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Good morning Kathryn,

Thank you for following up.

Please see MTO's *draft Integrated Guidelines* comments below.

Section 10.2, lines 2167–2171: Traffic Impact Study language

Commentary:

The reference to aligning with MTO's Traffic Impact Study Guidelines is appropriate; however, the phrase: "The limits of the study area must be approved by MTO in advance of the preparation of the TIS" could be interpreted as MTO co-defining the assessment scope or implicitly endorsing the adequacy of the project's transportation approach.

Suggested revised wording:

"As it relates to transportation activities, the proponent is responsible for defining and justifying the geographic extent of the Traffic Impact Study in accordance with the General Guidelines for the Preparation of Traffic Impact Studies. The study area shall include all highways, interchanges, and intersections that are affected or potentially affected by project-related traffic. The proposed study area shall be submitted to MTO for review to confirm consistency with provincial guidelines and regulatory requirements., where appropriate"

Section 10.2, lines 2194–2199: "outside IAAC's mandate" language

Commentary:

Even though the document elsewhere confirms the assessment of transportation effects is in scope, this sentence: "not included in the impact assessment as it is outside of IAAC's mandate" could be misconstrued to suggest that effects on provincial roads are excluded from assessment or jurisdiction over roads removes transportation effects from IAAC consideration.

Suggested revised wording:

"While the transport of nuclear substances is governed by CNSC and Transport Canada regulatory frameworks, transportation activities required to

support the project, including the movement of used nuclear fuel, construction materials, and personnel, are part of the designated project and must be assessed using representative transportation scenarios developed with IAAC, Transport Canada, and the CNSC. Any project-related effects on provincial and municipal roads and highways, including traffic volumes, safety, emergency response considerations, infrastructure capacity, and the need for modifications or upgrades, must be identified and assessed by the proponent and are subject to applicable approvals.”

Please see MTO's *draft Cooperation Plan* comments below.

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Commentary:

Building and Land Use Permits omitted.

Suggested revised wording:

Entrance Permits, Encroachment Permit, Building and Land Use Permit, and traffic impact study in accordance with the Guidelines for preparation of traffic impact study and prepared by MTO prequalified engineering service through the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act

Regards,

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Hi Kevin and Shawn,

I just wanted to follow up with you to see if MTO was planning on providing any comments on the [Draft Integrated Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines](#) or the [Draft Cooperation Plan](#) for the Deep Geological Repository for Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel project. If you have any comments you would like to provide, please share them at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

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