

## Petition to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

Direct the Nuclear Waste Management Organization to Stop the Siting Process for a Deep Geological Repository for all of Canada's High Level Nuclear Fuel Waste

**WHEREAS** the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has been investigating potential sites for a **deep geological repository for high-level nuclear waste** from all of Canada's nuclear power reactors since 2010 and since 2020 has focused its attention on two candidate sites, one in Kenora District in Northwestern Ontario and one in Bruce County in Southwestern Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the NWMO project involves the **transportation, processing, burial and abandonment** of an estimated 120,000 tonnes of highly radioactive waste (excluding volumes from any future reactors or reactor extensions);

**WHEREAS** there are scientific and public concerns about the risks of **radioactive exposures** along the transportation route and in the region of and downstream from the repository site under both normal operating and accident conditions; and

**WHEREAS** the NWMO states they will only select a site where there is an **"informed"** community but has **failed to present** a complete project plan and their descriptions of their project are still at the "concept" stage; and

**WHEREAS** the NWMO states they will only select a site where there is a **"willing"** community but has **presented no criteria** or method for measuring willingness, and has designated the Township of Ignace as the potential "host" community for the candidate site in Northwestern Ontario, despite the Township of Ignace being more than 40 km distant from that candidate site thereby excluding those living in much closer vicinity to the site as well as those in downstream communities and those along the transportation route.

**We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada call upon the Minister of Natural Resources to immediately direct the Nuclear Waste Management Organization to stop the siting process for their proposed deep geological repository for highly radioactive nuclear fuel waste.**

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