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## **Linda Keen seeks Federal Court review of decision to terminate her role as President of CNSC**

OTTAWA - An application for judicial review was filed on behalf of Linda Keen, former president of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), by Allan O'Brien, a senior partner with the law firm Nelligan O'Brien Payne.

This is in response to a January 15, 2008 Order in Council (OIC) whereby Linda Keen's designation as President of the CNSC was revoked. The OIC only stated that the Governor in Council had lost confidence in Ms. Keen as President of CNSC – no other reasons were provided.

CNSC is Canada's independent nuclear regulator, responsible under the Nuclear Safety and Control Act for the oversight of the safety and security of nuclear facilities and materials. In 2005, Ms. Keen was re-appointed to the position of President CNSC for a second five-year term.

*“By this application for judicial review, Ms. Keen is asking the Federal Court to declare that she was unlawfully removed as President, and that the November 2005, Order in Council, which re-appointed her as President, remains in full force and effect.” said Allan O'Brien.*

In this application Ms. Keen asserts numerous examples of the Governor in Council's violation of the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.

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