

SOCIÉTÉ DE GESTION DES DÉCHETS NUCLÉAIRES

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Thank you for your continued interest in the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO).

I am pleased to inform you that our **2024 annual report** and **2025-29 implementation plan** are now available online.



Printed copies are available upon request.

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2024 was a pivotal year for the NWMO.

In November, we achieved a historic milestone: selecting Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation (WLON) and the Township of Ignace as the host communities for Canada's deep geological repository for used nuclear fuel. This momentous decision reflects the dedication of these communities to developing a deep understanding of this project, asking critical questions and making thoughtful decisions about their willingness to host the project.

Now that we have selected a site for the deep geological repository, we will begin the regulatory decision-making process that will independently confirm the safety of the repository. We encourage Canadians and Indigenous Peoples to share their input on the project, including Indigenous Knowledge, through this process.

The NWMO will also be subject to WLON's Regulatory Assessment and Approval Process, a sovereign regulatory process that will be developed and implemented by WLON. It will design the process to ensure that potential impacts of the project are assessed against its Anishinaabe Values. Conditions to mitigate any impacts will be designed by WLON and complied with by the NWMO.

We are also building on our experience to develop a process for siting a second deep geological repository for intermediate-level and non-fuel high-level waste, and potentially used nuclear fuel from new nuclear energy projects. This new process will also prioritize finding a safe location with informed and willing hosts.

Our commitment to listening, learning and collaborating is fundamental to the way we work. As we expand our presence in the host communities and advance the second repository project, we remain focused on answering tough questions, listening to feedback and sharing knowledge to strengthen the safety case for our work from a social perspective.

**Your feedback is essential.** Our implementation plan is a living document, shaped by public input. We encourage you to review the plan and share your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Laurie Swami

President and CEO