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I worked in the NFWMP for 10 years and was dismayed by the Seaborn report.

I want to tell you, I am pleased and encouraged by your progress. The NFWMP did not intrinsically include or consider social acceptability. AECL was asked to evaluate the technical aspects and did that well. However, social acceptability was (for me and many scientists) extrinsically included. We have children; we now have grandchildren. We never imagined going forward without social acceptance: consultation and retrievability were discussed as was the idea of moving in stages.

Realizing now that a larger more representative public must be able to think this through or gain trust from experts outside the industry – I (for one) agree completely with your social & communication approach is headed in the right direction.