

Michael Binder

Dr. Michael Binder was appointed in January 2008 as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC).

Throughout an extensive career in the federal public service, Michael Binder has held senior positions at Industry Canada, the Department of Communications, the Office of the Comptroller General of Canada, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs and the Defence Research Board.

During his tenure as Industry Canada's Assistant Deputy Minister of Spectrum, Information Technologies and Telecommunications, Michael Binder oversaw Canada's transition to a network economy. He also managed the regulation of telecommunication industries, promotion of electronic commerce, and development and use of world-class information and communications technologies for the economic, social and cultural benefit of Canadians.

As CNSC President, Michael Binder is responsible for overseeing the use of nuclear energy and materials in Canada. He leads and manages the Commission in order to protect the health, safety and security of Canadians and the environment, and to respect Canada's international commitments on the peaceful use of nuclear energy. He appreciates the challenges and opportunities of being the watchdog of the nuclear industry, and his avowed mission is to ensure that Canadian nuclear facilities and activities are the safest and most secure in the world.

Michael Binder holds a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Alberta.