Meeting of Roundtable on Ethics – March 4, 2005

The purpose of this meeting was for the Roundtable to continue its work to update its Ethical and Social Framework in light of the work remaining in the NWMO's study.

The Roundtable also received a presentation by NWMO staff to outline current thinking on a possible fourth option for the management of used nuclear fuel which would build upon the strengths of the other three options studied.

The NWMO also outlined its current thinking concerning the type of implementation plan which it believes would need to accompany any recommended approach.

A question and answer session followed this presentation. Roundtable members indicated they looked forward to reading NWMO's Draft Study Report, and providing comment on it.

A meeting was scheduled for the purpose of receiving this comment.

Note: Comment by Roundtable members during this meeting was informal and preliminary to the discussion to follow in the next meeting. Much of the meeting was devoted to discussion among Roundtable members of its Ethical and Social Framework. Much of the discussion sparked by NWMO presentations was devoted to questions and answers to better understand the NWMO's intent. For this reason, formal notes are not provided for this meeting.

The Agenda for the meeting is outlined below:

Meeting: Friday March 4th

Location: NWMO office - 49 Jackes Avenue, Toronto

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Topic 1: Finalization of revised Ethical and Social Framework (Feb. 24 version)

Topic 2: Review of NWMO's Fourth Option from an ethical perspective

Topic 3: Discussion of ethical requirements of any implementation plan developed by NWMO

Topic 4: Further guidance as NWMO approaches the completion of the study.