

Exploring Partnerships and Community Well-being

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) and communities are beginning more detailed discussions on how to advance learning and build sustainable partnerships. Such partnerships would be required to support the implementation of Canada’s plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel.



The NWMO has outlined a multi-step roadmap to guide discussions exploring potential to advance the project in partnership with people in the area, as well as put in place the framework needed to implement the project if a preferred site were identified in the area.

To support these detailed discussions about the potential for partnership and further create a strong foundation for future decision-making, the NWMO is implementing a program of near-term investments. These investments are intended to support communities’ ongoing efforts to grow well-being as they explore the project and move into more intensive phases of study in the site selection process. These investments are also intended to support community capacity building to participate in discussions about potential partnerships and, if selected as the single preferred location, ultimately host the project in the future.

These investments complement existing Learn More resource programs that provide funding to support community learning, discussion and reflection about the project, and the engagement of neighbouring communities, including regional planning activities related to the project.

Adaptive Phased Management is the name of Canada’s plan for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel. It was selected by the federal government in 2007 as Canada’s plan after a three-year dialogue with specialists and the general public. The NWMO site selection process involves completion of progressively more detailed studies and a narrowing of focus to siting areas with strong potential to meet the robust requirements of the project. The NWMO is working to identify a single preferred site by 2023.

Proposed roadmap to explore partnership (2017-2022)



Program Components

- » Funding will be in the form of investments provided to the municipality and the First Nation community in the immediate vicinity of the area where borehole drilling activities are planned and that are helping to lead these activities. In 2018, the value of this investment is \$300,000 for each eligible community.
- » Administered by the community, these funds are intended to:
 - Support the community's continuing efforts to build community sustainability and well-being; and
 - Support capacity building to participate in discussions to explore partnership with the NWMO and to host the project in the future through the development of transferrable skills.
- » The investment will be made to the community's well-being reserve fund established for this purpose or to a similar mechanism. This approach is consistent with our own commitment to ensuring transparency and good governance.
- » Each community will provide a report to the NWMO on use of the funds on an annual basis. This reporting will be accessible to community members upon request to the municipality, or First Nation community.

The NWMO will review and may refine this program in 2019 as we continue to learn and work with communities and as discussions about potential partnership advance.

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