

FEEDBACK PROMPT GUIDE FOR THE INITIAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

This guide is designed to help you think about your feedback on the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's (NWMO) Initial Project Description (IPD) summary. The IPD is the first step in the Integrated Impact Assessment and Licensing process, and provides an overview of the project's purpose, objectives and potential impacts. Your input is valuable and will be used to inform the IPD before it is submitted to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC).

Feedback on the IPD summary is being collected until Aug. 22, 2025.

ABOUT THE INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND LICENSING PROCESS

The Integrated Impact Assessment and Licensing process helps to examine the positive and negative effects (impacts) that a proposed major project could have, like the NWMO's Deep Geological Repository for Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel Project.

To learn more about the integrated assessment process, please visit the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada website at <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/programs/impact-assessments-101/integrated.html>.

TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE FEEDBACK

- » **Be specific and refer to the IPD summary:** Where possible, please provide specific examples and details from the IPD summary to support your comments.
- » **Explain your reasoning:** Clearly explain *why* you have feedback about specific aspects of the IPD summary and how they might impact the environment, community or other areas.
- » **Share your knowledge:** If you have relevant knowledge (local, scientific, Indigenous Knowledge), please share it and explain how it should be considered.
- » **Avoid personal or identifying information:** Please do not include information that could be considered private or confidential.
- » **Communicate respectfully:** Please refrain from comments that are inappropriate or offensive.

PROVIDING YOUR FEEDBACK

Below are some questions to help guide your feedback on the IPD summary. While these are suggestions, the most important thing is to provide feedback related to the IPD summary that you feel is important.

1. Understanding of the project

- After reviewing the IPD summary, do you have a clear understanding of the project's purpose and objectives? Why or why not?
- What is unclear?

2. Potential benefits

- Do you understand the potential benefits of the project?
- Do you believe the IPD summary accurately reflects the potential benefits?

3. Potential impacts and mitigation

- Do you believe the IPD summary identifies the potential environmental, social, economic and cultural impacts of the project, including impacts on Indigenous communities?
- Are there any potential impacts that you believe are missing or underestimated in the IPD summary?

4. Public and Indigenous engagement

- Do you feel the IPD summary summarizes the engagement that the NWMO has carried out during the site selection process?
- If you have previously expressed concerns to the NWMO, are your concerns addressed in the IPD summary?
- How could Indigenous Knowledge be better incorporated into the integrated assessment process?

5. What matters to you and your community?

- Examples might include wildlife, noise, water quality, jobs and health.
- Do you have specific knowledge about your community (e.g., history, environment, social, cultural and economic) that may be relevant to the integrated assessment of this project?
- Do you have additional comments specific to the siting area?

6. Additional comments

- Please provide any other comments or information that you believe are relevant to the IPD.