Record of Discussion: February 7, 2005 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)

Convened via conference call, commencing at 3:00 p.m. EST. on February 7, 2005.

Present

Advisory Council:

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

NWMO:

Elizabeth Dowdeswell  President
Kathryn Shaver  Corporate Secretary

PART I

ADVISORY COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Constitution of Meeting / Approval of Agenda

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. EST.
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Advisory Council reviewed and provided final approval of the minutes of the Council meeting convened on January 22, 2005.

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**PART II**

**REPORTS FROM NWMO**

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3. **NWMO Annual Report**

The President tabled a refined draft of the 2004 NWMO Annual Report with the Advisory Council for discussion. In introducing the item, she noted that Advisory Council comments provided on the earlier draft report had been addressed in this revision.

The Chairman opened the meeting for Advisory Council discussion and comments on the Annual Report. Discussion ensued, as Council members provided comments:

- Members of the Sub-Committee on Aboriginal Engagement were pleased that the Annual Report profiled some of the key messages emerging from NWMO’s engagement with Aboriginal Peoples.
- Members offered further editorial suggestions to enhance clarity of the document.
- Members emphasized the importance of NWMO distinguishing clearly between sections of the report which summarize comments received from the Canadians through engagement with general public and Aboriginal peoples, from sections which report on the NWMO’s own reflections and perspectives.
- NWMO was encouraged to elaborate on the rationale underlying its conclusions provided at the end of the report.
- One member commented that the report illustrated the significant amount of work and public engagement undertaken by the NWMO.

Council members were requested to bring to the NWMO’s attention any updates required to their biographical sketches for inclusion in the report.

The Chairman reported that he would circulate for Advisory Council comment a draft letter to the Minister of Natural Resources Canada, reporting on the Council’s activities over the past year.

**Termination of Meeting**

The Chairman declared the meeting terminated at 4:00 p.m.

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**Dated the 13th day of May, 2005**

Corporate Secretary