

# Rumina Velshi

Rumina Velshi is the President and CEO of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), Canada's nuclear regulator. Rumina has been with the CNSC since 2011 - first as a Commission Member until her appointment as President in 2018. She is currently the Chairperson of the International Atomic Energy Agency's Commission on Safety Standards. She has extensive technical, regulatory and adjudication expertise in the energy industry. Rumina was one of the first female nuclear energy workers in Canada and has worked in various capacities at Ontario Hydro and Ontario Power Generation, the electrical utilities in the province. She also previously served as a Board member of the Ontario Energy Board, the economic regulator of the province's electricity and natural gas sectors. Rumina actively promotes careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), especially for young women. Her work is prolific. She is one of the founding members of Canada's Women in Science and Engineering and she served as Vice-Chair on the Board of Directors of Scientists in School, a non-profit organization that offers STEM-focused workshops for students. In addition, she has launched a women in STEM initiative to support women in STEM careers at the CNSC and elsewhere, and to promote STEM education by working with interested partners. Rumina advocates for gender equity on both the national and international stages: she founded the group Driving Advancement for Women in Nuclear (DAWN) and is the co-chair of the International Gender Champions Impact Group on Gender Equality in Nuclear Regulatory Agencies.

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