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Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 1:00 PM
To: Nuclear Waste / Déchets Nucléaires (IAAC/AEIC)
Subject: Deep Geological Repository Project

Good Morning,

My name is Maxine Schmerk. I am a member of Fort William First Nation. I live on our reserve. Our Chief, Michele Solomon is in opposition of nuclear waste being brought to North Western Ontario. I am in complete agreement for a number of reasons. The transportation alone is unpredictable. Both Eastbound and Westbound traffic has been blocked a number of times due to accidents. Just last week there was another fatality, sadly, a young 28 year old woman was killed at Sistonen's corner. Highway accidents are a common occurrence. Transportation MUST be included in the impact assessment.

I have participated in the Water Walks that highlight our water is sacred. These walks are Anishinaabe-led, sacred and ceremonial aimed at honouring Nibi (Water). This was initiated by an Elder Josephine Mandarin in 2003. These walks focus on environmental awareness. Nibi (Water) is considered a living entity and a crucial resource for all and future generations. It is our responsibility to take care of Nibi, protecting from contamination. This is another vital reason to NOT have nuclear waste rumbling down our highways and deposited in North Western Ontario. Without clean water we could not survive.

Long term safety issues need to be highlighted in the impact assessment.

I am not in agreement with the proposed deep geological repository project.

Sincerely,

Maxine Schmerk