

Advisory Council to the
Nuclear Waste Management Organization

Record of Discussion: September 15, 2005 Meeting

Record of discussion of the meeting of the Advisory Council to the
Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) /
Société de gestion des déchets nucléaires (sgdn)

Convened at 49 Jackes Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, commencing at 1:00 p.m. EST. on
September 15, 2005.

Present

Advisory Council:

David Crombie	Chairman
David Cameron	Member
Helen Cooper	Member
Gordon Cressy	Member
Fred Gilbert	Member
Eva Ligeti	Member
Derek Lister	Member
Donald Obonsawin	Member
Daniel Rozon	Member

Suzanne Barrett (writer for Advisory Council)

NWMO:

Elizabeth Dowdeswell	President (Items 4-6)
Kathryn Shaver	Corporate Secretary (Items 1, 2, 4-6)

PART I

ADVISORY COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Constitution of Meeting / Approval of Agenda

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Advisory Council reviewed and approved the minutes of the Council meeting convened on July 20th, 2005, with an editorial change proposed by Council.

NWMO management withdrew from the meeting.

PART II

IN CAMERA ADVISORY COUNCIL SESSION – REPORT PREPARATION

3. Draft Study Report

The Advisory Council met privately to work on the drafting of its independent comments, as required under the *Nuclear Fuel Waste Act*.

PART III

DISCUSSION WITH NWMO

NWMO rejoined the meeting.

4. Update – Engagement Activities

The Chairman invited the President to provide an update to the Advisory Council on the NWMO's most recent engagement activities.

The President outlined the range of submissions forwarded most recently to NWMO that have been reviewed and will be summarized in the NWMO's Final Study Report.

The NWMO's engagement activities from August were discussed.

As part of this update, the President reported on the Elders' Forum convened in Ottawa August 25-27, 2005. Consistent with the suggestions of the Advisory Council, the Forum convened by the NWMO brought together Elders from across Canada, accompanied by young people, to review the work of the NWMO and discuss the draft recommendation put forward by the NWMO. The Forum also provided an opportunity bring some holders of Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge together to review the challenge of managing used nuclear fuel for the long term. Advisory Council members were pleased to hear about the outcome of the Elders' Forum.

The President noted that the reports from the August engagement activities would be posted on the NWMO website along with the other engagement reports.

The Chairman invited general discussion and questions from the Advisory Council.

5. Update – Preparation of Final Study Report

The President reviewed the timelines and process relating to the production of the Final Study Report. The NWMO committed to keep the Advisory Council updated on the communications planning around the release of the Final Study Report.

The Advisory Council Chairman reported to the President that the Council had concluded the drafting of its comments. After some discussion, the Advisory Council concluded that, within the stipulated statutory limits to which it was subject, the NWMO conducted a process that was comprehensive, transparent and clearly exhibits fairness, balance and integrity. The Advisory Council report contains a number of outstanding considerations on the management approach that would need to be addressed as the NWMO proceeds to the next phase of its work. The Advisory Council report provides final thoughts and recommendations, drawing on the experiences of the past three years.

The Chairman noted that the report from the Advisory Council would be formally transmitted to the NWMO, for inclusion in the Final Study Report that is submitted to the Minister of Natural Resources Canada and made public.

PART IV

ADVISORY COUNCIL BUSINESS

6. Upcoming Meetings

The Chairman requested that:

- The Corporate Secretary schedule an additional Advisory Council meeting for Q4 2005; and
- The Advisory Council continue to work on its Tracking Matrix, with a view to ensuring finalization by the end of October.

Termination of Meeting

The Chairman declared the meeting terminated at 6:00 p.m.

Dated the 2nd day of December, 2005
Corporate Secretary