

# NOW OR NEVER:

## PREPARING COMMENTS FOR THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF NWMO'S NUCLEAR WASTE PROJECT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH



# SESSION OVERVIEW

- WHERE WE ARE: BRIEF RECAP OF PROJECT AND PROCESS
- APPLYING THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACT TO THE REVIEW OF NWMO'S PROJECT DESCRIPTION
- ISSUES AND CONCERNS TO RAISE IN YOUR COMMENTS
- HIGHLIGHTING PUBLIC COMMENTS POSTED ON THE IAAC REGISTRY
- KEY MESSAGES
- Q AND A

A FEDERAL REVIEW OF ONE OF THE LARGEST PROJECTS IN CANADIAN HISTORY COMMENCED ON JANUARY 5TH, AND THE PUBLIC HAS JUST 30 DAYS TO COMPLETE AN INITIAL REVIEW. THE COMMENT PERIOD ON THE NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION'S DESCRIPTION OF THEIR PROJECT WAS ANNOUNCED ON THE FEDERAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AGENCY'S WEBSITE ON JANUARY 5TH, LAUNCHING THE 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD WHICH WILL CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 4TH.

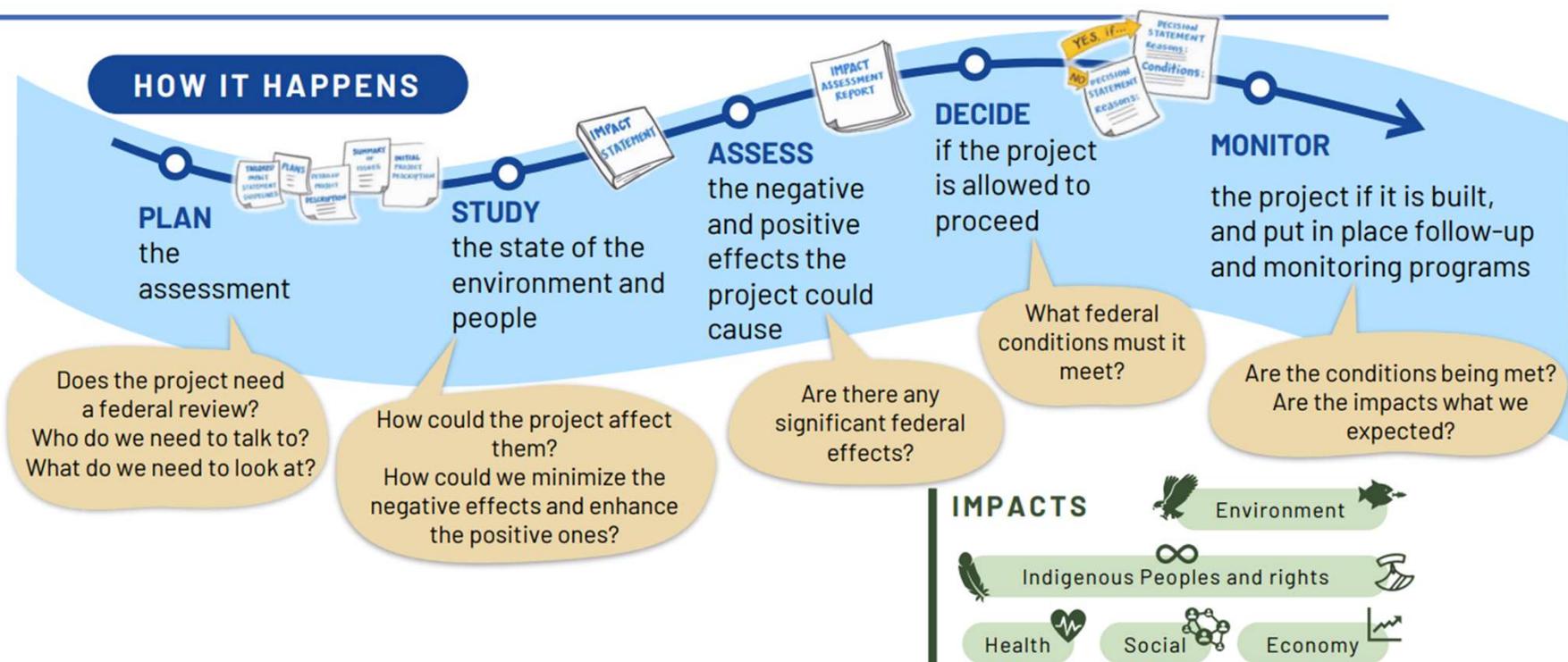
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The Nuclear Waste Management Organization's plan to transport, process and bury all of Canada's nuclear fuel waste at a site between Ignace and Dryden in northwestern Ontario will include 50 years of transporting highly radioactive waste with average transportation distances of 1,800 km per trip (1,700 from Ontario reactors).

The 160 years of operation will place 150,000 tonnes of the radioactive waste underground in the headwaters of the Wabigoon and Turtle-Rainy River watersheds.

# THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS IS MULTI-STEP.

## Phases of an Integrated Assessment



| Phase 1:<br>Planning  | Phase 2:<br>Impact Statement   | Phase 3:<br>Impact Assessment   | Phase 4:<br>Decision   |
|---|--|---|--|
| <p>The proponent presents its <b>Initial Project Description</b>. Formal engagement activities with the public and Indigenous Peoples begin. All documents, including the ability to comment, are available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (Registry).</p> <p>In this phase IAAC issues <b>Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines</b> and other plans to the proponent, outlining the information and studies required to develop and Impact Statement. The Minister refers the assessment to an integrated review panel.</p> | <p>The proponent develops its Impact Statement. IAAC and the lifecycle regulator develop the panel's terms of reference. IAAC appoints the chairperson and panel members.</p> <p>IAAC and the lifecycle regulator, along with the public and Indigenous Peoples, review the proponent's Impact Statement that is posted on the Registry. The proponent addresses concerns or missing information. IAAC ensures that all required information has been provided and posted to the Registry.</p> | <p>The review panel conducts its analysis by considering potential environmental, health, social and economic impacts of proposed projects, including benefits, based on the Impact Statement. The potential impacts on Indigenous Peoples and their rights are also assessed.</p> <p>Engagement activities with the public, Indigenous Peoples, and federal authorities continue. The panel holds a <u>public hearing</u>. The panel prepares its impact assessment report and submits it to the Minister. The report is posted on the Registry.</p> | <p>The Governor in Council determines if the project should move forward. If the project can move forward, the Minister issues the Decision Statement with conditions (if any) which are posted on the Registry.</p> |

# PLANNING PHASE

| Planning Phase Activity                               | Public Role  |
|---|--|
| <b>Initial Project Description</b> Review and Comment | 30-day comment period, <b>deadline is February 4th</b>                                     |
| Participant Funding Application                       | 30-day notice, deadline is February 4 <sup>th</sup> , will fund IPD review “retroactively” |
| Agency “Summary of Issues”                            | Public Comment not invited, but registry is open and comments should be posted             |
| NWMO Response to Summary of Issues                    | Public Comment not invited, registry is open and comments should be posted                 |
| <b>Draft Impact Statement Guidelines</b>              | Public Comment invited; anticipated <b>comment period of 30 days</b>                       |
| Public Participation Plan                             | Public Comment invited; est. 30 days   |
| Permitting Plan                                       | Public Comment invited; est. 30 days   |
| Cooperation Plan                                      | Public comment not invited, registry is open   |
| Indigenous Engagement & Partnership Plan              | Comment invited from Indigenous people and organizations                                   |



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# APPLYING THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACT TO THE REVIEW OF NWMO'S PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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# INITIAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Issues and  
concerns  
to raise in  
your  
comments

APM-REP-05000-0210-R000  
Initial Project Description: Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel  
Project  
December 2025

## Initial Project Description

Deep Geological Repository (DGR)  
for Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel  
Project

December 2025

APM-REP-05000-0210-R000

Prepared by: Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO)



Nuclear Waste Management Organization

92-page summary, 266-page IPD in  
1,233-page document

## *“WHY THE PROJECT IS NEEDED” (PAGE V)*

*“IF IMPLEMENTED, THE PROJECT WOULD:*

- PROVIDE A PERMANENT AND SAFE DISPOSAL SOLUTION FOR USED NUCLEAR FUEL*
- SUPPORT CANADA’S COMMITMENTS TO CLIMATE ACTION AND ACHIEVING NET-ZERO BY 2050 BY ENSURING NUCLEAR ENERGY REMAINS A SUSTAINABLE AND SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE ENERGY SOURCE*
- ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ACTIVELY MANAGE USED NUCLEAR FUEL, THEREBY REDUCING LONG-TERM ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS AND ADVANCING INTERGENERATIONAL EQUITY IN MANAGING CANADA’S NUCLEAR LEGACY”*

# ISSUES AND CONCERNS TO RAISE IN YOUR COMMENTS

- TRANSPORTATION

- LONG-TERM SAFETY
- EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATION PLANS
- ACCIDENTS
- MALEVOLENT ACTS / SECURITY
- HEALTH / WORKER AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH
- PROJECT ACTIVITIES
  - TRANSPORTATION
  - USE FUEL PACKAGING PLANT (LACKS A COMPLETE OR EVEN SUMMARY DESCRIPTION)
  - CONCURRENT PLACEMENT OF WASTES IN UNDERGROUND CHAMBERS WHILE CONSTRUCTION IS ONGOING
  - MONITORING THROUGH OPERATIONAL, CLOSURE AND POST CLOSURE STAGES

# ISSUES AND CONCERNS TO RAISE IN YOUR COMMENTS

- ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROJECT (E.G. CONTINUED ON-SITE STORAGE)
- ALTERNATIVE MEANS; ASSESSMENT IS INADEQUATE OR MISSING; EXAMPLES INCLUDE
  - RAMPS VERSUS SHAFTS
  - TRANSPORTATION IN USED FUEL CONTAINERS INSTEAD OF IN TRANSPORTATION CONTAINERS
  - MINING METHODS, FOR EXAMPLE TO MINIMIZE EXCAVATION DAMAGE ZONES (VERSUS STANDARD MINING TECHNIQUES)
  - REPOSITORY LAYOUT
  - WASTE EMPLACEMENT (IN ROOM VS IN-FLOOR)
  - USED FUEL CONTAINER DESIGN

# ISSUES AND CONCERNS TO RAISE IN YOUR COMMENTS

- WATER “MANAGEMENT” OMITTS KEY ISSUES, INCLUDING:
  - PUMPING OF GROUNDWATER FROM THE UNDERGROUND (VOLUMES, CONTAMINATION, STORAGE, TREATMENT, RELEASE)
  - WATERS FROM THE USED FUEL PACKAGING PLANT (VOLUMES, CONTAMINATION, STORAGE, TREATMENT, RELEASE)
- CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF CLIMATE IMPACTS
- POTENTIAL EFFECTS SECTION IS INADEQUATE
- RADIOACTIVITY AND ESTIMATES OF RADIOACTIVE RELEASES FROM VARIOUS PROJECT ACTIVITIES OVER VARIOUS TIME FRAMES AND ASSESSING THOSE EFFECTS (LARGELY JUST IGNORED)
- COMMUNITY PROFILES: DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND DOWNSTREAM COMMUNITIES LARGELY EXCLUDED
- SEQUENCING OF THE APPROVALS/LICENSES

# KEY MESSAGES

- PROJECT MUST BE DESIGNATED FOR A FULL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING
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# HIGHLIGHTING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE NWMO'S INITIAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

WENDY O'CONNOR

NUCLEAR FREE THUNDER BAY / WTNFN

# Examples of comments to the Impact Assessment

Many are highlighting the need to examine transportation, and to conduct a full assessment process with a public hearing

## Transportation as Integral Part of Project

Regarding the proposed Impact Assessment (IA) for the NWMO DGR proposal (“the project”), I would like to request that a full impact assessment be conducted AND that transportation routes, containment methods and associated risks be included as part of the IA for the project.

## Conclusion

The exclusion of transportation of used nuclear fuel from the Project scope represents a significant gap in the Initial Project Description. While technical regulation of transport packages and operations is necessary, it is not sufficient to meet the objectives of impact assessment under the IAA. International precedent demonstrates that transportation can and should be assessed as an integral component of a deep geological repository project, even where regulatory responsibilities are shared across statutes and agencies.



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While I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project, the communication about and timeline for public commentary is inadequate. Considering that nuclear toxic waste is dangerous for hundreds of thousands of years, the proposal of a DGR is not a decision to be rushed or taken lightly. A full impact assessment needs to take place with the risks of waste transportation included. The proposal to bury this waste and abandon it, believing that nothing will go wrong, is irresponsible. When have humans ever built anything that lasts the thousands of years in which this toxic waste will remain dangerous? A DGR is saddling our future generations with the contamination of our waters, and putting at risk all the communities along the transportation route. No matter how careful the nuclear industry (and government) happen. A DGR is not a solution to nuclear

The Impact Assessment Act requires that activities integral to a project be included in its assessment. So why does this report omit the risks involved in long-distance nuclear waste transportation? Risks NEED to be included in the assessment for this project, like spills, road accidents, or emergency response capacity of the nearby small community. The report also does not state explicit monitoring measures for radiation from these facilities. 50 years of transporting highly radioactive waste, leaving 150,000 tonnes of it underground in the waters of Grassy Water First Nation, who continue to be sick from decades of mercury poisoning in their waters, is criminal. There is ANOTHER LOCATION OPTION to store this waste, which would spare this community from these disastrous risks. They deserve better than poison for their children. After Canada embraced the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, we must not go backwards. Nuclear waste ...



# Examples of comments to the Impact Assessment

Comments by municipalities can be compact – these are very helpful!

The Town of Kapuskasing, Ontario, submits this comment as a potentially impacted municipality with respect to the proposed Nuclear Waste Management Organization project at the Revell site. The Town is concerned that the Initial Project Description excludes the long-distance transportation of high-level radioactive waste, despite transportation being an integral and necessary component of the project. The proposed movement of radioactive waste through or near municipalities in Northeastern Ontario over multiple decades presents potential implications for public safety, municipal infrastructure, emergency preparedness, and environmental protection. As such, the Town of Kapuskasing fully expects that transportation activities and associated impacts be included within the scope of the federal Impact Assessment to ensure a comprehensive and transparent review.



# Examples of comments to the Impact Assessment

If you live or work in a watershed or transportation area, or close to the proposed site, your comments are very important

I live in Northern Ontario, close to Highway 17 and I am concerned about the safety of the transportation of the nuclear waste. I have heard that the transportation will be done by trucks and I worry about the safety of these trucks travelling near my home with this dangerous cargo. How will the trucks be adapted to keep everyone safe? What if a truck is in an accident (not uncommon on our winter roads)? What safety procedures will be in place?

**Author:** Art Borups Corners

**Reference Number:** 67

**Submitted:** 2026-01-19 - 11:06 AM

**Project Phase:** Planning

**Participation Notice:** Public Notice - Comments invited on the summary of the Initial Project Description and funding available

To ensure the integrity of the impact assessment for a project of this magnitude and duration, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and the Government of Canada must immediately extend the review timeframe and dramatically enhance opportunities for meaningful public consultation. A 30-day window is fundamentally incompatible with a 160-year, multi-billion-dollar project, as it denies communities the time necessary to move beyond "promotional narratives" and conduct rigorous, independent verifications of the proponent's claims. Meaningful engagement is currently hindered by significant "transparency gaps," including the confidentiality of key agreements and the admitted lack of verified socio-economic and Indigenous data. Furthermore, the current process risks "disenfranchising"

# Examples of comments to the Impact Assessment

Highlight personal concerns, reactions, emotional impact

## Text

I am strongly opposed to truck loads of nuclear waste rumbling down our highways, near our lakes and rivers. **Water is life**, we and our world depend on it. Possible contamination is deadly! Find another depository close to where it is made.

Help me understand how thousands of people do not have a voice, cities, communities and towns along the proposed route. How is it that 2 small communities, Ignace being one have a louder voice that all the other voices that oppose this?

Our First Nation community, Fort William First Nation is strongly opposed to nuclear waste rumbling down our highways! **We do NOT want nuclear waste on our highways and in North Western Ontario.** No nuclear waste!

These comments relate to social safety, social acceptance and community well-being.

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rly need to check this out.

ory (DGR) for Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel Project

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9:21 AM

Public Notice - Comments invited on the summary of the Initial Project  
available

Thank you Government of Canada for providing this space to comment on plans to manage the disposal of Canada's used nuclear fuel. With respect, I want to tell you that I think there is a bigger and deeper picture of the Atomic World that firstly needs to be recognised. This will then impact hugely on how all the nuclear nations address their waste issue. I'll be super succinct. Firstly to say I was a geologist involved in a search for uranium (in NWT) and this made me profoundly curious about the nature of the energy in the atoms. Astrophysics determined in the 1920's how 'four-interactive-forces' were a crucial ingredient in the Big Bang process. Nuclear physics then identified how these same 'four forces' are in each and every atom. **My curiosity and introspective nature prompted me to study the metaphysics of these 'four forces' and lo and ...**

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**Author:** Earth

**Reference Number:** 125

**Submitted:** 2026-01-24 - 8:08 PM

**Project Phase:** Planning

**Participation Notice:** Public Notice - Comments invited on the summary of the Initial Project Description and funding available

**Be Careful What You Wish For.** When you prioritize money over sustainability, sustainability loses its traction. Look at colonization and the genocide, suffering, and lack of transparency that cost not only peoples children, but rise in addiction and suicide rates simply from dividing human from spirits true nature, respect and love for earths sacred offering. This is

Children Playing With Matches

Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel Project

**Author:** Paul Fraser

**Reference Number:** 124

**Submitted:** 2026-01-24 - 7:51 PM

**Project Phase:** Planning

**Participation Notice:** Public Notice - Comments invited on the summary of the Initial Project Description and funding available

We protect Petroglyphs, we protect pictographs, we protect all of the ancients artifacts and messages to future inhabitants of this area. And yet, even those ancient messages, are wearing out, and will eventually be gone as mother earth slowly but surely erodes them. Nothing remains, everything goes back to it's initial form. **What will mother earth do with the most toxic of human wastes.** We know that all things change, as change is imminent. The Erosion of the human made containers that hold the greatest of all poisons is also imminent. To deny that fact, is to be ignorant of the process of time. **Forever is a long time,**



# Examples of comments to the Impact Assessment

## Highlight general opposition

NWMO must be accountable for ensuring the public understands the problem, the strategy, and the risks and implications. Given the scale, duration, and societal implications of the DGR project, NWMO has a responsibility to demonstrate not only technical readiness but public comprehension. Public understanding is essential for legitimacy in a democratic society, yet most Canadians — including many corridor communities — remain unaware of the project and its implications. Anecdotal evidence (talking with friends across the province and in other provinces) shows that this project and its risks & implications are not widely known.

My understanding is that dangerous nuclear power waste will be trucked from Eastern Canada to be buried deep in the rock near Dryden. What could ever go wrong with this alarming plan? Mishaps could certainly take place along the remote highway, subject to terrible weather conditions, and road monotony itself potentially leading to a distracted driver. This project must not be rushed through without every possible assessment and contingency plan. Also, nuclear energy and weapons should be phased out by all humanity forthwith.

If we are going to move forward with such a project we need to get it right from the start, and it does need public support, which I don't think it has. I have concerns over the heat



# Examples of comments to the Impact Assessment

If your submission is long, or you wish to submit documents, you can email your submission to [nuclearwaste-dechetsnucleaires@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:nuclearwaste-dechetsnucleaires@iaac-aeic.gc.ca)

You may also make multiple submissions

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**From:** Peter Globensky <[email address removed]>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2026 3:43 PM  
**To:** Nuclear Waste / Déchets Nucléaires (IAAC/AEIC); Media (IAAC/AEIC)  
**Cc:** <[email address removed]>; info; info; info; letters; letters;  
**Subject:** Initial Project Description – Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel Project # 88774

Greetings,

I submit this intervention as a concerned citizen and as former Director/CEO of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment. Upon reading through the Initial Project Description of the Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for Canada's Used Nuclear Fuels I am left incredulous and aghast at the fact that the Impact Assessment Agency is excluding consultations and considerations concerning the transport of such used nuclear fuels from their original location (of which there will be many) to the proposed depository in the Revell Batholith .

There are a number of reason for my incredulity:

- Do not the communities through which these frequent nuclear-laden transports must pass not have the right to express their concerns about life/health/safety issues that may be posed by the passage of these transports through their communities? Or is it that there would be so many of such communities requiring consultation, that it was thought better to simply ignore them.
- Due in part to ill-trained transport truck drivers now on Ontario roads and the proliferation of 18/24/38 wheeled behemoths, transport vehicles in 2024 were involved 8,807 motor vehicle-related collisions as reported by the OPP — including fatal, injury, and property-damage-only collisions.
- Fully 21% of fatal collisions involving transport trucks killed 86 people. While statistics are not yet available, this provides a baseline for what a typical 2025 year looks like when the *Ontario Road Safety Annual Report* or *Ontario Collision Database* datasets are released later this year.
- Are you ready for repeated highway barricades which will emerge from members of those communities, particularly from Indigenous communities through which these nuclear-laden transports must pass and who have not been consulted at all in this process.
- In addition to the NWMO who have used their funds to successfully entice communities like Ignace into submission, are there any other independent agencies or specialist organizations who have "assured the public" of the absolute safety of these nuclear-laden transports?

In my opinion the Impact Assessment Agency would be in serious dereliction of its duty if it failed to include in the project description plans for comprehensive consultations with communities and traditional territories impacted by the transport of nuclear-laden fuels part of the consultation process. Cordially yours

Peter Andre Globensky



## Q & A SESSION

- PLEASE LIMIT YOUR QUESTIONS TO QUESTIONS, NOT COMMENTS (USE THE “CHAT” FOR COMMENTS)
- PLEASE KEEP YOUR QUESTIONS (AND ANSWERS, PANELISTS!) SHORT AND TO THE POINT; IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE QUESTION, ENTER EACH QUESTION SEPARATELY
- PLEASE KEEP YOUR QUESTIONS RESPECTFUL AND ON TOPIC
- USE THE “UPVOTE” OPTION TO HELP PUSH THE QUESTIONS OF HIGH INTEREST TO THE TOP OF THE LIST
- SEND ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO AFTER THE SESSION; [NUCLEARFREENORTH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NUCLEARFREENORTH@GMAIL.COM) AND WE’LL DO OUR BEST TO GET BACK TO YOU

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### Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel Project

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (the NWMO) is proposing a new underground deep geological repository system designed to safely contain and isolate used nuclear fuel. Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation (WOLON) and the Township of Ignace have been selected as the host communities for the proposed project, which is located 21 kilometres southeast of the WOLON and 43 kilometres northwest of the Town of Ignace, Ontario along Highway 17. As proposed, the Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel Project would provide permanent storage for approximately 5.9 million bundles of used nuclear fuel. The project is expected to span approximately 160 years, encompassing site preparation, construction, operation and closure monitoring. The project assessment is being conducted in collaboration with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

**View interactive map**

**Disclaimer**

- Location**  
43 km northwest of Ignace (Ontario)
- Nature of Activity**  
Waste Management

## GOOGLE "IAAC DGR NWMO"

<https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/88774?culture=en-CA>

### Know Nuclear Waste

A public interest information project about nuclear waste burial in Canada.

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**Nuclear Waste On-line Webinar Series 2020**  
Monday, February 24 @ noon  
[Canada Update 2020 on Nuclear Waste](#)

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization has now focused their investigation of potential burial sites for all of Canada's high level nuclear fuel waste on two remaining areas: the [Revelle Lake area](#), 45 kilometres west of Ignace, in

[www.KnowNuclearWaste.ca](http://www.KnowNuclearWaste.ca)

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## We the Nuclear Free North

The scene is serene, beautiful and clean - but at risk of eons of contamination. Our voices, together, can prevent this.

**Webinar Series: A Conversation with Area and Downstream Residents**  
Monday: Sept 16, 23 & 30

**Actions You Can Take Today!**

**Ally with us!**

Plans are being made and studies conducted into burying **highly radioactive nuclear fuel waste** in the heart of Northwestern Ontario - on Treaty #3 lands - in "Sunset Country". The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) will make their siting decision in Fall 2024.

[www.wethenuclearfreenorth.ca](http://www.wethenuclearfreenorth.ca)

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### Northwatch

Founded in 1988, Northwatch is an advocate for environmental protection and public participation in environmental decision-making in northeastern Ontario.

A [federal review](#) of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's nuclear waste transportation and burial project was [launched on January 5th](#) with a 30 day comment period on the [Initial Project Description](#) closing on [February 4th](#). Read more [HERE](#).

[www.northwatch.org](http://www.northwatch.org)

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# HEADS UP!

## FEBRUARY 11 DEADLINE TO COMMENT ON INITIAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR “NEW NUCLEAR” IN PORT HOPE

The screenshot shows the official website for the New Nuclear at Wesleyville Project. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Government of Canada logo and a language selector for French. Below this is a 'MENU' dropdown and a breadcrumb trail: Canada.ca > Impact Assessment Agency of Canada > Canadian Impact Assessment Registry > New Nuclear at Wesleyville Project. A search bar is present with the placeholder text 'Search by keyword(s) or reference number' and a 'SEARCH' button. The main content area features the project title 'New Nuclear at Wesleyville Project' and a descriptive paragraph: 'Ontario Power Generation Inc. is proposing the construction of a new nuclear power plant in the Municipality of Port Hope, Ontario, within the traditional and treaty Territory of the Williams Treaties First Nations. As proposed, the New Nuclear at Wesleyville Project would provide up to 10,000 megawatts of new nuclear generating capacity and operate for 78 years. Several nuclear reactor technologies will be considered for the project. The project assessment and initial licence application review are being conducted in collaboration with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.' To the right of the text is an interactive map showing the project location in Port Hope, Ontario, with a 100 km scale bar and a 'Disclaimer' link. Below the map is a list of project details: Location (Port Hope (Ontario)), Nature of Activity (Nuclear Energy), Assessment Status (In progress), Start Date (2026-01-12), Proponent (Ontario Power Generation Inc.), Authorities (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada), Assessment Type (Planning Phase for Impact Assessment), and Reference Number (89802). A 'Latest update' section contains an information icon and text: 'The information shared on this page is for the purposes of the integrated assessment for New Nuclear at Wesleyville and has not been approved for use for other purposes.' Below this is a date and text: 'January 12, 2026 — The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission invite Indigenous Peoples and the public to review the summary of the Initial Project Description for the New Nuclear at Wesleyville Project and provide feedback by February 11, 2026. Comments received will be used to prepare the summary of issues. Funding is also available to help participate in the impact assessment process for this project. Applications received by February 11, 2026, will be considered.' At the bottom, there is an 'At a glance' section with a table that is partially visible, showing columns for 'Impact', 'Impact', and 'Decision'.

<https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/89802>