental assessment (EA) process and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Through Study Agreement mechanisms, NexGen began negotiations on Benefit Agreements with each of the CRDN, MN-S (on behalf of NR2), BNDN and BRDN.



BNDN EC Meeting at NexGen's Saskatoon Office

To date, NexGen has signed Benefit Agreements with CRDN, BNDN, and BRDN, and continues to advance discussions for a Benefit Agreement with the MN-S.

The Benefit Agreements define the environmental, cultural, economic, employment, and other benefits to be provided to the communities with respect to the Project throughout its entire lifespan. The JWG activities with CRDN, BNDN, and BRDN have transitioned to be performed under the committees established by the Benefit Agreements, primarily the Implementation Committee (IC) and Environmental Committee (EC). The MN-S JWG continues to meet at the frequency requested by the MN-S.

The ICs and ECs are made up of representatives from both NexGen and the respective Indigenous Nation.

Implementation Committees

- The ICs are responsible for implementing the Benefit Agreements, and advancing each specific article of the Agreements.
- NexGen and each Indigenous Nation have an Implementation Coordinator who is responsible for being the primary point of contact for the IC and overseeing its activities.
- The IC is also responsible for the discussion and implementation of NexGen-specific education, training, employment and contracting opportunities with NexGen.

Environmental Committees

- The ECs oversee and monitor the environmental performance of the Project and collaboratively work together on the regulatory and environmental aspects that are related to the Project and Exploration programs.
- The ECs collaborate on Provincial and Federal regulatory processes, provide feedback on the environmental protection and monitoring programs, and review and participate in environmental protection measures and preventative actions. With Project approval, the EC will continue to review the environmental performance for the life of the Project.

Throughout NexGen's early engagement on the Project, NexGen heard the importance of having community-led environmental monitoring. As part of the Benefit Agreements, NexGen funds a full-time, independent Indigenous Monitor, chosen by each of the Indigenous Nations (i.e., up to one environmental monitor per Nation). This Indigenous Monitor performs independent environmental sampling for the life of the Project and regularly reports to and attends all EC meetings.



2022 Summer Student measuring the flow rate in the water

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- **Upcoming Community Information Sessions**
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June 2023 Community Information Sessions

NexGen is excited to host Community Information Sessions (CISs) about the Rook I Project (the Project) in the Local Priority Area (LPA) from 12-16 June 2023.

JUNE 12	**Buffalo Narrows Friendship Centre** from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
JUNE 13	**La Loche Friendship Centre** from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
JUNE 14	**Turnor Lake and Birch Narrows Community Food Centre** from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
JUNE 15	**Buffalo River Dene Nation Arena** from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
JUNE 16	**Clearwater River Dene Nation Treaty Grounds** from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Similar to previous years, the CISs will be a drop-in format, with a series of poster stations each staffed by one or more of NexGen's subject matter experts who are available to share information and answer questions.



June 2022 CIS



Poster station from 2022 CIS

This year, we look forward to sharing information about:

- Project updates and the results of the Environmental Assessment (EA) conducted for the Project;
- The EIS regulatory review process including when and how members of the public have had and will continue to have opportunities for ongoing involvement in the regulatory process;
- An overview of the licensing and permitting required for the Project; and
- Environmental monitoring programs, employment opportunities, and education and training initiatives.

Dene translators will be present to assist with translations for community members. A summary booklet of the presentation posters will be available at each session for community members to take home.

Representatives from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (ENV) will also be in attendance to explain their roles as regulatory agencies and to answer questions from community members.

Please bring your filled out invitation card with you to enter our draw for a door prize! Extra cards will be available at each session for additional family or community members to enter. Refreshments will be served, and a colouring table will be setup for kids.

For more information on NexGen's previous CISs, or to download the 2022 poster booklets, please visit our website at:

https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca/working-with-people/default.aspx#info-sessions

Education, Training, and Employment Updates



NexGen Welcomes Steve Innes to the Team!

Steve Innes is NexGen's Director of Employment and Training. Steve brings over 40 years of expertise in education and training from a variety of industries, with a deep understanding and demonstrated success in Northern Saskatchewan.

Steve obtained his B.A in Physical Education and his B. Ed in Education at the University of Western Ontario. In 2007, he received his Master's in Educational Administration from the University of Saskatchewan. He started his career as a teacher and went on to become Principal of Dene High School in La Loche.

Most recently, Steve was the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Northern Career Quest (NCQ). He worked closely with the board to create training plans to meet the employment needs of resource-based companies, with a focus on Northern Saskatchewan. NexGen worked closely with NCQ on developing training and workplace programs for Rook I, including the Driller Training Program in 2018, and the Carpentry Program which was successfully completed in March 2023.

At NexGen, Steve is focused on maximizing employment opportunities within the Local Priority Area (LPA) as NexGen continues to deliver and evolve employment and training initiatives in partnership with local Indigenous Nations and communities to prepare the future workforce for the Project.

NexGen has formed a Training Committee, composed of representatives from the LPA communities, training institutions, and NexGen, to continue to deliver long-term training plans based on NexGen's employment needs at the Project. The Committee establishes training to coincide with the future employment opportunities for each phase of the Project, with a focus on maximizing opportunities for LPA residents. The Committee's meeting was held on 2 May 2023, in La Loche.

2023 Summer Student Program

NexGen is proud to announce that the 2023 Summer Student Program will be starting soon with 8 secondary students from the LPA hired to work on a rotational basis at the Rook I exploration camp over the summer. The students will be mentored by our team of subject matter experts and will gain insight into careers available in the exploration and mining industries. The students will also engage in important community stewardship on behalf of NexGen by supporting with community events this summer, such as the Canada Day BBQ in La Loche.



2022 Summer Student examining drill core

2023-2024 Scholarship Program

NexGen is currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 Scholarship Program. We are pleased to award scholarships supporting post-secondary education for students who are leaders in their schools and communities. Scholarships are based on a combination of academic merit, career aspirations, and commitment to community.

This year, one applicant that displays exceptional commitment to their community will receive the Don Hovdebo Memorial Scholarship.

For more information on NexGen's Scholarship Program, including details on how to apply, please contact Robert St. Pierre by email at rstpierre@nxe-energy.ca, by phone at 306-822-7579, or by visiting the NexGen office in the Dene Empowerment Centre in La Loche. All applications must be submitted to Robert St. Pierre by 30 June 2023.



Scholarship Certificate presented to 2022 recipient

Traditional Food Study

NexGen is engaging with Indigenous Nations in the LPA on a community-based, regional Traditional Food Study. The Study involves working with communities to further understand the type, quantity, and location of traditional foods consumed in the region and analyze the key food types. This information will be used to complement the work already completed for NexGen's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Rook I Project (the Project), such as the self-directed Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies that were fully funded by NexGen through the Study Agreements with the CRDN, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S, on behalf of the Northern Region 2 [NR2]), BNDN, and BRDN.

As part of the Study, each Indigenous Nation has been asked to appoint a community liaison. The role of the community liaison is to work with community members to complete interviews and mapping, coordinate donations of harvested foods for testing, provide information from the community, and aid in sharing information about the Study back to the community.

If you have any questions about the Study or wish to discuss ways to be involved, please contact your community liaison, Local President, or Band Office.

The community liaison contacts for the LPA communities are:

CRDN – Please contact the CRDN Band Office

MN-S – Jena Nicholls

BNDN – Terrie Campbell

BRDN – Brian Benjamin



December 2022 MN-S JWG meeting to discuss the Traditional Food Study

Working with Communities

To date, NexGen has signed Benefit Agreements with the CRDN, BNDN, and BRDN, and continues to advance discussions for a Benefit Agreement with the MN-S. The Benefit Agreements define the environmental, cultural, economic, employment, and other benefits to be provided to the communities with respect to the Project for the entire Project lifecycle, including decommissioning and reclamation. NexGen and each Indigenous Nation with signed Benefit Agreements have an Implementation Coordinator who is responsible for being the primary point of contact for the Agreement and overseeing its activities. Under the Study Agreement (signed in 2019), the MN-S also has a Community Coordinator position that is funded by NexGen to help facilitate engagement activities and opportunities between NexGen and the MN-S NR2.

NexGen is proud to be working alongside the Indigenous Nations and communities in the LPA to responsibly develop the Project and maximize positive outcomes. If you have questions about your Nation's Benefit Agreement or community initiatives, please contact your Implementation Coordinator, Community Coordinator (MN-S), Band Office, or Local President.

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Buffalo River Dene Nation

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If you have questions for NexGen, please contact Robert St. Pierre at (306) 822-7579, by email at rstpierre@nxe-energy.ca, or by visiting Robert at the NexGen office in La Loche.

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Community Engagement Updates

Saskatchewan Rush Visit Local Priority Area (LPA) Schools

NexGen was pleased to partner with the Saskatchewan Rush to bring two lacrosse players – Robert Church and Mark Matthews – to visit students in grades 4 to 6 at Buffalo River Dene Community School and Twin Lakes Community School on 31 March 2023. The Rush shared their experiences in becoming involved in the sport, followed by a demonstration of key lacrosse skills. Students had fun participating in the lacrosse drills and meeting the Rush Team's mascot, Bruiser. Thank you to both schools and communities for welcoming NexGen and the Rush!



Rush visit at BRDCS

Education Outreach Program Robotics Workshop



NexGen was proud to support the in-person student robotics workshop hosted at the Rossignol High School in Île-à-la-Crosse on 4-5 May, 2023 as part of our Superhero sponsorship of the Saskatchewan Mining Association's (SMA) Education Outreach Program.

Members of NexGen's team attended the event and met students from La Loche, Buffalo Narrows, Dillon, Turnor Lake, île-à-la-Crosse, Beauval, Pinehouse, Jans Bay, and Canoe Lake as they participated in the workshop. We enjoyed speaking to how these skills are directly applicable to a future career in the mining industry.

Saskatchewan Roughriders Visit LPA Schools

The Saskatchewan Roughriders visited Twin Lakes Community School and Birch Narrows Dene Community School on 10 May 2023.

Three Roughrider football players – Jake Wieneke, Brett Lauther, and Shawn Bane Jr. – and their mascot, Gainer, were in attendance to meet the students in grades 6 to 9 at both schools.

After being introduced by NexGen, the Roughriders answered questions from both staff and students and spoke about their journeys and motivation to becoming professional football players, as well as the importance of being positive teammates and community members. The players then participated in football drills with the students. Thank you to both schools and communities for welcoming NexGen and the Roughriders.



Roughrider visit at BNDCS

NexGen and the LPA Recognized at Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly

NexGen was honoured to be recognized by the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Athabasca, Jim Lemaigre, at the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly for the Youth Mentorship VIP Program hosted in partnership with the Vancouver Canucks in Vancouver, B.C., on 1-2 March 2023.

We thank MLA Lemaigre for recognizing this positive mentorship experience and we look forward to hosting more students from the LPA that contribute positively to their schools and communities at the next Youth Mentorship VIP Program.

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- Education and Training Updates
- Community Engagement Updates
- Summary of June 2023 Community Information Sessions
- Rook I Project Regulatory Process Updates

NexGen 2023 Summer Student Program Update

NexGen was pleased to host the 2023 Summer Student Program at the Rook I exploration site again this summer. NexGen's Summer Student Program was initiated in 2016 to build skills and confidence in young adults through employment and mentorship at the Rook I site and to provide insight into potential careers available in the exploration and mining industry.

This year, a total of 10 secondary students and 2 post-secondary students were hired as part of the program. Students had the opportunity to work alongside and learn from geologists and geotechnicians, surveyors, camp operations, culinary staff, as well as safety officers and environmental monitoring staff as they completed their work at the Rook I site. In addition to working at the Rook I site, the students also supported community initiatives in La Loche, such as the Canada Day BBQ and the Yanessa Days BBQ.

NexGen thanks the Summer Student Coordinators, Chantelle Herman and Alwyn Piche, and Summer Students Hayden Fontaine, Logan Gailey, Ava Haynes, Isaiah Herman, Elizabeth Lemaigre, Preston Lemaigre, Tyra Lemaigre, Elayna Mercredi, Irwin Noltcho, and Noah Sylvestre-Noltcho for being part of the NexGen team this summer. We wish everyone a happy and safe return to school this fall.



Summer Student Orientation at NexGen's Office in La Loche

Congratulations to the 2023-2024 NexGen Scholarship Program Recipients



Lane Darbyshire
Buffalo River Dene Nation
Engineering at University of Saskatchewan



Keyanna Hansen
Buffalo Narrows
Nursing at University of Saskatchewan



Seth Lipton
Buffalo Narrows
Education at University of Saskatchewan



Cayleen Park
Clearwater River Dene Nation
Arts & Science at University of Saskatchewan

NexGen congratulates the four recipients of the NexGen Scholarship Program for the 2023-2024 academic year. This year, NexGen is pleased to award the Don Hovdebo Memorial Scholarship to Seth Lipton in recognition of Seth's exceptional commitment to community.

The NexGen Scholarship Program supports students who are leaders in their schools and their communities, as they pursue post-secondary education to develop their skills, pursue their career goals, and enhance their communities. Thank you to every student that applied for a scholarship this year; NexGen continues to be impressed with the growing number of applications received and encourages all eligible students to apply again in the future.

Congratulations to Lane, Keyanna, Seth, and Cayleen, and best wishes for a safe and successful year of studies.

Training Committee Updates

The Training Committee, formed by NexGen, and consisting of representatives from the Local Priority Area (LPA) communities, local training institutions, and NexGen, continues to meet to develop training plans based on NexGen's current and future employment needs for the Rook I Project (the Project).

The Training Committee is planning for the following programs:

- **Carpentry Applied Certificate Program** – Twelve students have been accepted into this 18-week program which began on 10 October 2023. NexGen is providing funding for this course, which is being delivered by Northlands College in La Loche.
- **Radiation Technology Program** – A 40-week program delivered by Northlands College, scheduled to begin in January 2024. NexGen will be funding 5 of the 12 seats available and will be working with the LPA Indigenous Nations and communities on student selection.
- **Applied Electrical Certificate Program** – An 18-week program accepting 12 students. This course will be delivered by Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) at Northlands College, with Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) and NexGen providing funding. This program will occur in Buffalo Narrows and is scheduled to begin in February 2024.

Additionally, NexGen is developing a uranium-specific digital transformation course for underground mining. This course is a pre-employment program specific to the uranium mining industry. Curriculum development for this program is ongoing, with the first 10-week class planned to be offered in fall 2024. NexGen will provide updates about this program and encourages LPA residents to keep an eye out for this future opportunity.

For more information on NexGen's education, training, and employment initiatives, please contact Steve Innes, NexGen Director of Employment and Training, sinnes@nxe-energy.ca or Robert St. Pierre, NexGen Project Liaison Manager, rstpierre@nxe-energy.ca, or visit Steve and Robert at the NexGen office located in the Dene Empowerment Centre in La Loche.



Opening ceremonies of the 2023 Back to Batoche Days; NexGen was proud to sponsor and attend this year's festival

Community Engagement Updates

NexGen Signs a Benefit Agreement with the Métis Nation — Saskatchewan (MN-S) Northern Region 2 (NR2) and the MN-S

On 15 June 2023, NexGen, the MN-S NR2, and the MN-S signed a Benefit Agreement with respect to the Project. The Agreement is a further formalization of NexGen, the MN-S NR2, and the MN-S working in partnership to responsibly develop the Project.

The Benefit Agreement defines the environmental, cultural, economic, employment, and other benefits to be provided to the MN-S NR2 and MN-S by NexGen in respect of the Project and confirms the consent and support of the MN-S NR2 and MN-S for the Project throughout its complete lifecycle.

NexGen looks forward to continued meaningful engagement and collaboration with the MN-S NR2 and MN- S throughout the lifecycle of the Project.

The Benefit Agreement with the MN-S NR2 and MN-S is the final Benefit Agreement with respect to the Project to be signed by all 4 LPA Indigenous Nations. The MN-S NR2, Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN), Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN), and Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN) all have fully implemented Benefit Agreements and have full support for the Project.

For any questions related to Benefit Agreements or community initiatives, please contact your local Implementation Coordinator or Band Office.

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Community Information Sessions for the Rook I Project

NexGen was pleased to host the 2023 Community Information Sessions (CISs) for the Project between 12-16 June 2023 in Buffalo Narrows, La Loche, Turnor Lake and BNDN, Dillon and BRDN, and CRDN.

The annual CISs were hosted to:

- share information about and updates on the Project;
- answer questions, listen to community members, and receive feedback on the Project;
- provide information and a status update on all Project regulatory requirements, including the Environmental Assessment (EA) process, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and Project licensing; and
- provide details on education, training, employment, and procurement opportunities.

The CISs were a drop-in format at venues within the communities and consisted of a series of 12 stations with 3 posters each. A total of 16 NexGen staff and subject matter experts were present to provide an overview of the Project to community members, to answer community members' questions, and to receive feedback on the Project to incorporate into future decisions.

This year, over 480 community members registered their attendance throughout the week; this is a significant increase from 2022. This increase in attendance recognizes the community's interest and excitement for the Project.

Some of the topics most discussed this year were:

- training and employment initiatives;
- environmental protection and monitoring; and
- timelines for the Project.

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (ENV) and Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) also attended the CISs; each had separate stations to explain their role as regulators, provide information specific to the respective regulatory processes for the Project, and to answer questions from community members.

Thank you to everyone who attended the CISs — we appreciate the meaningful dialogue and feedback. NexGen also thanks all Leadership and community members for the warm welcome and for all the help organizing the CISs, including providing delicious meals.

Similar to previous years, NexGen created a summary booklet of all of the posters displayed at the CISs, which is available for pickup at NexGen's office in La Loche, or for download onthe Rook I Project website.



PHOTOS STARTING TOP LEFT AND GOING CLOCKWISE:
CIS at Buffalo Narrows; CIS at La Loche; CIS at BRDN / Dillon; CIS at CRDN; CIS at BNDN / Turnor Lake.

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Rook I Project Regulatory Process Updates

Environmental Assessment (EA) Update

Following the submission of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (ENV) in May 2022, NexGen continues to advance the Project EA through the Provincial and Federal regulatory processes.

Provincial EA Update

The ENV completed a technical review of the draft EIS in late September 2022 and provided technical comments for NexGen to respond to. After addressing all technical review comments provided by the ENV, NexGen submitted a revised Provincial EIS to the ENV in early July 2023. Following a conformance review, the ENV formally accepted the document as the Provincial Final EIS. The 30-day Provincial Final EIS public review process commenced on 2 September 2023 and concluded on 3 October 2023. ENV staff are now in the process of making a recommendation to the Saskatchewan Minister of Environment, who will ultimately decide on approval of the Project EA. The Provincial Final EIS is available for download from the ENV website at https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/categories/4212.

Federal EA Update

Following completion of a 30-day conformity review of the Draft EIS completed by the CNSC in July 2022, the Federal technical and public review comment period concluded on 12 October 2022. By December 2022, the CNSC had provided NexGen with Federal technical and public comments on the Draft EIS. NexGen is currently advancing responses to all Federal public comments received. NexGen provided all Federal technical review comment responses to the CNSC in early September 2023, which will undergo a completeness check and then be reviewed. Upon the technical comments responses being accepted by the CNSC, NexGen will submit a revised Federal EIS to the CNSC as well as responses to the Federal public comments.

Following acceptance of the revised EIS by the CNSC, a Federal EA decision on the Project will be made by the CNSC Commission members following a public hearing. All information related to the Federal EA review of the Project is available at: https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80171.

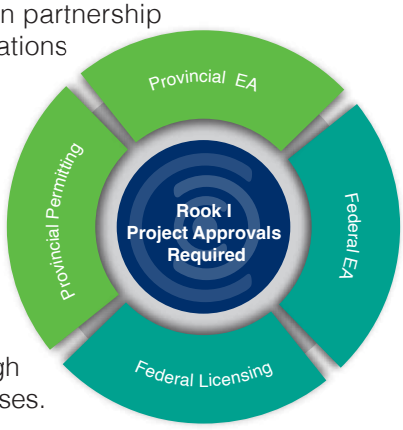
Licensing and Permitting Update

On 30 June 2023, NexGen submitted the final components of the Federal Licence Application for Construction of the Project to the CNSC. Once received, the CNSC completed a 60-day sufficiency review to ensure the application was complete. The CNSC formally accepted NexGen's Licence Application on 1 September 2023.

Similar to the EA process, the decision to approve a Federal Licence for the Construction Phase of the Project will be made by the CNSC Commission following a public hearing. As NexGen has been conducting the Federal EA and licensing in parallel, a joint EA and licensing hearing will be conducted for the Project. The date for the hearing has not yet been determined by the CNSC.

Following a positive EA decision by the Province, NexGen will require a Mineral Surface Lease Agreement and Approval to Construct Control Facilities from the Province prior to construction.

The Project will be fully approved for construction to begin once NexGen receives a positive EA decision from both the Provincial and Federal regulators, a positive permitting decision from the Provincial regulators, and a positive licensing decision from the Federal regulators. Upon receipt of required Provincial and Federal approvals, NexGen and our Nation partners will commence construction of the Project, and continue to deliver on the generational economic, social, and environmental benefits in partnership with local Indigenous Nations and communities.



NexGen will maintain ongoing engagement with Local Priority Area (LPA) Indigenous Nations and communities to keep them informed of the Project's progress through the four approval processes.

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NexGen Hosts Canadian Hockey Legends in the Local Priority Area (LPA)

On 22 and 23 November 2023, Kirk McLean, two-time Vezina trophy finalist, Charline Labonté, four-time Olympic gold medalist, and Rod Brathwaite, one of Canada's premier youth hockey mentors, visited La Loche and Buffalo Narrows for two days of fun and inspiring skills training, mentorship and community connection!

A total of 180 students participated, representing Clearwater River Dene School, Ducharme Elementary School, Dene High School, Birch Narrows Dene Community School, Buffalo River Dene School, and Twin Lakes Community School.

Members of the public were also in attendance to cheer on the students, get autographs from Canada's hockey greats, and enjoy a community dinner together.

Thank you for the outstanding community support, and special thanks to the local arenas and their staff for making this event possible!



Participants skating in La Loche on 22 November 2023



Participants skating in Buffalo Narrows on 23 November 2023

NexGen's Youth Mentorship VIP Program in Vancouver

NexGen's second Youth Mentorship Program in partnership with the Vancouver Canucks took place 12 and 13 December 2023 at Rogers Arena in Vancouver, B.C.

Over the two day visit, participants attended the Vancouver Canucks game against the Tampa Bay Lightning, and participated in mentorship moments both on and off the ice with Vancouver Canucks players, coaches, and staff for motivational talks about the journey of a professional hockey player, as well as learning more about the behind the scenes operations of an NHL franchise, and career opportunities in sport.

We loved hosting students from Clearwater River Dene School, Birch Narrows Dene Community School, Buffalo River Dene School, Dene High School, and Twin Lakes Community School, and express our sincere appreciation to the chaperones, school staff, and community leadership for supporting the Youth Mentorship Program once again.



Students preparing for on-ice skills session at Rogers Arena as part of Youth Mentorship Program

Education, Training, and Employment Updates

NexGen Training Committee

NexGen established a Training Committee with representatives from the Local Priority Area (LPA) communities and local training institutions to discuss and implement training plans to support NexGen's current and future employment needs for the Rook I Project (Project).



PHOTO: *Training Committee meeting on 18 October 2023 in Saskatoon*

High School Career Presentations

In October 2023, NexGen staff, accompanied by local training institutions, visited the five high schools in the LPA to share information about the future career opportunities that will be available for the Project. Thank you to all of the students and staff for participating and welcoming us into your schools!



PHOTOS (left to right): *Career presentations at Clearwater River Dene School, Buffalo River Dene School, and Birch Narrows Dene Community School*

Current and Upcoming Training Programs

Applied Electrical Certificate Program

NexGen has partnered with Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT), Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI), and Northlands College to offer an 18-week electrical program in Buffalo Narrows, which began on 29 January 2024. NexGen wishes the best of luck to those enrolled in the program!

Radiation and Environmental Technician Program

A 40-week Radiation and Environmental Technician program is being planned with Northlands College and is set to begin on 1 April 2024. NexGen will be funding 5 of the 12 seats available and has worked with the LPA Indigenous Nations and communities on student selection for the course.

Carpentry Applied Certificate Program

Eleven students from the LPA participated in this course, which was funded by NexGen and delivered by Northlands College at Dene High School in La Loche. The course began in October 2023 and concluded on 16 February 2024, where students' achievements were celebrated with a graduation ceremony. We wish the best of luck to these students in their careers.



PHOTO: *Carpentry students attending class in La Loche*





Uranium-Specific Digital Readiness Program

NexGen is developing a uranium-specific training program called a Digital Readiness Mining Pre-Employment Program. This will be a 10-week program (8 weeks in class and 2 weeks at the Rook I site). The first class is planned to begin in the fall of 2024.

If you are interested in attending any of these programs, or future training programs, please contact your local Implementation Coordinator, Band Office, or Training Committee representative.

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NexGen Receives Provincial Environmental Assessment Approval for the Rook I Project

On 8 November 2023, NexGen received Ministerial approval under *The Environmental Assessment Act* of Saskatchewan to proceed with the development of the Rook I Project (the Project).

This is a significant Project milestone that has been achieved in partnership with local Indigenous communities. NexGen is the first company in more than 20 years to receive full Provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) approval for a uranium mine and mill in Saskatchewan. The Ministerial Decision can be viewed on the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (ENV) website at https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/categories/4212.

With the Provincial EA approval in place, NexGen continues to advance through the Federal EA process. NexGen submitted responses to Federal technical review comments to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) in Q4 2023, which subsequently underwent a 60-day technical review period by the CNSC and their team. NexGen received the results of this review in February 2024, and is currently developing responses to the remaining technical comments. Once complete, NexGen will be sending these responses as well as a revised Federal Enviromental Impact Statement (EIS) to the CNSC. Once the revised EIS is accepted by the CNSC, a public hearing will be held, followed by a Federal EA decision on the Project by the CNSC Commission members.

In addition to the positive EA decision by the ENV, the Project will be fully approved for construction to begin once NexGen receives a positive EA decision from the Federal regulators, a positive permitting decision from the Provincial regulators, and a positive licensing decision from the Federal regulators.

For more information on the Final Provincial EIS, please visit the Project website via the QR code provided or go to **https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca**



Northern lights at the Rook I site entrance

Happy New Year from NexGen!

As we transition into the spring of a new year, NexGen is reflecting on the number of milestones achieved in 2023 and all that has been accomplished together with our Indigenous partners and communities in the Local Priority Area (LPA). We are grateful to continue to work together to advance the Project to deliver on the multi-generational economic, social, and environmental benefits throughout the LPA and Saskatchewan.

It was a pleasure working with the LPA Indigenous Nations and communities throughout 2023 and we look forward to continued collaboration and meaningful engagement throughout 2024!

Thank you to all of the employees, contractors, suppliers, and community members who continue to contribute to the safe and successful execution of our programs. NexGen's exploration programs and the Project would not be possible without your continued support.

We are excited and ready for the continued success we will have together in 2024!



Sunset at Patterson Lake

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- Environmental Committee and Regulatory Process Updates

May 2024 Community Information Sessions for the Rook I Project

NexGen is excited to host its annual 2024 Community Information Sessions (CISs) about the Rook I Project (the Project) in the Local Priority Area (LPA) from 28 to 30 May 2024. The Company is ready to execute the Project once the Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) is approved. NexGen's key leadership team as well as many subject matter experts will be available at each session to share information about the Project and answer questions. This year, we look forward to sharing more information about:

- Updates on the regulatory process, including the status of the Federal EA approval and updates on Federal Licensing and Provincial permitting requirements, and;
- Education, training, and employment opportunities for LPA residents

MAY 28	**Buffalo River Dene Nation Hall** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
MAY 28	**Buffalo Narrows Lakeview Complex Arena** 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
MAY 29	**La Loche Friendship Centre** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
MAY 29	**Clearwater River Dene Nation Hall** 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
MAY 30	**Turnor Lake Birch Narrows Community Food Centre** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM



Banners and poster stations set up at June 2023 CISs



June 2023 CIS at Birch Narrows Dene Nation

Similar to previous years, the CISs will be a drop-in format, with stations containing informational posters as well as NexGen personnel, who will be available to answer any questions and share information on the Project, including training and employment opportunities and how to register interest.

Dene translators will also be available to assist with translations for community members. Visitors may take a booklet and other informational materials home which summarizes the information presented on the posters.

Representatives from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will also be in attendance to explain their role as a regulatory agency and provide information specific to the regulatory process for the Project, as well as answer questions from community members.

Invitation cards for the CISs will be provided in the mail. Entries will be available to submit for a chance to win a door prize at each session. Refreshments will be available, and a colouring table will be set up for children. We encourage all community members to attend the sessions and are looking forward to connecting with you in your community to engage on the Project!

For more information on NexGen's previous CISs, or to download the 2023 poster booklet, please visit our website at:

https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca/working-with-people/default.aspx#info-sessions

Education and Training Updates

NexGen Congratulates Graduates of the 2023-2024 Carpentry Training Program

NexGen is pleased to announce and congratulate the 11 graduating students of the 18-week Carpentry Applied Certificate Program, which ran from October 2023 to February 2024 in La Loche. The Program was fully funded by NexGen in partnership with Northlands College. The students' achievements were celebrated at a graduation ceremony on 16 February 2024. Congratulations to the graduating class and we look forward to seeing them excel in their new careers!

- Vance Breakell
- Leiham Cheecham
- Tamron Cougan
- Daylen Fontaine
- Jayden Janvier
- Tylla Laprise
- Laycen Lemaigre
- Elayna Mercredi
- Daisy Janvier
- Terra Park
- Corey Janvier



Graduating students from the Carpentry Applied Certificate Program

Current and Upcoming Training Programs

Applied Electrical Certificate Program – An 18-week program offered in Buffalo Narrows, which began on 29 January 2024. NexGen is proud to partner with all three northern educational institutes for the first time to deliver this course. We wish the 9 students who are currently enrolled a continued successful term.

Radiation and Environmental Technician Program – A 29-week program delivered by Northlands College which began on 2 April 2024 in Buffalo Narrows. NexGen is funding 5 seats and has worked with the Local Priority Area (LPA) Indigenous Nations and communities on student selection for this Program.

Uranium Specific Digital Readiness Program – NexGen is developing an underground mining pre-employment program which is expected to run for 10-weeks, beginning in the fall of 2024. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting course offering.

If you are interested in attending any future training programs, please contact your local Implementation Coordinator, Band Office, Training Committee representative, or drop by the NexGen office at the Dene Empowerment Centre in La Loche and we can assist you.



Students from the Applied Electrical Certificate Program in Buffalo Narrows, which began on 29 January 2024

2024 Summer Student and Scholarship Program

Summer Student Program – Secondary and post-secondary students from across the LPA will be hired to work on a rotational basis at the Rook I exploration camp once again throughout the summer, where students will be mentored by a variety of subject matter experts, as well as support community events on behalf of NexGen.

If you are interested in applying for the Summer Student Program, we invite you to visit our website to view the job posting and submit your resume and cover letter by 31 May 2024 directly to Robert St. Pierre, NexGen Project Liaison Manager, in person at the NexGen office, or by email at rstpierre@nxe-energy.ca.

Scholarship Program – Each year NexGen awards scholarships to support post-secondary education of students who are leaders in their schools and communities. If you are interested in applying for the 2024-2025 academic year, please email a request to Robert St. Pierre to receive an application, and submit your completed application by 30 June 2024. NexGen encourages all eligible applicants to apply.



2023-2024 scholarship recipients attend a Saskatchewan Roughriders game at Mosaic Stadium with NexGen

Community Engagement Updates

NexGen Hosts Students from the LPA for the Northern Prospects Experience

As part of NexGen's long-standing support for communities and youth in the Local Priority Area (LPA) through initiatives focused on mentorship, health, and wellness, NexGen partnered with the Saskatchewan Rush (National Lacrosse League) and Saskatoon Blades (Western Hockey League) to present the Northern Prospects Experience in Saskatoon to LPA youth.

On 23-24 February 2024, 14 youth from across the LPA who demonstrated outstanding commitment to their schools and communities were invited to Saskatoon to participate in a weekend of unique mentorship experiences, which included connecting with Rush and Blades players, as well as staff from across various departments in each organization, who highlighted the various careers available. The youth then attended a Saskatchewan Rush and Saskatoon Blades game each evening. During the mentorship sessions, students had the opportunity to engage in one-on-one discussions with Rush and Blades players and hear more about their experiences as athletes. The youth were also invited to participate in skill sessions on the field with Rush players, as well as present the Canadian flag during the Saskatchewan Rush versus Halifax Thunderbirds game on 24 February 2024.

NexGen would like to extend its appreciation to Asia Daongam-Lemaigre, who proudly represented her community by singing the Canadian National anthem in Dene at the Saskatoon Blades versus Brandon Wheat Kings game on 23 February 2024.



Participants of the Northern Prospects Experience with players and staff of the Saskatchewan Rush



Students participate in a mentorship session with players of the Saskatoon Blades during the Northern Prospects Experience



Asia Daongam-Lemaigre performing the national anthem in Dene during the Saskatoon Blades game

Saskatchewan Rush Visit LPA Schools

NexGen was pleased to again partner with the Saskatchewan Rush to bring two lacrosse players – Bobby Kidd III and Zach Manns – to visit students in Grades 4 to 6 at Clearwater River Dene School (CRDS) and Ducharme Elementary School in La Loche on 9 April 2024.

The Rush shared their experiences and detailed their journeys to advancing to the National Lacrosse League. Students then had the opportunity to participate in lacrosse skills with the players, including trying their hand at scoring a goal against the team's mascot, Rowdy!

Thank you to both schools and communities for welcoming NexGen and the Rush.



Students from CRDS and Ducharme Elementary participate in lacrosse drills and stretches with Rush players

Rook I Project Update and Community Engagement Activities

Environmental Committee Updates

2023 Seed Collection Program

In October 2023, NexGen participated in a Seed Collection Program with Clearwater River Dene School (CRDS) at the Rook I site and surrounding area. The Program supported progressive reclamation using seeds sourced locally, while building community capacity and support for climate literacy, science and action.

Students learned to identify various seed species, as well as collect, prepare, clean, and store seeds. Species collected were selected based on feedback provided from Local Priority Area (LPA) Indigenous Nations, representative species for each site, and seed availability at time of collection. Species collected included jack pine, blueberry, bearberry, and alder, among others. Reclamation trials will be ongoing as the Project advances.



Students at the Rook I site



Students participate in seed collection

Regional Traditional Food Study

NexGen and CanNorth have been engaging with Indigenous Nations and communities over the last year to advance a regional Traditional Food Study. This self-initiated study developed by NexGen is over and above any regulatory requirement and is fully supported by the LPA communities. The Study will identify the type, quantity, and location of traditional foods being consumed in northwestern Saskatchewan.

Interviews with local community members are ongoing to gain insight into these inputs. Additionally, CanNorth will be coordinating a collection of food samples through community sample drives. Specific samples sought include moose, walleye, whitefish, rabbit, grouse, duck, deer, caribou and berries. Collected samples will then be sent for testing. This collected data, along with community interviews, will inform a regional report as well as community specific reports, which will be presented to communities in Q4 2024.



Wild blueberries being collected

Project Regulatory Process Update

Following the Provincial Ministerial approval under *The Environmental Assessment Act* of Saskatchewan to proceed with the development of the Project, NexGen continues to advance both Provincial permitting and Federal licensing, which are required before the Project is fully approved. The decision to formally approve the Federal licence for the construction phase of the Project will be made by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) following a public hearing.

The Provincial Government has established Environmental Assessment (EA) conditions that NexGen must adhere to in order to proceed with the development of the Project. NexGen continues to work with LPA Indigenous Nations and communities on a number of these conditions. The Project will be fully approved for construction to begin once NexGen receives a positive EA and Licensing decision from the Federal regulators, and necessary Provincial permits.

Rook I Project Update and Community Engagement Activities

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Summer Student Program Update

NexGen was pleased to once again host the 2024 Summer Student Program at the Rook I site. Since 2016, the Summer Student Program has built skills and confidence in youth through employment, mentoring and training at the Rook I site and provided insight into careers available in the mining industry. This year, NexGen received 60 submissions from interested applicants, a 131% increase in the number of applications received compared to 2023 and NexGen continues to look at ways of expanding this program post-Federal approvals.

Twelve secondary students and 2 post-secondary students were hired as part of the program. An in-person orientation was held in La Loche on 28 June 2024, and the students also supported community initiatives in La Loche, such as the Canada Day BBQ and the Yanessa Days BBQ.

Thank you to the returning Summer Student Coordinators, Chantelle Herman and Alwyn Piche, and Summer Students Lucas Benjamin, Thomas Billette, Ava Haynes, Deondre Herman, Isaiah Herman, Mataya Laprise, Elizabeth Lemaigre, Traydon Lemaigre, Tyra Lemaigre, Serena McCallum, Darien Montgrand and Frayden Piche for being part of the NexGen team this summer.

We are also pleased to see opportunities for local summer students expanding through community hires by Métis Local 39 – La Loche, Métis Local 62 – Buffalo Narrows, and Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN). Thank you to the three students who were hired by each Nation to support local programming and Elders in their communities this summer.



Summer Students complete their first work rotation at Rook I

Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Scholarship Program Recipients



Ava Haynes
Clearwater River
Biology at the University of Saskatchewan



Emily Hanson
Buffalo Narrows
Combined Laboratory & X-Ray Technician at Saskatchewan Polytechnic



Connor Clarke
Buffalo Narrows
Biomedical Science at the University of Saskatchewan
Don Hovdebo Memorial Scholarship Recipient



Jordyn Jacobson
Buffalo River Dene Nation
Biology at the University of Saskatchewan

NexGen is pleased to award four scholarships, including the Don Hovdebo Memorial Scholarship, which has been awarded to Connor Clarke in recognition of Connor's exceptional commitment to his community. The Scholarship Program supports students in pursuing post-secondary education, developing skills, and positively impacting their communities. There have been 30 scholarships awarded by NexGen since starting this program in 2017.

We thank all applicants and encourage eligible students to apply again in the future. If you would like feedback on your application, please contact Robert St. Pierre at the NexGen office in La Loche in the Dene Empowerment Centre. Congratulations to Ava Haynes, Connor Clarke, Emily Hanson, and Jordyn Jacobson. All the best to you in your studies and we look forward to watching your growth!

Education, Training, and Employment Updates

Congratulations to Graduates of the 2024 Applied Certificate Programs



Eight graduates of the Applied Electrical Certificate Program

Held from January to June 2024 in Buffalo Narrows, the program was delivered by Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) and Northlands College and funded by Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) and NexGen.

- Tischa Ballantyne
- Colten Billette
- Hayden Fontaine
- James Hebig
- Justin Montgrand
- Landon Jolibois
- Aaron Laprise
- Barry Smith



Eight graduates of the Carpentry Applied Certificate Program

Held from April to June 2024 in Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN)/Turnor Lake, the program was delivered by Lotus Learning and funded by the BNDN, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 (MN-S NR2), and NexGen.

- Jaiden Daigneault
- Jarrid Daigneault
- Owen Favier
- Austin Laprise
- Carissa Montgrand
- Samantha Marceland
- Matayo Montgrand
- Drayden Sylvester

We wish all the graduates the best in their future endeavors!

Pathways to Your Future: Career Development in Uranium Mining* – A 10-week underground mining pre-employment training program will be offered in Buffalo Narrows in fall 2024 for local residents, with additional courses to be offered throughout the Local Priority Area (LPA). The training program provides a holistic look into working at a uranium mine and offers participants a clear pathway to a meaningful career in the mining industry. Contact your Nation leadership or NexGen if you are interested in this valuable program.

Carpentry Applied Certificate Program* – A 10-week Carpentry Applied Certificate Program delivered by Lotus Learning in BRDN/Dillon will begin in October 2024, funded by BRDN and MN-S NR2, in conjunction with NexGen.

LPA Indigenous Nation Safety Ticket Training*

- Sixteen Safety (BRDN business partner) continues to offer safety ticket training courses in Dillon and Turnor Lake.
- Carbon Medical Services (Clearwater River Dene Nation [CRDN] business partner) are offering safety ticket training courses beginning in August 2024 on an ongoing basis.

If you are interested in any future training programs, please contact your local Implementation Coordinator, Band Office, or Training Committee representative, or visit the NexGen office in La Loche for assistance.

Stay tuned for more updates on these course offerings.

Community Engagement Updates

Saskatchewan Roughriders Visit LPA Schools

On 8 May 2024, NexGen partnered with the Saskatchewan Roughriders to bring players Shawn Bane Jr., and Kian Schaffer-Baker, and mascot Gainer to visit students in Grades 7 to 9 at Buffalo River Dene School (BRDS) in Dillon and Dene High School in La Loche to talk about the power of positivity and the opportunities that are ahead for those that develop as leaders. Thank you to both schools for welcoming us. We look forward to continued opportunities to inspire youth to pursue their dreams.



BRDS (left) and Dene High (right) students participate in football drills with Roughrider players

2024 Back to Batoche Days – NexGen contributed to the 2024 Back to Batoche Days in partnership with the MN-S NR2, which was held from 18 to 21 July 2024. NexGen staff participated in the opening ceremony and enjoyed various cultural activities.

National Indigenous Peoples Day – NexGen contributed to and attended the National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration hosted by the Northern Village of La Loche and Métis Local 39 on 21 June 2024. NexGen appreciated celebrating Indigenous peoples' rich cultural heritage, traditions, and contributions.



Opening ceremony of the 2024 Back to Batoche Days festival

May 2024 Community Information Sessions for the Rook I Project

NexGen was pleased to host the 2024 Community Information Sessions (CISs) for the Rook I Project (Project) in the Local Priority Area (LPA) from 28 to 31 May 2024 in Dillon/BRDN, Buffalo Narrows, La Loche, CRDN, and Turnor Lake/BNDN. Nineteen of NexGen's subject matter experts, including Vice Presidents, were present at each session to share information about the Project and engage with community members.

This year, we shared all information with the LPA communities about:

- updates on the regulatory process and the status of the Federal Environmental Assessment (EA);
- licensing and permitting requirements; and,
- education, training, and employment opportunities for LPA residents.

The CISs were drop-in events at venues in each community, featuring stations with posters and informational materials. Three NexGen staff fluent in Dene assisted with translations for community members, and visitors could take home a booklet summarizing the information presented on the posters.

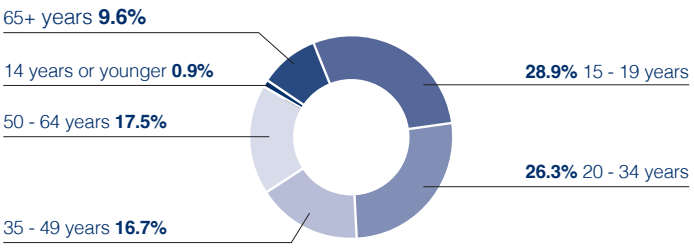
Representatives from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) were also in attendance to explain their role as a Federal regulatory agency, provide information specific to the regulatory process for the Project, and answer questions from community members. There were also representatives from regional training institutions including GDI, SIIT, and Northlands College in attendance.

This year, nearly 120 community members registered their attendance, including high school and post-secondary students from various NexGen programs. We appreciated the thoughtful discussions about topics such as education, training and employment initiatives, expected timelines for the Project, the NexGen Summer Student and Scholarship Programs, and environmental protection, among many others.

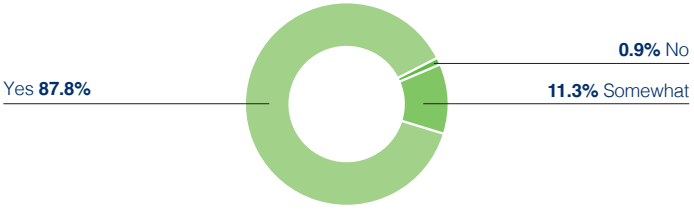
Thank you to everyone for attending the sessions and connecting with us in your community on the Project. Thank you also to the Leadership and community members who welcomed us into their communities and prepared delicious meals for all to enjoy. Marci cho'!

For more information on NexGen's CISs, or to download the 2024 information booklet, please visit our website at: **https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca/working-with-people/default.aspx#info-sessions**

Local Priority Area CIS 2024 Attendance by Age Group



Were you satisfied with the level of information at the CIS about the NexGen and the Rook I Project?





From top left to right: CIS in Buffalo Narrows, CIS in BRDN, CIS in CRDN, CIS in BNDN, CIS in La Loche.

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Rook I Project Update and Community Engagement Activities

Project Regulatory Process Update

Following the Provincial Ministerial approval to proceed with the development of the Rook I Project (Project) under *The Environmental Assessment Act* of Saskatchewan, NexGen continues to advance both provincial permitting and federal licensing, which are required before the Project is fully approved.

The Provincial Government has set Environmental Assessment (EA) conditions that NexGen adhere to in order to proceed with the Project's development. NexGen continues to work with Local Priority Area (LPA) Indigenous Nations and communities. The Project will be fully approved for construction to begin once NexGen receives confirmation of EA and a Licensing decision from the Federal regulators (CNSC).

NexGen has responded to all comments received from the Federal EA technical and public review of the Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submitted by NexGen in May 2022 and is ready to commence activities upon receipt from the CNSC that the EA is finalized. We are ready!

Federal Approval Key Dates

30 June 2023

NexGen submitted the final components of the Federal licence application for the construction phase of the Project.

1 September 2023

After a 60-day sufficiency review, the application was accepted by the CNSC. The Federal licence decision will be made following a public hearing, which will be a joint EA and licensing hearing. The date is yet to be set.

5 September 2023

NexGen submitted responses to all 274 Federal technical review comments (also known as "information requests" or "IRs") to the CNSC.

12 February 2024

The CNSC Federal-Indigenous Review Team (FIRT) completed their review:

- **171** responses were accepted.
- **55** responses were conditionally accepted, pending submission of a revised EIS.
- **48** responses required follow-up information.
- **1** new information request was made related to an existing comment.
- **40** 'advice to proponent' comments addressed: **39** accepted, **1** remained open.
- **7** new 'advice to proponent' comments were received.

21 May 2024

NexGen submitted responses to all outstanding comments along with a revised Federal EIS to the CNSC.

21 June 2024

The CNSC completed a 30-day completeness check, and a prescribed technical review of up to 60-days commenced, after which the CNSC will confirm if all comments are resolved and deem the EIS final.

Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee (NSEQC)

The NSEQC is a partnership between the Provincial Government, Indigenous Nations, Métis communities, northern municipalities, and the mining sector which meets quarterly to provide a collaborative forum for mutual understanding of regional mining developments, with a focus on environmental protection.

NexGen attended the quarterly NSEQC meeting in La Ronge on 4 June 2024 to provide a Project update to the committee, which included updates on the progress of the Provincial and Federal EA approvals for the Project, NexGen's licencing application to the CNSC, and the education and training initiatives NexGen is leading.

We appreciated the opportunity to present on the Project and engage in many positive discussions with attendees. We look forward to continued participation in NSEQC meetings moving forward.



NexGen presenting at the 4 June 2024 NSEQC meeting