



Rook I Project Update and Community Engagement Activities

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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

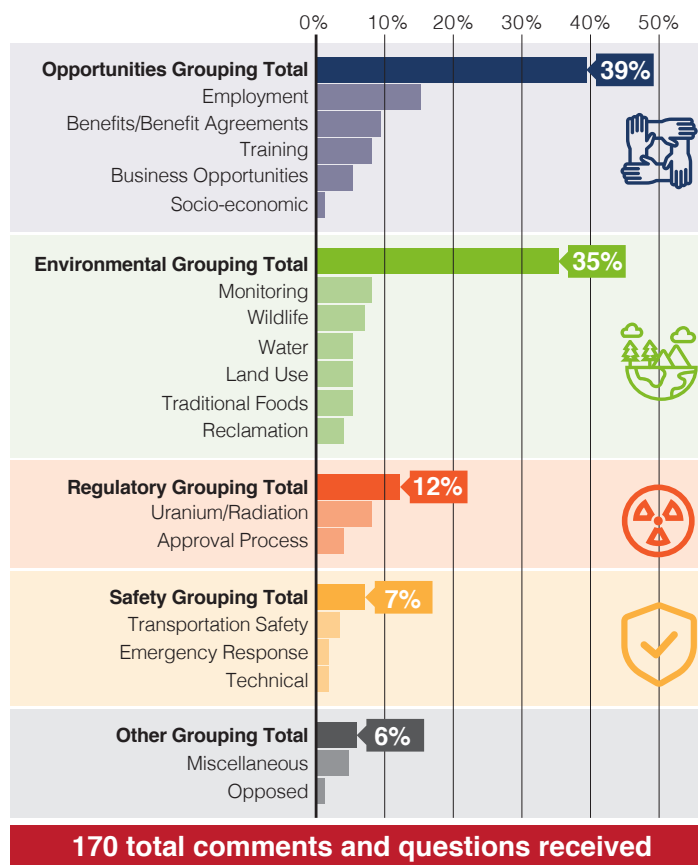
Questions and comments related to employment, training, business opportunities, and other socio-economic-related items were the most often raised (approximately 40% of comments received), followed closely by environment-related questions and comments related to the results of the environmental baseline 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

Percent of Questions Posed



- 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 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?

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!

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.