

Walk Against Nuclear Waste in Treaty #3 Lands

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Walk Against Nuclear Waste Arrives at Revell Site

Ignace, ON – Two groups of walkers converged at their destination today, close to the site the nuclear industry has been investigating as one of two potential locations to centralize, process, bury and then abandon all of Canada's high-level nuclear waste. Approximately 30 walkers and supporters joined Head walker Darlene Necan in her peaceful walk to raise awareness about the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's plans to construct a warren of tunnels and caverns deep underground in the heart of Treaty 3 territory, to be filled with the highly radioactive wastes created in nuclear power reactors.

Two contingents of walkers left Ignace and Wabigoon the morning of September 1st, one walking west from Ignace and the other walking east from Wabigoon, as part of the fifth annual Walk Against Nuclear Waste, meeting this afternoon / evening approximately half-way between Ignace and Dryden, close to the potential nuclear waste burial site. The site is just south of Highway 17 where it runs parallel to the Revell River and is accessed by Tower Road.

The candidate site is at the headwaters of the Wabigoon and the Turtle River watersheds which flow west into Wabigoon Lake and into Rainy Lake and then the Lake of the Woods respectively.

The walkers reached the rest area across from Tower Road – the access road to the drill sites – mid-afternoon, after completing their journeys from Ignace and Wabigoon. All walkers were in good spirits, buoyed by the support they received along the route.

“Many people stopped and walked a short distance with the us, other stopped with gifts of fruit or water, and the honking of horns in support was almost constant”, reported head walker Darlene Necan.

“The walk this year was very meaningful. Arriving safely at the site after the long walk represents the people’ struggle with the nuclear industry. We worked together and supported each other and received support from so many passers-by and that was so encouraging. We prevailed, and we will prevail over this nonsense idea of burying nuclear waste in our homeland”.

Ms. Necan, an elder with the Ojibway Nation of Saugeen No. 258, has led the walk on four previous years and is committed to raising awareness about the threat nuclear waste coming to Treaty 3 lands would pose for the water and for future generations.

A group of approximately 20 people joined the walk on Sunday morning, including the contingent of walkers from Ignace and from Wabigoon. Walk participants included members of several area First Nations, allies and supporters, and a documentary film crew. More walkers joined on Monday, raising the numbers to approximately 30.

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