



10:30am – 12:00pm

# Should regulators define their risk tolerances?: A debate

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Chief Data and Risk Executive  
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## Debate Teams

### Support Setting Risk Tolerances



**Liane Sauer**  
Director General  
Strategic Planning  
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission



**Robert Wiersma**  
Manager  
Public Safety Risk Management,  
Technical Standards and Safety Authority

### Against Setting Risk Tolerances







**Greg Paoli**  
Principal Risk Scientist, COO,  
Risk Sciences International



**Pierre Bilodeau**  
Executive Director  
Plant Health Science Directorate  
Canadian Food Inspection Agency

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| Advocate  |    | Challenger            |                 |                    |
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|    | VS | +                     | Robert Wiersma  | 3 min rebuttal     |
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| Advocate  |    | Challenger            |                 |                    |
| Round 3   |    | +                     | Robert Wiersma  | 9 min presentation |
|   | VS | -                     | Pierre Bilodeau | 3 min rebuttal     |
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| Round 4   |    | -                     | Pierre Bilodeau | 9 min presentation |
|  | VS | +                     | Liane Sauer     | 3 min rebuttal     |
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# Motion for Debate

**Be it resolved that regulators can  
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# Questions and Answers

An illustration of a man in a dark suit and tie walking a tightrope. He is holding a dark blue umbrella in his right hand and a briefcase in his left. The background is a green field with yellow clouds and a blue sky. Below the tightrope, there are several shark fins in the water. The scene is split into two panels by a vertical line.

Questions from the Audience

# THANK YOU!

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