



*April 27, 2009*

## **Nuclear consultation begins in Alberta**

### ***Workbook and survey now available***

*Edmonton...* The Alberta government is encouraging Albertans to share their views on whether nuclear power is an appropriate addition to the province's energy options.

An interactive online workbook and survey are now available at [www.energy.alberta.ca](http://www.energy.alberta.ca). This workbook is organized by key questions and topics often raised in discussions about nuclear energy with information based on the recent report of the Nuclear Power Expert Panel. Hard copies of the workbook and survey can also be submitted and are available online or by phoning toll-free 310-0000, then 780-427-0265. The survey will remain open until June 1.

By participating in the nuclear consultation, Albertans can ensure the government considers their views as it develops its official position. The consultation process will include meetings with stakeholders, discussion groups with randomly selected Alberta citizens across Alberta, and a public opinion survey.

In anticipation of a public consultation process, the Alberta government created a "Nuclear Power Expert Panel" in 2008 to gather information and present their findings on nuclear energy to Albertans. The Expert Panel's report was released in March 2009 and presents information to help provide a clear understanding of the nature of nuclear power generation, and its relative risks/benefits for Alberta compared with alternatives.

-30-

### **Backgrounder:** Nuclear Power Generation Public Consultations

#### **Media inquiries may be directed to:**

Jason Chance  
Director  
Alberta Energy  
Communications  
780-422-3667

To call toll free within Alberta dial 310-0000.

April 27, 2009

## Nuclear Power Generation Public Consultations

The Alberta government is launching a multi-faceted public consultation process to hear the views of Albertans on nuclear power.

Albertans will be presented with the information gathered by the Expert Panel and asked for their feedback. The public consultation process will be managed by an independent research firm (selected by an open, Request for Proposals process) that will collect the data and provide a summary of the findings to the government after the completion of the public consultation process.

Albertans are able to provide their views in a number of ways.

- Albertans can review and complete an interactive online workbook and survey that will cover the themes of the Expert Panel report.
- Alberta citizens can review and complete a paper copy of the workbook and survey, available by phoning toll-free 310-0000, then 780-427-0265, or by downloading and printing a copy at the local public library.
- Discussion groups with stakeholder groups, representative of environmental, business, energy, and other interests will be held.
- Discussion groups with randomly selected Alberta citizens will be held in communities across Alberta.
- A public opinion survey representative of Albertans will be conducted.

-30-

### Media inquiries may be directed to:

Jason Chance  
Director  
Alberta Energy  
Communications  
780-422-3667

To call toll free within Alberta dial 310-0000.

[Alberta Government](#) | [Newsroom](#) | [Ministries Listing](#) | [Energy Home Page](#) | [News Releases](#) | [Top of Page](#) |

---

[Send us your comments or questions](#)

Copyright(©) 2009 Government of Alberta