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Bill C-39 the *Building Canada Strong Act* and potential implications for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

Dear Eric:

On May 8, 2026, the Major Projects Office (MPO) launched a discussion paper titled "Getting Major Projects Built in Canada - Discussion Paper on Proposed Legislative, Regulatory, and Policy Reforms". The discussion paper sought feedback on a range of potential reforms to the federal review process for major projects. An engagement period was held on the discussion paper from May 8, 2026, to July 22, 2026. For further information on the discussion paper and the outcomes of the engagement period, you may wish to read the September 9, 2026, 'What We Heard' Report published by the Privy Council Office.

Yesterday, the Honourable Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, tabled Bill C-39 the *Building Canada Strong Act* in parliament. Bill C-39 includes a suite of proposed amendments to the federal review process, as outlined in a News Release published by the Major Projects Management Office. As proposed within these amendments, generally, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) would conduct the impact assessment of a designated project that includes activities that are regulated under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*.

Like all federal legislation, Bill C-39 must pass through both the House of Commons and the Senate before it would become law, and would not come into force until a date that, as currently drafted, would be determined by Governor in Council. Further amendments to the Bill may be proposed during the legislative process. To follow along with the progress of the Bill, please refer to the LEGIS*info* website.

The CNSC is ready to take on the new responsibilities outlined in Bill C-39, should they come into force, and remains committed to an efficient and robust impact assessment of the proposed Bruce C Nuclear Project. Staff from the Environmental Review Division will continue to be your single point of contact for the CNSC with respect to the impact assessment. CNSC staff will keep their counterparts within your organization informed of any developments with respect to next steps as and when further information becomes available. Should your staff have any questions in the meantime, please have them contact Nicole Frigault, Environmental Review Specialist, Environmental Review Division, by email to Nicole.frigault@cnsc-ccsn.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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