

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## What is the REP?

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REP stands for Regional Evaluation Process. This process will share current information about the project with potentially affected Indigenous groups, regional and stakeholder organizations. It will also allow SaskPower to gather feedback from organizations that can provide input on regional identity, siting considerations, potential economic development and future public participation preferences to support its regulatory and siting process.

As part of the REP, SaskPower will establish a Regional Indigenous and Stakeholder Committee (Committee) for each study area (Estevan and Elbow) to support public participation on the SMR Development Project. The Committee is anticipated to be in place for approximately seven months.

## What is the mandate of the Regional Indigenous and Stakeholder Committee?

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To inform SaskPower's REP, share information and collect Indigenous and stakeholder input and feedback on regional and local criteria for SMR site selection.

The Committees will fulfill an important regional and local engagement function but will have no decision-making authority regarding final site selection and will not evaluate whether Saskatchewan should proceed with the development of SMRs.

## Who will be on the Committee?

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We are striving to have a diverse and inclusive committee with representatives from:

**Indigenous groups and organizations:** First Nations, Tribal Councils, Métis Locals and Regions, and Indigenous organizations such as the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations and Métis Nation- Saskatchewan.

**Regional communities:** rural municipalities, urban municipalities, or organizations.

**Non-government organizations (NGO):** Environmental groups, societies, organizations, charities, and planning committees.

**Industry organizations:** Mining (businesses and associations), Agriculture (societies and associations), Chamber of Commerce and other industry related organizations.

**Research and academic organizations:** Post secondary institutions and research organizations.

**The Proponent:** SaskPower

**Regulators and Government:** federal and provincial governments as technical observers and subject matter experts, but not members of the Committee (Technical Observers.)



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## How can I be part of the Committee?

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SaskPower plans to initiate a formal Expression of Interest process. SaskPower is targeting and inviting organizations and communities that would be appropriate, given the scope and purpose of the Committee. Our [project webpage](#) has Expression of Interest forms that may be submitted based on organization type. We will evaluate and give consideration to all those that express interest. **Expressions of interest will be accepted until October 31, 2022.**

## What if I don't get onto the Committee?

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The REP is only one channel of engagement which will run parallel with broader public engagement and Indigenous consultation. SaskPower intends to use many different channels to share information and seek input and feedback on the project and siting process. All meeting materials, minutes, final report, etc. will be made available in a timely manner. Visit the [potential facility location webpage](#) to follow along.

## Will Committee participant's input be made public?

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Feedback and input provided by the Committee will be made public, however, will not publicly be attributed to either the participant or their organization on SaskPower's website. This information will be used for planning purposes for the SMR Development Project as well as part of regulatory and legal applications and processes and may be publicly disclosed as part of those processes.

By participating on a Committee, you agree to not make public postings or comments of the Committees' discussions and dialogue on social media.

## What is my role as a Committee participant?

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The Committee is not a decision-making body; participating members have the power to share what they know and provide their organization's perspectives to help SaskPower make informed decisions. Your role on the committee will be to provide your organization or community's perspective on the region's identity, siting considerations, potential economic development opportunities and how best to engage moving forward.

SaskPower will provide you with written materials in advance of meetings and allow up to two weeks for you to provide comments to ensure you have ample time to become familiar with the material and provide us with meaningful input.

## Are there other places that I can provide my feedback?

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Absolutely. There are many opportunities to join the conversation around nuclear in Saskatchewan. To see all upcoming events and opportunities, visit [saskpower.com/engage](https://saskpower.com/engage).

