

Agreement

between

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL)

and

**The Professional Institute of the
Public Service of Canada (PIPSC)**

in respect of the

**Chalk River Professional
Employees Group (CRPEG)**

for the period

2024 January 1 – 2026 December 31

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hereinafter called the “Company”

and

**The Professional Institute of the
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hereinafter called the “Institute”

in respect of the

**Chalk River Professional
Employees Group (CRPEG),**
a group of the Institute representing
certain employees of the Company

for the period

2024 January 1 – 2026 December 31

Ratified on: 2025 July 11

The Company and the Institute agree as follows.

Preamble

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish and maintain a harmonious and mutually beneficial working relationship between the parties. In administering this Agreement, we will work together and exhibit mutual trust, understanding, sincerity, and co-operation. Should differences or misunderstandings occur, we will resolve them promptly through full and open discussions within the terms of our dispute resolution process.

We support and encourage policies and practices that reflect our commitment to: a safe, efficient and competitive world class nuclear science and technology business for the maximum benefit of Canada; professional excellence, employee job satisfaction and career development; fair and competitive terms and conditions of employment; employment equity; continuous improvement in quality and efficiency; and a safe and healthy working environment which is free from harassment and discrimination and which recognizes the full worth and integrity of all employees.

Article 1 Recognition

1.01 The Employer recognizes the Institute as the exclusive bargaining agent for the bargaining unit comprising all professional employees of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, performing engineering or scientific work for the Chalk River establishment, excluding casual employees and all persons at the organizational level of branch manager or above, as described in the certificate issued by the Canada Industrial Relations Board dated 2025 January 13.

1.02 Consistent with the bargaining unit definition, the parties agree appropriate educational requirements for members of the bargaining unit are, at minimum:

- (a) Bachelors (Honours) in Engineering or Science from a university of recognized standing; or
- (b) membership in an engineering or scientific professional organization authorized by statute to establish qualification for membership in that organization.

The parties agree an appropriate alternative educational qualification for Project Leader is at a minimum a Project Management Professional (PMP) certificate from the Project Management Institute. The parties agree that the minimum qualifications for OPEX Program Specialist is a technical diploma plus three (3) years relevant operations experience.

The parties recognize the encumbrance of bargaining unit positions by employees who do not possess the educational qualifications referenced above. Any such employees hired before 2023 December 31 shall remain unaffected by this clause.

Should the Company propose to hire an employee who does not possess the minimum qualifications of the position, that employee shall only be hired with written consent of the Institute.

1.03 The parties recognize that amendments to the terms and conditions of employment shall be by mutual consent.

1.04 The Company and the Institute agree that “students”, “casual employees”, “contract personnel” and “attached staff”, as defined in Article 7 (Non-Continuing Professional Personnel) shall not be included in the bargaining unit.

1.05 The parties recognize this Collective Agreement as outlining the terms and conditions of employment. Any additional monetary compensation shall only be provided through written consent of the Institute.

Article 2 Reservation of Management Rights

2.01 The Institute acknowledges that it is the responsibility of the Company, subject to the provisions of this Agreement, to:

- (a) Maintain order, discipline and efficiency and, to this end, make and alter from time to time the rules and regulations to be observed by employees;
- (b) Hire, discharge, transfer, promote, demote, suspend, lay off, or discipline employees;
- (c) Generally manage the enterprise in which the Company is engaged and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, determine: the research, development and production programs and schedules; staffing and facilities; the methods, systems and processes to be used; and the control of all equipment, materials and facilities used.

Article 3 Legislation and Employee Rights

Conflict with Legislation

3.01 Should any provision of this Agreement be found to be in conflict with existing, new, or forthcoming changes to an applicable statute, then the parties shall meet to discuss such a conflict with the statute within three (3) months of notification of such a conflict. The remaining provisions of the Agreement shall continue to be operative and binding on both parties. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as an abridgement or restriction of any employee's constitutional rights or of any right expressly conferred by an Act of the Parliament of Canada.

Discrimination, Harassment and Violence

3.02 There shall be no discrimination, interference, restriction, coercion, harassment, or intimidation exercised or practiced with respect to:

- (a) an employee by reason of age, race, creed, colour, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, genetic characteristics, conviction for which a pardon has been granted or in respect of which a record suspension has been ordered, marital status, family status, or
- (b) membership or lawful activity in the Institute.

3.03 The Institute and the Company recognize the right of employees to work in an environment free from harassment and violence and agree that harassment and violence will not be tolerated in the workplace. If an employee believes they have been subjected to discrimination, harassment, and/or violence, they may seek redress internally by filing:

- (a) A notice of occurrence with a CNL Designated Recipient, and/or
- (b) A dispute (grievance) in accordance with this agreement

3.04 In the case of a notice of occurrence involving a CRPEG member as a Principal or Responding Party, in addition to the regulated recipients, the anonymized investigator's report will be shared with the union president.

Picket Lines

3.05 The Company will not expect an employee to cross a picket line if to do so would place the employee's life, limb or personal property in jeopardy.

Performance Monitoring

3.06 Employees will not be subject to electronic performance monitoring without their knowledge. The CRPEG President will be informed of any employee electronic performance monitoring implemented by the company.

Article 4 Company Rules

4.01 The Parties recognize the need for the Company to modify its rules in accordance with its business interests without detrimentally changing the current rights or conditions of employees. To this end, the subsequent process for changes to Company policies and procedures shall be followed.

4.02 A copy of all policies and procedures and general communications to employees will be forwarded to the President of the Chalk River Professional Employees Group.

4.03 New and revised policies and procedures that affect terms and conditions of employment not referenced in the Collective Agreement will be provided to the Chalk River Professional Employees Group for comment(s) prior to implementation and, when issued, will be posted on bulletin boards for ten (10) working days.

4.04 Any references to Company policies and procedures in the Collective Agreement will be deemed to mean the versions of the policies and procedures in effect at the date of the previous Collective Agreement expiry.

4.05 Policies and procedures referenced in the Collective Agreement shall be modified by agreement of both parties. In the event the Company wishes to update any of the policies or procedures referred to in the Collective Agreement, a copy of the proposed amendments shall be sent to CRPEG for their review and approval.

4.06 Should the Parties be unable to reach agreement on any proposed changes to Company policies and procedures that are referenced in the Collective Agreement, the matter will be referred to mediation.

Article 5 No Strike or Lockout

5.01 There shall be no strikes, walk-outs, lockouts, slowdowns, or other similar interruptions of work during the term of this Agreement.

5.02 The definition of strike shall be that as laid down in Part I of the Canada Labour Code.

Article 6 Essential services

6.01 If at any time during, or after the termination of this Agreement, the employees represented by the Institute should engage in a stoppage of work, the Institute and the Company will meet in advance to negotiate an Agreement respecting the maintenance of essential services, such as protection of Company property and the preservation of public safety.

Article 7 Non-Continuing Professional Personnel

7.01 Both parties recognize that situations may arise which result in peaking manpower demand, or requirements for special skills and expertise not otherwise available. Subject to the provisions of this article, the Company may continue to utilize from time to time Non-Continuing Professional Personnel as defined in Clause 7.02 and Clause 7.03 below.

7.02 The following categories of persons are not members of the bargaining unit:

- (a) A “student” is an employee who is hired on a part-time or short-term basis, either during the student’s normal vacation period or a work term to fulfill the student’s normal educational curriculum. A student who has completed or suspended the student’s course of training is excluded from this definition.
- (b) “Casual employees” are those employees hired on a casual roster for a period of twelve (12) months and are only paid for actual days worked. Casual employees will be eligible for up to one (1) month of continuous employment in this twelve (12) month period. Casual employees shall not work more than 800 hours in a twelve (12) month period.
- (c) “Contract personnel” are those persons hired from other organizations to provide temporary professional services of up to twenty-four (24) months duration. This includes all contract personnel hired through a Master Service Agreement (MSA).
- (d) “Attached staff” are employees of other CNL sites or other organizations who are on temporary assignment at Chalk River Laboratories.

- (e) “Reach Back personnel” are subject matter experts with specialized skills or knowledge that are not available within the CNL workforce and come from one of the parent companies. Assignments are for a duration of up to twenty-four (24) months and for a specific scope, performing CRPEG work.

The number of Non-Continuing Professional Personnel and duration of assignment for, the categories specified in (b), (c), and (e) above shall not be exceeded without the written agreement of CRPEG. CRPEG shall not unreasonably withhold agreement. Requests for contract extension beyond the original duration shall require justification from line management, review by HR, and approval by CRPEG. Disputes may be brought to JCC or “if grieved” filed at Step 2 in the dispute resolution procedure in accordance with Article 25 (Dispute Resolution Procedure).

7.03 The following categories of persons are members of the bargaining unit:

- (a) “Short-term employees” are employees hired to carry out term assignments of more than one (1) month but no more than six (6) months duration which require them to work thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours or forty (40) hours per week as stipulated in this Agreement, and who cease to be employed when the jobs for which they were hired have been completed. An employee in this category is a member of the bargaining unit and is covered by the provisions of this Agreement with the exception of pension coverage, long term disability coverage and dental coverage in accordance with the document “Part-Time, Short-Term and Student Employees (Salaried) – Benefit Programs” (see Appendix A). An employee in this category whose term is extended beyond six (6) months becomes a “Term employee” as defined in (b) below.
- (b) “Term employees” are employees hired for between six (6) and twenty-four (24) months to carry out special term assignments. The term of such employment shall be related to the scheduled length of the work requirement. Term employees are required to work thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours or forty (40) hours per week as stipulated by this Agreement, but who cease to be employed when the jobs for which they were hired have been completed. Any extension of the initial term will be subject to Institute agreement, but no extension shall exceed two (2) years. Where a term extension does not adversely affect the job security of any continuing professional personnel with appropriate skills, the Institute shall not unreasonably withhold agreement.
- (c) “Post Doctoral Fellows” are hired on a two (2) year term assignment, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year. The maximum length of assignments

will be three (3) years. Post Doctoral Fellows must have completed their Ph.D., defended and have their dissertation approved, have a minimum of two (2) publications representative of their research, and graduated within the previous 24 months. Post Doctoral Fellows will not be directly responsible for achieving business deliverables. Post Doctoral Fellows do not serve probationary period. Post Doctoral Fellows, who meet eligibility, will be entitled to performance appraisals scale and merit increases during their term of employment. The procedure Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (see Appendix A), will apply except as modified by this agreement. Post Doctoral Fellows will be considered term employees in all other respects.

7.04 It is the intention of the parties that Non-Continuing Professional Personnel shall not be used in place of posting for a continuing or term position within the bargaining unit. To this end, the Company will notify, provide an explanation for, and participate in discussion with the President of the Chalk River Professional Employees Group as follows:

- (a) in advance of its intention to utilize casual, short-term, term, contract personnel and reach back personnel performing CRPEG work; and
- (b) where attached staff from other CNL sites are to be assigned to Chalk River Laboratories for periods of six (6) months or more.

7.05 A sequence of appointments of Non-Continuing Professional Personnel, including Researcher Emeritus as defined in Procedure "Appointment of Engineer / Researcher Emeritus" (see Appendix A), will not be used in place of a continuing position.

7.06 The Company shall review its skills inventory when considering a position for non-continuing professional personnel. Where casual, short-term, contract, term, attached professional personnel and reach back personnel are utilized for specialized skills not available in the bargaining unit, the Company will facilitate the acquisition of these skills within the bargaining unit where the Company determines there is a sufficient continuing need for the skill involved.

7.07 Non-Continuing Professional Personnel utilized in accordance with this article will cease to be employed when the specific duty or work term for which they were hired has been completed. Such individuals will be advised of the short-term nature of their employment.

The Chalk River Professional Employees Group (CRPEG) recognizes the employer's need to engage contracted services from time-to-time, as outlined in Article 7 (Non-Continuing Professional Personnel). When engaging in discussion concerning the use of contracted

staff, CRPEG will customarily seek the following information from the employer for each proposed contract.

- (a) Justification of the decision to use a contractor (in place of other options).
- (b) A general description of the work to be performed.
- (c) Intended start- and end-date of the contract, including the estimated number of labour-hours.
- (d) Identification of the responsible supervisor and manager.
- (e) Whether there is a continuing need for the skills / expertise provided by the contractor. If yes, a plan should be provided as to how the knowledge and skills will be transferred to a CRPEG member for future assignment of the work.
- (f) The scope of knowledge-transfer.
- (g) The specific contractor's engagement history with CNL.

In cases of an extension to previous contract(s), the following additional information will also be sought.

- (h) Hours previously worked.
- (i) Progress on knowledge and skills transferred as per the plan identified in (e).
- (j) Whether quarterly report(s) were submitted to CRPEG and the Non-Continuing Professional Personnel (NCP) Committee.

As implied above, it is expected that the Non-Continuing Professional Personnel Committee will receive quarterly updates on the use of the contractor, to ensure that transfer of knowledge and skills is occurring as planned.

Article 8 Information and Notifications

8.01 The Company will provide a list in electronic format to the President and Secretary of the Chalk River Professional Employees Group indicating:

- (a) The names of persons employed as Chalk River Professional Employees Group as casual, short term, term positions at CNL Chalk River Laboratories on a monthly basis.

- (b) The names of employees filling all management positions, as well as non-management positions at Grade F and above, at Chalk River Laboratories on a quarterly basis.
- (c) Attached Staff and reach back personnel performing CRPEG work report on a quarterly basis.
- (d) On a quarterly basis contract personnel providing engineering / scientific professional or management consulting services. The list will indicate the contractor name, start and end date, and the responsible manager. The list of management consultants will be made up of all names where the responsible manager is below the level of General Manager. The Company will provide CRPEG on a quarterly basis the number of management consultants reporting to a General Manager or higher level at CRL. It is understood that the agreement of the Company with respect to management consultants is limited to providing the list of management consultants. To be clear, for example, it is not intended that Clause 7.04 apply to management consultants.
- (e) On a quarterly basis, the names, duration and scope of research for all Post Doctoral Fellows.
- (f) Employees on leave of absence in accordance with Clause 16.07 (Leaves of Absence for Temporary Appointment to an Excluded Management Position) and Clause 16.09 (Personal and Educational Leaves of Absence) on a quarterly basis. Specifics shall include employee name, job title (home position), nature of absence, acting job title, start date, and expected end date.
- (g) The list of CRPEG employees on continuous on-call, on a quarterly basis.
- (h) When an external hire occurs, the Company will provide the following:
- the name of the new employee
 - the location
 - the associated job vacancy number of the competition in which they were successful
- (i) On a quarterly basis, to the extent possible, the Company will provide:
- the fraction of time that employees must be onsite;
 - the reason(s) for needing to be onsite for each member position; and
 - the type of remote working arrangement approved for each member.

Salary Information

8.02 By July 15th of each year, the Company shall provide an itemized current salary listing, sorted by organization unit typically led by direct reports to the Vice President, in an electronic format to the President of the Chalk River Professional Employees Group containing the information identified below:

- (a) year of Bachelor, year of Masters, year of PhD;
- (b) salary and pay grade as of June 30;
- (c) July 1st scale, merit, and special adjustment, where applicable;
- (d) salary and pay grade as of July 1;
- (e) comment field for information such as term, leave of absence, long term disability, delayed merit adjustment, part-time, where applicable;
- (f) most recent date of hire; and
- (g) performance rating.

The accuracy of the information in (a) above is dependent upon that supplied by individual employees.

Competitions

8.03 Notification of competitions shall be provided in accordance with Clause 33.06.

Lay-Off

8.04 Notices of lay-off shall be provided to the Chalk River Professional Employees Group and employees in accordance with Article 20 (Workforce Adjustment Process).

Institute Information for New Employees

8.05 The Company agrees to supply each new employee with a copy of the collective agreement and any amendments thereto. The Company agrees to provide each continuing employee with an updated copy of the collective agreement within six months of ratification (2025 July 11) and a copy of all amendments thereto. For the purposes of satisfying the Company's obligations under this clause, employees may be given electronic access to this agreement provided that the Company advises each employee

that the agreement is available electronically and how it can be accessed. The Company shall supply the Union with 50 printed copies of this collective agreement.

8.06 Each new employee will be informed of the name of the Institute representative in the area in which the employee will be working or, where there is no appropriate representative, the name of the President of the Chalk River Professional Employees Group. The Company will notify the Chalk River Professional Employees Group of the name and location of the new employee.

Bulletin Boards

8.07 The Company agrees to provide access to electronic bulletin boards on the company website for the use of the Institute. It is understood that postings, which may be of a controversial nature, will be discussed with Employee Relations staff before posting.

Career Advancement

8.08 Where an employee below the CSE 4 level is held at the top of a salary range in accordance with Article 32 (Promotion), the employee and the Institute will be so advised with an explanation. The employee or the Institute may request to be provided with the written explanation for the Employer's decision, and such explanation shall be provided within thirty (30) days of the request.

Article 9 Hours of Work

General

9.01

- (a) For the purposes of this Agreement, the week shall commence at 00:05 hours Sunday and extend to 00:05 hours the following Sunday. The day is a twenty-four (24) hour period commencing at 00:05 hours.
- (b) For shift employees, Company Holidays as specified in Article 15 (Company Holidays) will be deemed to commence at 07:05 hours and continue for a twenty-four (24) hour period on the calendar day specified in Clause 15.01 and end at 07:05 hours the following calendar day.

- (c) In keeping with general practice, professionals are permitted to take breaks during the work day. Such breaks shall not be excessive in nature.

Day Operations

9.02

- (a) The normal workweek for employees shall be thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours worked during the period Monday to Friday. The normal workday shall begin at 08:15 hours and end at 16:25 hours, with a normal unpaid lunch period of forty (40) minutes per day.
- (b) The normal work year shall be nineteen hundred and fifty (1950) hours.

Change in Normal Hours of Work

9.03

- (a) The parties recognize that the operation of certain branches or facilities may on occasion require a change in normal hours of work for a defined temporary period. In advance of any such requirement, management will consult with affected employees in the development of such a work schedule. In the event a change in the normal hours of work occurs without a minimum of three (3) days' notice, overtime rates will apply for the duration of the first shift of the altered schedule. Management will make every reasonable effort to minimize the number of employees affected and the number of occasions where normal hours of work are altered, especially those requiring normal hours to be worked outside the normal workweek (Monday to Friday).
- (b) When employees are required to alter their workday in order to accommodate a change in the normal hours of work, for the purpose of pay they shall be deemed to have completed the normal workday.

Shift Operations

Day Operations 4x10 Hour Shift – 40 Hour Work Week

9.04 For Facilities Decommissioning, Waste Management and Environmental Remediation and Waste Operations employees who have elected to work this schedule (a) The normal workweek for employees on a four (4), ten (10) schedule shall be forty (40)

hours per week Monday to Thursday, 07:00 hours to 17:30 hours. The normal workday shall be ten (10) hours with a normal unpaid lunch period per day of thirty (30) minutes.

9.05 The workweek for employees in shift work operations shall be forty (40) hours per week averaged over a six (6) week cycle of rotating 12-hour shifts.

- (a) Where the Company is required by a regulatory agency to modify the shift schedule provided under this Agreement, or when the Company wishes for reasons of cost effectiveness or operational efficiency to introduce a different work schedule, the parties shall meet to discuss the need for a change and determine the optimum method of changing the shift schedule accordingly.
- (b) Each day of the year shall be divided into two (2) shifts as follows:
 - (i) day shift – from 07:05 hours to 19:05 hours
 - (ii) night shift – from 19:05 hours to 07:05 hours
 - (iii) for departments that implement a 5-shift rotation, an *example* shift schedule as outlined below, provides an average of forty hours per week for each full five-week period. Any variation of the shift schedules will be communicated in advance and will follow the guidelines identified in Clause 9.03 (Change in Normal Hours of Work). To attain the forty-hour average, each employee will be assigned to one of five rotating shifts working fourteen 12-hour shifts during the first four weeks (weeks 1–4 inclusive) and on the fifth week (week 5) work four 8-hour days in five week cycles. The fifth week is referred to as the Supernumerary week.

Example:
 - The day shift shall commence at 07:05 hours and end at 19:05 hours the same calendar day.
 - The night shift shall commence at the 19:05 hours and end at the 07:05 hours the following calendar day.
 - The Supernumerary shift shall typically commence at 08:05 hours and end at 16:05 hours.
- (c) An employee may be permitted to exchange a shift with another employee provided that there is no additional cost to the Company by reason of the exchanged shift alone.

- (d) Premiums and salary adjustments for shift work shall be paid in accordance with Clause 13.01.
- (e) Employees will not be held over for more than four (4) hours beyond the end of a scheduled shift.

9.06

- (a) For purposes of this clause, “regular day” refers to a seven and one-half (7 ½) hour day.
- (b) For employees in shift work operations, a full shift absence will constitute a reduction of one and one-half (1 ½) regular days (total of 11.25 hours) of accumulated leave credits. Employees must use such credits in one-half (½) regular day increments. Employees will be granted full twelve (12) hour shift absences for each floating Company Holiday under Clause 15.01(b) and for each day of special leave granted under Clause 16.02 (Special Leave) with the exception of marriage leave which will be limited to a maximum of thirty seven and one-half (37 ½) hours.
- (c) For employees in shift work operations who are on a supernumerary week. A full-shift absence will constitute a reduction of one (1) regular day of accumulated leave credits. Employees must use such credits in one-half (½) regular day increments. Employees will be granted full eight (8) hour shift absences for each floating Company Holiday under Clause 15.01(b) and for each day of special leave granted under Clause 16.02 (Special Leave) with the exception of marriage leave which will be limited to a maximum of thirty seven and one-half (37 ½) hours.

9.07 A work unit not regularly engaged in a shift schedule or 40 hour work week shall not be converted to a regular shift or 40 hour work week schedule during the term of this Agreement without prior consultation with the Institute.

Article 10 Remote Work

Except where modified herein, the Company Procedure on Remote Work will apply.

10.01 Definitions for the purposes of this article:

- (a) **Designated Workplace** means the employee’s workplace where the employee would work if there were no remote work situation.

- (b) **Fully Remote Worker** means worker that spends all, or substantially all, (i.e., not more than 5% a year on site requirement) of their time working from a remote workplace. Fully Remote Workers do not have any onsite office.
- (c) **Hybrid Remote Worker** means a worker that is neither a Fully Remote Worker nor a Fully Onsite Worker but spends the majority of the time working remotely. Hybrid Remote workers do not have a dedicated onsite office.
- (d) **Hybrid Onsite Worker** means a worker that is neither a Fully Remote Worker nor a Fully Onsite Worker but spends the majority of the time working on site and has a dedicated onsite 80 sq ft office as described in Article 22 (Office Space).
- (e) **Fully Onsite Worker** means a worker that is required by operational requirements or chooses to work all, or substantially all, (i.e., not less than 95% a year on site) of their time working from a designated workplace. The Fully Onsite Worker keeps their 80 sq ft office as described in Article 22 (Office Space).
- (f) **Remote Workplace** means the alternative location where the employee is permitted to carry out the work otherwise performed at or from their designated workplace.
- (g) **Remote Work** means a work arrangement whereby employees have approval to carry out some or all of their work duties from a remote workplace.
- (h) **Office** means the office space described in Article 22 (Office Space).

Participation

10.02

- (a) Participation in remote work is voluntary; no employee shall be required to work remotely. New employees may be offered remote work as part of their offer letter, provided the arrangements are consistent with the provisions of this agreement. Any worker may request a remote work arrangement. All remote work requests will be granted unless a requirement that is necessary for the performance of a job (i.e., bona fide occupational requirement) prevents the remote work. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a remote work arrangement will not negatively impact the rights of or disadvantage other members of the bargaining group.

- (b) When a Hybrid Remote Worker is working at their designated workplace, they may be required to share the office space described in Article 22 (Office Space); however, no two workers will be required to work in the office space at the same time.
- (c) A request to become a Fully Remote or a Hybrid Remote Worker will be made in writing to an employee's manager. A response in writing will be received no later than one week after the request. A Fully Remote or a Hybrid Remote Worker arrangement may be canceled by the employee with not less than fourteen (14) calendar days' written notice. Management may also end the arrangement by reclassifying the employee as a Fully Onsite Worker, if a requirement that is necessary for the performance of a job (i.e., bona fide operational requirements) demands it, by giving not less than fourteen (14) calendar days' written notice. Except in exceptional circumstances, an employee will not opt out and into a Fully Remote or a Hybrid Remote Worker arrangement more than once in a calendar year.
- (d) An employee shall not be required to provide access to the remote workplace to any agent of the company. However, an employee may be required to provide photographic or video evidence of the remote workplace to the Company to verify compliance with the Canada Labour Code.
- (e) An employee cannot be compelled to hold meetings at their remote workplace where others are to be physically present.

Employer Responsibilities

10.03

- (a) The Employer and the Institute agree that the employer does not control the remote workplace. However, the employer is required to maintain the health and safety of employees in accordance with the *Canada Labour Code* Part II. The Company shall take preventive measures to address ergonomics-related hazards that are identified by employees.
- (b) The Employer will provide each employee that performs remote work:
 - (i) any information required for tax purposes requested by the employee;
 - (ii) a laptop and access to the company network and software that permits them to perform remote work;

- (iii) storage that meets company standards, if needed for company material requiring protection at the remote workplace;
- (c) The Employer will provide each Fully Remote or Hybrid Remote Worker:
 - (i) a one-time payment of \$150, minus statutory deductions;
 - (ii) office equipment that is the equivalent to the standard office equipment (including, but not limited to: chair, monitor(s), keyboard, mouse, docking station, power bar, and headset, consumables) suitable to their remote workplace that they would have if they were to work at the designated workplace.
 - Employees may receive additional office equipment or furniture following an ergonomic assessment based on recommendations provided to the manager.
 - Alternatively, a manager may choose to approve the purchase of any office equipment or office furniture item.
 - Employees who already have ergonomic equipment purchased for them will be allowed to take it home (i.e. sit/stand desk).
 - Role-specific equipment (e.g. printers) will be provided on specific circumstances related to the role.
 - (iii) secure, lockable storage at the designated workplace for workers using shared office space.
- (d) The company will bear all shipping and procurement costs related to a remote worker's office equipment. The office equipment or furniture remains the property of the company.

Employee Responsibilities

- 10.04 The employee working remotely has the responsibility to:
- (a) provide the address of the normal remote workplace upon request of the company;
 - (b) provide a typical residential-grade internet connection for the company's computer system when working remotely;

- (c) provide electricity via a standard electrical outlet for the remote work computer system and for office equipment;
- (d) make a reasonable effort to contact their manager to discuss what alternative work they could perform in the event of an outage due to internet or electricity which is outside of their control; and
- (e) assume all costs related to maintaining their remote work location except those expenses as per the employer responsibilities.

Call-Back and Notice Periods

10.05

- (a) Should a Fully Remote Worker have responsibilities to attend the designated workplace, the employee and the manager must agree that the work would be better completed in person. At least two weeks' notice should be given to the employee for call-back to the designated workplace; however, the employee shall not be given less than a minimum of ninety-six (96) hours' notice. If at least two weeks' notice is given, any travel expenses will be the responsibility of the employee. If less than two weeks' notice is given, travel will be reimbursed as outlined in Clause 13.08 (Travel Expenses / Kilometres).
- (b) Should a Hybrid Onsite Worker or Hybrid Remote Worker have responsibilities to attend the designated workplace on a day that the employee was scheduled to work at a remote workplace, the company shall provide at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice for call-back to the designated workplace.
- (c) The above call backs do not apply in an emergent situation that the employer could not have reasonably foreseen and that presents or could reasonably be expected to present an imminent or serious threat at the employer's industrial establishment with respect to the life, health or safety of any person, or damage to or loss of property.

Article 11 Flexible Working Arrangements

Principles

11.01 The Company and the Institute recognize that the interests of the Company and of employees may be served by promoting flexibility in work hours to accommodate changes in work requirements, peak work demands and varying personal needs.

11.02 While the scheduling of time off with pay covered by accumulated aggregate time credits is subject to Company approval, management shall make every effort to grant an employee's request to use aggregate time and may only deny such a request where it conflicts with operational requirements. Aggregate time may not be converted to payment in lieu at any time with the exception of termination or as provided in Clause 11.06.

Aggregate Hours (Alternate Work Schedules)

11.03 The parties recognize the advantages of flexibility in the administration of normal hours of work where safety, operational efficiency and cost effectiveness are not adversely affected. To this end, a day employee may work flexible hours as long as the total regular hours worked in the fiscal year are no less than nineteen hundred and fifty (1950) hours, and no more than two thousand and twenty five (2025) hours (seventy-five (75) hours in excess of the standard work year) subject to management approval. For shift workers the total regular hours worked in the fiscal year must be two thousand and eighty (2080) hours.

Requests for alternate work schedules, including flexible remote working arrangements, will not be unreasonably denied.

Accumulation of Aggregate Hours

11.04 Pursuant to the averaging agreement in Appendix B, in addition to the normal work schedule, a worker may elect to work extra hours on productive work with the prior approval of management. Time worked in this manner will be added to a bank of aggregate time at a straight time basis to a maximum of seventy-five (75) hours for 37.5-hour workers or eighty (80) hours for 40-hour workers. Opportunities to accumulate Aggregate Time will not be unreasonably restricted.

Carry Over of Aggregate Hours

11.05 A 37.5-hour worker may carry over a maximum of seventy-five (75) hours of Aggregate Time from one fiscal year to the next. It is the responsibility of the employee to consult with their manager to schedule opportunities to utilize the time. It is the responsibility of the manager to work with the employee's schedule to allow the time to be used. If the manager is unwilling, or operationally unable, to allow the employee to utilize the time, any aggregate time in excess of seventy-five (75) hours remaining on March 31st will be paid at time and one half.

11.06 A 40-hour worker may not carry over any Aggregate Time from one fiscal year to the next. It is the responsibility of the employee to consult with their manager to schedule opportunities to utilize the time. It is the responsibility of the manager to work with the employee's schedule to allow the time to be used. If the manager is unwilling, or operationally unable, to allow the employee to utilize the time, any Aggregate Time remaining on March 31st will be paid at time and one half.

Article 12 Overtime

Principles

12.01 Management will not compel employees to use Aggregate Time as a substitute for scheduled overtime. However, subject to Clause 9.04, an employee who is entitled to monetary compensation under this article for hours worked will have the option of crediting any or all of such hours to Aggregate Time at the applicable overtime rate for actual hours worked. Any hours over the seventy-five (75) hour limit shall be taken as pay at the applicable overtime rate.

Overtime Compensation for Day Workers

12.02 Where management directs a day worker to work in excess of the normal hours of work, and operational requirements do not allow flexibility in the scheduling of these required hours, monetary compensation will be paid as follows:

- (a) On a normal workday, all overtime will be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1.5);
- (b) Authorized overtime work in excess of ten (10) hours beyond the employee's basic scheduled workweek shall be paid at the rate of double time (2).

(Scheduled hours worked at double time (2) on Company Holidays and hours worked at time and one-half (1.5) as short change premium do not constitute overtime). Overtime worked on second day of rest will not be included for the purpose of accumulation of overtime in excess of ten (10) hours beyond the employee basic scheduled work week.

- (c) On a day of rest, all overtime will be paid at the rate of:
 - (i) time and one-half (1.5) for all time worked on the employee's first day of rest; and
 - (ii) double time (2) for all time worked on the employee's second and subsequent day of rest.
- (d) On a Company Holiday:
 - (i) all overtime will be paid at the rate of double time (2) in addition to the normal day's pay already provided; or
 - (ii) an employee who works a full normal day may elect to take an alternate day of leave with pay and will be paid at the rate of double time (2) which includes the normal day's pay already provided. All hours worked in excess of the normal day will be paid at the rate of double time (2).

Overtime Compensation for Shift Workers

12.03 Where management directs an employee who is a shift worker to work in excess of the normal hours of work, monetary compensation will be paid as follows:

- (a) On a normal workday, all overtime will be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1.5).
- (b) Overtime work in excess of ten (10) hours beyond the employee's basic scheduled workweek shall be paid at the rate of double time (2). Scheduled hours worked at double time (2) on Company Holidays under Sub-clause 15.01(e) and time spent in travel do not constitute overtime for the purpose of this calculation. Overtime worked on a second and subsequent day of rest will not be included for the purpose of accumulation of overtime in excess of ten (10) hours beyond the employee's basic scheduled work week.
- (c) On a day of rest, all overtime will be paid at the rate of:

- (i) time and one-half (1.5) for all time worked on the employee's first day of rest; and
 - (ii) double time (2) for all time worked on the employee's second and subsequent day of rest.
- (d) On a Company Holiday, all overtime will be paid at the rate of double time (2) in addition to the provisions of Sub-clause 15.01(d).
- (e) All overtime calculations pursuant to this clause will include shift premiums, where applicable.

Meal Period Compensation

12.04 Employees working more than ninety (90) minutes of management-directed extra hours will be permitted to take a thirty (30) minute meal period if these hours are at the end of a regular work period. If taken, the employee will be paid for the meal period at the applicable overtime rate. Employees will be entitled to a thirty (30) minute meal period at intervals of five (5) hours beyond the end of the previous meal period.

12.05 An employee who is entitled to a meal period will be paid \$18.00 in respect of the meal, except where free meals are provided and accepted. This meal allowance will not be provided for pre-arranged overtime.

Travel Time Compensation – Normal 37.5 Hour Work Week

12.06 On weekdays, employees shall be compensated in the form of Aggregate Time at straight time for all travel time approved by management beyond the normal workday up to seventy-five (75) hours including existing Aggregate Time. (Any hours over the seventy-five (75) hour limit shall be taken as pay at the applicable overtime rate).

12.07 Employees directed to travel on weekends (i.e., after 16:25 on a Friday) shall be compensated in the form of Aggregate Time at straight time for all travel time up to seventy-five (75) hours including existing Aggregate Time. (Any hours over the seventy-five (75) hour limit shall be taken as pay at the applicable overtime rate).

12.08 Employees directed to travel on Company Holidays shall be paid for all travel time up to a total of seven and one-half (7 ½) hours per day at the overtime rate of double time (2) in addition to normal day's pay already provided. Travel time in excess of seven and one-half (7 ½) hours will be paid in straight time.

Travel Time Compensation – Day Operations – 40 Hour Work Week

12.09 On weekdays, employees shall be compensated in the form of Aggregate Time at straight time for all travel time approved by management beyond the normal workday up to seventy-five (75) hours including existing Aggregate Time. (Any hours over the seventy-five (75) hour limit shall be taken as pay at the applicable overtime rate as per Clause 12.02.)

12.10 Employees directed to travel on weekends (i.e., after 17:30 on a Thursday) shall be compensated in the form of Aggregate Time at straight time for all travel time up to seventy-five (75) hours including existing Aggregate Time. (Any hours over the seventy-five (75) hour limit shall be taken as pay at the applicable overtime rate).

12.11 Employees directed to travel on Company Holidays shall be paid for all travel time up to a total of ten (10) hours per day at the overtime rate of double time (2) in addition to normal day's pay already provided. Travel time in excess of ten (10) hours will be paid in straight time.

General

12.12 When an employee attends a professional development course or conference for the purpose of learning about new developments or to deliver a paper, the employee will receive full normal salary, but will be ineligible for compensation for extra work or travel hours. Notwithstanding the provisions of this clause, where the Company directs an employee to attend such events to represent the interests of the Company, the other provisions of this article shall apply.

12.13 An employee will be required to provide and pay for transportation when on overtime assignments at the normal work site, except when the overtime worked is immediately after the regular working hours of the employee and the employee was not advised of the overtime prior to the start of the work period.

12.14 Onsite or hybrid employees directed to travel to a non-CNL site will be paid for the increment of their travel time that exceeds the sum of their normal commuting time plus normal working hours. This Article only applies where travel is not covered by another Article within the collective agreement.

12.15 Compensation pursuant to this article, when in the form of monetary payment, will be computed to the nearest thirty (30) minutes.

Article 13 Premiums and Allowances

Shift and Weekend Premiums

13.01 Employees who are required to work a twelve (12) hour shift schedule on a casual basis shall be paid shift and weekend premiums for non-overtime shifts as follows:

Shift Premium

- (a) After ratification and for the term of this agreement, shift premiums will be adjusted in accordance with the agreed scale increase provided in Sub-sub-clause 35.01(b)(i).

The following table outlines the premium for each full night shift worked:

Effective Date	Premium Amount
2024 January 1 (since 2021 January 1)	\$20.00
2025 July 11 (ratification date)	\$30.00
2026 July 1	\$30.75

Weekend Premiums

- (b) After ratification and for the term of this agreement, weekend premiums will be adjusted in accordance with the agreed scale increase provided in Sub-sub-clause 35.01(b)(i).

- (i) The following table outlines the premium for each full shift worked, which begins on Saturday:

Effective Date	Premium Amount
2024 January 1 (since 2021 January 1)	\$25.00
2025 July 11 (ratification date)	\$40.00
2026 July 1	\$41.00

- (ii) The following table outlines the premium for each full shift worked, which begins on Sunday:

Effective Date	Premium Amount
2024 January 1 (since 2021 January 1)	\$50.00
2025 July 11 (ratification date)	\$60.00
2026 July 1	\$61.50

- (c) Shift employees who are required by facility management to conduct face-to-face turnovers will be eligible for thirty (30) minutes compensation or Aggregate Time per shift at the employee’s discretion.

Premium for CNSC Certified Personnel Responsible for Operation of the NRU Reactor

13.02 Certified NRU Health Physicist Premium

An employee who is CNSC Certified and who is appointed as a Health Physicist for NRU shall receive the greater of:

- (a) a premium in the amount equivalent to that which would be required to bring their base salary to the minimum of a CSE 4; or
- (b) a 5% responsibility premium.

Acting Pay

13.03 Responsibility Premiums

- (a) When an employee is required to perform the duties of a management position for a period of four (4) consecutive weeks or more, the employee’s salary will be increased by an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the employee’s current salary effective on the first day of the acting assignment. An employee shall not be assigned to an acting management position for a period of less than four (4) consecutive weeks.
- (b) For administration of such employees performing the duties of a management position on acting assignment see Clause 16.07 (Leaves of Absence for Temporary Appointment to an Excluded Management Position).

Premium for a Facility Manager of a CNSC Licensed Facility

13.04 An employee who occupies the position of Facility Manager in a CNSC licensed facility, shall receive a responsibility premium of:

- (a) five (5) percent for managing one (1) facility; or
- (b) seven point five (7.5) percent for managing two (2) facilities; or
- (c) ten (10) percent for managing three (3) facilities.

On-Call

13.05 Employees may be required to be on-call to respond to technical issues related to the employees' job duties. The Company recognizes the importance of minimizing the disruption in the private lives of such employees outside normal hours of work and will make reasonable efforts to minimize such occurrences.

- (a) Employees designated to be on-call must be available by a method of their choosing, usually by cell phone. At the employee's request, the company shall provide them with a cell phone. An employee in receipt of the on-call premium must respond within thirty (30) minutes of the initial notification and must be able to report physically to the workplace within ninety (90) minutes, fit for duty.
- (b) Casual on-call shall be used for short-term assignments or short duration projects.
- (c) Employees who are required to be on-call, on a non-continuous or casual basis, outside standard work hours shall be paid an on-call premium equal to one hour straight time pay for each eight (8) hour period or part thereof to a maximum of \$6000 per year.
- (d) An on-call schedule will be developed and implemented by management in consultation with the affected employees. No employee shall be required to be on-call for more than 183 days in a calendar year. No employee will be designated to be on call for more than 14 consecutive days without their consent.
- (e) Management shall not compel an employee to be on-call during a period for which they have been granted leave.
- (f) Employees on call during the mandatory Holiday Shutdown period will receive a five-hundred-dollar (\$500.00) bonus if on-call for more than one and a half

(> 1½) days during the period or two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) bonus if on-call for less than one and a half (< 1½) days during the period. Such bonuses will be non-pensionable.

- (g) Continuous on-call: Employees required to be continuously on-call shall receive an annual on-call premium of \$6000. The premium shall be paid in equal payments over the course of the year (\$6000 / 26 pays).
 - (i) NOTE: for clarity, two (2) or more individuals are required to cover each continuous on-call position, to be in accordance with the limit of 183 days specified in Sub-clause 13.05(d) above. Where one individual is required to be continuously on-call for two (2) or more on-call positions, the employee shall receive an annual premium of \$6000, unless the on-call duty exceeds 183 days in a calendar year.
 - (ii) Employees required to be continuously on-call for the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) shall each receive an annual on-call premium of \$6000 per year, prorated over the course of the year. For clarity, each employee on each shift shall receive the full \$6000 on-call premium.
 - (iii) Where two (2) or more individuals share a specific position on a specific shift, the on-call premium shall be split equally by the number of people sharing the specific position and shift in such instances those employees will receive no less than \$3000.
 - (iv) Employees required to be continuously on call in support of National Research Universal (NRU) operations inclusive of NRU Health Physicists, shall receive an annual on-call premium of \$6000 per year.
- (h) In the event that an employee who is on continuous on-call exceeds 183 days of on-call duty in a calendar year, the employee shall receive an additional \$6000 pensionable lump sum payment to compensate for on-call times for that calendar year.
- (i) Situations of violations of site or facility license requirements cannot occur as a result of on-call provisions. Nor will on-call provisions be a justification for shutting down operations. The parties agree to meet in order to discuss and resolve disputes arising from the exercise of this article.
- (j) In the event that an employee cannot perform on-call duties and has notified their manager, the company is responsible for securing a replacement.

Call-Back Compensation

13.06

Where an employee is called back to work by the Company outside of normal working hours, the employee shall be compensated for all hours worked at the applicable overtime rate.

Where an employee is required to return to the site, compensation shall not be less than four (4) hours.

Where a return to site is not required to fulfill the requirements of the call-back, employees will be compensated as indicated below:

- (a) Employees will be compensated one (1) hour pay at the applicable overtime rate where a telephone response was required and made. Employees who receive and complete a subsequent call within one (1) hour of the first call shall receive no additional compensation.

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13.07 Employees covered by Clause 9.04, will have their basic salary increased by 6.67% to the nearest \$100 to convert their annual hours to two thousand and eighty (2080).

Travel Expenses / Kilometres

13.08 When using a personal automobile for business travel, kilometres will be reimbursed pursuant to the applicable Travel Directive – Appendix C issued by the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat / National Joint Council.

Travel expenses and procedures are as per the Company Travel procedure (see Appendix A).

Reimbursement of Expenses for Business Travel between Company Sites

13.09 Members who use their personal vehicles for business travel on Company Property and/or between Company Sites should ensure that they are covered by their particular insurance company for such travel as per the Company Travel procedure (see Appendix A).

Members who are required to travel between sites for business purposes shall advise and seek approval from their managers in advance of such travel. They are eligible to claim such travel expenses as per the Company Travel procedure (see Appendix A).

Members who do not have access to a personal vehicle should seek guidance from their managers for alternate arrangements.

Article 14 Vacation Leave

14.01 While the scheduling of vacation is subject to Company approval, management shall make every effort to grant an employee's request for vacation leave and may only deny such a request where it conflicts with operational requirements. Vacation leave may be used in minimum increments of one-half (0.5) hour.

14.02 Vacation leave shall be earned by employees as follows:

- (a) New employees earn vacation leave at the rate of nine point three seven five (9.375) hours per month for 37.5 hour employees and ten (10) hours per month for 4x10 employees. After six (6) months of service, they are credited with vacation leave to the extent of the amount that they will earn to the end of the vacation year (March 31st).
- (b) Employees who have been rehired are credited with the period or periods of previous CNL service (predecessor companies included; student employment periods excluded) for vacation purposes and will earn vacation leave at the appropriate rate for the employee's total eligible CNL service.
- (c) Vacation is earned on a monthly basis. If a regular employee does not receive salary for at least ten (10) days in a calendar month, or a 4x10 employee does not receive salary for at least eight (8) days in a calendar month, they are not eligible to earn vacation that month.
- (d) For the purpose of Sub-clause 14.02(b) only, effective 2012 April 1 on a go forward basis, any former service in the Canadian Forces for a continuous period of six months or more, either as a member of the Regular Force or of the Reserve Force while on Class B or C service, shall also be included in the calculation of vacation leave credits.
- (e) Employees who have completed six (6) months or more of service in their current period of employment shall be credited with vacation leave as follows:

Earned Vacation

Effective Years of Service	Hours Earned per Month		Days Credited per Year	
	37.5 h Employee	4x10 Employee	37.5 h Employee	4x10 Employee
½ but less than 6 years	9.375	10	15	12
6 but less than 7 years	10	10.833	16	13
7 but less than 8 years	10.625	11.667	17	14
8 but less than 9 years	11.25	12.5	18	15
9 but less than 10 years	11.875	13.333	19	16
10 but less than 14 years	12.5	13.333	20	16
14 but less than 16 years	13.125	14.167	21	17
16 but less than 18 years	13.75	15	22	18
18 but less than 20 years	14.375	15.833	23	19
20 but less than 22 years	15	16.667	24	20
22 but less than 23 years	15.625	16.667	25	20
23 but less than 25 years	16.25	17.5	26	21
25 but less than 27 years	16.875	18.333	27	22
27 but less than 29 years	17.5	19.167	28	23
29 but less than 31 years	18.125	20	29	24
31 or more	18.75	20	30	24

- (f) Employees in CSE 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be credited with years of service as set out below which will be added to years of service credited under Sub-clause 14.02(b) in order that the employee may gain additional vacation credits up to (20) days (or 16 days for a 4x10 shift worker). Beyond twenty (20) (or sixteen (16) days for a 4x10 shift worker) days' vacation, the schedule as set out in Sub-clause 14.02(b) will apply.

Grade	Years of Service
CSE3	4
CSE4	6
CSE5	9
CSE6	10

14.03 Approval for vacation leave is subject to operational requirements. Should work constraints result in the deferral of an employee's planned vacation period, priority must be given to the employee's preference when rescheduling the vacation. There may only be one deferral of planned vacation period.

Vacation Substitution

14.04 If an employee is on planned and approved vacation leave, and a situation arises where another leave type would be appropriate (e.g., the employee becomes sick), the employee is able to use the appropriate leave credits, subject to the regular requirements of the substituted leave.

14.05 Pay for vacation taken, but not earned, will be recovered on termination of employment except where the termination is due to death, disability, or layoff. However with respect to layoff, once notice has been served, any days taken but not earned beyond that date would be recoverable.

Carry over of Vacation

14.06

- (a) Employees should use all vacation credits within the year they are earned. Employees who have not used all their vacation leave credits by the end of a vacation year (March 31) are allowed to carry over vacation credits up to the amount earned in the vacation year just completed.

- (b) If an employee has a plan to use the vacation credits in excess of the allowed carry over amount, the request will not be unreasonably denied.
- (c) In the absence of a plan (Sub-clause 14.06(b), above) approved by March 31, the company shall pay out vacation leave credits in excess of the allowed carry over at the employee's hourly rate of pay on the date of payment.

Article 15 Company Holidays

15.01 There shall be thirteen (13) Company holidays each calendar year.

- (a) Except as provided for in Sub-clause 15.01(c) below, ten (10) designated Company Holidays, to be observed on Monday to Friday inclusive, are as follows:

- New Year's Day
- Good Friday
- Victoria Day
- Canada Day
- August Civic Holiday
- Labour Day
- Truth and Reconciliation Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day

Holidays that fall on either a Saturday or a Sunday will be observed on the next working day(s) following the holiday.

- (b)
 - (i) The remaining three (3) days will be considered as individually floating holidays, which may be taken at the request of an employee subject to operational requirements. For shift employees under Clause 9.03, floating holidays will be considered a ten (10) hour day. Unused Company holidays from the previous calendar year cannot be carried over to the next fiscal year.
 - (ii) For employees hired during the year, the three (3) floating Company Holidays will be pro-rated as follows:

- Hired before May 1; three (3) floating Company Holidays;
- Hired May 1 to August 31; two (2) floating Company Holidays;
- Hired September 1 to December 31; one (1) floating Company Holiday.

For employees terminating during the year, the three (3) floating Company Holidays will be pro-rated as follows:

- terminating prior to May 1, one (1) floating Company Holiday;
- terminating May 1 to August 31; two (2) floating Company Holidays;
- terminating September 1 to December 31; three (3) floating Company Holidays.

- (c) For shift employees, Company Holidays for New Year's Day, Canada Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day will be observed on January 1, July 1, December 25 and December 26 respectively, even when they fall on a Saturday or Sunday. In these circumstances, shift employees required to work on the corresponding holiday for day workers specified in Sub-clause 15.01(a) will receive normal pay for normal hours, including shift premium if applicable.
- (d) Shift employees who are on a scheduled day of rest on a Company Holiday shall be entitled to receive either a lieu day leave credit of one and one-half (1 ½) days, or twelve (12) hours pay at the normal rate, at the employee's discretion.
- (e) Shift employees who work a twelve (12) hour scheduled shift on a Company Holiday shall be paid at the overtime rate of double time (2) applied to both normal wage rate and shift premium for hours worked, in addition to twelve (12) hours at the normal rate. An employee may elect to receive a lieu day leave credit 12 hours in lieu of twelve (12) hours pay at the normal rate.
- (f) Shift employees who work at a scheduled shift on a Company Holiday during a supernumerary week shall be paid at the overtime rate of double time (2) applied to both normal wage rate and shift premium for hours worked, in addition to eight (8) hours at a normal rate. An employee may elect to receive vacation leave credit of 8 hours in lieu of eight (8) hours pay at a normal rate. Employees on their supernumerary week who take the Company Holiday shall receive eight (8) hours pay at their normal rate.
- (g) Employees who work a ten (10) hour scheduled shift on a Company Holiday shall be paid at the overtime rate of double time (2) in addition to ten (10) hours

at the normal rate. An employee may elect to receive a lieu day leave credit 10 hours in lieu of ten (10) hours pay at the normal rate.

- (h) For employees covered by Clause 9.04:
 - (i) Employees who are on a scheduled day of rest on a Company Holiday that falls on a Friday shall be entitled to receive either a lieu day leave credit of ten (10) hours, or ten (10) hours pay at the normal rate, at the employee's discretion.
 - (ii) Employees who work a ten (10) hour scheduled shift on a Company Holiday shall be paid at the overtime rate of double time (2) in addition to ten (10) hours at the normal rate. An employee may elect to receive a lieu day leave credit of 10 hours in lieu of ten (10) hours pay at the normal rate.

Carry over of Lieu Day

15.02 Any lieu days earned but not used by March 31 must be used by July 31 of the same year. Any lieu days earned that have not been used by July 31 will be paid at straight time.

Article 16 Other Leave Plans

16.01 Except as modified herein, the provisions of the following Company policies shall apply and shall be deemed to form part of this Agreement.

- (a) Maternity, Child Care and Adoption Leave
- (b) Miscellaneous Leave and Leave without Pay
 - (i) Court leave
 - (ii) Accident leave
 - (iii) Sabbatical leave
 - (iv) Military leave
 - (v) Leave without pay
- (c) Personal Business Days

(d) Education Leave

For the purpose of Clause 9.04, when “days” are referenced in this article it will mean a ten (10) hour day (see exception for marriage leave, Sub-clause 16.02(d)).

Special Leave

16.02 Special leave provides limited leave with pay when it is necessary for an employee to be absent from work under specified circumstances. For purposes of this clause, the following shall apply:

- (a) “family” includes parents (including step-parents, foster parents and parents-in-law), siblings (including step-siblings and siblings-in-law), spouse (including common law spouse), children (including child of spouse, stepchild, foster child, ward of the employee, and child-in-law), stillborn or miscarried child or fetus (including stillborn or miscarried child or fetus of the common-law partner), grandparents (including grandparents of spouse), grandchildren (including grandchildren of spouse), any relative permanently residing in the employee’s household or with whom the employee permanently resides, and any relative for whom the employee has a duty of care, irrespective of whether they reside with the employee.

Death in the Family

- (b) In the case of death in the family, an employee will be granted three (3) days of special leave with pay on any of the normal working days that occur following the day of death, up to six weeks after the funeral, burial, or memorial service. Where necessary, up to three (3) days of special leave with pay may also be granted to settle the estate within one (1) year of the death, provided the employee receives no fee or other remuneration for this. In either case, additional special leave with pay, normally not exceeding two (2) days, may be granted if the employee must miss more than three (3) days of work due to the length of the trip required.

Birth or Adoption of Child

- (c) Employees will be granted one (1) day of special leave with pay when their spouse gives birth or to arrange for the adoption of a child.

Marriage Leave

- (d) Five (5) days of special leave with pay will be granted for the marriage of an employee, provided that the employee will be continuing employment after marriage. Leave may be taken, where extenuating circumstances exist, within thirty (30) calendar days following the marriage. For the purposes of Clause 9.04 marriage leave is limited to a maximum of forty (40) hours.

Veteran's Examinations

- (e) Up to three (3) days of special leave with pay may be granted to a veteran required to report for Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) medical or pension examinations.

16.03 Additional leave requests in respect of special circumstances related to Sub-clauses 16.02(b) and (c) will be considered by management.

Personal Business Days

16.04 One (1) day (eight (8) hours for shift workers) paid leave per fiscal year will be credited to employees for use in personal or special circumstances. The granting of leave will be subject to operational requirements and will not be unreasonably withheld. At no time will an employee have a credit of more than ten (10) Personal Business Days. Unused leave to a maximum of nine (9) days will be carried over to the next fiscal year.

16.05 The three (3) paid Personal Leave Canada Labour Code days will only draw down on the 1 Personal Business Day earned each year when the leave is not for personal medical leave.

Maternity and Parental Leave

16.06 Eligible employees shall be granted maternity and parental leave in accordance with the provisions of the Company Procedure (see Appendix A) subject to the modifications outlined below.

It is understood that all applicable legislated provisions will apply.

- (a) Supplementary Benefit to Maternity Leave

For the one week waiting period under the Employment Insurance (EI) regulations, the Company will pay an amount equal to 93% of the employee's

normal weekly salary that was in effect at the time the maternity leave commenced. The Quebec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP) does not require a one week waiting period to receive benefits.

Where an employee takes maternity leave under the EI plan, she shall be eligible to receive one additional week of leave at the end of her maternity leave, or if the maternity leave is combined with parental leave, at the end of her parental leave, during which the company will pay the employee an amount equal to ninety-three percent (93%) of the employee's normal weekly salary that was in effect at the time the maternity leave commenced.

While the employee receives maternity benefit under Employment Insurance or the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan, the Company will provide a supplement to the maternity benefit equal to the difference between the weekly maternity benefit and 93% of the employee's normal weekly salary.

(b) Supplementary Benefit to Paternity Leave for Employees in Receipt of QPIP Benefits

While the employee receives the paternity benefit, the Company will provide a supplement to the paternity benefit equal to the difference between the weekly paternity benefit and 75% of the employee's weekly salary.

(c) Leave Without Pay for Adoption-Related Welcome and Support

Where an employee welcomes a child as a result of adoption, the Company will provide leave without pay for up to 13 weeks. Adoption-related welcome and support leave shall begin the week in which the child arrives in the care of one of the parents for adoption and must precede parental leave. The Company may request reasonable proof of adoption.

(d) Supplementary Benefit to Parental Sharing Leave for Employees in Receipt of EI Benefits

While the employee receives parental sharing benefits under EI, the Company will provide a supplement to the parental sharing benefit equal to the difference between the weekly parental sharing benefit and 75% of the employee's weekly salary.

(e) Supplementary Benefit to Parental Leave

The Company will provide a supplement to the EI or QPIP parental benefit to those employees who are eligible for parental leave under the provisions of the

Company procedure (see Appendix A) and who qualify for EI or QPIP parental benefits while they are receiving parental benefits. An employee on approved parental leave that was not preceded by a period of maternity or paternity leave must submit the first EI or QPIP stub as proof of eligibility to receive the EI or QPIP benefit. In order to be eligible to receive and retain the Supplementary Benefit, the employee must return to work for a period of at least six months following the approved leave period. If the employee terminates prior to completing the full six months, the Supplementary Benefit must be paid back on a pro-rated basis.

Three options are available for receiving parental benefits: standard, extended or shortened. Employees must select their option prior to commencing their leave.

- (i) For the standard option, the Company will pay an amount equal to the difference between the EI weekly parental benefit and 75% of the employee's normal weekly salary, for a period up to 35 weeks. This option requires the selection of the standard EI parental benefit or the basic QPIP parental benefit.
- (ii) For the extended option, the Company will pay the equivalent of the amount calculated under the standard option, but spread over the 61 week period. This option requires the selection of the extended EI parental benefit or the basic QPIP parental benefit.
- (iii) For the shortened option, the Company will pay an amount equal to the difference between the EI weekly parental benefit and 93% of the employee's normal weekly salary, for a period up to 26 weeks. This option requires the selection of the standard EI parental benefit or the special QPIP parental benefit.

Where an employee takes parental leave (standard, extended, or shortened) and not maternity leave under EI, and is required to satisfy a one week waiting period immediately prior to receiving EI benefits, he or she shall be eligible to receive one additional week of leave at the end of his or her parental leave during which the company will pay the employee an amount equal to ninety-three percent (93%) of the employee's normal weekly salary that was in effect at the time the parental leave commenced.

The normal weekly salary is defined as the salary that was in effect on the date the parental leave commenced, or in the case of an employee whose parental leave was immediately preceded by maternity, parental sharing, or paternity leave, the normal weekly salary will

be the salary that was in effect on the date the maternity, parental sharing, or paternity leave commenced.

Leaves of Absence for Temporary Appointment to an Excluded Management Position

16.07 For leaves of absences to an excluded management position:

- (a) Leaves of absence are limited to a maximum of one (1) year through the express voluntary agreement of the Company and employee involved. An extension to a maximum of two (2) years may occur with the express agreement of the employee involved and CRPEG. No further extension shall be requested.
- (b) Union dues will not be deducted or remitted for employees on leave to an excluded management position.
- (c) It is expected the employee will fulfill the full duties of a manager, including but not limited to budgeting, planning, staffing needs, hiring and terminating employees, conducting performance appraisals, making recommendations for promotion, and representing management at grievance meetings.
- (d) Acting Pay shall be in accordance with Clause 13.03.
- (e) In addition to the remuneration in Sub-clause 16.07(d) above, these employees shall be entitled to receive any bonuses awarded to managers.
- (f) In the event of a strike or lockout, employees will be returned to the bargaining unit.
- (g) The following articles / clauses do not apply to employees during a temporary appointment to an excluded management position:

Article 9	Hours of Work
Article 10	Remote Work
Article 11	Flexible Working Arrangements
Article 12	Overtime
Clause 13.01	Shift and Weekend Premiums
Clause 13.02	Premium for CNSC Certified Personnel Responsible for Operation of the NRU Reactor
Clause 13.04	Premium for a Facility Manager of a CNSC Licensed Facility

Clause 13.05	On-Call
Clause 13.06	Call-Back Compensation

- (h) For the purpose of Clause 31.02, the salary of employees appointed to a temporary appointment as acting manager shall be included as “bargaining unit payroll”.
- (i) In circumstances where an employee has properly identified an appointment to a position of acting manager as a Career and Professional Development opportunity, in accordance with the provisions of Article 31 (Career and Professional Development), and where such an appointment is legitimately serving that purpose, the amount of acting pay in accordance with Sub-clause 16.07(d) will be considered a Career and Professional Development opportunity that is included in the Career and Professional Development allocation. Career and Professional Development provisions may not be utilized for any other purpose in relation to an acting manager.
- (j) It is understood the Company may offer the incumbent of an acting manager assignment a permanent appointment as Manager at any time. If accepted, the terms of this article cease to apply.
- (k) Upon completion of the leave of absence, the employee will be returned to their previous bargaining unit position. Length of service with the Company shall be unbroken as a result of the leave of absence. Should their position no longer exist, the provisions of Article 20 (Workforce Adjustment Process) and Article 33 (Internal Competitions and Transfers), as appropriate, shall apply.

Leave Without Pay for Personal Needs

16.08 A request for a personal leave without pay for up to two (2) years (per occasion) must be submitted in writing and approved by the Company. The request should include proposed start and end dates for the leave period, and unless there is an emergency situation, all requests for leave should be made within a minimum four (4) week period of time prior to the commencement of the leave.

Approvals of leave without pay are subject to operational requirements. Personal leaves of absence to take alternative employment are subject to approval by the Company. The Company may request additional information to support the reason for leave for alternative employment.

Personal and Educational Leaves of Absence

16.09 The following provisions shall apply to personal or educational leaves of absence:

- (a) When a leave of absence of eight (8) weeks or less is granted, the employee shall remain a member of the bargaining unit during the leave. Dues will continue to be deducted and remitted. The Collective Agreement shall apply throughout the period of leave.
- (b) When a leave of absence in excess of eight (8) weeks is granted, the employee shall not remain a member of the bargaining unit during the leave. Dues will not be deducted nor remitted. The Collective Agreement shall only apply as specifically indicated herein.
- (c) Any employee on a leave of absence under the terms of this article retains the right to be represented by the Union, or other person of their choosing, in relation to matters of discipline and/or discharge. The parties agree that discipline and/or discharge occurring during the leave period is properly subject to the grievance and arbitration provisions of the Collective Agreement.
- (d) Employees on leave of absence shall be eligible for continued salary and benefits administration under the terms of the Collective Agreement as is appropriate to each leave situation.
- (e) A leave of absence of a duration in excess of eight (8) weeks may be made with the express voluntary agreement of the Company and employee involved. The agreed upon period of leave may be shortened by either the Company or employee involved through provision of thirty (30) working days' notice, unless a shorter notice period is mutually agreed upon.
- (f) Upon completion of the leave of absence, the employee will be returned to their previous bargaining unit position. Employees understand that their home role may not be available upon return of the leave. The employee must be notified in writing of any restrictions with respect to reinstatement of employment following the leave without pay period. Length of service with the Company shall be unbroken as a result of the leave of absence. Should their position no longer exist, the provisions of Article 20 (Workforce Adjustment Process) and Article 33 (Internal Competitions and Transfers), as appropriate, shall apply.
- (g) In the event of a potential lay-off situation, an employee on leave of absence shall be treated as if they were encumbering their substantive position. The

employee shall be both entitled to and subject to all provisions of Article 20 (Workforce Adjustment Process), Article 25 (Dispute Resolution Procedure), Article 26 (Arbitration), and Article 36 (Termination Compensation).

- (h) While an employee who is on an approved leave without pay for greater than six (6) weeks, the following will apply:
 - (i) If the employee chooses to continue health and dental benefits, they will be required to pay both the employer and the employee share of the benefits cost.
 - (ii) If the employee chooses to continue basic and supplementary life insurance premiums, they will be required to pay both the employer and the employee share of the benefits cost.
 - (iii) Long term disability coverage will cease the date the leave commences and will be reactivated upon the employee's return.

Self-Funded Deferred Leave

16.10 Self-Funded Deferred Leave (SFDL) allows employees to defer up to 33⅓% of their gross salary or wages in order to fund a period of absence from their work and return to their regular employment at the expiration of the leave. The salary deferred will be deposited in a trust account with a financial institution (approved by Revenue Canada for these purposes).

Certain income tax benefits may also apply because of salary / wage deferral. The deferred salary / wages are exempt from taxation until the funds are released to the employee.

The maximum salary deferral period is five years. (Revenue Canada regulations stipulate that the actual period of leave must begin after a period not exceeding six years from the date on which the deferral began. A period of five years is recommended to allow for unforeseen circumstances.)

Subject to operational requirements and this program, an employee may be granted SFDL for periods from 6 to 12 consecutive months in duration.

All full-time continuing employees are eligible to apply for SFDL.

- (a) The SFDL process is as follows:
 - (i) Employees meet with their HR Advisor to discuss the SFDL Program and the impact on benefits.

- (ii) Employees complete an application for SFDL and forward completed application to their manager for his/her consideration.
 - (iii) The manager reviews the SFDL application in a timely manner and approves participation, subject to operational requirements.
 - (iv) The manager informs the employee and, if approved, forwards the application to the HR Advisor who forwards the application to the Program Champion. The approved SFDL application must be received by the Program Champion for processing at least four months before the actual salary deferral begins.
- (b) The impact of SFDL is as follows:
- (i) Withdrawal from the SFDL Program is not allowed except in extreme circumstances, e.g. personal financial hardship, layoff. Employees should be aware that there could be significant tax implications.
 - (ii) Should an employee die before the leave begins, or while on leave, the funds shall be released to the designated beneficiary or estate.
 - (iii) During the deferral period, all regular deductions will continue (except for income tax and Canada and Quebec Pension Plans) on the portion of the salary deferred.
 - (iv) When the funds are released to the employee, a deduction will be made at source for income tax and other statutory payments.
 - (v) All amounts held for the employee's benefit in the trust account must be paid to the employee no later than the end of the first taxation year that begins after the end of the deferral period. The employee arranges the manner of payment directly with the financial institution, without further Company involvement.
 - (vi) In accordance with Income Tax regulations, the employee must make a commitment to return to his/her regular employment for not less than the period of leave granted.

Progressive Retirement

16.11 The parties recognize that it is important to create and support provisions designed to help employees balance their work, personal and family responsibilities, and make the transition into retirement easier. Progressive Retirement permits employees who

are approaching retirement age to reduce their workload and hours of work progressively, so that the transition to retirement is gradual rather than abrupt.

(a) Eligibility

To be eligible to participate, employees must meet the following criteria:

- (i) Have a minimum of ten (10) years of AECL/CNL service; and
- (ii) Be within ten (10) years preceding the normal retirement age as outlined in the Pension Plan.

(b) Conditions

- (i) The employee will complete and submit a Progressive Retirement application.
- (ii) The workweek can be reduced by a maximum of two (2) days.
- (iii) Where deemed necessary by the line manager, the employee will provide mentoring.
- (iv) The application may be approved based on operational requirements by the employee's responsible manager.
- (v) Pension contributions will be based on the reduced workweek earnings only.
- (vi) The progressive retirement period shall be for a maximum of two (2) years.
- (vii) The employee agrees to retire at the end of the Progressive Retirement period.

(c) Benefits

- (i) The employer and employee will pay their full shares of the benefit premium based on the premium amounts for the benefit plan level the employee selected as if the employee's salary had not been reduced.
- (ii) Long Term Disability Premiums will be based on the reduced workweek earnings.
- (iii) Other eligible benefit deductions for government related contributions such as CPP/QPP (Canada and Quebec Pension Plans) and EIC

(Employment Insurance Contribution) may have reduced contribution amounts as those benefits are based on earnings.

- (iv) Paid leave will be granted only for the days the employee is scheduled to work.
- (v) Leave will continue to be earned at the rate they earned leave prior to entering progressive retirement.
- (vi) When a statutory holiday falls on a day the employee is not scheduled to work, the employee will be entitled to take an alternate day off.

(d) Cancellation and Changes

Cancellation of or changes to the approved progressive retirement will be approved only in exceptional or unforeseen circumstances. In cases where the cancellation is initiated by management, employees shall be reimbursed for certain reasonable expenses as determined by the employer (e.g. non-refundable portion of vacation contracts).

Employee-requested changes to, or cancellation of, progressive retirement may occur only prior to the end of the progressive retirement period. Employee requests to change or cancel leave arrangements must be provided in writing with reasonable notice. Approval will be at the discretion of the manager.

Article 17 Income Protection for Illness and Disability

17.01 Sick leave and disability income protection provisions are designed to provide employees with income when they are unable to work for a specific time period due to their non-occupational illness or injury. The CRPEG President shall be notified if the company denies any sick leave requested by an employee.

This plan, which is fully funded by the employer, provides for sick leave benefits as described below for non-occupational illness, injury, necessary medical or eye examinations, or dental work.

Short Term Sick Leave

17.02

- (a) Accumulated sick leave credits provide continuation of one hundred percent (100%) full basic salary when an employee is unable to work due to a non-occupational illness, injury or necessary medical / dental appointments. Employees who become ill or injured when on a leave of absence without pay are not eligible to use sick leave credits until the date they were originally scheduled to return to work.
- (b) Short Term sick leave can be taken in smaller increments than a full day.
- (c) Employees shall receive a credit of six (6) days sick leave on commencing employment. Employees will be credited with a further six (6) days sick leave on each subsequent April 1st (three (3) days if hired on or after October 1st of the preceding year).
- (d) Employees covered by Clause 9.04, shall receive a credit of fifty (50) hours sick leave on commencing employment. Employees will be credited with a further credit of fifty (50) hours sick leave on each subsequent April 1st (25 hours if hired on or after October 1st of the preceding year).
- (e) Employees who are absent on Long Term Disability for more than six (6) months during the twelve (12) months prior to April 1st shall not be credited with the annual additional sick leave referred to in Sub-clauses 17.02(b), (c) and (d) until the April 1st following their recovery and return to work; the credit will be six (6) days if the employee recovers and returns to work on or before October 1st and three (3) days thereafter.
- (f) Part-time employees are credited with sick leave referred to in Sub-clauses 17.02(c) and (d) on a prorated scale.
- (g) If an absence exceeds five (5) consecutive work days for 37.5 hour employees and four (4) consecutive work days for a 4x10 hour employee, the employee may be required to submit a medical note. A maximum of ten (10) days for a 37.5 hour employees and eight (8) days for a 40 hour employee without a medical note is allowable during each fiscal year.

Intermediate Term Sickness / Disability

17.03 When employees have exhausted all sick leave credits, they will be eligible for seventy-five percent (75%) of their basic salary during necessary absences due to sickness or disability, to a maximum of twenty-six (26) weeks. This benefit will be re-established after the employee returns to his/her full regular work schedule and is performing at least 80% of the duties of the employee's pre-disability position for at least ten (10) consecutive working days in the case of a recurrence of the disability, or at least one (1) day in the case of a new disability. Utilization of other types of leave will interrupt the accumulation of ten (10) consecutive working days and will delay re-establishment of the twenty-six (26) weeks. The use of Sick Leave to attend a medical appointment relating to the disability for which the employee was absent will not interrupt or be counted towards the accumulation of the ten (10) consecutive working days. Statutory holidays will not interrupt or be counted towards the accumulation of the ten (10) consecutive working days.

A graduated / modified return to work will not reset the Intermediate Term Disability.

Long Term Disability

17.04 Upon expiration of coverage under Clause 17.03, covered employees are eligible to receive Long Term Disability benefits in accordance with the benefit provisions and cost-share arrangement outlined in Appendix F (Sunlife Policy 103188).

Article 18 Pension

Public Service Superannuation

18.01 Employees hired before 2015 September 12, will continue to be covered by the *Public Service Superannuation Act* (Parts I and III), the terms of which are not subject to collective bargaining.

Canadian Energy and Related Industries Pension Plan

18.02 The Parties acknowledge that participation in the Canadian Energy and Related Industries (CERi) Plan ceased on 2023 June 17.

Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology DBplus Pension Plan

18.03

- (a) The Employer agrees to enter into a Participation Agreement with the trustees of the DBplus Plan of the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (herein the CAAT Plan), with effect from 2023 June 18, in respect of employees of the Employer covered by this Collective Agreement. The Participation Agreement, attached hereto as Appendix E, shall be incorporated by reference in the terms of this Collective Agreement.
- (b) Each employee participating in the CAAT Plan shall be required to contribute an amount equal to 9% of eligible pensionable earnings (“Member Contributions”) for each pay period during the term of this Collective Agreement. The Employer shall also be required to make matching contributions to the CAAT Plan (“Employer Contributions”) equal to each employee’s Member Contributions for each pay period, subject to the combined Member Contributions and Employer Contributions being limited to the maximum amount permitted by the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), as amended.
- (c) Participation in the CAAT Plan is mandatory for full-time, regular (permanent) part-time or term (greater than six months) employees. Other part-time employees will be eligible to join the CAAT Plan at any time on and after satisfying the requirements of the *Pension Benefits Standards Act, 1985*.
- (d) “Eligible pensionable earnings” means basic remuneration received from the Employer during the plan year including base salary, lump-sum merit, continuous shift premium, 40/42 hour work premium, long-term acting pay, continuous on-call pay, responsibility premium, shift turnover premium, and any other payments deemed as pensionable in this Collective Agreement, but excludes pay-out of unused vacation time, overtime pay, bonuses, commissions, allowances, other special remuneration, and the cash value of benefits.
- (e) Subject to any limits or requirements applicable under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), as amended:
 - (i) For members approved on short-term or intermediate term sick leave, Member Contributions and Employer Contributions will continue. Member Contributions and Employer Contributions will be the contribution amounts in effect immediately prior to the commencement

of the sick leave (defined as the beginning of the short-term disability period).

- (ii) For members who are receiving benefits under the Employer's Long-Term Disability (LTD) Plan, if the member elects to continue Member Contributions, Employer Contributions will be made during the period the member is in receipt of LTD benefits. Member Contributions and Employer Contributions will be the contribution amounts in effect immediately prior to the commencement of the disability (defined as the beginning of the short-term disability period).
 - (iii) Member Contributions and Employer Contributions will continue while a member is on a paid leave of absence.
 - (iv) Member Contributions and Employer Contributions will be suspended while a member is on an unpaid leave of absence.
 - (v) For maternity, parental and other protected leave as set out in Part III of the *Canada Labour Code*, if the member elects to continue Member Contributions during the leave, Employer Contributions will be made during the leave (based on the pensionable earnings in effect immediately prior to the leave).
 - (vi) For a member receiving loss of earnings benefits under a workplace safety act, if the member elects to continue Member Contributions, Employer Contributions will continue.
- (f) The Union agrees that other than making its contributions to the CAAT Plan as set out in this article, the Employer shall not be obligated to contribute towards the cost of benefits provided by the CAAT Plan, nor be responsible for providing any such benefits.
- (g) The Union and Employer acknowledge and agree that the Employer has no requirement to fund any solvency, wind-up or going concern deficit in the CAAT Plan, but is required to contribute only that amount as required by the Collective Agreement.
- (h) The contributions shall be remitted to the CAAT Plan by the Employer within thirty (30) days after the end of when the pay period ends.
- (i) The Employer agrees to provide to the CAAT Plan, on a timely basis, the specific information which the Administrator may reasonably require in order to properly record and process pension contributions and pension benefits, including any

such information required pursuant to the *Pension Benefits Standards Act, 1985* and *Income Tax Act (Canada)*, both as amended.

- (j) The Employer agrees that an employee who may be appointed by the Union to participate in the governance of the CAAT Plan shall be entitled to attend up to four meetings of the CAAT Plan in a calendar year during work hours and shall receive pay and be credited with service notwithstanding his or her absence from work for that purpose.

Article 19 Group Insurance Plans

19.01 The Company shall continue to provide the benefits determined by the Company Wide Benefits Review Committee and ratified by members of the Institute / CRPEG bargaining unit. Alterations to the level of benefits or to the premium share arrangement shall not be made without written consent of the Institute. The appropriate fee guide shall be in effect at the time as updated and proclaimed annually.

myBenefits

19.02 Bargaining unit employees participate in the myBenefits program. The default coverage, in accordance to the myBenefits program will be the Base Plan (Option 1). Upon becoming eligible to participate in the myBenefits program, employees may select one of the four (4) coverage plans, detailed below, within thirty one (31) days of becoming eligible. Should an employee not make a selection they will remain in the Base Plan (Option 1). Every even numbered year, during the plan's Open Enrolment Period, employees may elect to change their coverage plan commencing on April 1st.

The following plans, effective 2016 April 1, are detailed in Appendix F and known as "myBenefits"

- Option 1 – Base Plan offers employees a broad level of health and dental coverage.
- Option 2 – Buy Different Plan offers employees comparable coverage to the Base Plan, with added control over how their benefit dollars are spent, in the form of a Health Care Spending Account.
- Options 3 – Buy Down Plan offers employees a basic level of coverage, designed for employees with limited health and/or dental needs.

- Option 4 – Buy Up Plan offers employees enhanced levels of health and dental coverage. The Buy Up option costs more than the Base Plan, but it provides employees with more comprehensive coverage in return.

Cost sharing for the Company Paid Benefits is as detailed in Appendix F.

Qualifying Life Event

19.03

- (a) Notwithstanding Clause 19.02, any employee may change their plan to one of the four (4) plans described in this article within thirty-one (31) days following:
 - (i) a marriage, separation, or divorce;
 - (ii) the birth or adoption of a child;
 - (iii) the death of a spouse / partner or child; or
 - (iv) Change of group benefits coverage under a spouse's / partner's plan.
- (b) Notwithstanding Clause 19.02, any employee may change from single coverage to family coverage or vice versa within thirty-one (31) days following:
 - (i) an employee's child, as defined by the plan, returning to school full-time until graduation from their program of enrolment, or until they turn 25; or
 - (ii) an employee's dependent child no longer qualifies for coverage either by graduating from their program of enrolment, ceasing to return to a post-secondary school on a full time basis or until they turn 25.

Paramedical, Prescriptions and Hospital

19.04 The Company will provide the group Extended Health Care Plan equivalent to that provided under Sunlife Policy 103188, and as per the plan designs outlined in Appendix F.

The Company will provide group Out-of-Country Travel Coverage which is part of the extended health care policy noted above. Premiums supporting this coverage will be paid by the Company. As per Appendix F, this plan covers emergency medical care for the first sixty (60) days of travel out of the country, up to a lifetime maximum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000).

Group Life Insurance

19.05 The Company will provide Group life insurance coverage equivalent to that provided under Sunlife Policy 103188 as outlined in Appendix F and subject to the following clarifications:

- (a) Participation in the Basic Life Insurance plan is compulsory for all plans.
- (b) If the basic annual salary is not a multiple of \$250, the benefit is adjusted to the next higher multiple of \$250.
- (c) Participation in Supplementary Life Insurance is compulsory for all plans except for Option 3 – Buy Down Plan. If the basic annual salary is not a multiple of \$250, the benefit is adjusted to the next higher multiple of \$250.
- (d) The current Supplementary Life coverage for employees who elect to continue their Supplementary Life coverage upon retirement will be modified as follows for employees who retire on or after 2006 June 1:
 - The reduction in coverage is 10% for each year beyond age 65. The premiums owing after coverage reduction are reduced to account for the decreasing level of coverage.

Dental Insurance Plan

19.06 The Company will provide the group Dental Plan equivalent to that provided under Sunlife Policy 103188, and as per the four dental plan designs and cost-share arrangement outlined in Appendix F. Coverage amounts will be based on current general practitioners dental fee guides for the province in which the services were provided.

Business Travel Accident Insurance

19.07 The Company will provide single Out-of-Country Travel Coverage to employees who do not subscribe to the extended health care plan equivalent to that described in Clause 19.04 but who opt for Travel Coverage with the premiums being paid by the company.

All employees traveling on Company business are covered for accidental death and dismemberment in accordance with the provisions outlined in Policy GH 37998 in effect as of 2008 January 1.

Article 20 Workforce Adjustment Process

Advance Notice and Alternatives to Lay-Off

20.01

- (a) The Company and the Institute recognize that program decisions and business or economic factors may require adjustments in the number of professional science and engineering positions. In such situations, the Company will advise the President of the Chalk River Professional Employees Group concerning an anticipated workforce adjustment as far in advance as possible of written notification of lay-offs, but in no event less than two (2) weeks in advance. The Company and the Institute agree to work together to identify options for minimizing the impact of the workforce adjustment on affected employees, including opportunities for redeployment, retraining, work-sharing and voluntary substitution. At a minimum, upon receipt of the advance notification of layoffs, the Company and CRPEG shall meet and review the list of current vacancies with respect to redeployment of affected employees.
- (b) Employees seconded to a project outside of their home Division (or equivalent) will be considered as part of the Division (or equivalent) for any lay-off decisions. They have the right to return to their home Division (or equivalent) when the project is completed or if project funding is discontinued.
- (c) In the event of a Group Termination as defined in the *Canada Labour Code* (or in the event of fewer layoffs where agreed to by the parties), or merger with another company or companies or formation of any successor organization, the Company and the Institute will negotiate in good faith to develop a voluntary termination program (VTP). In the case of layoffs, the parties will endeavour to come to an agreement with respect to the VTP within no more than ten (10) days of the initiation of the VTP negotiations and, where possible, to implement the program in advance of the issuance of layoff notices. If agreement on the VTP is not reached, the Company will offer the minimum outlined below. Under the VTP, an employee may apply to voluntarily terminate their employment. The company shall have the sole discretion to accept or decline the application. Employees whose applications are accepted shall receive, at a minimum, notice (or non-working notice thereof) and termination pursuant to Sub-clause 20.02(c) and Clause 36.05. Employees accepted for the VTP waive all recall rights and may not grieve their termination.

Lay-Off

20.02

- (a) Subject to Sub-clause 20.02(b), knowledge, skill and ability related to the remaining work of a Division (or equivalent) will be the deciding factors in the determination of those employees to be given a written notice of lay-off in a workforce adjustment situation. A copy of the knowledge, skill and ability assessment will be provided to the Institute with the initial notification under Sub-clause 20.01(a).
- (b) Among the employees affected by an anticipated workforce adjustment, a continuing employee will be retained in preference to a non-continuing employee or contract personnel provided the continuing employee is capable of performing the necessary work within a reasonable period of time.
- (c) Unless otherwise provided for in the Canada Labour Code, a continuing employee designated for layoff will be provided as much advance notice as possible, but in no case less than sixteen (16) weeks of written notice prior to the effective termination date. A term employee designated for layoff will be provided as much advance notice as possible, but in no case less than two (2) weeks of written notice prior to the effective termination date. A copy of the employee's written notice shall be simultaneously provided to the President of the Chalk River Professional Employees Group.
- (d) Once issued, the notice of layoff referred to in (c) above shall not be rescinded without consent of the employee.
- (e) At the employee's discretion, employment may be terminated prior to the expiration of the notice period referred to in (c) above without affecting any termination entitlements. In this circumstance the employee will not receive remuneration for the portion of the notice period not worked.
- (f) An employee may receive equivalent pay in lieu of written notice of lay-off under this article. Such pay shall be supplemented by fifteen percent (15%) in lieu of benefits.

20.03 An employee in a funded position may apply for voluntary substitution with an employee who is in receipt of a lay-off notice. The Manager in whose branch the funded position resides will be responsible to determine whether to allow the substitution based on knowledge, skill and ability to do the remaining work, with a transition period no greater than three (3) months, and other bona fide business considerations. The Institute shall

issue a call for expression of interest in voluntary substitution within CRPEG and the Whiteshell Professional Employees Group (WPEG) when the notice of layoff has been provided to employees.

Redeployment

20.04 Upon notice of layoff to the Institute, a Redeployment Committee shall be struck, composed of representatives from the Bargaining Unit, management, and human resources. The Committee shall review the current and planned future vacancies and will make decisions for redeployment of affected employees.

- (a) Affected employees will be required to submit a comprehensive resume to the Redeployment Committee outlining the employee's knowledge, skill and abilities. The resume should normally be submitted to the committee within one (1) month of receiving a layoff notice.
- (b) The Redeployment Committee will make a reasonable effort to match vacancies and affected employees based on knowledge, skill and ability.
- (c) If a job match is found, the prospective manager will be notified and provided an explanation for the potential match and will be provided an opportunity to meet with the redeployment committee, as required, to discuss the knowledge, skill and ability.
- (d) The committee shall make a final decision taking into consideration any input from the prospective manager.

Bargaining unit employees who are in receipt of lay-off notice or who selected Sub-clause 20.09(b) on lay-off will be given first consideration for redeployment to bargaining unit work prior to posting of internal competitions or prior to an external commitment to hire for those positions previously posted. In the case of an employee who has been laid-off, this provision will remain in effect for a time period equal to the period of continuous service but not to exceed twenty-four (24) months following the effective date of lay-off.

20.05 Redeployment pursuant to Clause 20.01 or Clause 20.04 shall be contingent on the knowledge, skill and ability of the employee to meet the essential requirements for, and substantially perform identified work within a period of six (6) months or longer as may be mutually agreed.

20.06 The offer of redeployment may be at a classification lower than that of the affected employee. Employees redeployed to another position pursuant to this article shall receive the rate of pay of their former position. When an employee's classification prior to

redeployment is CSE 5 or CSE 6, and when the employee's salary exceeds the CSE 4 Maximum Salary, the employee's salary may, at the Manager's discretion, be held constant (no merit or scale increase) until the CSE 4 Maximum Salary exceeds the employee's salary.

20.07 An employee who has been redeployed will begin a familiarization period. During the first six (6) months, an employee who is placed in a position in accordance with this article will be allowed a reasonable familiarization period to perform the job. During this period, the employee will be given the goals and expectations for the position, as set out in the job description. Where an employee who has been redeployed is unable to meet the essential requirements for, and substantially perform identified work within the period established under Clause 20.05, the employee will receive written notice equal to the greater of:

- (a) the number of unused weeks of lay-off notice period provided under Sub-clause 20.02(c); or
- (b) two (2) weeks.

On receiving notice of lay-off, the provisions of Clause 20.04 apply. The employee will be entitled on lay-off to termination compensation as per Clause 20.09 and Clause 36.05 (Layoff).

Request for Assessment

20.08 Within four (4) weeks of having received a lay-off notice in accordance with Clause 20.02, the affected employee may request an assessment of his/her knowledge, skill and ability in one other Division (or equivalent) chosen by the employee. The assessment will be against the remaining work performed by employees in the bargaining unit at the same or lower classification level in that Division (or equivalent). A copy of the knowledge, skill and ability assessment will be provided to the institute.

If the employee in receipt of a lay-off notice is found to have superior knowledge, skill and ability to a current employee in that Division (or equivalent), then the employee in receipt of the lay-off notice will replace that employee.

With the exception of CSE 5 or CSE 6, the employee will retain the rate of pay of the employee's former position. When an employee's classification prior to transfer is CSE 5 or CSE 6, and when the employee's salary exceeds the CSE 4 Maximum Salary, the employee's salary may, at the Manager's discretion, be held constant (no merit or scale increase) until the CSE 4 Maximum Salary exceeds the employee's salary.

The displaced employee will receive a lay-off notice and will be eligible for all provisions of Article 20.

If the employee in receipt of the original lay-off notice is found not to have superior knowledge, skill and ability to a current employee in that Division (or equivalent), then the lay-off will proceed as per Clause 20.09.

20.09 Where an employee cannot be redeployed as per the provisions of this article, or either does not use, or is unsuccessful under the provisions of Clause 20.08, the employee shall be laid off on the effective date referenced in the notice letter and compensated as per Clause 36.05 (Layoff) in one of the following ways:

- (a) A lump sum payment for those employees not seeking re-employment with the Company during the twelve (12) month period following termination, or
- (b) An equivalent amount paid in equal instalments over the number of weeks of severance entitlement for those employees wishing to retain an option for re-employment with the Company as defined in Clause 20.04 above. All remaining severance payments are waived upon re-employment with the Company and shall be deemed not to have been received for purposes of Article 36 (Termination Compensation).

Article 21 Part-Time Employees

21.01 For part-time employees, the provisions of this Agreement shall be administered in accordance with Company procedure Part-Time, Short Term and Student Employees (Salaried) – Benefit Programs (see Appendix A), which shall form part of this Agreement. Where this Agreement provides a superior benefit schedule than provided under the Company procedure, the schedule provided in this Agreement shall take precedence.

Article 22 Office Space

22.01 The Company is obligated to provide an office space of 80 sq. ft. unless agreed to by the institute. As of 2018 July 1, any offices less than 80 sq. ft. intended for CRPEG member usage (new or renovation) must be approved by the Institute. Approval will not be unreasonably withheld. The Company and the Institute shall work together to ensure a comfortable and ergonomically appropriate standard for employee offices and associated

equipment / furniture, within the context of operational requirements, industry standards, cost, ergonomics, and efficiency. Cost shall not be the single determining factor.

The Employer and the Institute shall meet to resolve instances where office space does not meet the above criteria. This shall be considered Step 0 of the Dispute Resolution Process.

22.02 Hoteling stations will be set up with standard office equipment.

Article 23 Joint Consultation

23.01 In accordance with the Preamble to this Agreement, there shall be a Joint Consultation Committee, which shall meet monthly at a mutually agreed time. The Committee shall consider matters of mutual interest, including the promotion of education and professional development, employment conditions, and matters affecting employee welfare. The Committee shall not agree to items, which would alter any provision of this Agreement. The committee shall establish and maintain a mutually agreeable Terms of Reference (TOR).

Work Place and Policy Committees

23.02 Consistent with the requirements of the *Canada Labour Code*, the parties also agree that the Health and Safety and Policy Committees shall each have not less than one (1) representative from the bargaining unit.

Non-Continuing Professional Personnel Committee

23.03 The Company and the Institute will establish a Non-Continuing Professional Personnel Committee. This committee shall meet not less than quarterly. The terms of reference will be maintained by the committee and will be agreed upon by both parties.

Article 24 Institute Representation

Deductions of Institute Dues

24.01

- (a) The Company will deduct a sum equal to the regular monthly Institute membership dues from the first pay in each month of all employees in the Bargaining Unit, to the extent that sufficient unencumbered earnings are payable to the employee.
- (b) The Company will remit the sum deducted, together with a list of the employees from whom deductions have been made, to the Executive Secretary of the Institute within fifteen (15) days. The list shall be in alphabetical order and shall include the name, employee number, and the amount of Institute dues deducted from all employees in the Bargaining Unit.
- (c) The Institute shall inform the Company one (1) month in advance, in writing, of any change in the authorized monthly membership dues to be deducted for each employee.
- (d) The Institute agrees to indemnify and save the Company harmless against any liability arising out of the application of this Clause, except for any claim or liability arising out of an error committed by the Company.

Institute Representatives

24.02

- (a) The Company acknowledges that Institute officers or employees appointed as representatives by the Institute will be required from time to time to leave their Company duties in order to perform, on behalf of the Institute, functions provided for in this Agreement. It is expected that Institute members will inform supervision of such absences from the workplace and will endeavour to ensure that these absences do not result in operational difficulties.
- (b) In accordance with the above understanding the Company will compensate Institute officers and representatives for the time spent in performing functions outlined in Sub-clause 24.02(a) for duties performed on Company premises, to a reasonable amount of time in any week at their regular rate of pay, but this will not apply to time spent on such matters outside of their regular work hours. In

the case of direct negotiations to reach a collective Agreement, the number of Institute members on leave with pay will be limited to one (1) representative for each one hundred (100) members, or part thereof, of the Chalk River Professional Employees Group at the time of the receipt of notification to bargain.

- (c) On occasion, the Institute may request that an employee take time off as Union Business With Pay “Offsite” (rebillable). Union Business With Pay “Offsite” may include, but is not limited to:
- Application for certification, representations and interventions with respect to application for certification, when the employee makes presentations or represents the Union
 - Complaints made to the Canada Industrial Relations Board
 - Arbitration board hearings, conciliation board hearings and alternate dispute resolution process
 - Representatives’ training courses
 - Preparatory contract negotiation meetings with the Union and its members
 - Meetings with the Institute

In cases where Sub-clause 24.02(c) applies, the Institute requests that the Company pay the employee and bill the Institute for the full amount of the payment (including benefits, etc.).

All Union leaves of absence with pay offsite must be signed by the CRPEG President on a form designed and agreed to by both the Union and the Company.

The Company will invoice the Institute on a monthly basis for all “Union leaves of absence with pay offsite”.

All monthly invoices from the Company will be sent to the Institute no later than four (4) weeks after the end of each calendar month.

The invoices will indicate the name, date, and duration of each leave of absence, as well as a detailed breakdown of the costs.

It is understood and agreed that a Union representative / member (or an employee called by the Union to act as a witness, etc.) who is on Union Business With Pay “Offsite” shall continue to be eligible and permitted to use group insurance benefits, as well as continue to accrue pension credits, pension benefits and seniority during such leave.

Leave of Absence

24.03

- (a) Where operational requirements permit, leave of absence without pay shall be granted to an employee for the purpose of attending Institute meetings distant from the Chalk River Laboratories, or to represent the Institute in conciliation, arbitration cases or other proceedings pursuant to the Canada Labour Code.
- (b) An employee who is elected as a paid officer of the Institute shall be granted leave of absence without pay for the term.

Access to Premises

24.04 An accredited representative of the Institute shall be permitted access to the Company's premises on business related to the administration of this Agreement and to attend meetings called by management. Permission to enter the premises shall, in each case, be obtained from Employee Relations. Access shall be confined to the specific purpose and area for which permission is granted.

Institute Meetings

24.05 The Institute may on occasion hold meetings on Company premises provided such meetings are planned and conducted to avoid interference with other employees, or the work of the Company. With the exception of lunch-time meetings involving Institute operating committees, meetings must be agreed to in advance by Employee Relations.

Article 25 Dispute Resolution Procedure

Objective

25.01 Consistent with the preamble to this Agreement, the Company and the Institute share a desire to resolve disputes or disagreements wherever possible through a co-operative process characterized by prompt and open discussion and creative problem-solving. To this end, the following dispute resolution procedures shall apply.

Complaint Stage

25.02

- (a) Where a dispute or disagreement arises between an employee(s) and management, the individuals involved shall meet as soon as possible (normally within ten (10) days of the occurrence which gives rise to the dispute or disagreement) to explore the possibility of resolving the matter without recourse to subsequent steps in this dispute resolution procedure. Representatives of the Company and the Institute shall only attend the meeting where special circumstances exist.
- (b) Where the meeting does not resolve the dispute or misunderstanding, or where ten (10) days have elapsed since the matter was first brought to the Manager's attention for the purpose of seeking resolution, the matter may be dealt with directly under Clause 25.03(a).
- (c) Where special circumstances suggest that an employee-management meeting may not contribute to the resolution of a dispute or disagreement, or in a case of discipline, the Company and the Institute may agree to refer the matter to Step 1.

Step 1

25.03

- (a) An employee may file a written grievance with their Manager within thirty (30) days after the grievor knew or ought to have known of the occurrence that is the basis of the grievance.
- (b) A Step 1 grievance meeting shall be held within ten (10) days of receipt of the grievance submission. A written decision will be issued within ten (10) days of the Step 1 grievance meeting.
- (c) If fact-finding is requested by either party, it shall take place within the ten (10) days prior to the Step 1 grievance meeting. The purpose of the fact-finding is to define the facts underlying the dispute. Fact-finding shall normally include: the grievor, an Institute representative, a Human Resources representative, and the branch manager of the grievor.

Step 2

25.04

- (a) The employee, or the Institute on the employee's behalf, may refer the grievance to Step 2 within ten (10) days of the Step 1 response. If a response is not received by twenty (20) days following the grievance submission, the grievance may be referred to Step 2.
- (b) A Step 2 meeting shall be held within fifteen (15) days of the referral and will be attended at minimum by an Institute representative, a Labour Relations representative, and a representative from senior management (above the level of branch manager). A written decision will be issued by the Company within ten (10) days of the meeting. If the response is not acceptable, the matter may be referred to arbitration as described in Clause 26.01.

Administration

25.05

- (a) The word "days" as used in this article and for purposes of Article 26 (Arbitration) excludes Saturdays, Sundays and Company holidays.
- (b) Grievance forms shall be provided by the Company. A grievance shall not be deemed to be invalid by reason only of the fact that it is not in accordance with the form supplied by the Company. After final disposition of a grievance is effected, the Company and the Institute shall retain a copy.
- (c) Any time limits specified in this article may be extended by mutual agreement between the Institute and the Company.
- (d) If the statement of the grievance or a subsequent reply does not sufficiently state the problem or the reasons, then either Party may request additional details. The responding party will provide the additional information within five (5) days, all the while respecting existing timelines.

Definition of Employee Grievance

25.06 For the purpose of this article, an employee grievance is defined as a dispute or disagreement between the Company and one (1) or more of its employees which:

- (a) arises under and by virtue of the application or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement;
- (b) arises from alleged abuse of discretion by Company management in their treatment of employees with respect to matters provided in this Agreement; or
- (c) relates to the discipline, demotion or discharge (other than on probation) of an employee where such employee believes that the discipline, demotion or discharge was not for just or sufficient cause.

Company or Institute Dispute

25.07

- (a) Company Dispute

The Company may meet with the Institute to discuss any dispute with respect to the conduct of the Institute. If such a dispute is not settled to the mutual satisfaction of the parties, it may be treated as a grievance and, if unresolved, referred to arbitration.

- (b) Institute Dispute

Any dispute between the Institute and the Company may be the subject of a grievance in accordance with the provisions of Article 25 (Dispute Resolution Procedure) and Article 26 (Arbitration). In addition to acting on its own behalf, the Institute may initiate this process because of the inability or refusal of an employee to submit a grievance or because the matter affects a group of employees.

- (c) Company and Institute disputes shall be filed at Step 2. All time limits contained within this article apply including a requirement to file the grievance within twenty (20) days after the party knew or ought to have known of the occurrence which is the basis of the grievance.

25.08 Discharge or layoff grievances shall be referred directly to Step 2 of the Dispute Resolution process. No case of discharge or lay off shall be entitled to consideration at a grievance hearing unless filed as a grievance within twenty (20) days after the employee has been notified in writing of the discharge or lay off and the President of the Chalk River Professional Employees Group so advised.

Mediation

25.09 The parties acknowledge the benefit of resolving disputes through mediation and therefore agree to meet, upon request from either party, to discuss the submission of grievances to organization(s) specializing in grievance mediation, as a potential means to avoid arbitration.

Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence

25.10 A grievance stemming from alleged discrimination, harassment and/or violence may be placed in abeyance pending the completion of the notice of occurrence resolution process. Grievances under this clause will not be placed in abeyance for longer than one year.

Article 26 Arbitration

26.01 Within thirty (30) days after the final response to a grievance has been given as provided for in Clause 25.04 (Step 2 of the Dispute Resolution Procedure), or fifty-five (55) days following referral to Step 2, the matter may be referred to arbitration. Where notice of arbitration has not been given within fifty-five (55) days of final responses, the grievance will be deemed to be abandoned. In a case against the Company, the notice of arbitration shall be given to Employee Relations, and in a case against the Institute, to the President of the Chalk River Professional Employees Group.

26.02 The matter to be arbitrated shall be confined to the issue raised in the original grievance.

26.03 Within ten (10) days after notice of arbitration has been served in accordance with Clause 26.01, an arbitrator shall be selected by mutual consent. The following provisions shall govern the selection of the arbitrator unless the parties mutually agree otherwise:

- (a) Any arbitrator not able to hear the grievance within ninety (90) days of the grievance's referral to arbitration will be bypassed.

26.04 The cost of the services of the arbitrator and other incidental costs related directly to the arbitration proceeding shall be borne equally by both parties.

26.05 The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

26.06 The arbitrator shall have no power to add to nor subtract from nor to modify the terms of this Agreement or any Agreement made supplementary hereto, and shall render a decision not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.

LTD and Arbitration

26.07 The Union will not substitute filing of a grievance for an incomplete LTD application submitted to the insurance carrier or for using and participating in the insurance carrier's appeal process and dispute resolution mechanisms. The grievance process is to be the last recourse for disputes.

Expedited Arbitration

26.08 The Parties agree that any grievance may be referred to the following Expedited Arbitration process:

- (a) At the request of either Party, a grievance that has been referred to arbitration pursuant to Article 26 (Arbitration) of this Agreement may be resolved through expedited arbitration with the consent of both Parties.
- (b) Within five (5) business days of such mutual consent the Parties will agree on an arbitrator from a list maintained for that purpose. Should the Parties be unable to agree, the arbitrator will be the arbitrator with the earliest availability.
- (c) Following the selection of the arbitrator and notice to the arbitrator by the Parties of their intent to pursue expedited arbitration, the Parties may proceed to arbitration with or without an agreed statement of facts. Should the Parties create an agreed statement of facts it will be submitted to the arbitrator at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the hearing.
- (d) No witnesses will testify in an expedited arbitration proceeding.
- (e) Should the Parties be unable to arrive at an agreed statement of facts, it will be the burden of each Party to establish any relevant facts.
- (f) The parties may agree to a hearing by written submission only in which case evidence and supporting documentation may be made electronically or by mail.
- (g) Should the Parties agree to present evidence to the arbitrator at a hearing the arbitrator will render an oral decision which will be recorded and initialed by the representatives of the Parties who are present at the hearing. Such oral decision will be confirmed by the arbitrator in writing within five (5) business days of the

hearing. The Parties may, at the request of the arbitrator or by mutual written agreement, vary the provisions of this section.

- (h) Should the Parties agree that their presence at a hearing is not necessary, the arbitrator will render a written decision on the grievance within seven (7) business days of the date on which submissions of evidence were due.
- (i) The arbitrator's decision will be final and binding on the Parties and the Parties agree that expedited arbitration decisions will not be appealed.
- (j) The parties will agree at the outset of the process whether the arbitrator's decision will be with or without precedent.
- (k) Costs related to the Expedited Arbitration Process will be in accordance with Clause 26.04.
- (l) Should the Expedited Arbitration Process be incomplete because of a problem with the process, the grievance will revert to the regular arbitration process under Clause 26.01.

Article 27 Employee Files

27.01 Upon request of an employee, the personnel file of the employee shall be made available for review in the presence of a Human Resources representative.

27.02 When a report pertaining to an employee's performance or conduct is placed on a personnel file, the employee concerned shall be given an opportunity to sign the report in question to indicate that its contents have been read, and they shall be given a copy.

27.03 Disciplinary notations will be removed from an employee's file after a period of two (2) years provided that no occurrence of a similar nature has taken place over this time. Disciplinary notations shall be removed from an employee's file, the employee will be notified with confirmation of the notation's removal, and the notation will not form the basis for any subsequent disciplinary action.

Article 28 Personnel Reliability and Security

28.01 Maintenance of Enhanced Reliability Status or the appropriate security clearance for the position held, as described by the Personnel Security Procedure, (see

Appendix A) and the Security Policy of the Government of Canada, is a condition of employment for all employees in the bargaining unit.

28.02 An Enhanced Reliability Status or Security Clearance may be revoked or revised based on new information. Where this action results in the Company revoking an employee's reliability status or detrimentally changing a security designation, the employee and the President of the Chalk River Professional Employees Group shall be notified in writing of such action. The notice shall disclose the reasons for the Company's action to the fullest extent permissible by law and shall inform the employee of the applicable rights of review and redress.

28.03 Wherever possible, consideration must be given to the reassignment of an affected employee to a position consistent with the employee's new reliability or security designation. Only where such reassignment cannot be achieved may the Company discharge the employee. Termination of employment may be considered only when all other options have been exhausted.

Article 29 Employee Liability and Legal Representation

29.01 The provisions of Company policy Employee Liability (see Appendix A) shall apply and shall be deemed to form part of this Agreement.

Article 30 Employee Performance Appraisals

30.01 In conducting performance appraisals, management shall assess in a fair and reasonable fashion an employee's contributions and achievements relative to the established goals, expectations and requirements of the employee's position.

For employees on approved leave of absence, performance appraisals will be conducted with consideration given to the employee's time actively at work. Employees shall not be disadvantaged in their performance appraisal as a result of an approved leave of absence.

30.02 Each employee is entitled to a performance appraisal to be completed annually prior to July 1st. An employee may request an interview to review performance at any other time and the Company shall make every reasonable effort to comply. In the case of a new employee, a preliminary performance review will be conducted during the first six (6) months of employment, and a salary review will be completed in accordance with Clause 35.02 (Salary Administration of New Hires).

30.03 The employee's views concerning contributions and achievements for the period under review will be invited and considered before the performance appraisal is documented. Management and the employee will discuss the documentation of this performance appraisal prior to its contents being finalized. The employee shall be given an opportunity to sign the final version of the performance appraisal upon its completion and to append written comments within one (1) week. The employee's signature on the performance appraisal shall be considered to be an indication only that its contents have been read and shall not indicate concurrence with the statements contained in the form. The employee shall be provided a copy of the performance appraisal at the time it is signed by the employee.

30.04 The Company will consult the Institute prior to the implementation of any substantive changes in the performance review system, and proposed changes shall be sent to CRPEG at least thirty (30) days prior to implementation of any such changes.

30.05 The parties acknowledge that there is subdivision of Branches within the Company and there are de facto supervisors within those branches, known as Section Heads. The added responsibilities that Section Heads assume will be recognized in enhanced Career and Professional Development (Article 31) and enhanced Promotion (Article 32) and other intangibles, for example preferential work space.

While this assignment is in addition to the employee's regular duties, it is recognized that these duties will be performed within the employee's regular hours and will be offset by a reduction in regular duties. These additional duties could include:

Technical:

- Review technical work
- Review section work plans
- Make decisions on behalf of the section
- Organize required project resources
- Ensure quality of work
- Participate in developing project budgets
- Act as branch manager when designated
- Participate in developing work proposals

Personnel:

- Participate in employee performance appraisal process
- Guidance in mentoring junior staff
- Conflict resolution
- Provide support to the branch in the following ways:

- Conditionally approve leave
- Monitoring progress of work
- Recommend overtime
- Collect, prepare and distribute relevant information and reports
- Identify opportunities for new work
- Time management including reviewing time cards
- Involvement in the branch hiring process
- Discuss and resolve section member's concern, acting as advocate if required
- Assign work
- Review and recommend Career and Professional Development
- Recommend and assign on-the-job Training

Article 31 Career and Professional Development

Principles

31.01 Consistent with the preamble to this Agreement, the Company and the Institute recognize that it is essential that professional employees possess the appropriate skills and knowledge to enhance the Company's current and future competitive position, as well as their own career advancement and job security. To this end, career and professional development efforts will reflect the following principles:

- (a) Career & professional development is a shared responsibility of management and employees requiring joint planning and joint investment.
- (b) Individual employees are responsible for identifying their career & professional development needs and for planning, investing in, and implementing their development program as agreed with management.
- (c) Management is responsible for actively promoting and guiding career & professional development and, to this end, will make every effort to provide appropriate resources and opportunities as agreed in the development programs referenced in Sub-clause 31.01(b) above.

Implementation

31.02 Each fiscal year, the Company will allocate a minimum of five per cent (5%) of the bargaining unit payroll to be used for career and professional development opportunities for members of the bargaining unit.

31.03 A joint committee of not less than three (3) CRPEG representatives and an equal number of company representatives will be formed. The committee will receive all applications for career and professional development. The committee will set their own rules of procedure.

Applications for career and professional development will be forwarded to the committee by managers starting each January 1st, with a target date of the committee making decisions early in the fiscal year. Applications may be made at any time throughout the year, but priority will be given to those applications received before the committee makes initial decisions.

The committee will approve the spending of career and professional development funds if the benefit to the company is more than just tangential and there are funds available for career and professional development as set aside in Clause 31.02.

Career and professional development may take many forms including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Developmental job assignments;
2. External attachments to other organizations;
3. Self-directed learning;
4. Attendance at conferences, conventions, courses and workshops; and
5. Education and sabbatical leave.

Where the Company requires an employee's participation in a training program, the Company shall bear the full cost of the employee's training including, as applicable: tuition, examination fees, entrance or registration fees, course required books, or other legitimate expenses as determined by the Company. These costs do not draw down on the career and professional development allocation.

If not all applications for career and professional development can be funded in a fiscal year, the committee will approve the most meritorious applications based on an equal weighted basis of:

1. Cost;
2. Future benefit to the company;
3. Operational requirements;

4. Immediate benefit to the employee; and
5. The time since the employee was last approved for career and professional development by the committee and the monetary value of that approval.

Management will not deny executing the Career and Professional Development that is approved by the committee except in the case of operational requirements. When this occurs, the committee will be notified, and the employee will have their Career and Professional Development rescheduled or an alternate plan developed.

31.04 Membership or Registration Fees

The Employer shall reimburse an employee for their payment of membership or registration fees to an organization or governing body when the payment of such fees is a requirement for the continuation of the performance of the duties of the employee's position. Reimbursement covered by this article does not include arrears of previous year's dues.

31.05 Employee requests for funds for career and professional development below a personal annual \$1000 amount shall be approved. Employees are not required to exhaust their \$1000 allotment prior to submitting requests to the committee. Should the employee have requests approved at the committee, this will not preclude them from using their \$1000 allotment. The committee will track the spending for the following:

- (a) Education, certification, or training;
- (b) Attendance at trade shows, and workshops;
- (c) Textbooks, journals, or other literature;
- (d) Software; or
- (e) Professional dues if membership is not a position requirement.

Reimbursement covered by this article does not include arrears of previous year's dues.

31.06 Applications for single courses will be considered by the committee. Once approved by the committee, employees will be reimbursed for tuition after the tuition is paid by the employee. At no time will an employee enter into a repayment agreement regarding tuition reimbursement without the involvement of the Union. Furthermore, no minimum grade or score will be imposed on course completion as long as the course is successfully completed.

- (a) Sabbatical leave, education leave with pay, or temporary attachment to another organization may be partially funded by career and professional development

- funds up to 5% of the employee's salary. Career and professional development provisions do not apply for any other purpose in relation to these situations.
- (b) Assignment as an acting manager may be partially funded by career and professional development funds up to 5% of the employee's salary. Such funding does not require approval from the committee constituted in Clause 31.03, but the committee will track the spend. Career and professional development provisions do not apply for any other purpose in relation to an acting manager.

Article 32 Promotion

32.01

- (a) Review of employees' performance and the decisions to promote individuals will occur coincident with the merit review. Promotions will be effective July 1st each year.
- (b) The eligibility of employees for promotion will be assessed in a fair and reasonable fashion within a process which includes the following:
 - (i) Criteria and procedures governing promotion decisions must be well-defined and clearly communicated to employees (see Annex 2).
 - (ii) An employee may request to be considered for promotion, or management may initiate a case for promotion as part of any annual performance appraisal process.
 - (iii) Employees who have been paid at the top of a pay range for three (3) years or more shall have the option to have their eligibility for promotion reviewed with senior management. In the event that senior management does not support their eligibility for promotion, the employee will be entitled to constructive feedback in writing with specifics provided as to why they are not eligible.
 - (iv) The results of the promotion process will be reviewed annually by the Joint Consultation Committee.

Promotion to CSE 2, CSE 3 or CSE 4

32.02 Progression through the CSE 1–4 ranges is considered normal for a scientist or engineer, subject to performance and typical career development. Where an employee below the CSE 4 level is held at the top of a salary range, the employee and the Institute will be so advised with an explanation.

Promotion to CSE 5 or CSE 6

32.03

- (a) Employees will be advised when they are to be considered for promotion, will be provided with a copy of the documentation submitted in their cases, and will be informed of the reasons for a decision by September 30. Promotions will be retroactive to July 1.
- (b) When an employee is considered for promotion, the merits of the case will be fully discussed by the employee and management, and the employee shall be accorded full opportunity to make written representations in support of the case.
- (c) Knowledgeable senior employees (CSE 5 and CSE 6) from the bargaining unit may be involved in the preparation and/or consideration of promotion cases.
- (d) Following any consideration of a case for promotion, the employee shall be notified in writing of the resulting decision. Where promotion is not granted, the employee shall have, on request, an interview with management where the reasons for the decision will be fully reviewed.
- (e) The Chalk River Professional Employees Group may nominate two (2) senior employees (CSE 5 and CSE 6) from the bargaining unit who will participate in a non-voting capacity on the senior management committee responsible for promotion recommendations when promotion cases are considered.
- (f) CNL Management will consider employees for promotion from levels CSE 3, CSE 4 and CSE 5 of no less than 4% of the Bargaining Unit Members on strength as of June 30th.

Article 33 Internal Competitions and Transfers

33.01

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Article 20 (Workforce Adjustment Process) or unless waived by agreement with the Institute, internal competitions will be held for continuing positions, except for positions to be filled by Recent Graduates, within the scope of the bargaining unit as defined in Article 1 (Recognition) which the Company wishes to fill. Notices detailing the qualifications required and the work involved will be posted for at least six (6) working days before the closing date of the competition. Applications from employees absent from work during the posting period will be considered if received within a reasonable period thereafter prior to the completion of the selection process.
- (b) Reassignment of responsibilities within the branch shall not be subject to the internal competition process.
- (c) In those situations where the Company wishes to reclassify to continuing status a term employee who has been appointed to a position originally posted as a continuing position, repeat posting of the position will not be required.

33.02 Applicants from within the bargaining unit will be given consideration in competitions for bargaining unit positions. Only where all such applicants have been rejected and written notification provided to them as per the provisions of Clause 33.05 will consideration be given to other applicants.

33.03 Subject to Clause 33.02, in any internal competition posted by the Company for a position in the bargaining unit, candidates shall be evaluated against measurable qualifications established and posted in advance of the competition. Among candidates who meet the minimum qualifications for the position, the candidate found to be most meritorious in respect of the measurable qualifications shall be selected for appointment.

33.04 The probation period for an employee initially appointed to a continuing position in the bargaining unit shall be six (6) months and may be extended for up to six (6) months at the sole discretion of management. When an employee's probationary period is extended, the affected employee and the President of CRPEG shall be provided written notification with reason(s). Where a term employee is subsequently selected for, or reclassified to a continuing position in the bargaining unit, the probation period may be waived or reduced. The Company acknowledges that internal transfers from outside the bargaining unit who have already completed a probationary period are not subject to another probationary period.

33.05 CRPEG applicants to a competition shall be notified in writing of the individual applicant's outcome of the competition within twelve (12) weeks of the closing date of the posting. The CRPEG President will be copied on the written notification. Unsuccessful applicants shall, on request, be provided a post-selection interview with a representative of the branch or organizational unit conducting the competition.

33.06 An Institute representative shall be notified of competitions for positions in the bargaining unit no later than the day of posting. On request, an Institute representative will be supplied with a list of candidates for the competition, including indication of the successful candidate.

33.07 The successful employee in a competition will be appointed to the position within six (6) weeks of the date of notification unless special circumstances exist. In these circumstances, extension of the period will be discussed with the Institute, but in no case will the period exceed twelve (12) weeks without the consent of the employee.

33.08 The parties acknowledge that there may be situations in which the transfer of an employee outside the normal competition process would be agreeable to all concerned. In such situations, the parties will discuss the situation and endeavour to minimize any adverse effects.

33.09 The Institute and the Company agree that the requirements for posting vacancies as defined in this article are waived for those vacancies that will be filled by Recent Graduates. For the purposes of this article, a "Recent Graduate" is a person who has graduated with a Bachelor's from a university of recognized standing within the past twelve (12) months and may only be hired to a CSE 1 position.

The Company shall notify the President of CRPEG in advance of filling such vacancies.

33.10 The requirements for posting vacancies as defined in this article are waived for Post Doctoral Fellow positions.

Article 34 Publication and Authorship

34.01 The Company will not unreasonably withhold permission for publication of documents, including reports, drawings, presentations, papers, articles, manuscripts and monographs. The Company will also not require the acknowledgement of authorship of a document where the author does not agree with the content.

- (a) The Company may suggest revisions to a publication and may withhold approval to publish.

- (b) When approval for publication is withheld, for any reason, the author(s) shall be so informed in writing of the reasons, if requested by the employee.
- (c) Where the Company wishes to make changes in a document with which the author does not agree, the employee shall not be credited if the employee so requests.
- (d) When an employee acts as a sole or joint author or editor of a publication, the authorship or editorship shall normally be acknowledged on such publication.

Article 35 Salary Administration

Salary Scales – 2024, 2025 & 2026

35.01 Each employee shall be paid in one of the grades listed below; in addition, each employee shall be classified in one of the grades listed below.

- (a) Increases will be applied in the following order:
 - 1. Scale
 - 2. Merit

The following salary scales will become effective on the dates indicated below.

2024 January 1 (since 2023 July 1)		
37.5 Hour Salary Ranges		
	Minimum	Maximum
CSE 1	68000	82100
CSE 2	82200	105700
CSE 3	105800	124400
CSE 4	123800	154700
CSE 5	135900	181200
CSE 6	149900	199000

2024 January 1 (since 2023 July 1)		
40 Hour Salary Ranges		
	Minimum	Maximum
CSE 1	72500	87600
CSE 2	87700	112700
CSE 3	112900	132700
CSE 4	132100	165000
CSE 5	145000	193300
CSE 6	159900	212300

2024 July 1		
37.5 Hour Salary Ranges		
	Minimum	Maximum
CSE 1	75,600	85,400
CSE 2	85,500	109,900
CSE 3	110,000	129,400
CSE 4	128,800	163,600
CSE 5	141,300	188,400
CSE 6	155,900	207,000

2024 July 1		
40 Hour Salary Ranges		
	Minimum	Maximum
CSE 1	80,600	91,100
CSE 2	91,200	117,200
CSE 3	117,300	138,000
CSE 4	137,400	174,500
CSE 5	150,700	201,000
CSE 6	166,300	220,800

2025 July 1		
37.5 Hour Salary Ranges		
	Minimum	Maximum
CSE 1	78,600	88,800
CSE 2	88,900	114,300
CSE 3	114,400	134,600
CSE 4	134,000	170,200
CSE 5	147,000	195,900
CSE 6	162,100	215,300

2025 July 1		
40 Hour Salary Ranges		
	Minimum	Maximum
CSE 1	83,800	94,700
CSE 2	94,800	121,900
CSE 3	122,000	143,600
CSE 4	142,900	181,500
CSE 5	156,800	209,000
CSE 6	172,900	229,700

2026 July 1		
37.5 Hour Salary Ranges		
	Minimum	Maximum
CSE 1	80,600	91,000
CSE 2	91,100	117,200
CSE 3	117,300	138,000
CSE 4	137,400	174,500
CSE 5	150,700	200,800
CSE 6	166,200	220,700

2026 July 1		
40 Hour Salary Ranges		
	Minimum	Maximum
CSE 1	86,000	97,100
CSE 2	97,200	125,000
CSE 3	125,100	147,200
CSE 4	146,600	186,100
CSE 5	160,700	214,200
CSE 6	177,300	235,400

(b) Salary Adjustments

(i) Employees will have their base salary increased as follows:

Effective Date	Increase to Base Salary
2024 July 1	4.0%
2025 July 1	4.0%
2026 July 1	2.5%

Increases will be rounded to the nearest \$100.

- (ii) The hourly rate of pay will be determined by dividing the appropriate annual salary by 1950 or in the case of an employee whose salary is determined under Sub-clause 13.07 by dividing the annual salary by 2080.
- (iii) Where the increase that would be awarded is restricted by the top of a range and promotion is not warranted, the employee's salary will be increased to the top of the range and the balance paid as a lump sum to the individual.
- (iv) Employees covered by Clause 9.04, the maximum level of each salary range will be administratively increased to allow for the 6.67% increase in salary. No promotions or progressions will occur as a result of the conversion to a forty (40) hour week.

- (v) Employees on approved leave without pay, or recalled after lay-off, will be credited with the scale adjustment upon return.

Salary Administration of New Hires

35.02 New employees will be entitled to scale adjustments that occur subsequent to the date of hire except where the Company's offer to hire indicates that the salary includes a known or anticipated scale adjustment. Further, such employees will have their salaries reviewed immediately following the probation period. The salary review of each such new employee will be relative to the salaries being paid to others doing work at a comparable level of responsibility, duties and experience, and will be increased if appropriate. The result of this review will be communicated in writing to the member and the president of the bargaining unit within thirty (30) days of the end of the probation period. Refer to Article 8 (Information and Notifications) under notifications.

Administration of Merit Increases

35.03

- (a) In each year, an employee's merit pay is based on their performance review.
 - (i) The Company will distribute merit as per the performance pay grid below, which is based on reviews which have been conducted under the merit administration system:

Step Value Table

Level	# of Steps	37.5 Hour Merit Step Value		
		2024 July 1	2025 July 1	2026 July 1
CSE 1	2	4,900	5,100	5,200
CSE 2	5	4,900	5,100	5,200
CSE 3	5	3,900	4,000	4,100
CSE 4	11	3,200*	3,300*	3,400*
CSE 5		3,200*	3,300*	3,400*
CSE 6		3,200*	3,300*	3,400*
<p>* merit increases for CSE 5 & CSE 6 for 2024, 2025 and 2026 shall be no less than the corresponding merit increase for CSE 4.</p>				

Level	# of Steps	40 Hour Merit Step Value		
		2024 July 1	2025 July 1	2026 July 1
CSE 1	2	5,300	5,500	5,600
CSE 2	5	5,200	5,400	5,600
CSE 3	5	4,100	4,300	4,400
CSE 4	11	3,400*	3,500*	3,600*
CSE 5		3,400*	3,500*	3,600*
CSE 6		3,400*	3,500*	3,600*
<p>* merit increases for CSE 5 & CSE 6 for 2024, 2025 and 2026 shall be no less than the corresponding merit increase for CSE 4.</p>				

- (ii) The Step Value is calculated using the salary ranges in effect on June 30 each year for each CSE level.

The formula for calculating the Step Value, which is then rounded to the nearest \$100, is as follows:

$$\frac{\text{CSE Level Range maximum} - \text{CSE Level Range minimum}}{\text{Number of Steps}}$$

- (b) Merit pay increase will be based on the Multiplier Table below.

Step Multiplier Table

Level	Rating				
	U	MMR	FMR	ER	O
CSE 1	—	0.40	1.00	1.25	1.50
CSE 2	—	0.30	1.00	1.25	1.50
CSE 3	—	0.20	1.00	1.25	1.50
CSE 4	—	0.20	1.00	1.25	1.50
CSE 5	—	0.20	1.00	1.25	1.50
CSE 6	—	0.20	1.00	1.25	1.50

Merit pay will be calculated annually based on the Step Multiplier Table above, rounded to the nearest \$100, for those eligible for merit.

At its discretion, the Employer may reward employees whose performance significantly exceeds expectations with increases over and above those established under the merit provisions.

The assumed distribution of merit is based on the following distribution guideline:

Rating	Quantity
Unsatisfactory	2%
Meets Most Requirements	6%
Fully Meets Requirements	67%
Exceeds Requirements	20%
Outstanding	5%

The above guideline is an estimate only and does not presuppose a predetermined performance distribution. The percentage of bargaining unit members in the “Unsatisfactory” and “Meets Most Requirements” categories are maximum percentages for each specific year for the duration of this Agreement.

- (c) Where the merit payment would move the employee’s salary beyond the range maximum and promotion is not warranted, the employee’s salary will be increased to the maximum and the balance will be paid as performance bonus in the form of a pensionable lump sum.
- (d) Salaries will be administered within each grade on a merit basis with the Maximum in each CSE grade representing the salary to be paid for fully accomplished performance (standard or normal for the grade) over time. All employees who have completed their probationary period are eligible for a merit increase.
- (e) Merit increases for employees will be determined by their position on the merit grid. An employee’s position on the grid will be determined by the following criteria:
 - (i) performance rating as determined by their annual performance review as per Article 30 (Employee Performance Appraisals);
 - (ii) the CSE classification of the employee;
- (f) Employees who have not had their performance review communicated to them verbally or in writing prior to the salary review will not receive less than the minimum for Fully Meets Requirements.
- (g) Merit will not be withheld because the employees have been assigned work normally done by employees at a lower CSE level unless the employees assigned such work have demonstrated inability to perform at the grade level in which they are classified.
- (h) The following applies for employees on leave:
 - (i) Employees will not have their normal merit allocation pro-rated or withheld due to any protected leave entitled under the Canada Labour Code such as maternity, paternity, parental, or adoption leave.
 - (ii) Merit increases will be credited upon return from leave.

Article 36 Termination Compensation

General

36.01 Except as herein provided, the provisions of the Company policy Compensation on Termination, Retirement or Death (see Appendix A) shall apply and shall be deemed to form part of this Agreement.

36.02 Within two (2) weeks after termination, an employee will be compensated for all earned but unused vacation leave, personal business days, and floating holidays. All leave used in excess of that earned will be recovered. Notwithstanding the above, if the termination is due to death, disability or layoff, and if the employee has used more vacation leave, sick leave or floating Company holidays than the employee has earned, then the amount used will be considered to have been earned. This exception does not apply to days used in excess of earned entitlements after notification of lay-off; such days will be recovered. If the termination is due to death, aggregate time credits up to the maximum provided for in this Collective Agreement will be paid out.

Aggregate Time

36.03 In the case of death or voluntary resignation, any unused aggregate time will be paid at the employee's regular rate of pay to a maximum of seventy-five (75) hours.

In the case of involuntary termination, any unused aggregate time will be paid as follows:

- (a) For day workers: For each week of the fiscal year worked, two and a half (2.5) hours of aggregate time will be paid at the employee's regular rate of pay, any additional aggregate hours will be paid at one and a half times the employee's regular rate of pay, to a maximum of seventy-five (75) hours.
- (b) A shift worker, or any employee working a forty (40) hour average schedule, will have all aggregate hours paid at one and a half times their regular rate of pay.

Death

36.04 Following the death of an employee, the employee's estate will be paid a death benefit equal to one (1) week's pay per completed year of continuous service, less any period in respect of which the employee previously received termination compensation, with a minimum of two (2) week's pay and a maximum of thirty (30) week's pay.

Layoff

36.05

- (a) An employee who has one (1) year or more of continuous service and is laid off will be paid an amount equal to:
- (i) four (4) weeks' pay for each completed year of continuous service from the first (1st) to the fifth (5th) year;
 - (ii) three (3) weeks' pay for each completed year of continuous service from the sixth (6th) to the tenth (10th) year; and
 - (iii) two (2) weeks' pay for each completed year of continuous service beyond the tenth (10th) year;
 - (iv) to a maximum of 52 weeks.

The maximum compensation payable under Clause 36.05 (notice plus termination compensation) is a combined maximum entitlement of sixty eight (68) weeks' pay.

The Termination Compensation entitlement will be reduced by the number of weeks of termination compensation previously paid to the employee for any period of the employee's continuous service (e.g. such as that paid out under Clause 36.06 – Removal of Voluntary Resignation before Retirement and Retirement).

Employees who had accumulated a combined notice and severance entitlement greater than sixty (68) weeks' pay inclusive prior to 2015 July 8 shall be grandfathered at their entitlement as of that date. Employees can choose to have their payment in the form of a lump sum payment or in salary continuance.

- (b) Affected employees can choose to receive their severance payment in the following manner:
- (i) lump sum amount plus fifteen percent (15%) premium in lieu of continuing their health, dental, insurance and pension benefits; or
 - (ii) salary continuance as described in this article.
- (c) During the Salary Continuance Period the employee shall be eligible to:
- (i) The Benefit Plans pursuant to Clauses 19.04 (Paramedical, Prescriptions and Hospital), 19.05 (Group Life Insurance), and 19.06 (Dental Insurance

Plan) subject to the terms and conditions of these Plans. CNL shall continue to contribute to such plans and the employee share of the contribution will be deducted from their bi-weekly pay.

- (ii) Should an employee obtain alternate employment prior to the end of the Salary Continuance Period, he or she must inform CNL. Upon the commencement of the alternate employment (the “Commencement of Alternate Employment Date”), the Salary Continuance Period payments will end and the employee will be paid a lump sum equivalent to one hundred percent (100%) of the monies that would have been owed for the remainder of the Salary Continuance Period (including 15% in lieu of benefits on the remainder of the period), less statutory or other applicable deductions. On the Commencement of Alternate Employment Date, the employee’s benefits and pension pursuant to Sub-sub-clause 36.05(c)(i) will cease.
- (iii) “Salary Continuance Period” will end on the date the termination compensation entitlement has been paid out in full.
- (iv) “Alternate Employment” means any and all income or compensation earned or received under a contract of service, self-employment, and/or contract for service from which the employee earns eighty percent (80%) of his or her pre-termination wages.
- (v) Payments pursuant to Sub-clause 36.05(a) shall be deemed to be inclusive of entitlements to notice and severance pursuant to the Canada Labour Code. Notwithstanding the above and Clause 3.01 (Conflict with Legislation), upon lay-off an employee will receive any and all minimum entitlements as required under the Canada Labour Code, as amended.

Removal of Voluntary Resignation before Retirement and Retirement

36.06 Voluntary (Retirement or Resignation) Termination Compensation Eligibility

- (a) Continuing Full time and Regular Part-time employees on staff two days after date of ratification shall be entitled to a payment equal to one (1) week’s pay for each complete year of continuous employment to a maximum of thirty (30) weeks, less any period in respect of which the employee was previously granted termination compensation. The calculation of the period of continuous employment shall be up to and including the date of ratification (2012 July 25).

- (b) Term employees on staff two days after date of ratification shall be entitled to a payment equal to one (1) week's pay for each complete year of continuous employment, to a maximum of thirty (30) weeks, less any period in respect of which the employee was previously granted termination compensation.

Terms of Payment

36.07 Options

The amount to which an employee is entitled shall be paid, at an employee's discretion, either:

- (a) As a single payment at the rate of pay of the employee's current position as of 2012 June 30 (for clarity "rate of pay" include retroactive increases effective 2011 July 1) or two days after date of ratification whichever is first, or
- (b) As a single payment at the time of the employee's termination of employment from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, based on the rate of pay of the employee's current position at the date of termination of employment from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, or
- (c) As a combination of Sub-clause 36.07(a) or (b).

36.08 Selection of Options

- (a) The Employer will advise the employee of his or her years of continuous employment no later than three (3) months following the official date of signing of the collective agreement.
- (b) The employee shall advise the Employer of the term of payment option selected within six (6) months from the official date of signing of the collective agreement.
- (c) The employee who opts for the option described in Sub-clause 36.07(c) must specify the number of complete weeks to be paid pursuant to Sub-clause 36.07(a) and the remainder to be paid out of pursuant to Sub-clause 36.07(b).
- (d) An employee who does not make a selection under Clause 36.07 will be deemed to have chosen option Sub-clause 36.07(b).

36.09 Sale Lease or Transfer

In the event of a sale, lease, transfer, or other disposition of all or part of the Company's business where successor rights as referred to in the *Canada Labour Code* have no

application, an employee whose employment with the Company is part of the sale, lease, transfer, or other disposition of all or part of the Company's business will be considered to be laid off and shall receive termination compensation in accordance with this article.

Article 37 Duration and Amendment of Agreement

37.01 This Agreement and any supplementary memoranda or letters, when signed by the parties, shall become effective on the first day following the date of ratification (2025 July 11) unless otherwise provided in this Agreement and shall remain in full force and effect until 2026 December 31 and from year to year thereafter, unless amended or terminated in the manner provided for in this Agreement.

Retroactivity

37.02 In respect to the salary range increase effective the date of ratification (2025 July 11), for all members of the bargaining unit that are on strength as of the date of ratification, salaries will be increased according to Sub-sub-clause 35.01(b)(i). For merit pay, for all members of the bargaining unit that are on strength as of the date of ratification, and who are eligible, will receive a merit increase as per the Collective Agreement.

Payment of these increases for the period 2024 July 1, to the date of ratification (2025 July 11) will be in the form of a lump sum payment (applicable as per above) of the individual's gross earnings from 2024 July 1, through to the date of ratification for all members of the bargaining unit that are on strength as of the date of ratification. It should be noted that lump sum payments related to the base salary are pensionable and lump sum payments related to overtime are non-pensionable.

- (a) Employees who transfer to a position outside the bargaining unit during the retroactive period of a collective agreement but are still employed with CNL shall receive all retroactive pay resulting from the signing of this agreement, from the expiry of the collective agreement to their date of transfer.
- (b) Retired members who cease to be members during the retroactive period of a collective agreement, shall be eligible to receive all retroactive pay resulting from the signing of this agreement.

Any retired person who has a claim for retroactive pay hereunder and who is not employed on the date of signing of this agreement shall make claim by notice in writing to Human Resources within ninety (90) calendar days from the signing of

this agreement. Failure to make such a claim within the ninety (90) day period will result in forfeiture of any entitlement to retroactive pay. It shall be the sole responsibility of the former employee to make the claim for retroactive pay.

37.03 This Agreement may be amended or any provision waived during its term by mutual consent.

37.04 If either the Company or the Institute desires to terminate this Agreement, it must notify the other party in writing no later than three (3) months prior to the expiry date of the Agreement. The parties will exchange proposals for amendment to the Agreement simultaneously on a mutually agreeable date prior to the commencement of negotiations.

On Behalf of
Canadian Nuclear Laboratories
(CNL)

On Behalf of
the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPSC)
in respect of the
Chalk River Professional Employees Group (CRPEG)



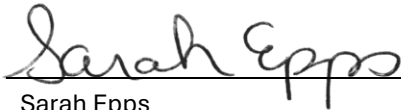
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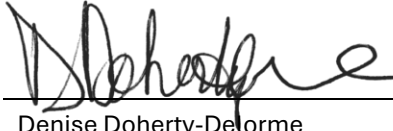
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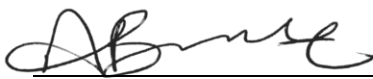
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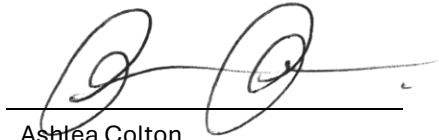
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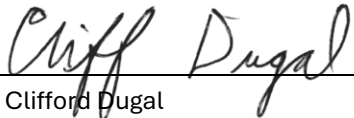
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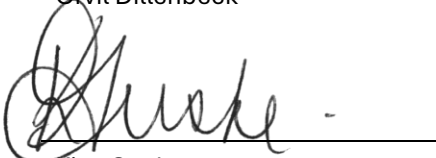
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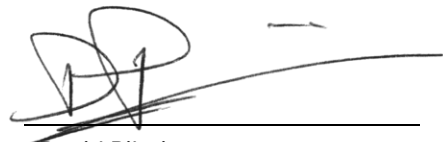
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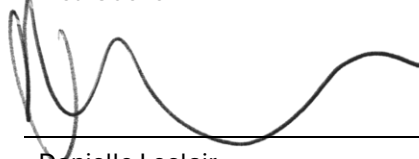
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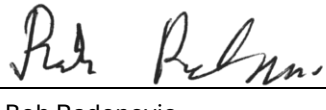
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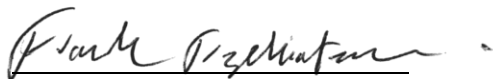
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Appendix A List of Company Policies and Procedures

In combination with Article 4 (Company Rules), the following is a list of Policies and Procedures, referenced in the Collective Agreement, in effect at the date of the previous Collective Agreement expiry (2023 December 31). These policies and procedures may be updated during the term of the Collective Agreement and the process outlined in Article 4 (Company Rules) will be followed.

1. RCW-2.05 , April 1987	Part-Time, Short-Term and Student Employees (Salaried) – Benefit Programs
2. 00-222.1 , Rev. 0 September 1997	Appointment of Engineer / Researcher Emeritus
3. CW-512200-PRO-120 , Rev. 1, November 2007	Travel
4. RCW-2.41 , June 1992	Maternity, Child Care and Adoption Leave
5. RCW-2.42 , August 1989	Miscellaneous Leave and Leave without Pay – Salaried Employees
6. RCW-2.44 , January 1992	Personal Business Days – Non-Bargaining Unit Salaried Employees
7. CW-510300-PRO-213 , Rev. 0 August 2005	Maternity and Parental Leave
8. RCW-2.39 , December 1989	Disability Income Protection Program and Sick Leave Plan – Salaried Employees
9. CW-510600-PRO-237 , Rev. 1, May 2011	Personnel Security
10. 900-513700-STD-006 , Rev. 0 March 2018	Employee Liability

11. RCW-2.43 , April 1987	Education Leave with Pay
12. RCW-2.16 , April 1994	Compensation on Termination, Retirement or Death
13. 900-510000-MCP-011 , Rev. 0 June 2017	Post Doctoral Fellowship Program

Appendix B Hours Averaging between CNL and PIPSC in respect of CRPEG

1. Pursuant to Sections 169(2) and 172(1) of the Canada Labour Code Part III, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and The Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada establishes a work averaging agreement including standard and maximum hours of work.
2. All employees in the bargaining group are affected by this averaging agreement, the terms of which are included in the collective agreement.
3. All affected employees are based out of locations in the municipalities of The Town of Laurentian Hills and The Town of Deep River.
4. Averaging periods as provided for under Clause 15 will be one fiscal year.
5. This requirement is driven by the need to maintain safe operations and to meet customer demand for nuclear services.
6. The length of year is chosen to average seasonal demands over the course of a year.
7. This hours averaging agreement takes effect the date of ratification of the collective agreement between CNL and PIPSC in respect of CRPEG.
8. The period of hours averaging ends each March 31st.
9. Pursuant to Section 6(5) of the Canada Labour Standards Regulations, posting of this notice is not required.
10. Pursuant to Section 6(6)(a) of the Canada Labour Standards Regulations, the average of the standard hours of work (hours for which no overtime is paid) per week cannot exceed forty (40) hours per week over the averaging period.
11. Pursuant to Section 6(6)(b) of the Canada Labour Standards Regulations, the average of the maximum hours of work (total hours of compensation) per week cannot exceed forty eight (48) hours per week over the averaging period.
12. Notwithstanding Clause 11, employees may work any hours required in cases of: accident to machinery, equipment, plant or persons; urgent and essential work to be done to machinery, equipment or plant; or other unforeseen or unpreventable circumstances.
13. The hours referred to in Clause 10 and Clause 11 are reduced by eight (8) hours for each day of leave per Article 14, Article 15, and Article 16 of the collective agreement. Regular scheduled days of rest are not considered leave. Furthermore, aggregate hours shall not be considered leave.

14. Pursuant to Section 8(1) of the Canada Labour Standards Regulations, employees shall not have less than fifty-two (52) scheduled days of rest (days where they are not scheduled to work) in the year.
15. This hours averaging agreement is automatically renewed April 1st of each year for the full length of that next fiscal year.

Appendix C Domestic Terms and Conditions (Canada & USA)

Chalk River Professional Employees Group (CRPEG)

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION			
Name:		Position:	
Branch:		Manager:	
Normal Work Location:			

ASSIGNMENT DETAILS			
Assignment Location:		Assignment Manager:	
Anticipated Departure Date:		Anticipated Duration:	
Project (Acc't #):		Task (Acc't #):	

PER DIEM AMOUNTS
Please refer to the Travel Procedure and Treasury Board Travel Directive.

These terms and conditions apply to CNL staff assigned to execute work away from their normal working location, for an offsite work assignment, including at a CNL site within Canada or the United States for a period of ten (10) calendar days or more, but not exceeding one-hundred eighty (180) calendar days. These terms and conditions apply to staff working both shift arrangements and normal daily work schedules. It does not apply to staff travelling for any other reasons such as attendance at conferences or seminars.

These terms and conditions take precedence over CNL practices and policies / procedures that otherwise apply to CNL employees. The terms and conditions outlined herein apply only to this particular assignment. These T&Cs serve as the required notice from the Company that the employee's normal shift schedule may change. Due to operational

efficiency and cost effectiveness, the Company may be required to put employees on shifts to accommodate outages and project work. As a general principle, an employee covered by these T&Cs will never be required to report less than 37.5 hours in any given work week.

This document outlines the following terms and conditions for the period of assignment:

- 1. Meals and Incidentals**
- 2. Premium Allowance**
- 3. Hours of Work**
- 4. Travel**
- 5. Transportation**
- 6. Accommodation**
- 7. General Conditions of Assignment**

1. Meals and Incidentals

1.1 A meals and incidentals expense allowance (i.e., per diem) will be provided to the employee based on the travel procedure and Treasury Board directives¹. This allowance is payable by expense claim.

(a) The employee is eligible to claim the full per-diem for every day covered by these Terms and Conditions; however, the meals portion of the per diem will be prorated for eligible meals for partial days spent in travel (first day and last day of assignment and travel days).

(b) The intent of this allowance is defined in the Treasury Board Travel Directive:

<http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/travel-voyage/index-eng.php>

¹ For clarity, Treasury Board rates shall be those quoted in Appendix C of the Treasury Board guidelines, specifically those sections addressing Canada and USA meal allowances (Section 1.2) and incidental allowances (Section 1.3). These rates are published by Treasury Board and are effective on April 1 and October 1 of each year.

Any personal expenses incurred by the employee are non-reimbursable and shall be the responsibility of the employee. While receiving a meals and incidentals allowance (i.e., per diem), there are no other personal expenses claimable for any reason.

Employees are not eligible to claim overtime meal allowances as described in Clause 12.04 of the CRPEG Collective Agreement.

- 1.2 Phone calls to an employee's union representative at the assignment location during the offsite assignment are considered business phone calls.

2. Premium Allowance

- 2.1 An employee will receive an offsite work assignment allowance of \$25 per day (including days on standby and rest days at accommodation) if, due to client's requirements, staffing and schedule, the employee cannot return home at the end of his or her shift, and the employee stays overnight in the vicinity of the work site.
- 2.2 If an employee is unable to travel home, due to adverse conditions or scheduling, after 14 continuous days, they will be eligible for an additional offsite work assignment allowance of \$25 per day, retroactive to the assignment start date.
- 2.3 This allowance is to be claimed using the form [900-512000-FM-008](#), Claim for Shift Premium – Sunday Bonus and On Call Premium.

3. Hours of Work

- 3.1 It is understood by both the employee and the Company that while a general schedule may be available outlining hours of work, actual hours worked onsite will be subject to the operating requirements of the client and, as such, could change at any given moment.
- 3.2 The hours of work during this assignment shall be defined based on the client's requirements.
- 3.3 Employees will be scheduled, subject to the client's requirements, to travel home once every two (2) weeks.
- 3.4 If an employee's shift is cancelled less than twenty-four (24) hours before the start of the shift and there is no requirement for standby (not working but available for work), the employee will be compensated at straight time (1.0 rate of pay) up to 9.0 hours. If the shift is cancelled more than twenty-four hours

before the start of the shift and there is no requirement for standby (not working but available for work) the employee will be compensated at straight time (1.0 rate of pay) at 7.5 hours per day.

- 3.5 If the services of the employee are not required by the client for any period during the hours of work defined by the schedule and the employee is on standby, the following provisions apply:
- (a) If an employee is held at accommodation, the employee will be compensated for his or her scheduled hours at straight time (1.0 rate of pay) up to a maximum of 9 hours per day.
 - (b) If an employee is sent back to accommodation after reporting to work, the employee will be compensated for time worked at the applicable rate and remaining scheduled hours will be compensated at straight time (1.0 rate of pay) up to a maximum of 9 hours per day.
 - (c) If an employee is required to travel during standby time, the travel time is not reimbursable as per Clause 5.1.
- 3.6 The Company Holidays that apply shall be those recognized by CNL, as per Clause 15.01 of the Collective Agreement. If the assignment schedule requires the employee to work on a Company Holiday, the employee will receive compensation in accordance with Article 12 and Article 15 of the Collective Agreement. The employee understands that he/she may be required to work on such Company Holidays if the assignment's schedule requires it.
- 3.7 Employees will be compensated for scheduled days of rest at accommodation at straight time (1.0 rate of pay) at 7.5 hours per day. If an employee travels on a day of rest that is not a scheduled trip home as per Clause 3.3, the travel time is not reimbursable as per Clause 5.1.
- 3.8 Employees scheduled for shift work while on assignment will receive a shift differential of \$16.61 for each night shift worked.
- 3.9 When an Employee is required to change from night shift to day shift or from day shift to night shift, they will be eligible to claim a Shift Turnover day of 7.5 hours at straight time (1.0 rate of pay).

4. Travel

- 4.1 All travel and accommodation will be booked by the designated person identified by the manager responsible for the assignment, through CNL's authorized travel provider.
- 4.2 The employee and the manager will discuss the most cost effective means of transportation depending on the nature of the assignment and the employee's personal circumstances. Employees will be reimbursed the costs incurred in renting an automobile as per [CW-512200-PRO-120](#), Travel and Hospitality Procedure.
- 4.3 For those days on which the employee is not travelling home and otherwise not scheduled to work, employees are permitted to claim the meal and incidental allowance (per diem).
- 4.4 Travel time to and from outside assignments, except as defined in Article 5, will be compensated in accordance with Clauses 12.06, 12.07, and 12.08 of the Collective Agreement.
- 4.5 CNL will reimburse the employee for travel to and from the employee's normal place of residence to the nearest Canadian airport. The employee shall arrange this travel. The employee will not be reimbursed for parking of a private automobile at a Canadian airport.
- 4.6 Any charges incurred due to excess baggage are the responsibility of the employee. Excess baggage reimbursement will be allowed in the case of employees carrying CNL owned equipment.

5. Transportation

- 5.1 CNL shall provide a table with pre-set compensable commuting times as agreed to in advance for each assignment. This table will include times for travelling between December 1 to March 31 and April 1 to November 30. Travel compensation will not apply during periods when the employee is receiving pay as defined in Clauses 3.2, 3.4, 3.5, and 3.7.

DATES	PER LOCATION COMMUTING TIME			
	BRUCE	PICKERING	DARLINGTON	GENTILLY
November 15 – April 15	10 hrs	7 hrs	6.5 hrs	8 hrs
April 16 – November 14	8 hrs	6 hrs	5.5 hrs	7 hrs

6. Accommodation

- 6.1 CNL shall arrange for and reimburse employees for suitable single occupancy furnished accommodation, including utilities (such as heat, hydro, water, basic cable, local phone, and internet where available) at the assignment location during the Offsite assignment. Any costs related to utilities will be covered by the Company. All non-business long distance phone calls and other communication expenses are non-reimbursable.
- 6.2 Normally, such accommodation will be hotel or equivalent, and as such, the employee claims reimbursement via expense claim. Management must approve the accommodation.

7. General Conditions of Assignment

- 7.1 Should the employee be required to return to the home location due to illness, or other personal circumstance, the allowances and other terms / conditions are no longer applicable.
- 7.2 CNL may terminate the assignment at any time.
- 7.3 In the event that a death occurs in the employee's family (as defined in Sub-clause 16.02(b) of the Collective Agreement), and it is required that the employee leave the assignment location, CNL will reimburse the employee for the additional return fares incurred due to being on the assignment for the employee to travel for the purposes of a funeral or to act as executor of an estate. Such reimbursement shall be up to a maximum of the value of one economy class fare from the assignment location to the Home Location and return.
- 7.4 CNL will give due regard to a request by the employee to terminate the assignment prematurely for compassionate reasons and to take this into account in any recovery or non-payment of costs or allowances.

I have read and understood the terms and conditions outlined in this document.

Employee's Signature

Date

Branch Manager's Signature

Date

Assignment Manager's Signature

Date

Appendix D International Terms & Conditions (Outside Canada & USA)

Chalk River Professional Employees Group (CRPEG)

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION			
Name:		Position:	
Branch:		Manager:	
Normal Work Location:			

ASSIGNMENT DETAILS			
Assignment Location:		Assignment Manager:	
Anticipated Departure Date:		Anticipated Duration:	
Project (Acc't #):		Task (Acc't #):	
Daily Commute Time:			

PER DIEM AMOUNTS			
Meal Allowances:	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
<i>Meal Allowances Total:</i>			
<i>Incidentals Total:</i>			
Meals & Incidentals Daily Total:			

These terms and conditions apply to CNL staff assigned to execute work away from their normal working location, for an offsite work assignment, outside Canada and the United States for a period of ten (10) calendar days or more, but not exceeding one-hundred eighty (180) calendar days. These terms and conditions apply to staff working both shift arrangements and normal daily work schedules. It does not apply to staff travelling for any other reasons such as attendance at conferences or seminars.

These terms and conditions take precedence over CNL practices and policies / procedures that otherwise apply to CNL employees. The terms and conditions outlined herein apply only to this particular assignment.

This document outlines the following terms and conditions for the period of assignment:

- 1. Meals and Incidentals**
- 2. Premium & Hardship Allowance**
- 3. Hours of Work**
- 4. Travel**
- 5. Transportation**
- 6. Accommodation**
- 7. General Conditions of Assignment**

1. Meals and Incidentals

1.1

- (a) A meals and incidentals expense allowance (i.e., per diem) will be quoted to the employee in advance of the assignment commencing. The allowance will be determined using Treasury Board rates². The meals portion of the per diem will be prorated for actual meals consumed for

² For clarity, Treasury Board rates shall be those quoted in Appendix D of the Treasury Board guidelines, specifically those sections addressing the foreign destination. These rates are published by Treasury Board and are effective on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year. The meal and incidental allowance quoted to the employee prior to the commencement of the assignment shall be adjusted in accordance with the published rates.

partial days spent in travel (first day and last day of assignment and travel days). This allowance is payable by expense claim.

- (b) The intent of this allowance is defined in the Treasury Board Travel Directive:

<http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/travel-voyage/index-eng.php>

Any personal expenses incurred by the employee are non-reimbursable and shall be the responsibility of the employee. While receiving a meals and incidentals allowance (i.e., per diem), there are no other personal expenses claimable for any reason.

- 1.2 Employees are not eligible to claim overtime meal allowances as stated in Clause 12.04 of the Collective Agreement.
- 1.3 Phone calls to an employee's union representative at the assignment location during the offsite assignment are considered business phone calls.

2. Premium & Hardship Allowance

- 2.1 An employee will receive an offsite work assignment allowance of \$30 per day worked, including standby and day(s) of travel. This allowance is claimed using the form [900-512000-FM-008](#), Claim for Shift Premium – Sunday Bonus and On Call Premium.
- 2.2 The assignment hereunder imposes financial and other hardships on the Employee compared to normal working and living conditions in Canada. In recognition of this, CNL shall pay the Employee a hardship allowance of \$45 per day. If the employee has dependants who will be accompanying the employee on the assignment, the hardship allowance will be \$50 per day. This allowance is payable by expense claim.

3. Hours of Work

- 3.1 CNL shall endeavour to provide a work schedule outlining the expected hours of work for an offsite work assignment four (4) weeks prior to the beginning of the assignment. The schedule is not a guarantee of hours of work and is subject to change.
- 3.2 The hours of work during this assignment shall be defined based on the client's requirements.

- 3.3 If the services of the employee are not required by the client for any period during the hours of work defined by the schedule, and the employee is required to be on standby, the following provisions apply:
- (a) If an employee is held at accommodation, the employee will be compensated for his or her scheduled hours at straight time (1.0 rate of pay) up to a maximum of 9 hours per day.
 - (b) If an employee is sent back to accommodation after reporting to work, the employee will be compensated for time worked at the applicable rate and remaining scheduled hours will be compensated at straight time (1.0 rate of pay) up to a maximum of 9 hours per day.
 - (c) If an employee is required to travel during standby time, the travel time is not reimbursable.
- 3.4 The Company Holidays that apply shall be those recognized by CNL, as per Clause 15.01 of the Collective Agreement. If the assignment schedule requires the employee to work on a Company Holiday, the employee will receive compensation in accordance with Article 12 and Article 15 of the Collective Agreement. The employee understands that he/she may be required to work on such Company Holidays if the assignment's schedule requires it.
- 3.5 Employees are not entitled to payment for their days off and are expected to prepare their timesheets accordingly.
- 3.6 Employees scheduled for shift work while on assignment will receive a shift differential of \$16.61 for each night shift worked.

4. Travel

- 4.1 All travel and accommodation will be booked by the designated person identified by the manager responsible for the assignment, through CNL's authorized travel provider.
- 4.2 The employee and the manager will discuss the most cost effective means of transportation depending on the nature of the assignment and the employee's personal circumstances. Employees will be reimbursed the costs incurred in renting an automobile as per [CW-512200-PRO-120](#), Travel and Hospitality Procedure.
- 4.3 For those days on which the employee is not travelling home and otherwise not scheduled to work, employees are permitted to claim the meal and incidental

allowance (per diem). Such days are not considered an interruption of continuous service at the assignment.

- 4.4 Travel time to and from outside assignments, except as defined in Article 5, will be compensated in accordance with Clauses 12.06, 12.07, and 12.08 of the Collective Agreement.
- 4.5 CNL will reimburse the employee for travel to and from the employee's normal place of residence to the nearest Canadian airport. The employee shall arrange this travel. The employee will not be reimbursed for parking of a private automobile at a Canadian airport.
- 4.6 Any charges incurred due to excess baggage are the responsibility of the employee. Excess baggage reimbursement will be allowed in the case of employees carrying CNL owned equipment.
- 4.7 Upon arrival in the country of assignment, the employee shall be granted a minimum twelve (12) hour rest period prior to the start of work at the assignment location. Upon return to the home location, the employee shall be granted a one (1) working day rest period to be taken prior to returning to work and not to be taken on a Saturday, Sunday, or a statutory holiday.

5. Transportation

- 5.1 CNL shall provide for daily transportation between the assigned accommodation and the assignment location. Pre-set commuting times will be defined in advance of the assignment. Travel compensation will not apply during periods when the employee is receiving pay as defined in Sub-clause 3.3(c).

6. Accommodation

- 6.1 CNL shall arrange for and reimburse employees for suitable single occupancy furnished accommodation, including utilities (such as heat, hydro, water, basic cable, local phone, and internet where available) at the assignment location during the Offsite assignment. All non-business long distance phone calls and other communication expenses are non-reimbursable.
- 6.2 Normally, such accommodation will be hotel or equivalent, and as such, the employee claims reimbursement via expense claim. Management must approve the type of accommodation.

7. General Conditions of Assignment

- 7.1 Should the employee be required to return to the home location due to illness, or other personal circumstance, the allowances and other terms / conditions are no longer applicable.
- 7.2 CNL may terminate the assignment at any time.
- 7.3 In the event that a death occurs in the employee's family (as defined in Sub-clause 16.02(b) of the Collective Agreement), and it is required that the employee leave the assignment location, CNL will reimburse the employee for the additional return fares incurred due to being on the assignment for the employee to travel for the purposes of a funeral or to act as executor of an estate. Such reimbursement shall be up to a maximum of the value of one economy class fare from the assignment location to the Home Location and return.
- 7.4 CNL will give due regard to a request by the employee to terminate the assignment prematurely for compassionate reasons and to take this into account in any recovery or non-payment of costs or allowances.

I have read and understood the terms and conditions outlined in this document.

Employee's Signature

Date

Branch Manager's Signature

Date

Assignment Manager's Signature

Date

Appendix E Participation Agreement between CNL and CAAT

This appendix has been reformatted for improved readability. Copies of the original are kept in Company and Institute files.

This Agreement is made as of the 15 day of June, 2023.

BETWEEN:

CANADIAN NUCLEAR LABORATORIES

(hereinafter referred to as the “**Employer**”)

AND

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGES OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY PENSION PLAN TRUST FUND

(hereinafter referred to as the “**Board of Trustees**”).

RECITALS:

- A. The Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Pension Plan, a pension plan registered in Ontario under registration number 0589895 (the “**Plan**”), and its related trust fund (the “**Fund**”), were established pursuant to and are governed by a Sponsorship and Trust Agreement dated January 1, 1995, as amended and restated from time to time (the “**Sponsorship and Trust Agreement**”).
- B. The Board of Trustees is the administrator of the Plan and the Fund. The Sponsors’ Committee appointed under the Sponsorship and Trust Agreement (the “**Sponsors’ Committee**”) has the authority and responsibility to make amendments to the Plan from time to time and to approve the admission of new participating employers into the Plan from time to time.
- C. The Employer has applied to become a participating employer in the Plan effective as of **June 18 2023** (the “**Effective Date**”) in respect of certain unionized employees (as set out in the Exhibits) whose applicable collective bargaining units have voted in favor of participating in the Plan.
- D. The Employer has been approved as a participating employer in the Plan by the Sponsors’ Committee and will be identified as such in Appendix A.1 to the Plan.
- E. The Employer and the Board of Trustees desire to enter into an agreement governing the terms and conditions of the Employer’s participation in the Plan.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration (the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged), the parties agree as follows:

1. Participating Employer Responsibilities

- (a) The Employer shall commence participation in the Plan in respect of its eligible employees (the “**Participating Members**”) as of and from the Effective Date and subject to any provisions in this Agreement.
- (b) The Employer shall be bound by the terms of the Plan and the Sponsorship and Trust Agreement, as amended from time to time, and shall comply with all responsibilities and obligations of participating employers under the terms of the Plan and the Sponsorship and Trust Agreement in respect of the Participating Members.
- (c) The Employer shall be responsible for complying with the requirements of all laws applicable to the Employer in respect of the Plan and the Participating Members, including the *Pension Benefits Act (Ontario)* and the *Income Tax Act (Canada)* (“**Applicable Laws**”).
- (d) The Employer shall comply with the duties, responsibilities and obligations of an employer under the CAAT Pension Plan Administration Manual (the “**Manual**”), as amended from time to time. The Employer acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Manual (as of the Effective Date).

2. Board of Trustees and Sponsors’ Committee Responsibilities

Nothing in this Agreement shall alter or supersede any of the rights, powers, duties responsibilities or obligations of the Board of Trustees or the Sponsors’ Committee under the terms of the Plan and the Sponsorship and Trust Agreement. For greater certainty:

- (a) The Board of Trustees shall continue to be the administrator of the Plan, within the meaning of Applicable Laws, and shall exercise all rights and fulfil all of its duties and obligations as Plan administrator in respect of the Employer and the Participating Members. The Board of Trustees shall provide the Employer with notice of any amendments to the Plan.
- (b) The Sponsors’ Committee retains the right to amend the Plan and the Sponsorship and Trust Agreement from time to time, in accordance with the terms of these documents, and/or terminate the Plan in whole or in part without the prior consent of the Employer.

3. Representatives on the Board of Trustees and Sponsors' Committee

As the Employer is not a college, those provisions of the Plan and the Sponsorship and Trust Agreement conferring rights on colleges in relation to the Sponsors' Committee and the Board of Trustees shall not be applicable to the Employer.

4. Contributions

- (a) From and after the Effective Date, the Employer shall remit all employer contributions to the Plan in respect of the Participating Members and calculate, withhold and remit all Participating Member contributions, required under the Exhibits to this Agreement, in accordance with the terms of the Plan, the Manual, and Applicable Laws (and for the avoidance of doubt, the Plan terms shall be deemed to provide for the contribution rates applicable to the Employer and Participating Members required in the Exhibits and agreed to under this Agreement).
- (b) The Employer shall remit Employer and Participating Member contributions to the custodian of the Fund on or before the 20th business day of the month next following the month in respect of which the contributions were made.
- (c) The Employer has no obligation to provide the benefits established by the Plan beyond the obligation to make the contributions expressly provided for in this Agreement, the Plan, Applicable Laws, and any collective agreements signed between the Employer and any union representing eligible employees (the "Collective Agreements"). In the event that at any time the Plan does not have sufficient assets to permit continued benefit payment under the Plan, nothing contained in the Collective Agreements, the Plan or this Agreement or the Sponsorship and Trust Agreement shall be construed as obligating the Employer to make contributions other than the contributions for which the Employer is obligated by the Collective Agreements and this Agreement. It is understood that there shall be no liability upon the Employer or any union representing eligible employees, to provide any benefits accrued under this Plan, if the Plan does not have sufficient assets to make such benefit payments.
- (d) The contribution rates applicable to the Employer and the Participating Members shall be in accordance with the applicable Exhibit to this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or the Sponsorship and Trust Agreement, such contribution rates cannot be modified without the prior written consent of the Employer.

- (e) The sole funding obligation of the Employer shall be to pay the Employer contribution amounts and remit Participating Member contributions as set out in the applicable Exhibit to this Agreement. The Employer shall have no obligation to pay or remit any contributions other than those set out in the applicable Exhibit to this Agreement, including in respect of any solvency deficiency, going concern unfunded liability, or wind-up deficiency.
- (f) Other than the requirement under Section 9(g) of this Agreement to pay Employer contributions and remit Participating Member contributions owing up to the effective date of termination, the Employer shall not have any funding or other liability under the Plan should the Employer discontinue participation in the Plan.

5. Delinquency of Contributions

In the event the Employer fails to make or remit its required contributions in accordance with this Agreement, the Employer shall be liable to pay 1.5% of the amount of such unpaid contributions, on the first day of each subsequent month, prorated for any partial months, until the total amount owing has been paid, such percentage being subject to change in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

The Employer further agrees to pay any and all fees related to the collection of the Employer's delinquent contributions incurred by the Board of Trustees, including, but without limitation, legal, actuarial, accounting, court fees and/or any disbursements related thereto.

6. Information Required to Administer Plan

- (a) The Employer shall provide the Board of Trustees (or its authorized agents or delegates) with information in relation to the Participating Members and/or their participation in the Plan, in accordance with the policies set out in the Manual and otherwise as the Board of Trustees may from time-to-time reasonably request.
- (b) The Board of Trustees shall provide the Employer with such information regarding the Plan terms and the entitlements of the Participating Members as is required under Applicable Laws, and otherwise as may be reasonably requested by the Participating Employer from time to time.

7. Audit

Subject to compliance with the requirements of Applicable Laws, the Employer hereby grants the Board of Trustees (or its authorized agents or delegates), the right

to audit its membership records in connection with the administration of the Plan at such times as the Board of Trustees may reasonably request.

8. No Alteration of the Plan

Subject to Sections 4(e) and 9(g), nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted, in any way, so as to alter or diminish the express provisions of the Plan or the Sponsorship and Trust Agreement and the obligations of participating employers thereunder.

9. Discontinuance of Participation in the Plan

- (a) If the Employer is in breach of this Participation Agreement, the Board of Trustees may terminate the Employer's participation in the Plan on 180 days prior written notice to the Employer.
- (b) In the event that the Employer's participation in the Plan is terminated, the Employer shall remain responsible for making all required Employer contributions and remitting all Participating Member contributions to the Plan in accordance with, and as required by the Exhibits, up to and including the effective date that the Employer's participation in the Plan is terminated.
- (c) The Employer may discontinue its participation in the Plan after the 5th anniversary of the Effective Date, provided that:
 - (i) the Employer provides the Plan with written notice of its intention to terminate participation in the Plan at least one year prior to the Employer's last day of participation in the Plan; and
 - (ii) the Employer provides Participating Members with written notice of its termination of participation at least six months prior to the Employer's last day of participation in the Plan.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Employer may terminate its participation in the Plan immediately by providing written notice to the Board of Trustees if there is a change or proposed change to the terms of the Plan or Applicable Laws which results or could reasonably be expected to result in:
 - (i) the contribution rates set out in Exhibits being modified contrary to Section 4(d) of this Agreement without prior written consent of the Employer; or

- (ii) funding obligations being imposed on the Employer (including funding obligations being contingent on a subsequent event) in addition to the contributions set out in the Exhibits.

The effective date of such termination shall be the day immediately preceding the day on which the change in Applicable Law or Plan terms, as applicable, becomes effective.

- (e) Should an amendment to the Plan described in 9(d) be authorized by the Sponsors Committee, the Board of Trustees shall provide the Employer with notice at least 15 days prior to the effective date of such amendment.
- (f) The Board of Trustees shall, upon being notified or otherwise becoming aware of a change in Applicable Law or a proposed change in Applicable Law that could reasonably be expected to result in a change described in Section 9(d)(i) or (ii), provide notice to the Employer promptly upon becoming aware of such change or proposed change.
- (g) In the event that the Employer's participation in the Plan is terminated, the Employer's sole obligation is to pay and remit contributions in accordance with Exhibits to this Agreement up to and including the effective date of such termination of participation.

10. Further Assurances

The parties shall with reasonable diligence do all things and provide all reasonable assurances as may be required to consummate the participation of the Employer in the Plan as contemplated by this Agreement and each party shall provide further documents or instruments required by any other party as may be reasonably necessary or desirable to effect the purpose of this Agreement and carry out its provisions.

11. Amendments

This Agreement may be amended, supplemented or modified by the Employer and the Board of Trustees at any time, but no amendment, supplement or modification of this Agreement and, unless otherwise specified, no consent or approval by any party, shall be binding unless executed in writing by the party to be bound.

12. Enurement

This Agreement shall ensure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the parties and their respective successors (including any successor or assign by reason of amalgamation or other internal corporate reorganization) and permitted assigns.

13. Execution and Delivery


This Agreement may be executed by the parties in counterparts and may be executed and delivered by facsimile and all such counterparts and facsimiles shall together constitute one and the same agreement.

14. Representations

The Employer and the Board of Trustees represent that, to the best of their knowledge, the information contained in this Agreement is correct as at the date hereof.


IN WITNESS OF WHICH the parties have duly executed this Agreement.

CANADIAN NUCLEAR LABORATORIES

By: 
Name: Todd Cook
Title: Vice President Human Resources
Date: 2023-06-15

I have the authority to bind the Employer.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGES OF APPLIED
ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY PENSION PLAN TRUST
FUND**

By: 
Name: Derek W. Dobson
Title: CEO and Plan Manager
Date: June 15, 2023


By: 
Name: Kevin Rowick
Title: Chief Operating Officer
Date: June 15, 2023

EXHIBIT 1 – ELIGIBILITY AND CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR PARTICIPATING MEMBER EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF CANADA

1. For the purposes of this Exhibit 1, “Employees” shall mean employees of the Employer that are represented by the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada’s Chalk River Professional Employees Group, Whiteshell Professional Employees Group, or Whiteshell Technical Employees Group.
2. For the purposes of this Exhibit 1, “Term Employees” shall mean any Employees of the Employer that are hired on a contract for more than six months.
3. All full-time, permanent part-time, or Term Employees (as outlined in #2 above) of the Employer as of the Effective Date shall commence participation in the DBplus provisions of the Plan on the Effective Date.
4. Any full-time, permanent part-time, or Term Employees (as outlined in #2 above) hired by the Employer after the Effective Date shall commence participation in the DBplus provisions of the Plan on their date of hire.
5. The following table sets out the Employer and Participating Member contribution rates under the DBplus Provisions of the Plan. For greater certainty, Participating Members’ “Annual Earnings” shall be defined as base pay, lump sum merit payments, continuous shift premium, 40/42 hour work premium, long-term acting pay, continuous on-call pay, responsibility premium, shift turnover premium, and other payments determined in the applicable collective bargaining agreement but excludes pay out of unused vacation time, overtime pay, other bonuses, commission, allowances, other special remuneration of benefits and cash value of benefits.

Contribution Schedule	Participating Member Contributions based on “Annual Earnings”	Employer Contributions based on “Annual Earnings”
On and after the Effective Date:	9%	9%

6. Any Participating Member who commences receipt of long-term disability benefits from an Employer sponsored long-term disability plan shall have the option to contribute to the Plan. Only if the Participating Member elects to contribute, shall the Employer make a corresponding Employer contribution. Such contributions shall be made on the Participating Members’ Annual Earnings immediately prior to the start of their long-term disability leave.

Appendix F myBenefits at a Glance

The myBenefits program gives you the power to choose the benefits that serve your specific needs and preferences. Just as important, it gives you the flexibility to update your benefit selections every two years – so that the program continues to meet your changing needs and circumstances.

Bottom line: your myBenefits program is all about your power to choose. In addition to a range of company-paid core benefits and optional coverages, myBenefits gives you an opportunity to select your preferred health and dental coverage from a range of benefit options. As illustrated below, you can:

- choose a competitive base option that provides a wide range of health and dental coverage, or
- choose to “buy up,” “buy different,” or “buy down” depending on your personal needs.

The choice is yours!

Important

This document is a summary only and does not include all details, provisions, exclusions and limitations. In the event of a discrepancy between this summary and the Group Contracts, the terms of the Group Contracts (which are retained in Human Resources) will apply. For further details, refer to the specific section outlined in the myBenefits booklet. Queries regarding your health and dental coverage should be directed to Sunlife at **1-800-361-6212**. For information regarding other benefit coverage, contact your site HR Services Office.

Option 1 – Your Base Option

- Offers a broad level of health and dental coverage.
- Under this option, CNL pays 100% of the total premiums for travel and dental coverage and 75% of the extended health care premium. The remaining 25% of the health care premium is paid by you.

Option 2 – Buy Different

- Offers you comparable coverage to the base option – but added control over how your benefit dollars are spent.

- It includes a tax-effective Health Care Spending Account (HCSA) that will help cover a number of services and procedures not provided under Option 1.
- Your cost for Option 2 is slightly lower than Option 1.

Option 3 – Buy Down

- Offers a basic level of coverage – and is designed for employees with limited health and/or dental needs (or coverage available outside of CNL through a spouse’s plan).
- Your premium cost is \$0 – the company covers the full cost of this option.

Option 4 – Buy Up

- Offers you enhanced levels of health and dental coverage – and is designed for employees who have above-average health and/or dental needs, or are looking for added protection.
- This buy-up option costs more than Option 1, but gives you more comprehensive coverage in return.

myBenefits Extended Health Care Options				
Coverage	1. Base Option	2. Buy Different	3. Buy Down	4. Buy Up
Extended Health Care (EHC)				
Prescription drugs	100% of eligible prescription drugs	90% of eligible prescription drugs	80% of eligible prescription drugs	100% of eligible prescription drugs
Over-the-counter prescription drugs	Included	Excluded, except for life-sustaining drugs	Excluded, except for life-sustaining drugs	Included
Out-of-pocket maximum	Not applicable	\$1,500 per person	\$3,000 per person	Not applicable
Annual deductible	• \$25 per person • \$50 per family	None	None	None
Dispensing fee cap	No cap	\$8.00 per prescription	\$8.00 per prescription	No cap

myBenefits Extended Health Care Options				
Coverage	1. Base Option	2. Buy Different	3. Buy Down	4. Buy Up
Extended Health Care (EHC)				
Paramedical services Based on Reasonable and Customary per visit limits, annual maximum are per person, per calendar year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physiotherapy / Athletic therapy: \$1,000 • Massage therapist: \$400 • Chiropractic: \$400 • Psychologist: \$1,000 • Speech therapy: \$500 • Osteopath or Chiropracist: \$100 plus \$25 for related x-rays • Podiatrist: \$100 plus \$25 for related x-rays • Naturopath: \$200 	Up to a combined annual max. of \$1,000 per person for the same specified services list as Option 1, plus additional services of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutritionist / Dietitian • Acupuncturist 	Annual \$200 max. for each of the same specified services list as Option 1, per person	Up to a combined annual max. of \$1,500 per person for the same specified services list as Option 1, plus additional services of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutritionist / Dietitian • Acupuncturist
Vision care	\$500 per person over 24 months	\$400 per person over 24 months	\$250 per person over 24 months	\$500 per person over 24 months
Hospital	Semi-private	Semi-private	Ward	Semi-private
Private-duty nursing	Unlimited	Up to \$10,000 per person, per year	Not covered	Unlimited
Premium sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 75% • You pay 25% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 75% • You pay 25% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 100% • You pay 0% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays the same dollar amount as under Option 1 • You pay the difference in total premium cost

myBenefits Travel and Dental Options				
Coverage	1. Base Option	2. Buy Different	3. Buy Down	4. Buy Up
Travel				
Out-of-country emergency medical	For first 60 days of travel	For first 60 days of travel	For first 60 days of travel	For first 60 days of travel
Premium sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 100% • You pay 0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 100% • You pay 0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 100% • You pay 0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 100% • You pay 0
Dental care				
Basic services	80%	80%	80%	100%
Major restorative services	75%	75%	75%	75%
Annual maximum (major restorative)	\$1,250 per person	\$1,250 per person	\$1,250 per person	\$2,000 per person
Orthodontia	50% of eligible services, to a lifetime max. of \$3,000 per person	50% of eligible services, to a lifetime max. of \$3,000 per person	Not applicable	50% of eligible services, to a lifetime max. of \$3,000 per person
Premium sharing*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 100% • You pay 0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 100% • You pay 0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 100% • You pay 0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays the same dollar amount as under Option 1 • You pay the difference in total premium cost
Health Care Spending Account				
Health Care Spending Account	Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200 single • \$400 family • can purchase a wide range of medical and/ or dental services and procedures (to the extent that they are not covered under Option 2) • allows you to pay for these services 	Not applicable	Not applicable

myBenefits Core Insurance Options				
Coverage	1. Base Option	2. Buy Different	3. Buy Down	4. Buy Up
Basic Life Insurance				
Benefit	1 times annual earnings	1 times annual earnings	1 times annual earnings	1 times annual earnings
Premium sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 100% • You pay 0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 100% • You pay 0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 100% • You pay 0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 100% • You pay 0
Supplemental Life				
Benefit	1 times annual earnings	1 times annual earnings	• Coverage is optional	1 times annual earnings
Premium sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 1/6th • You pay 5/6th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 1/6th • You pay 5/6th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You pay 100% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 1/6th • You pay 5/6th
Long Term Disability				
Benefit	66⅔% of base earnings to a monthly maximum of \$28,000	66⅔% of base earnings to a monthly maximum of \$28,000	66⅔% of base earnings to a monthly maximum of \$28,000	66⅔% of base earnings to a monthly maximum of \$28,000
Taxes Opt-out	Benefit payments are taxable as income May waive coverage with 25 years or more of pensionable service	Benefit payments are taxable as income May waive coverage with 25 years or more of pensionable service	Benefit payments are taxable as income May waive coverage with 25 years or more of pensionable service	Benefit payments are taxable as income May waive coverage with 25 years or more of pensionable service
Premium sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 50% • You pay 50% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 50% • You pay 50% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 100% • You pay 0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNL pays 50% • You pay 50%

*** Regular part-time employees (working less than 80% of full-time work schedule) will pay an additional premium for dental coverage equal to 40% of the Total Dental premium under Options 1 and 2, and no premium under Option 3. Under Option 4, CNL pays the same dollar amount as under Option 1, and a regular part-time employee pays the difference.**

Optional Insurance	
Optional Group Life Insurance & Accident Insurance	
Optional Benefit	
Employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Units of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$250,000 • Can select Optional Group Life only or Optional Group Life with Accident Insurance • If accident insurance is selected, coverage amount is equal to the Optional Group Life Insurance
Spouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Units of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$250,000 • Can select Optional Group Life only or Optional Group Life with Accident Insurance • If accident insurance is selected, coverage amount is equal to the Optional Group Life Insurance
Optional Critical Illness Insurance	
Employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Units of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$150,000 • Benefit is tax-free and payable to you (employee)
Spouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Units of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$150,000 • Benefit is tax-free and payable to you (employee)

The myBenefits benefit period runs for two years from April 1st of the first calendar year to March 31st of the third calendar year. Optional insurances are 100% employee-paid, and you can enroll or cancel at any time.

Appendix G Guidance for the Joint Consultation Sub-Committee on C&PD

The following text provides guidance to facilitate the preparation, budgeting and tracking of Career and Professional Development (C&PD) plans for CRPEG members at the Branch level. This does not apply to the operational training budget, but only to C&PD training costs, as referred to in Article 31 of the CRPEG Collective Agreement.

Preparation of C&PD Plan

- C&PD Plans should be developed and documented for all CRPEG employees and should cover a minimum of 3 years.
- Each branch manager, in consultation with the CRPEG employee, should prepare a C&PD plan for the employee. While development of a C&PD plan is encouraged, employees may opt out of developing a plan. The Performance Appraisal Form will be used to document this decision, this is for recording purposes only.
- As detailed in Clause 31.03 of the CRPEG Collective Agreement, the parties recognize that career and professional development opportunities must be designed to meet the individual and company requirements and may take many forms including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Developmental job assignments, such as:
 - Term job assignments
 - Spending time observing an operations shift
 - Secondment to support a specific project / research assignment
 - Supporting writing journal / conference papers
 - Temporary appointment to Acting Manager position
 - External attachments to other organizations
 - Self-directed learning, such as:
 - Reading journal articles
 - Reading and comparing ASTM standards
 - Reviewing course material on [MIT OpenCourseWare](#) (massive online open courses)
 - Learning or enhancing skill in a new language

- Scheduled knowledge-sharing with a senior employee (mentoring type of relationship)
 - Attendance at conferences, conventions, courses and workshops
 - Education and sabbatical leave
- C&PD plans should contain, as a minimum, a description of the development opportunity, registration fees, estimated travel costs and hours to be charged against C&PD.
- C&PD plans should be reviewed and updated, as necessary, on an annual basis.

Budgeting of C&PD Plans

- The branch manager should develop a “Branch” C&PD Plan.
- The branch manager should identify the funding source for C&PD and confirm funding availability.
- The funding source must cover total costs; including the registration fees, travel costs, and chargeable hours for the branch C&PD Plan.
- The branch manager should balance the branch C&PD budget to plan, over a rolling 3 year time period.
- The branch manager should ensure that travel plans are coordinated with C&PD plans, and that the overall branch travel plans clearly indicate whether a particular item is C&PD.

Finalising the C&PD Plan

- On confirming the budget is balanced to the branch C&PD plan, and a positive review of the branch plan for fairness and equitability, individual C&PD plans can be recognize and confirmed by the manager and presented to the employee.
- Once an individual employee has an approved C&PD plan, the employee can initiate the process for approval to register for the development opportunity and the associated travel.

Review and Progress against the Plan

- C&PD progress shall be reported to the JCC on a quarterly basis
- The responsible manager should review the C&PD progress to plan with the employee at their 6-month coaching and feedback

Fairness and Equitability

- The branch manager should review the branch C&PD plan to ensure that, as best as possible, all CRPEG branch employees have equal access to C&PD.
- In instances where C&PD costs for an employee are substantial for a given year, it will be recognized that this may affect additional opportunities for C&PD for that employee within the 3 year time period.

CRPEG Job Posting Template Standard Language Addition

Additional language to be included on term CRPEG job postings as a standard option within the CRL job posting template (not to be included in the collective agreement):

If a current CRPEG member is selected for this term assignment, up to five percent of the employee's salary for the duration of the term assignment may be considered as a developmental job assignment (secondment) within the Career & Professional Development guidelines. Under these circumstances, individuals would return to their home division upon completion of the term assignment.

Appendix H Canada Labour Code Sick Leave Provision

In the event of changes to the Canada Labour Code sick leave provisions, there would be no change to the sick leave accrual as described in Article 17; however, should the new sick leave provisions in the Canada Labour Code change the employee's ability to use a Personal Leave Canada Labour Code Day for personal sick day, the Company would make the appropriate adjustment in the draw down application.

The parties agree to negotiate changes to the Sick Leave language in this collective agreement in accordance with the sick leave changes proposed in the Canada Labour Code. The updated collective agreement language will be finalized within 60 days of the enacted changes in the Canada Labour Code, with any additional employee benefits being retroactive to the date of enactment.

The Company and CRPEG will meet to review the changes and agree on the implementation of the new law.

Annex 1 Language Change from AECL to CNL

This annex has been reformatted for improved readability. Copies of the original are kept in Company and Institute files.

2015 September 15

Denise Doherty-Delorme
Negotiator, The Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPSC)
250 Tremblay Road
Ottawa, ON K1G 3J8

Dear Ms. Doherty-Delorme,

Re: Language Change from Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) to Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Limited (CNL)

The collective agreement with CRPEG makes reference to “the Company”. The Company, previously called AECL, formed a wholly-owned subsidiary named CNL, which was made operational on 2014 November 3 through an internal reorganization to CNL of in addition to other employees, all employees represented by CRPEG. In the collective agreement between the parties, successor rights are respected, and the term “the Company” will refer to AECL prior to 2014 November 3, and to CNL from 2014 November 3 onwards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Haywood', written in a cursive style.

Susan Haywood
Director Employee Relations & HR Services

Annex 2 CSE Compensation System

The contents of this document are for the information of employees and management and do not form part of the Agreement and are not subject to arbitration procedures.

1. Introduction

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5.2 Promotions to CSE 5 & 6

Figure 1: CSE 5 & 6 Promotion Process

Appendix A: Level Descriptors

Appendix B: Criteria for Promotion to CSE 5 & 6

Appendix C: Sample Case Format

1. Introduction

In the interests of good communication, this document was prepared by a CNL-CRPEG³ team to provide specific information to both management and employees with regard to the *career progression* compensation system. The salary administration guidelines contained herein apply to employees on the CSE⁴ salary scale.

This document describes the salary administration process in clear and simple terms so that it can be understood and seen as a fair, open, and equitable process.

For employees covered under the CNL-CRPEG Collective Agreement, the collective agreement takes precedence over this document where and to the extent that they may conflict.

1.1 Background

When the SE scale (the predecessor to the CSE scale) was introduced in August 1987, a key design consideration was to match the Research Division's engineering and scientific salary grades with the levels defined by the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario (PEO). To accomplish this, the previous G 4 and G 5 salary ranges were merged to form the SE 4 salary range.

The CSE scale was introduced to identify the “certified,” (i.e., Unionized) scientists and engineers from the non-certified group.

2. Company Principles

For many years, CNL's compensation programs have operated under four main principles as briefly described below. As of January 1996, these principles are under review by the CNL Board of Directors and Executive and may be subject to revision or change. The Company's four operating principles and their meaning follow:

2.1 External Comparability

The prime guiding principle is that CNL's compensation systems will be externally competitive so that the Company is able to attract and retain the necessary qualified people. Competitive is defined as within 3% of the relevant labour market, that is, where the Company recruits similar skills from and where employees who terminate go. For the

³ Chalk River Professional Employees Group

⁴ Certified Scientists and Engineers

CSE compensation system this was reflected by the comparison of the CSE 4 salary with the salary paid to level D engineers as reported by PEO.

2.2 Internal Equity

Internal equity means treating all employees fairly. CNL, which operates several different compensation systems, complies with the Section 11 of the Canadian Human Rights Act by ensuring that jobs in one compensation system are paid consistently with similar jobs under another of the Company's compensation systems, especially if the jobs are male or female dominated. Value is determined by measuring the level of skill, effort, responsibility required by the job and the working conditions under which the job is performed. CNL's job evaluation system is the tool used to compare values across the different compensation systems.

2.3 Productivity / Performance Enhancement

CNL believes that its compensation systems should be structured in such a way as to encourage increased productivity or increased performance on the part of employees. The Company endeavours to make its compensation program more responsive to individual and team performance. For this reason, changes to the compensation system that do not return increases in productivity / performance are not likely to be endorsed by the Company.

2.4 Affordability

While CNL's compensation systems will be designed around the first three principles, from time to time financial limitations may restrict the Company's ability to make changes consistent with the first three principles. However, the Company would not, by this, jeopardize its long-term level of competitiveness and its ability to attract and retain needed people. It is also recognized by the Company that Federal Government programs may impact on its ability to design or manage its compensation program in a manner consistent with the first three principles.

3. Career Progression System

The principle inherent in career progression is that as scientists and engineers gain experience and increase their competence, they become more valuable to the company. This experience may take the form of increased depth of knowledge in a particular field or increased breadth of expertise across several fields. The increased value of an employee is recognized in two ways: by an in-range progression salary increase and/or by a promotional salary increase to the next higher salary range if consistent with the level descriptors (discussed in Section 5). Section 3 describes the structure of the CSE salary

ranges, the level descriptors and the performance management process. Section 4 and Section 5 describe in more detail the mechanics of the in-range salary increase and promotions.

3.1 Salary Range Structure

The CSE salary scale consists of six salary ranges ranging from CSE 1 through to CSE 6. Each range consists of a maximum and a minimum. For ranges CSE 1 to CSE 3, the minimum of the range is set at 80% of the maximum which is the salary attainable by the majority of employees who are promoted to the range. Ranges CSE 4–6 contain a *control salary* that represents the “job rate” or the attainable salary for a number of years of fully competent performance. For these ranges, the minimum is set at approximately 80% of the control salary and the maximum is set at approximately 10% above the control salary. The portion of the range above the control salary is only attainable with continuous performance beyond “fully meets requirements”.

The range maxima from CSE 1 to CSE 3 are set approximately 15% apart and the CSE 4 control salary is approximately 15% above the CSE 3 maximum. The control salaries of ranges CSE 4 to CSE 6 are set approximately 11% apart. This range structure results in some overlap of the ranges, which facilitates earlier promotion, if warranted.

From time to time, the salary ranges are adjusted to keep them competitive with the market for similar jobs. This adjustment, where it applies relatively equally to all salary ranges, is called a *scale adjustment* because the CSE set of ranges comprise the *scale*. Sometimes, however, in response to market pressures, the individual salary ranges are adjusted by different amounts and these individual amounts are referred to as *range adjustments*. In making all adjustments, it is customary to round all salary ranges and salaries within them to the nearest \$100.

3.2 Level Descriptors

The Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario publishes a set of *level descriptors* that describe six levels of engineering work. These level descriptors are well accepted throughout Canada by engineers and employers of engineers. CNL has taken these level descriptors, adapted them for more specific applicability to CNL and created a parallel set for scientific jobs. These CNL-specific level descriptors are provided in Appendix A.

CNL's CSE salary ranges are intended to directly parallel the PEO level descriptors as follows:

CNL	PEO Level
CSE 1	A
CSE 2	B
CSE 3	C
CSE 4	D
CSE 5	E
CSE 6	F

It is the intention of CNL that employees would be paid in the CSE salary range that corresponds to their ongoing contribution and value to CNL.

The Professional Engineers of Ontario define level C as the level for fully qualified engineers, the journeyman level so to speak. Level D is defined as the first level of full specialization or the first level of direct and sustained supervision. CNL defines the CSE 4 range as the working level for those employees who become scientific or engineering specialists in one particular field or a section head.

3.3 Performance Management

Progression through the CSE salary ranges and promotion depend on demonstrating the appropriate performance and competencies. The annual performance review provides a measure of performance and an assessment of the employee's career development and progress. While performance is measured against expectations reflected in the goals and objectives established at the beginning of the review period, there also needs to be an assessment of these expectations and what the employee has delivered against the level descriptors.

In short, if expectations and performance are consistent with the level descriptor for the employee's salary range then any merit allocated to the employee in the annual salary review should be consistent with the Performance Pay Grid (in SAM 4.03 and the CRPEG collective agreement). However, if expectations and performance are consistent with the next higher level descriptor, then the employee should be progressing rapidly toward the next higher level. When this level of performance is sustained and expected to continue, then the employee should be considered for promotion to that higher level. For the CSE 4

to 6 salary grades, an employee's performance may exceed requirements with respect to the established goals and objects but a promotion may still not be warranted. This can occur because performance is not consistent with the next higher-level descriptor. For this reason, the employee's salary can progress above the control salary.

The measurement of performance and competencies are often somewhat subjective. They are made more objective when clear performance objectives are established in advance along with weighting of the objectives and the use of criteria to assess when the performance exceeds requirements or is outstanding. Competencies necessary for good performance range from core technical competencies to softer competencies such as leadership and communication skills. Generally, the softer competencies become increasingly important as one advances in their career, while not taking anything away from the required technical competencies.

CNL currently employs a five level rating system as follows:

- 1: Unsatisfactory – clearly not meeting key objectives
- 2: Meets Most Requirements – substantially meets key objectives but is missing other objectives
- 3: Fully Meets Requirements – meets all key objectives and meets other objectives and/or exceeds on some key objectives
- 4: Exceeds Requirements – exceeds on many key objectives and meets a number of other objectives
- 5: Outstanding – clearly exceeds on all key objectives and meets and/or exceeds on a number of other objectives

4. In-Range Salary Progression

4.1 Merit / Progression Increases

Merit pay results in an employee's salary progressing through a given salary range. When an employee's contribution and performance is consistent with the relevant level descriptor, their salary can advance through a merit increase up to the top of their salary range. The size of the increase is determined using a Performance Pay Grid which provides guideline increases for each performance level and salary grade. The Performance Pay Grid is available in the SAM as well as in the collective agreement.

In the unusual situation where an employee's performance is more consistent with a lower level descriptor, no merit or progressional increase would be awarded.

The budget for each salary review is based on the statistical distribution of performance for the general population as specified in the Collective Agreement and on the rate of progression through the ranges necessary to maintain competitive salaries.

5. Promotion Process

Promotions move an employee from one salary range to a higher one. Although the merit and promotion processes are separate concepts, they are applied coincidentally and both result from the annual performance review process. Consistent with the level descriptors, it is expected that employees who become scientific or engineering specialists or section heads will achieve the CSE 4 range. However, for some individuals, the performance of recent years may not justify promotion to this level or, in some cases, the employee may reach the limits of their career advancement at a lower level.

As the salary grades increase, standards become higher and, consequently, promotions are subject to increased scrutiny. For this reason, the promotion process is divided into two streams depending on the level to which the promotion is being made.

Promotions can occur from any point in the salary range. The employee's salary does not have to be at or near the top of the salary range. When an employee is promoted, the employee shall receive, as a minimum, the appropriate promotional increase as specified in company guidelines or the collective agreement.

5.1 Promotions to CSE 2, 3 & 4

Progression through the CSE 1–4 ranges is considered normal progression for a scientist or engineer. Subject to performance and typical career development, scientists and engineers should expect to progress at varying rates through the first three ranges. Promotion to CSE 4, while also an expectation, is subject to more scrutiny to ensure that the employee is contributing at the level described in the CSE 4 level descriptor.

Promotions to the CSE 2, 3, & 4 range are administrated at the Branch & Division level and possibly the General Manager level.

5.2 Promotions to CSE 5 & 6

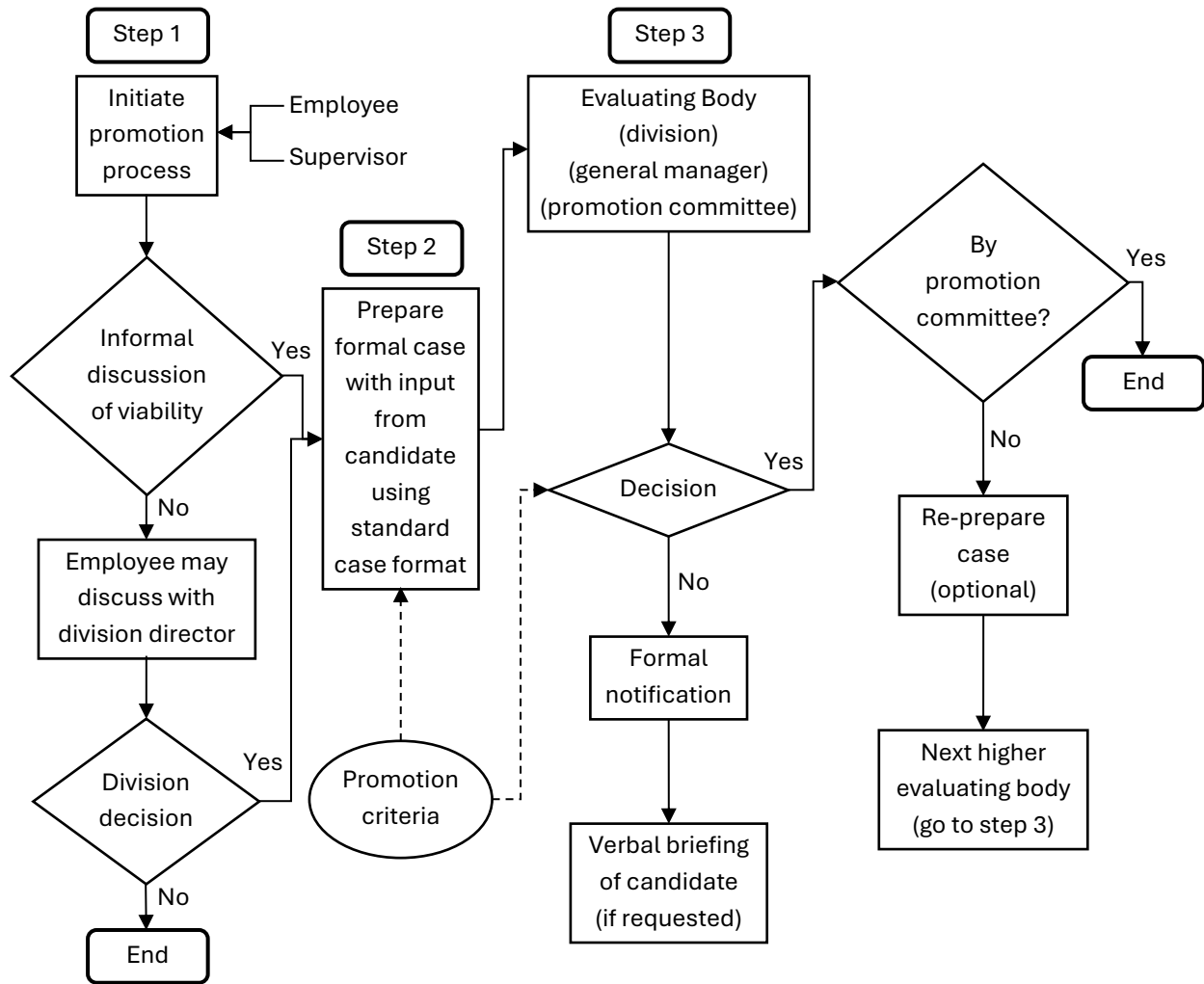
Promotions to the senior staff ranges of CSE 5 & 6 reflect promotions beyond the level of average career progression and performance. Accordingly, specific *promotion criteria* have been established. In addition, to ensure fair, open, and equitable reviews of promotion recommendations by CNL senior management, a formal promotion process has been established. Promotions to these levels require the approval of a company-wide committee to ensure consistency in the application of the criteria and standards.

In addition to the level descriptors and promotion criteria, the promotion candidate is compared to peers in the level to which the candidate is being considered for promotion.

The formal promotion process, outlined below and depicted in Figure 1, is used to assist management preparation and review of promotion cases, and it shows the employee what is required to attain the promotion.

1. Specific promotion criteria has been developed that define CNL's expectations for CSE 5 & 6 promotions. These promotion criteria expand on the level descriptors, and are available to all employees. The promotion criteria are provided in Appendix B.
2. All cases are to be prepared in a defined format. This feature aids scrutiny of individual cases, as well as assists a manager or an employee to prepare the promotion case. A sample of a promotion case is provided in Appendix C. While specifically designed for CSE 5 & 6, this may also aid managers and employees in recognizing those attributes that should be rewarded for lower level promotions.
3. Constructive feedback will be provided to the employee, should a promotion case be rejected. This feature provides the employee with specific constructive criticism as to why his/her case was rejected. Such feedback must come directly to the employee from the manager or committee that made the rejection, thereby ensuring an accurate representation of the facts. This constructive criticism affords the employee the opportunity to improve his/her attributes for a future promotion case.

Annex 2 Figure 1: CSE 5 & 6 Promotion Process



Annex 2 Appendix A: Level Descriptors

Job Title / Salary Grade	Engineer 1 CSE 1
Summary	An entrance level to develop knowledge and skill in the various phases of office, plant or R&D engineering work by performing a variety of low complexity tasks, normally assisting other engineers.
Typical Duties	Prepares simple plans, designs, calculations, costs and bills of material, in accordance with established codes, standards, drawings or other specifications. Conducts experiments as part of a research and development program following standard research techniques. Records observations, carries out routine technical surveys or inspections, draws conclusions. Prepares reports on assignments.
Recommendations, Decisions	Few technical decisions called for and these will be of routine nature with ample precedent or clearly defined procedures as guidance.
Supervision Received	Under close supervision, work is reviewed for accuracy, adequacy and conformance with prescribed procedures.
Leadership	May assign and check work of 1–5 draftpersons, technicians or other helpers.
Qualifications	At minimum, a Bachelors (Honour) in Engineering or Science from a university of recognized standing; or membership in an engineering or scientific professional organization authorized by statute to establish qualification for membership in that organization. Generally less than 2 years experience.

Job Title / Salary Grade	Engineer 2 CSE 2
Summary	A continuing training and development level, performs varied tasks and studies of moderate scope and complexity, usually minor phases of broader assignments, which require application of prescribed engineering methods and techniques. Complexity of assignments increases as experience is gained.
Typical Duties	Assists more senior engineers in carrying out technical tasks requiring accuracy in calculations, completeness of data and adherence to prescribed testing, analysis, design or computation methods. Uses initiative and judgement in solving problems, obtaining and analyzing data, designing or modifying equipment components and in determining the intent of a specification or instruction. Difficult problems or unusual features are referred to supervisor for discussion and/or solution. Is expected to apply an innovative approach to solutions of problems. Prepares complex reports & specifications. Gains familiarity with commercial / business and administrative procedures. Gives presentations to customers and contributes to technical journals when appropriate.
Recommendations, Decisions	Recommendations limited to problem solving rather than end result. Decisions made are normally within established guidelines. Starts to contribute to the planning of engineering projects.
Supervision Received	Prepares own work plans and executes them with minimal supervision. Oral and occasionally written instructions as to methods and procedures to be followed, are given. Results are usually reviewed in detail and technical guidance is usually available.
Leadership	May give technical guidance to one or two junior engineers or technicians assigned to work on a common project.
Qualifications	At minimum, a Bachelors (Honour) in Engineering or Science from a university of recognized standing; or membership in an engineering or scientific professional organization authorized by statute to establish qualification for membership in that organization. A few years related engineering working experience.

Job Title / Salary Grade	Engineer 3 CSE 3
Summary	A fully qualified professional engineering level performing responsible and varied assignments for a project, part of a project or operation requiring a thorough knowledge of engineering and related fields. OR Plans and performs applied research, design and development work of substantial complexity in a specialized branch of engineering.
Typical Duties	Analyzes and solves problems using standard procedures, modifications of standard procedures or previously developed methods. Plans to achieve prescribed objectives. Makes independent studies, analyses, interpretations and conclusions. Develops novel engineering techniques or modifications to existing equipment, facilities, or processes. Estimates costs and assists in the preparation of commercial / business proposals. Prepares complex reports and specifications. Gives presentations to customers and contributes to technical journals.
Recommendations, Decisions	Recommendations and decisions are usually based on operational experience / precedent. Within the scope of an assignment, work is relied upon as sound and authoritative. Difficult, complex or unusual decisions are normally referred to senior authority.
Supervision Received	Amount of supervision may vary with assignment and work is generally assigned in terms of specific objectives. Technical guidance is available to review work programs and advise on unusual features.
Leadership	May guide the work of junior engineers or technicians assigned to a common project. Supervision of other engineers is not usually a continuing responsibility.
Qualifications	At minimum, a Bachelors (Honour) in Engineering or Science from a university of recognized standing; or membership in an engineering or scientific professional organization authorized by statute to establish qualification for membership in that organization. Significant related engineering work experience.

Job Title / Salary Grade	Engineer 4 CSE 4
Summary	This is the first level of direct and sustained supervision of other professional engineers. OR The first level of full specialization, applying mature engineering knowledge in planning and conducting projects with scope for independent accomplishment and coordination of the difficult and responsible assignments.
Typical Duties	Identifies and analyzes complex problems. Plans, organizes and controls investigations, experiments, prototype or model studies interpreting data obtained. Guides the work of several professional engineers and their subordinates, coordinating schedules and assigning tasks to reach an overall objective, within cost, quality and time requirements. Develops new concepts to meet given functional requirements. Provides guidance in important technical matters. Prepares complex reports on technical subjects. Keeps informed of the latest technological developments in field. Provides expert advice within company and to external clients.
Recommendations, Decisions	Modifies established guides, devises new approaches, applies existing criteria in new manners and draws conclusions from comparative situations. Recommendations are normally accepted as technically accurate and feasible.
Supervision Received	Work is assigned in terms of objectives, budget limitations, priorities and critical areas that impinge on work of other units. Work is carried out within broad guidelines, but informed guidance is available.
Leadership	Assigns and outlines work; advises on technical problems; reviews work for technical accuracy and adequacy. May make recommendations concerning selection, training, appraisal and discipline of staff.
Qualifications	At minimum, a Bachelors (Honour) in Engineering or Science from a university of recognized standing; or membership in an engineering or scientific professional organization authorized by statute to establish qualification for membership in that organization. Significant related experience in a field of specialization.

Job Title / Salary Grade	Engineer 5 CSE 5
Summary	Under administrative and/or high technical direction, this is first level of project coordination of two or more related fields; OR a senior specialist consulting in a particular field of engineering, applied science, development or research.
Typical Duties	Actively participates in short and long range planning. Provides original and ingenious, as well as practical and economical, solutions to problems. Provides advanced technological advice for solution of specific problems. Directs research into new products, processes or methods, or exploits new technologies in his or her work. Interprets and evaluates data obtained from various engineering and/or research investigations. Assesses need for change and approves significant changes in specifications, plans, techniques and materials. Provides expert advice on design, production and methodology. Evaluates completed results against standards, objectives and specifications. Establishes effective relationships with colleagues, associates and government officials. Maintains a high level of creative thinking and keeps informed of latest technologies in field.
Recommendations, Decisions	Makes independent responsible decisions not usually subject to technical review on all matters assigned except those involving large sums of money or long range objectives. Takes courses of action necessary to expedite the successful accomplishment of assigned projects.
Supervision Received	Work is assigned in terms of broad objectives with virtually no technical guidance and is reviewed for policy, soundness of approach and general effectiveness.
Leadership	May supervise large groups of professional and non-professional staff OR a small group of highly specialized personnel engaged in complex technical applications. Outlines more difficult problems and methods of approach. Coordinates work programs and directs use of material and equipment. Generally recommends selection, training and appraisal of staff. Maintains high staff morale.
Qualifications	At minimum, a Bachelors (Honours) in Engineering or Science from a university of recognized standing; or membership in an engineering or scientific professional organization authorized by statute to establish qualification for membership in that organization. Broad training and experience which demonstrates an ability to execute complex projects with a high level of competence. Previous supervisory experience suggested. Must have a good working knowledge of the Company, departmental organization, directives, programs, standards and administrative procedures.

Job Title / Salary Grade	Engineer 6 CSE 6
Summary	Responsible for an engineering or scientific administrative function, directing several professional and other groups engaged in inter-related engineering or scientific activities, OR as an engineer-authority or Company resource in a technical field of major importance to the organization.
Typical Duties	Conceives and develops programs and long-range plans, establishing objectives and priorities. Determines basic operating policies, devising methods of achieving program objectives in the most economical and effective manner. Meets and overcomes any unusual conditions affecting work progress. Provides specialized advice of an advanced technological nature. Acts as final technical authority in interpretation and evaluation of data obtained from various engineering, scientific and/or research investigations. Contributes significantly to the growth of engineering or scientific knowledge and keeps conversant with advanced technological developments. May act as Chair and/or participates in meetings to discuss technical problems. Attends and periodically addresses seminars, courses or conferences. Liaises with appropriate educational institutions and professional societies.
Recommendations, Decisions	Makes responsible decisions on all matters within his/her jurisdiction, including establishment of policies, expenditure of large sums of money, implementation / cancellation of major programs, subject only to overall Company policy and financial controls.
Supervision Received	Receives administrative direction based on Company policies and objectives. Work is reviewed as necessary to ensure overall coordination with organization's efforts.
Leadership	Directs, reviews and evaluates technical work; selects, schedules and coordinates to attain program objectives. Provides significant input into selection on competent specialized assistants and into training and appraisal of staff.
Qualifications	At minimum, a Bachelors (Honours) in Engineering or Science from a university of recognized standing; or membership in an engineering or scientific professional organization authorized by statute to establish qualification for membership in that organization. Broad training and experience with proven record of leadership and achievement, including responsible management duties. Only a few specialists will attain this level.

Job Title / Salary Grade	Scientist 1 CSE 1
Summary	An entrance level to develop knowledge and skill in the various phases of scientific research work by performing a variety of low complexity tasks following scientific principles, normally assisting other scientists.
Typical Duties	Formulates, designs and conducts scientific experiments / research of a less complex nature following standard scientific research techniques. Records observations, carries out analyses, draws conclusions. Prepares reports on assignments.
Recommendations, Decisions	Few scientific decisions called for and these will be of routine nature with ample precedent or clearly defined procedures as guidance. Recommendations normally reviewed for technical accuracy and feasibility.
Supervision Received	Under close supervision, work is reviewed for accuracy, adequacy and conformance with prescribed procedures.
Leadership	May assign and check work of 1–5 technicians, draftpersons, and/or other helpers.
Qualifications	At minimum, a Bachelors (Honours) in Engineering or Science from a university of recognized standing; or membership in an engineering or scientific professional organization authorized by statute to establish qualification for membership in that organization. Zero to 2 years experience.

Job Title / Salary Grade	Scientist 2 CSE 2
Summary	A continuing training and development level, performs varied tasks and studies of moderate scope and complexity, usually minor phases of broader assignments, which require application of prescribed scientific methods and techniques. Complexity of assignments increases as experience is gained.
Typical Duties	Assists more senior scientists in carrying out research tasks requiring accuracy in experimental techniques, calculations, completeness of data and adherence to prescribed testing analysis, modelling or computation methods. Uses initiative and judgement in solving problems, obtaining and analyzing data, designing or modifying experiments and in understanding the scope of the research work. Difficult problems or unusual features are referred to supervisor for discussion and/or solution. Is expected to apply innovative approach to solutions of problems. Prepares complex reports. Gains familiarity with commercial / business and administrative procedures. Gives presentations to customers and contributes to technical journals.
Recommendations, Decisions	Recommendations limited to problem solving rather than end result. Decisions made are normally within established guidelines. Starts to contribute to the planning of scientific projects.
Supervision Received	Prepares own work plans and executes them with minimum supervision. Oral and occasionally written instructions, as to methods and procedures to be followed, are given. Results are usually reviewed in detail and technical guidance is usually available.
Leadership	May give technical guidance to one or two junior scientists or technicians assigned to work on a common project.
Qualifications	At minimum, a Bachelors (Honours) in Engineering or Science from a university of recognized standing; or membership in an engineering or scientific professional organization authorized by statute to establish qualification for membership in that organization. A few years related scientific working experience OR a PhD in Science.

Job Title / Salary Grade	Scientist 3 CSE 3
Summary	A fully qualified research scientist level performing responsible and varied assignments for a research project or part of a major research project requiring a thorough scientific knowledge. OR Plans and performs research projects of substantial complexity.
Typical Duties	Analyzes and solves problems using standard procedures, modifications of standard procedures or previously developed methods. Plans to achieve prescribed objectives. Makes independent studies, analyses, interpretations and conclusions. Problem solving may involve experimental laboratory work, mathematical modelling or paper feasibility studies. May be part of a team. Gives presentations to customers and contributes to technical journals.
Recommendations, Decisions	Recommendations and decisions are usually based on operational experience / precedent. Within the scope of an assignment, work is relied upon as sound and authoritative. Difficult, complex or unusual decisions are normally referred to senior authority.
Supervision Received	Amount of supervision may vary with assignment and work is generally assigned in terms of specific objectives. Technical guidance is available to review work programs and advise on unusual features. Accepts responsibility for technical validity of own work.
Leadership	May guide the work of junior scientists, junior engineers or technicians assigned to a common project. Supervision of other scientists is not usually a continuing responsibility.
Qualifications	At minimum, a Bachelors (Honours) in Engineering or Science from a university of recognized standing; or membership in an engineering or scientific professional organization authorized by statute to establish qualification for membership in that organization. Significant related scientific working experience. Develops and maintains specialized scientific knowledge.

Job Title / Salary Grade	Scientist 4 CSE 4
Summary	The first level of full specialization, applying mature scientific knowledge in planning and conducting projects with scope for independent accomplishment and coordination of the difficult and responsible assignments. May work alone, as part of a team, or a project leader on complex projects of moderate size.
Typical Duties	Identifies and analyzes complex problems. Plans, organizes and controls investigations, advanced experimental work, modelling studies, and interprets data. Provides technical guidance to project subordinates, coordinating schedules and assigning tasks to reach an overall objective, within cost, quality and time requirements. Develops new concepts / theories. Prepares complex reports on technical subjects. Keeps informed of the latest technological developments in field. Provides expert scientific advice within company and to external clients.
Recommendations, Decisions	Devises new approaches, applies existing criteria in new manners and draws conclusions from comparative situations. Recommendations are normally accepted as technically accurate and feasible.
Supervision Received	Work is assigned in terms of objectives, budget limitations, priorities and critical areas that impinge on work of other units. Work is carried out with-in broad guidelines, but informed guidance is available.
Leadership	Assigns and outlines work; advises on technical problems; reviews work for technical accuracy and adequacy. May make recommendations concerning selection, training, appraisal and discipline of staff.
Qualifications	At minimum, a Bachelors (Honours) in Engineering or Science from a university of recognized standing; or membership in an engineering or scientific professional organization authorized by statute to establish qualification for membership in that organization. Significant scientific work experience in order to be regarded as a specialist.

Job Title / Salary Grade	Scientist 5 CSE 5
Summary	A select level for distinguished scientists with recognized reputation and professional competency in a complex area of science or nuclear technology. Under managerial direction, demonstrates proficient leadership of one or more broadly defined, complex research and development projects. Acts as a company resource and is sought for advice.
Typical Duties	Actively participates in short and long range planning. Organizes and controls research into new products, processes or methods that demand leadership and direction of considerable scientific and technological scope. Provides original and novel solutions to problems or advanced technological advice for solutions to specific problems. Identifies new opportunities as a result of scientific investigations and leads the R&D activities to facilitate commercial exploitation. Provides expert scientific advice within company and to external clients. Represents organizational or national scientific interests at national and international meetings.
Recommendations, Decisions	Makes independent, responsible decisions not usually subject to technical review on all matters assigned except those involving large sums of money or long range objectives. Takes action necessary to meet agreed objectives.
Supervision Received	Work is assigned in terms of broad objectives with virtually no technical guidance and is reviewed for conformity to policy, soundness of approach and general effectiveness. Receives administrative direction according to Company policy and objectives.
Leadership	May supervise large groups of scientific and technical support staff or a smaller group engaged in highly technical applications. Is responsible for the motivation and technical guidance of a team and for the technical validity of their work. Outlines more difficult problems and methods of approach. Coordinates work programs and directs use of material and equipment. Generally recommends selection, training, performance appraisal, discipline and remuneration of staff.
Qualifications	At minimum, a Bachelors (Honours) in Engineering or Science from a university of recognized standing; or membership in an engineering or scientific professional organization authorized by statute to establish qualification for membership in that organization. Broad training and experience which demonstrates an ability to execute complex research projects with a high level of competence.

Job Title / Salary Grade	Scientist 6 CSE 6
Summary	A level for pre-eminent scientists of exceptional record and status who are allowed a wide latitude in the application of independent scientific and technical judgement. A unique Corporate resource.
Typical Duties	Conducts major projects and scientific investigations requiring outstanding leadership and competency. Provides authoritative advice on the strategic direction, planning, evaluation, coordination, technology transfer and information management of major research programs. Represents the Company on major scientific and technological issues nationally and internationally. Acts as technical champion / mentor to the organization.
Recommendations, Decisions	Makes responsible decisions in area of specialization subject only to Company policy and budget limitations.
Supervision Received	Work is reviewed as necessary to ensure overall coordination with program objectives. Receives administrative direction based on Company policies and objectives.
Leadership	May give scientific direction to research teams. Reviews and evaluates technical work and reports. Selects, schedules and coordinates activities to achieve program objectives. Ensures recruitment of competent specialists, selects, trains, appraises, disciplines and determines remuneration of staff.
Qualifications	At minimum, a Bachelors (Honours) in Engineering or Science from a university of recognized standing; or membership in an engineering or scientific professional organization authorized by statute to establish qualification for membership in that organization. Broad training and experience with a proven record of scientific leadership and achievement. Only a few specialists will attain this level.

Annex 2 Appendix B: Criteria for Promotion to CSE 5 & 6

CSE 4 to CSE 5 and CSE 5 to CSE 6

The following criteria will be used by the Management Promotion Committee to determine promotions to senior staff.

1. The key Guiding Principle for promotion to senior staff will be significant impact on the Company to CNL's benefit. It must be emphasized that staff will only be promoted for the manifestation and application of expertise and ability where it benefits CNL. Abilities and expertise that are not utilized to achieve Company goals will not be recognized by promotion to senior staff.
2. For promotion to CSE 5, the individual must impact in several areas and/or be a principal Company authority in at least one key technical area. It must be demonstrated that individuals being promoted to CSE 5 are consistently working at a significantly higher level than others compensated at the higher part of the CSE 4 range and working in similar areas.
3. For promotion to CSE 6, the individual must have major impact on several Company programs and/or be a recognized international authority or expert.
4. Criteria to be considered in assessing eligibility for promotion will include the following*:
 - Major revenue generation and/or major savings to CNL (satisfied external and/or internal customers)
 - Major breakthroughs or outstanding achievements of benefit to CNL
 - Outstanding delivery of expertise to projects in more than one field of endeavour
 - Successful resolution to complex multi-disciplinary problems
 - Implementation of solutions to scientific and/or engineering problems through utilization, and for integration, of expertise from a variety of disciplines
 - Impact on Company's strategic technical direction
 - Identification of wide variety of applications for their knowledge / expertise
 - External / internal peer review and recognition
 - Demonstrated leadership and interpersonal skills

- Outstanding delivery of projects in terms of scope, schedule, budget and customer satisfaction

*Note: None of these are sufficient or necessary conditions, but each will be considered in assessing eligibility.

Annex 2 Appendix C: Sample Case Format

Case for Promotion to Senior Staff: CSE 5 or CSE 6

Employee Name:	
Employee Number:	
Branch:	
Division:	
Recommend Promotion to:	
Case Prepared by:	
Date:	

Revenue Generation and/or Savings Achieved

Provide details of any revenue generation and/or cost savings here. Use N/A if no revenue generation and/or cost savings exist.

Breakthroughs / Achievements

Provide details of any breakthroughs or achievements here. Use N/A if none exists.

Delivery on Projects

Provide details of any outstanding delivery of expertise to projects in more than one field of endeavour here. Use N/A if none exists.

Resolution of Complex Multi-Disciplinary Problems

Provide details of successful resolution to complex multi-disciplinary problems here. Use N/A if this section does not apply.

Utilization of Multi-Disciplinary Expertise to Solve Scientific / Engineering Problems

Provide details of any utilization of expertise from a variety of disciplines here. Use N/A if this section does not apply.

Impact – on Company’s Strategic Technical Direction

Provide details of impact of individual on Company’s strategic technical direction here. Use N/A if this section does not apply.

Applications for Individual's Knowledge / Expertise

Provide details of any applications of individual's knowledge / expertise here. Use N/A if this section does not apply.

External Peer / Customer Recognition

Provide details of degree of external peer / customer recognition here. Use N/A if no external recognition exists.

Internal Peer / Customer Recognition

Provide details of degree of internal peer / customer recognition here. Use N/A if no internal recognition exists.

Leadership Recognition

Provide evidence of leadership here. Use N/A if no examples of leadership exist.

Other

Provide any other information that is applicable to and supports this case for promotion to senior staff.

Annex 3 CRPEG Performance Review Guidelines

As part of the continuous performance management expected of line-management, at the end of each fiscal year, annual performance reviews for CRPEG employees will be conducted. The intent is to demonstrate management commitment to engagement and management excellence, by taking the time to meet one-on-one with employees to provide meaningful feedback through the annual Performance Appraisal Review process.

During the year, providing regular meaningful feedback to employees on their performance helps employees achieve their goals and maximum potential. In addition, encouraging employees to use self-assessment and self-reflection is important to help them meet or exceed performance expectations.

This guide is intended to assist management and employees throughout the process of conducting performance reviews and provide other important information for reference.

1. Manager Initiates the Performance Review Process

- a. Manager reviews current language in the CRPEG Collective Agreement.
- b. Refer to Collective Agreement, Article 30 – Employee Performance Appraisals.
- c. Refer to Collective Agreement, Article 32 – Promotion.
 - i. Manager sends communication to their employees to initiate the performance appraisal process. Manager asks employees to complete self-appraisal.
 - ii. Employee is to complete a self-appraisal and forward to their Manager.
 - iii. It is important to seek the employee’s input on their performance. The focus of this meeting is a mutual discussion on the employee’s performance.
- d. Manager provides feedback on the employee’s performance, indicating the areas of performance the employee is doing well and areas for improvement. It is noted that the manager may request input from other managers / supervisors in cases where the employee worked directly / indirectly with others. Specific examples of performance indicators should be discussed and documented. If the objectives were revised at the 6-month coaching session, review the revised objectives at this meeting.

2. Manager drafts [Performance Objective Setting, Monitoring & Review Form](#)

- a. Consider all inputs regarding the employee's overall performance by reviewing how the employee met or did not meet the objectives set out at the beginning of the review period.
- b. If the objectives were revised at the 6-month coaching session, review the revised objectives.
- c. Recommend an overall assessment for each employee's performance. Use "words" instead of "numbers" for the rating assigned. Using the Behavioral and Operational data collected.

Although it is specifically the responsibility of the management to assure a performance appraisal is performed and documented, management can request employees to assist in documenting a draft version. In addition, management can request supervisors to assist in the preparation of such documentation. It is noted, however, that it is solely the responsibility of the employee's manager to provide the overall performance assessment.

The five overall performance assessments are defined below including recommended actions. These shall be considered based on the expectations described in the Collective Agreement based on the employee's level over the assessment period:

- a. **Unsatisfactory:** Corrective action is required. Employee clearly not meeting key objectives.
- d. **Meets Most Requirements:** Areas requiring improvement are identified. Remedial actions are required to improve performance. Employer provides required support. Employee substantially meets key objectives but is missing other objectives.
- e. **Fully Meets Requirements:** Manager and Employee discuss areas of strength and identify areas for potential development. Meets all key objectives.
- f. **Exceeds Requirements:** Management provides required support to enable continued performance at this level. Exceeds on many key objectives and meets a number of other objectives.
- g. **Outstanding:** Management provides required support. Clearly exceeds on all key objectives and meets and/or exceeds on a number of other objectives. Results are far in excess of requirements.

3. Review and Update Career & Professional Development (C&PD) Plans

- a. Refer to CRPEG Collective Agreement, Article 31.
- b. The performance appraisal process will be used to ensure that an effective planning and monitoring process for career / professional development is implemented for each employee in the bargaining unit. Each performance appraisal will include professional development objectives as agreed by management and the employee.
- c. Managers will review and evaluate the attainment of professional development objectives as part of this review.
- d. This activity is the mutual responsibility of management and the employee. If an employee does not actively engage / participate in the development of their C&PD plan, they should expect that their opportunities may be limited.

4. Communicate the Overall Performance Rating to the Employee

Once advised by Human Resources, the overall performance rating must be communicated to the employee. Managers may conduct a second Performance Review Meeting with the employee in order to finalize the form.

- a. Refer to CRPEG Collective Agreement, Article 30.
- b. The employee shall be given the opportunity to sign the final version of the performance appraisal upon its completion and to append written comments within one (1) week. The employee's signature indicates that the employee has read the form, but does not imply that he/she agrees with the assessment.

Signed Performance Appraisal forms are submitted to HR for filing in the employee's personnel file.