

Nuclear Waste Management Organization
Moving Forward Together: Designing the Process for Selecting a Site

1. Does the framework of objectives, ethical principles and requirements provide a sound foundation for designing the process for selecting a site?

Nuclear spent-fuel bundles should stay above ground in the communities where they were produced. It was those communities who benefited financially (jobs, jobs, jobs) from the nuclear plants, therefore, rightfully carry the burden of dealing with these wastes. Hiding the wastes in remote underground locations hides the inherent problem with nuclear power, thereby providing a disincentive to society to find a better solution.

2. How can we ensure that the process for selecting a site is fair?

It is possible that all Canadians could potentially be exposed to physical harm and/or financial burden due to nuclear waste management, therefore, all Canadians should be encouraged to become involved in the decision-making process. Up to this point, decisions are being made by too few people. The process of site selection and method of waste storage involves only those in the nuclear elite.

3. From what models and experience should we draw in designing the process?

Too few people were involved in the decision to bury this waste. To be completely honest and open the decision-making process has to start from the beginning, with sufficiently great fanfare to draw the attention of all Canadians. Perhaps there are Canadians who want this waste to be stored above-ground, as it is now. Canadians have not been adequately consulted.

4. Who should be involved in the process for selecting a site, and what should be their role?

Every Canadian should be involved in selecting a site (or sites). Since most Canadians who could be affected by this project haven't been born yet, the wastes should be stored in sites which are easily accessible.

5. What information and tools do you think would facilitate your participation?

All Canadians will have to be informed about Adaptive Phased Management. At the moment, too few people are involved. The average person doesn't know what is going on. Newspapers, tv, radio, the net, real newsletters, all must be filled with information about Nuclear Waste Management processes and decision-making.

6. What else needs to be considered?

____ All Canadians must become involved in the decision-making process. All _____
____ provinces, all levels of government, all interest groups, and all interested individuals _____
____ must become informed and must be consulted. This is not happening at the moment. _____

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