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**Written Submission from
CNSC Staff**

**Mémoire du
personnel de la CCSN**

In the matter of the

À l'égard du

**Update on an item from a previous
Commission proceeding**

**Mise à jour sur un sujet découlant
d'une séance précédente de la
Commission**

Follow up on the results of the Nuclear
Waste Management Organization public
attitude research (Action Item #23712)

Suivi sur les résultats de l'étude de
la Société de Gestion des Déchets
Nucléaires sur les attitudes du public
(Suivi #23712)

Commission Meeting

Réunion de la Commission

June 3, 2025

Le 3 juin 2025



MEMORANDUM NOTE DE SERVICE

To
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From
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Director General
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RIB Action 23712	
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April 23, 2025	

Subject
Objet RIB Action #23712 – Update on the Results of the NWMO's public attitude research.

ISSUE

During the April 27, 2021 Commission meeting, the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) and Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) staff presented updates on the NWMO's proposed project for the long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel ([CMD 21-M17.1](#), [CMD 21-M17.1A](#)). As part of this meeting, the Commission requested that the results of the NWMO's public attitude research be included in the next update to the Commission, after site selection.

This action is being tracked in the CNSC Regulatory Information Bank under RIB Action [23712](#). As there are no plans to continue with Commission updates from the NWMO on its proposed project, this memo is intended to fulfill the above noted Commission request and close out RIB Action [23712](#).

BACKGROUND

Through the Government of Canada's 2002 [Nuclear Fuel Waste Act](#), the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is tasked with the safe, long-term management of Canada's intermediate- and high-level radioactive waste including used nuclear fuel. In November 2005, the NWMO submitted a [report](#) to the Minister of Natural Resources, recommending an approach known as Adaptive Phased Management (APM). The technical end point of APM is the containment and isolation of Canada's used nuclear fuel in a [deep geological repository](#). The approach was adopted as [Canada's plan](#) in June 2007.

On November 28, 2024, the NWMO [announced](#) it had selected Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation (WLON) and the Township of Ignace as the host communities for the future site for Canada's deep geological repository for used nuclear fuel.

UPDATE

On January 15, 2025, the NWMO shared with CNSC staff the following public attitude research reports that were previously posted on their website following the April 27, 2021 Commission meeting:

- [NWMO-REP-06310-0203: Transportation Planning Public Attitude Research Report](#)
- [NWMO-REP-06310-0202: Transportation planning - Indigenous Dialogue](#)

The NWMO also shared with CNSC staff the following annual implementation plan reports that are posted on their website and include insights from their implementation plan survey:

- [What We heard: Implementing Canada's Plan - 2023](#)
- [What We Heard: Implementing Canada's Plan - 2022](#)

CONCLUSION

This memo is intended to fulfill the Commission request to share the results of NWMO's public attitude research and in doing so close out RIB Action [23712](#).

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