Record 2004-06

Advisory Council to the

Nuclear Waste Management Organization

Record of Discussion: November 25, 2004 Meeting

Record of discussion of the meeting of the Advisory Council to the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) / Société de gestion des déchets nucléaires (sgdn)

held at Toronto, Ontario, commencing at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 1:30 p.m. on November 25, 2004.

Present

Advisory Council:

David Crombie	Chairman
David Cameron	Member
Helen Cooper	Member
Fred Gilbert	Member
Eva Ligeti	Member
Derek Lister	Member
Daniel Rozon	Member

NWMO:

Elizabeth Dowdeswell	President (Items 1-3, 5,6)
Kathryn Shaver	Corporate Secretary (Items 1- 3, 5, 6)

Regrets:

Gordon Cressy	Advisory Council Member
Donald Obonsawin	Advisory Council Member

PART I

ADVISORY COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. **Constitution of Meeting / Approval of Agenda**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
The agenda was reviewed and approved.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Advisory Council meeting held on October 18, 2004 were tabled for review and comment by Council members.

3. Advisory Council's Legislated Mandate

The Chairman invited the NWMO President to provide some contextual remarks relating to the Council's legislated mandate as set out in the *Nuclear Fuel Waste Act*. The President reviewed the articles of the Act that had specific relevance to the Advisory Council's work and tabled a document describing each section of the Act in layman's language.

The President expressed her interest in ensuring that the Advisory Council members had sufficient resources available to them in 2005 to assist with the preparation of their comments for the study to be submitted to the Minister of Natural Resources Canada.

The President noted that a proposed set of meeting dates for 2005 had been distributed to Council. She invited Council members to advise NWMO if they would like additional meetings scheduled to support their internal deliberations and preparation of the Advisory Council's independent comments.

The Council members were invited to identify to NWMO additional briefings or guest speakers that they would like to schedule for upcoming meetings. Council members confirmed their interest in meeting with from representatives of the Canadian Nuclear Society and/or Canadian Nuclear Association to invite their perspectives on the long-term management of used nuclear fuel. The President undertook to explore this possibility for the February 2005 meeting.

The Council tabled its interest in staying abreast of the growing number of submissions and comments from the public, and reports from the different engagement activities, all of which are posted on the NWMO website.

PART II

IN CAMERA COUNCIL MEETING

4. Preparations for Independent Comments

At the Advisory Council's request, this portion of the agenda was reserved for in camera discussion of the NWMO study, Council plans for drafting independent comments, and some specific items brought forward by members for Council information and discussion.

The Council convened in camera from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm for this private discussion.

PART III

REPORTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The President and Corporate Secretary rejoined the Advisory Council meeting.

5. NWMO's Workplan

The President provided updates on a range of NWMO activities, noting that fuller written reports were included in the briefing books. Given the shortage of time for this item she noted in particular:

- The scope of the Community Information and Discussion Sessions. NWMO had convened over 70 sessions in a total of 24 communities as of mid-November.
    - The President noted that an additional session has been added – Information and Discussion Sessions have been arranged for Owen Sound on December 9.
- The October 26, 2004 e-dialogue on Risk and Uncertainty, convened on behalf of NWMO by Royal Roads University. 350 participants registered to monitor this on-line dialogue. The transcript of the session was provided to the Council. The next e-dialogue is scheduled with young Canadians for November 29, 2004. A summary report will be provided at the conclusion of the series of three e-dialogues.
- The NWMO's recent meeting with the members of the International Review Panel, and some of the comments raised to date based on NWMO's first two discussion documents.
- The regular quarterly meeting with officials of Natural Resources Canada, including their desire to meet with the Advisory Council.
- Briefing sessions with the AECL research advisory committee and discussions with the Canadian Nuclear Society.
- A specific update on the Aboriginal engagement program was included as part of the monthly report to the Council.
- Continuing work on the comparative assessment of management approaches, taking into account economic regions. NWMO is considering if it will put forward an additional option/s.

The President expressed her interest in reviewing with the Advisory Council the structure of public engagement for 2005. NWMO looks forward to Council advice on the most appropriate design of public engagement to follow the release of the Draft Study Report.

6. 2005 Meeting Schedule

The Chairman requested Council's review and discussion on a proposed set of meeting dates for the part of 2005. Meeting dates and conference calls were confirmed by members through to the end of July 2005.

Termination of Meeting

The Chairman declared the meeting terminated at 1:30 p.m.

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Dated the 1st day of February, 2005
Corporate Secretary