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Subject: Some inadequacies of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) proposed Impact Assessment Report

I am a lifelong resident of Northwestern Ontario having lived in Thunder Bay, Kenora and now, Red Lake. I have travelled by road and rail throughout this district and beyond for my entire life. Most residents living in this area cannot currently afford any option other than highway travel and frequently need to access larger centres from their small communities for many reasons (medical, travel beyond this area, shopping, etc.) However, Highway 11/17 has well-documented safety concerns as fatal and/or serious injury and property damage accidents continue to make the weekly news. Too often these accidents involve a transport truck and we are learning how poorly trained many of these drivers are as well as in-experienced and unfamiliar with winter driving conditions and the necessary precautions to take when those conditions deteriorate.

It seems inconceivable and grossly negligent that the proposed report outline suggests the omission of any transportation considerations even though the project would include 2-3 transports per day over a fifty year (or longer) period to be on Canadian highways from New Brunswick to Northwestern Ontario, but especially the Thunder Bay to Kenora section which is known as an unpredictably dangerous, perhaps deadly, stretch. This completely discounts and disrespects such a large percentage of Canadian Citizens living near both the highways and the rail lines along the proposed route as well as all communities, large and small that such transportation lines travel through or near.

The NWMO has had decades to plan their project but have ignored rights to which Canadians are entitled under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, (1982), UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2016) and the Right to a Healthy Environment (2023). **It is utterly shameful** when a project such as the transportation of spent but still highly-radioactive nuclear waste over 2,500 kilometres (approximately) does not engage all citizens along that route and within any proximity but, instead, leaves the decision in the hands of two small, economically-vulnerable communities (Ignace and Wabigoon First Nation), dismissing the protests from many in the nearby districts. The multi-faceted risks in this process have not been well-documented and neither have options to this transportation proposal been seriously considered (i.e. storage at the nuclear reactor sites.)

The above-mentioned fundamental and serious concerns are apparent to a regular citizen; nuclear scientists, physicians, environmentalists, activists and many others have raised many more detailed and credible questions about so many aspects of this project, in particular the flaws in the proposed Impact Assessment Report. Even to a lay person the

current outline for this report seems hopelessly inadequate and must be revised for a project of this seriousness.

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