

Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities

Resolution 2005-07

WHEREAS the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has released its Draft Study Report and has indicated that it intends to recommend to the Government of Canada that Adaptive Phased Management be approved as the approach for the long term management of Canada's used nuclear fuel waste;

AND WHEREAS Acres – Sargent & Lundy (ASL) has undertaken a peer review of the Draft Study Report on behalf of the Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC) and has submitted a report to CANHC;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of Adaptive Phased Management within the time frame projected by the NWMO is dependent on a number of factors, including a prompt decision by the Government of Canada and the identification of a willing host community for the new facility within 10 years of the Government's decision;

AND WHEREAS the expeditious relocation of the used nuclear fuel waste from the existing reactor sites to a new central site is dependent on the timely implementation of Adaptive Phased Management and the construction of a shallow storage facility at the central site for the used nuclear fuel waste;

AND WHEREAS the NWMO has indicated that they are not responsible for the used nuclear fuel waste until it leaves its current locations and will not provide compensation to existing host communities while the waste remains at the reactor sites;

AND WHEREAS the Draft Study Report fails to emphasize that the continued secure storage of the used nuclear fuel waste at the existing reactor sites is an integral and essential component of Adaptive Phased Management;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The report prepared by ASL entitled *Independent Peer Review of NWMO Draft Study Report "Choosing A Way Forward"*, dated July 2005, is hereby endorsed by the Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities;
2. The NWMO be requested to explicitly recognize in the Final Study Report that the existing host communities are the first host communities for the used nuclear fuel waste and therefore its recommendations shall include compensation for all host communities after the process of implementing Adaptive Phased Management begins;
3. The NWMO and the Joint Waste Owners formally commit to collaborate closely with the current nuclear host communities after submission of the Final Study Report

and through the Implementation Phase, and that sufficient funding for peer review services be provided to the Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities on an on-going basis to ensure that the Association can continue to participate effectively in the nuclear fuel waste management process;

4. The NWMO address the issue of retroactive compensation (i.e. the period of time prior to implementation of Adaptive Phased Management) in the Final Study Report for all communities that previously and currently host nuclear waste, and

5. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Nuclear Waste Management Organization, the Board of Directors and Advisory Council for the NWMO, the federal Minister of Natural Resources, affected provincial ministers responsible for energy, nuclear operators, and the local members of parliament and provincial parliaments for the host communities.