

## **SITE SELECTION UPDATE - MOVING TOWARDS BUILDING SUPPORTIVE PARTNERSHIPS**

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### **Abstract**

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) was established in 2002 by Canada's nuclear electricity producers under the Nuclear Fuel Waste Act. NWMO's mandate is to design and implement an approach for the long-term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel that is socially acceptable, technically sound, environmentally responsible, and economically feasible. NWMO is currently in its site selection process to identify an informed and willing host by 2023. Operation of the repository is planned for 2043 once regulatory approvals are obtained and construction completed. NWMO is implementing a dialogue-driven approach through a comprehensive engagement program involving municipalities and Indigenous communities designed to build awareness of the project, build confidence in safety, identify socially acceptable potential repository sites and build supportive and resilient partnerships to implement the project while enhancing well-being of communities.