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**Subject:** Nuclear Waste Impact Assessment Concerns

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern 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. As a resident of Thunder Bay, I am very concerned about this project and its impact to my home city through transportation, as well as impacts to the surrounding area. 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 had enough time to hear about the comment period, conduct research, and submit their feedback. This is an important project that will have impacts for future generations. For this reason, the review process must be thorough and allow for meaningful public participation; which a 30-day comment period does not enable.

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. Transportation of waste is an incredibly important piece of this project and NEEDS to be considered in the impact assessment.

The NWMO also provides too little information about project activities, including those project activities that pose radiological risk for the workers and for residents in the area and downstream from the project site. There is not enough information about the Used Fuel Packaging Plant, how the wastes will be transferred into the underground and placed in the emplacement rooms, how the containers will be monitored after they are underground, and how they will be retrieved or repaired in the event of a container failing.

**THE NWMO MUST BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION.**

I am requesting that this project be the subject of a full impact assessment including a public hearing, and that the Impact Assessment Agency ensure that the public is able to participate in a meaningful way through each step of the process.

Thank you for considering my comments and concerns.

Wyeth McCormick

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