

Project Charter: Integrated Impact Assessment of the Proposed Bruce C Nuclear Project

Purpose

The purpose of this project charter is to document the key milestones and service standards for the Bruce C Nuclear Project's integrated assessment process that each party commits to aiming to achieve to address Bruce Power's request for greater certainty in the timelines for the process. Greater certainty in the process will allow for better planning and engagement from all of those involved in the process including Indigenous Nations and communities.

The project charter is not a legally binding agreement and does not impose any legal requirements on the signatories. In the event there is a conflict on interpretation of the key milestones/timelines in the project charter, the provisions of the *Impact Assessment Act*, *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* and their associated regulations prevail.

The project charter may be updated in the future with any necessary revisions, as requested and agreed to by the parties to the project charter. However, the project charter will not be updated in real time to reflect completion dates as each milestone is accomplished. The project charter will be posted on IAAC's public registry page for the Bruce C Nuclear Project (<https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/88771>), where the status of the assessment and milestones will be publicly available.

Assessment Timelines

The following table sets out a proposed timeline for the remainder of the integrated assessment of the Bruce C Nuclear Project. A visual representation of these timelines is also available in Annex I of this document.

In the development of the timeline, IAAC/CNSC service standards have been streamlined as much as possible while not compromising quality, rigour or thoroughness, in order to support an expedited assessment timeline, and the following assumptions have been applied:

- Review of the integrated impact statement and licence to prepare site application – 6 months;
- Integrated assessment by a review panel, including public hearings, drafting of the panel report, and drafting of potential conditions by IAAC and CNSC – 300 days;
- Decision by Governor in Council on whether the project is in the public interest and whether the Crown duty to consult and accommodate has been fulfilled – 90 days;
- Decision by the review panel, acting with the powers and duties of the Commission, on the licence to prepare site application under the NSCA – within 120 calendar days after the close of the record of the hearing¹ days (*occurs in parallel with previous step*).

In order for the proponent to meet the proposed timelines, the following factors will be critical to success and avoiding the need to extend timelines (i.e. time limit suspensions or extensions).

- meaningful engagement or consultation with Indigenous Nations and communities;
- early identification and resolution of issues; and
- preparation of timely, quality submissions with the required information and studies.

The proponent has indicated that they will consider additional time to complete these items, where reasonable, to support meaningful engagement with Indigenous Nations and communities. The proponent has also indicated that

¹Service standards on release of decisions by the CNSC: <https://www.cnsccsn.gc.ca/eng/the-commission/hearings/service-standards-release-of-decisions/>

decision-making and engagement processes broader than the *Impact Assessment Act* are either existing or under revision with Indigenous Nations and communities.

In particular, the proponent has committed to providing the Impact Statement (to meet the necessary information and studies under the IAA) as well as the site preparation licensing information needs under the NSCA, within the timelines agreed to in this charter. The timelines associated with the federal permits that may be required to begin site preparation will be further developed in a detailed permitting plan, which all parties commit to finalizing by Fall 2025.

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Timelines for a 3-year Integrated Assessment

The following proposed timelines are based on meeting the service standards for achieving a 3-year target for the remaining steps in the process (excluding time elapsed in time limit suspensions).

**indicates the estimated times that IAAC or the review panel have some level of discretion to set (within the prescribed legislative timelines); other steps are primarily at the discretion of the proponent.*

Phase	Timeline	Description/Activity	Estimated Number of Days	Estimated Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	Accountability
Planning Phase Max. 180 days	180 days	Start of Planning Phase (PP1)			Completed: August 12, 2024	Bruce Power to submit IPD, and upon conformity IAAC to commence impact assessment process.
		Notice that an impact assessment is required and referral to an independent review plan			Completed: December 20, 2024	IAAC to determine whether full impact assessment required.
		Public comment period on the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISGs) and other plans (PP2)			Completed: July 11, 2025	IAAC to hold public comment period.
		Notice of Commencement (NOC) (final TISGs and plans)			Completed: August 19, 2025	IAAC will be responsible for gathering and considering all comments received during the public comment period in the final plans and post the NOC.
Impact Statement Phase Max. 3 years	~20 months	Preparation and submission of the integrated impact statement (IS)/ licence to prepare a site (LTPS) application	355 days	August 2025	August 2026	Bruce Power will be responsible to submit their IS and the balance of licence to prepare site application within 355 days from NOC.
		Review and public comment period of the integrated impact	180 days*	August 2026	February 2027	Once the IS/balance of the licence to prepare site application is received, IAAC/CNSC will lead the review and

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		statement / LTPS application for conformity with the TISGs				public comment period on the IS. Once IAAC/CNSC is satisfied that the proponent has provided all the information or studies, IAAC must post a notice of that determination on the Internet site (Section 19(4) IAA). These steps will be completed within 180 days from the receipt of the IS from Bruce Power.
		Appointment of review panel members	Concurrent (with activity above)	July 2026	February 2027	The review panel members will be onboarded and provided training. To initiate the IA phase, the Minister will establish the Panel's ToR (Section 44(1) IAA) and IAAC will appoint the review panel members. These steps will be completed before IAAC posts the notice of determination on the Internet site (Section 19(4) IAA).
Impact Assessment Phase 300 days	~10 months	Panel draft hearing procedures	30 days*	February 2027	March 2027	The review panel may hold a public comment period on the draft hearing procedures or other hearing documents.
		Panel determines whether it has sufficient information to proceed to hearing	30 days*	March 2027	April 2027	The review panel finalizes hearing materials. The review panel may issue requests for information, as needed.
		Notice of Public hearings and submission of participants' final technical submissions.	30 days*	April 2027	May 2027	The review panel will issue a notice of hearings once it has determined it has sufficient information.
		Public Hearings	30 days*	May 2027	June 2027	The review panel will hold public hearings.
		Submission of review panel's report on the integrated assessment	90 days*	June 2027	September 2027	The review panel will draft and submit its report to the Minister including rationale, conclusions and

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						recommendations as well as recommended conditions.
		Finalize recommendations to Minister for establishing conditions and the Consultation and Accommodation Report (CAR)	90 days*	September 2027	December 2027	IAAC, in consultation with the CNSC, will finalize potential conditions and CAR within 90 days of receipt of review panel report.
Decision-Making Phase Max. 90 days	~3 months	Decision by Governor in Council (GiC) on whether to approve the project and issuing of the decision statement	90 days	December 2027	March 2028	GiC to issue impact assessment decision and conditions.
Post-decision-making phase (licensing decision)	1 month	Decision by the review panel on the licence to prepare site application under the NSCA	30 days	March 2028	April 2028	The review panel, as the Commission, make licensing decision.

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Annex I. Project Schedule Graphic

The following graphic sets out an agreed upon timeline for the remainder of the integrated assessment of the Bruce C Nuclear Project and federal permits needed to begin site preparation.

