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Thank you for opening this process to feedback. I appreciate having the opportunity to share my concerns about the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's proposed deep geological repository for nuclear fuel waste which the NWMO is proposing to construct and operate between Ignace and Dryden in northwestern Ontario.

I am an Anishnaabekwe who carries responsibilities to protect the Lands & waters for the future generations. I am also a mother and an educator and I think often about the impact of our actions today on children.

While I have many concerns about the project itself and the NWMO's method of selecting the site and their site selection, my comments are on the Impact Assessment review process which began on January 5th and the NWMO's "initial project description".

The 30-day comment period is too short. Many people who are concerned about this project, including the transportation of the radioactive waste to the site, will not have even heard about the comment period and for those of us who were alerted to the comment period it is a very short period of time to comment on the initial project description. This is an important project that will have impacts far, far into the future. The review process must be thorough and allow public participation, and a 30-day comment period works against that.

The project description is poorly done and leaves out important information about the project. For one, the NWMO is trying to persuade the Impact Assessment Agency that transportation can be left out of the review after describing transportation as part of their project for more than twenty years.

The water "management" omits key issues, including:

- pumping of groundwater from the underground (volumes, contamination, storage, treatment, release)
- Water from the used fuel packaging plant (volumes, contamination, storage, treatment, release).

This information needs to be part of the review.

In addition, I have serious concerns about the long term safety and the review did not provide enough information or consideration of this.

A huge concern for me is the absence of LONG-DISTANCE TRANSPORTATION in the review. This absolutely MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT REVIEW, the highways in Northwestern Ontario are not safe to transport nuclear waste. This must be explored and given proper consideration.

I hope you will consider these comments and make the appropriate changes required to this process.

Anika