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Rail transportation would be much safer and is a much more energy-efficient method. It would involve construction of a siding and a short spur line to the repository site from the main line which runs through Ignace. The Trans-Canada highway along Lake Superior to Ignace is two-laned, with numerous steep hills, curves, rockcuts, & stretches with narrow or no shoulders, few detour alternatives, and has high accident rates, and few detour alternatives. A highway crash often ties up cross-Canada travel for many hours at a time. Derailments are rare compared to road accidents, and rail lines generally lie on the outskirts of communities. Rail transport would keep thousands of trucks off the highway along with accompanying carbon pollution and should be seriously considered.