

To: Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC)

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From: Sustainable Energy Group, Carleton County, New Brunswick.

RE: Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) proposal for an underground deep geological repository (DGR) system near Ignace, Ontario.

Nuclear waste transportation routes and risks are not included in the impact assessment. This is not responsible action and may render the IAAC assessment invalid. Transporting high-level waste to the DGR is the essential aspect of the project bringing concern to the public residing all along the route. By not consulting the public the IAAC and the NWMO will not have a full understanding of the cumulative effects and impacts of the large-scale and long-term transport of high-level nuclear waste.

Current plans by the NWMO envisions more than 2,100 transport packages of New Brunswick's used nuclear fuel travelling approximately 2,900 kilometres along public roads from Point Lepreau, N.B. to Ignace, ON over a period of 10 to 15 years, bringing certain risk to everyone along the route. The NWMO does not want to include the transport of high-level waste to Ignace from all the nuclear power plants in Canada because they fear opposition. Surprisingly, the IAAC is seemingly granting their wish. Furthermore, approval from Indigenous leaders and communities for the transport of this nuclear waste through their traditional territories is not being carried out as required by the United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), but which has been sanctioned by the Government of Canada.

To be considered as legitimate, the NWMO nuclear waste project should only be implemented with the acceptance of informed and willing hosts. To arbitrarily exclude any debate of the transportation of used fuel would be a great disservice to New Brunswickers, and all Canadians.

The anticipated refusal by the IAAC to include the transport of high-level nuclear waste to the DGR would be dereliction of responsibility. We trust this will not be the case.

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