

A full impact assessment of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's high level radioactive waste project is essential, which includes investigating the potential effects transportation of radioactive waste. Without including this important element would be short-sighted, flawed and deviate from established norms of planning large scale projects. By excluding transportation would fail to examine potential accident risks, routing decisions, and emergency preparedness from public review and planning – and deny hundreds of communities along potential transportation corridors with any meaningful opportunity to explain potential risks they may face. We know that many sections of highway, including Thunder Bay, where I live, and other small communities in Northwestern Ontario are located in one of the last boreal forests, on the shores of Lake Superior and home to many freshwater lakes which could potentially be affected by the spread of harmful waste. The process being proposed also ignores Indigenous rights in communities and it is critical that the project protects Indigenous rights, which requires consent and meaningful consultation required under Canadian law.