

Appendix 1 (b)



CONFEDERACY OF NATIONS
December 9, 10 & 11, 2003, Ottawa, Ontario

Resolution no. 51 /2003

**SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
ABORIGINAL AND TREATY RIGHT OBLIGATIONS**

MOVED BY: Chief Gail Shawbonquit, Whitefish Lake First Nation, ON

SECONDED BY: Chief Ralph Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash First Nation, ON

DECISION: Carried by consensus

WHEREAS the Assembly of First Nations supported resolution 103/99 "First Nation Participation in Shaping the Preferred Approach to Long-term Nuclear Fuel Waste Management; and

WHEREAS the *Nuclear Waste Management Organization* (NWMO) was established under the recently NFWC and every nuclear energy corporation is a member and shareholder in order to initially present disposal options to the Government of Canada and then implement and maintain the long-term management of nuclear fuel waste; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly encourage the Assembly of First Nations to develop a draft Nuclear Waste Management Strategy that would protect the long-term social, environmental, legal and cultural interests of First Nations; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that this does not preclude the need for the NWMO to independently consult with First Nations in a full and meaningful manner.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 11th day of December, 2003 in Ottawa, Ontario.