

ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE NWMO

The Honourable Christian Paradis
Minister, Natural Resources Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister Paradis,

On behalf of the Advisory Council to the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), I am pleased to submit our comments that are included in the NWMO's triennial report on 2008–2010.

We are very pleased to offer our independent review of the progress that has been made during the NWMO's first three years of implementing Canada's plan for the safe and secure long-term management of used nuclear fuel.

The Advisory Council comments are submitted as required under sections 8 and 18 of the *Nuclear Fuel Waste Act*.

The report begins by providing an overview of the mandate, process and approach of the Advisory Council. The second section provides the Council's evaluation of the work the NWMO has undertaken over the past three years towards its seven strategic objectives for Adaptive Phased Management. The third section includes comments on the NWMO's plans for future work, based on its 2011–2015 Strategic Plan and Budget Forecast. And the final section provides the Advisory Council's conclusions and recommendations focusing on key challenges for the NWMO's next phase of work.

We look forward to continuing our ongoing review and constructive comment on the NWMO's work in 2011.

Sincerely, on behalf of the members of the Advisory Council,



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