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**To:** Nuclear Waste / Déchets Nucléaires (IAAC/AEIC)  
**Subject:** Nuclear waste disposal in NW Ontario

Dear Sir / Madame

I would like to offer the following comments regarding the burial of highly toxic waste in NW Ontario.

1st and foremost is the process in which the Municipalities of Ignace and Wabigoon 1st nations have been engaged and Ignace in particular has very much accepted being the host to this toxic dump.

I live in Atikokan, Ontario not too far from the proposed waste site. Prior to the formation of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization a similar group from the nuclear industry Atomic Energy of Canada(AECL) came to Atikokan in the 1980s right after the town lost 1200 mining jobs. Their objective was to convince our community that being the host and site of a nuclear waste dump was good for our community creating good paying jobs. There was no money given to the community, just a promise of jobs to take the toxic waste. After public consultation on the matter 85% of the community rejected the offer from AECL and they left town .So in 40 years what has changed ?? Money !! Lots of money in the millions of dollars doled out to Ignace and Wabigoon 1st Nations to engage and convince them into accepting this toxic waste to be buried here in NW Ontario. What is wrong with that ? Morally it is reprehensible! Money can corrupt and has blurred the real issue in the issue of burying this toxic waste. The science is not proven to do this safety as there is no place on earth that this has been done over time to prove burying this toxic waste in bedrock will safely contain it. The time span the NWMO is telling us they can do this is hundreds of thousands of years ! Really ! The problem with that science is nobody will be around to be accountable if and when things go wrong!! The whole process of buying economically depressed communities is wrong and immoral, especially using public money to do it.

2nd - is simply the science technology the NWMO uses to state they have this issue figured out. In a timeline of hundreds of thousands of years our earth has gone through ice ages which can and will happen again. A few kilometers of ice that covered our region 10,000 years ago and has now gone has the earth's crust rebounding and we do experience earthquakes in our region. No rock formation is stable if we have earthquakes and we do have them . The very technology they would use in blasting their way into rock formations to bury the waste is a destabilization in the rock they want to bury this toxic waste in . This is a major flaw in their plan.

3rd and not least is transportation of the waste from thousands of kilometers from where it is produced . There is not a week goes by here in NW Ontario when a major accident does not happen on hwys # 11 and 17. The vast majority of these accidents include commercial transportation trucks. Winter months are particularly bad for accidents so if a truck bringing this toxic waste is delayed for a few hours , a day or a few days, who will be dosed with gamma rays emitting from this waste ? How will the general public be shielded from these deadly gamma rays ? Well that is not a problem as the NWMO would have you believe ! Why ? Transportation is not addressed in the public environmental review so it must not be a problem or perhaps it is a big problem the NWMO has no rational answers for in transporting this most toxic deadly waste.

Make no mistake about it, transporting 2 to 3 truck loads of this waste per day over 50 years or more will see accidents happen and delays in transportation of the toxic waste ! Would you want to be the community seeing a truck load of this waste sitting in a motel for hours or days waiting for highways to reopen while the waste sits on those trucks emitting deadly gamma rays.

These are the issues that the nuclear industry has created in its so-called clean energy that produces some of the deadliest toxins known to mankind with no “real” solution on how to neutralize these toxins.

So yes ! I am definitely concerned and against bringing these toxins to NW Ontario. The vast majority of those who live here in the region have no say on the issue and those who live on the transportation route have also been ignored and left out of the public consultation. The toxic waste should be stored at the site where it is produced. Transporting it here to our region is irresponsible, dangerous and ignores the safety of the people who live here and those on the transportation route. The NWMOs plan is simply flawed , corrupt, dangerous process funded by public money.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and I hope anyone with any common sense would come to the conclusion the toxic waste needs to stay where it is produced.

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