

To the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

I am writing to express my concern about the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's proposed deep geological repository for nuclear fuel waste which the NWMO is proposing to construct and operate between Ignace and Dryden in northwestern Ontario. I am a lifelong resident of Thunder Bay, Ontario who has travelled the highways and camped along the shores of beautiful Lake Superior all my life.

Lake Superior is the largest freshwater lake in the world, holding 10% of the world's surface freshwater. Planning to transport nuclear waste along the railway and 'highway' along Lake Superior is deeply concerning. In January of 2008 a CP rail train traveling along Lake Superior through Cavers Cove, near Rosspport, had a 14 car derailment. The cargo of plastic pellet 'nurdles' was swept into Lake Superior and travelled far and wide across Eastern Lake Superior in Canada and the US. To this day we continue to find them washed up on our Lake Superior beach. Nurdles are toxically harmless but can potentially cause problems with birds and fish that ingest them. **Nuclear waste is not harmless.**

Why we would take even the slightest chance of a highway or rail disaster that could result in nuclear waste entering the **precious water resource of Lake Superior**. The proposed northern Ontario transportation route is notoriously dangerous at the best of times. Winter makes Hwy 11/17 one of the most dangerous roads in N. America. This material should be stored as close as possible to where it is produced.

LONG-DISTANCE TRANSPORTATION MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT REVIEW.

Respectfully,

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