ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE NWMO

The Honourable Greg Rickford Minister, Natural Resources Canada Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

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Dear Minister,

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 2011-2013 Triennial Report.

This is our second independent review of progress being made during the NWMO's implementation of Adaptive Phased Management, Canada's plan for the safe and secure long-term care of used nuclear fuel.

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

The first section of our report provides an overview of the mandate and approach of the Advisory Council, our evaluation framework, and our previous reports. This is followed by a summary of our activities over the past three years and our evaluation of the work the NWMO has undertaken 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 Implementation Plan, *Implementing Adaptive Phased Management 2014 to 2018.* In the final section, we offer our 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 and to our next triennial review in three years time.

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

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The Honourable David Crombie, PC, OC Chairman Advisory Council

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