

# **Your voice matters**

## SHAPE THE FUTURE OF CANADA'S PLAN FOR USED NUCLEAR FUEL

Participate in an information session or webinar, drop by the Ignace Learn More Centre, or email or mail us your comments.

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is committed to a safe and responsible plan for the long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel. Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation and the Township of Ignace agreed to move into the regulatory decision-making phase as potential host communities for a deep geological repository for Canada's used nuclear fuel.

Now, as the Project moves into the regulatory decision-making stage, your input is crucial. We want to hear your thoughts, ideas and concerns. The first step is for the NWMO to draft and submit an Initial Project Description (IPD) that explains why a company wants to do a project and what it hopes to achieve. It helps people understand the reason behind the project, who it is meant to benefit and how a company is assessing the impact of the project.

There are several ways that people can provide input, including dropping by the Ignace Learn More Centre, participating in an information session or webinar, or sending written feedback.

# Why engage with the Initial Project Description process?

The Initial Project Description is the first of many steps in the rigorous licensing process for nuclear facilities. At the impact assessment phase of the regulatory process, the NWMO,

the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) must engage with Indigenous Peoples and local and regional residents. This ensures that the Project reflects the values, needs and concerns of people it may affect. It helps build trust, improve decisions and create solutions that are fair, respectful and sustainable for everyone.

### What is a deep geological repository?

Canada's deep geological repository for used nuclear fuel will use a multiple-barrier system designed to safely contain and isolate the used fuel over the very long term. Built to a depth of 650-800 metres, the repository will consist of a network of underground tunnels and placement rooms that will store the used nuclear fuel. A deep geological repository is internationally accepted as the preferred method to manage used nuclear fuel over the very long term, with similar projects proposed, approved or under construction in Finland, Sweden, Switzerland and France.

For more information about the Project, the regulatory process and upcoming engagement opportunities, visit our website at nwmo.ca/PlanningWithYou.





## **WAYS TO PROVIDE INPUT**

## )) Ignace information sessions

Each session will have a presentation about the Initial Project Description, followed by a moderated discussion.

- Thursday, July 24, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Learn More Centre, 304 Main Street, Ignace
- Friday, July 25, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Upper Curling Hall, 200 Beaver Street, Ignace

### Dryden information sessions

Drop-in session

• Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Native Friendship Centre, 74 Queen Street, Dryden

Presentation about the Initial Project Description, followed by a moderated discussion.

 Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dryden Regional Training and Cultural Centre, 100 Casimir Avenue, Dryden

#### Webinars

Webinars are open to all who are interested in the Project. The same information will be shared at both webinars. You can register at nwmo.ca/PlanningWithYou.

- Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. ET
- Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2025, at 6 p.m. ET

#### Written feedback

Beginning on Thursday, July 17, 2025, a summary of the Initial Project Description will be posted at nwmo.ca/PlanningWithYou for review. You can submit comments to RegulatoryFeedback@nwmo.ca or nwmo.ca/contact-us on our website. Comments will also be accepted by mail addressed to:

NWMO — IPD summary feedback 22 St. Clair Avenue East, Fourth Floor Toronto, ON M4T 2S3

Comments are accepted until Friday, Aug. 22, 2025.

