Assembly of First Nations Annual General Assembly
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Yellowknife, NWT

AFN Nuclear Waste Dialogue
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- Canada is developing a management plan for nuclear waste from nuclear reactors
- Created Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) to study options and make final recommendation to Government
- NWMO has made proposal and is focusing on 4 provinces: New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan
Canada’s Uranium Production & Nuclear Power
Where is the waste?

Source: www.nfwbureau.gc.ca
NWMO Recommended Option
Adaptive Phased Management

Phase 1

- Reactor site storage and preparing for Central Storage Management
- Central Storage and Technology Demonstration
- Timeline: approx. first 30 years

Phase 2

- Central Storage and Technology Demonstration
- Timeline: approx. next 30 years

Phase 3

- Deep Geological Storage: Long-term Containment, Isolation and Monitoring
- Timeline: approx. beyond 60 years

NWMO, May 2005
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• Under the Nuclear Fuel Waste Act, NWMO is required to submit proposal by November 15, 2005 and has requested comments from First Nations by end of August 2005

• AFN has received funding to raise awareness among First Nations on issue and gather views through dialogue

• To date 68 meetings held across Canada to inform First Nations of the issues and to hear their concerns.
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• AFN has made it clear to Government that this process although helpful does not constitute consultation

• We are seeking legal opinion on standard of consultation required in light of the Taku & Haida decisions

• Seeking direction at AGA from First Nations in responding to issue.