

**NWMO's Dispositioning of the NWMO Advisory Council's 2023 Advice
March 25, 2024**

Advice	Action Taken
Communications	
<p><i>At the March 27, 2023 Advisory Council meeting:</i> The Council encouraged the NWMO to continue to share the on-going work it does on understanding advancements in used fuel management to help anticipate any changes in fuel cycles used in Canada.</p>	<p>Since 2008, the NWMO has prepared and publicly shared a watching brief that identifies new developments in used fuel management. It is important to know that studies conducted around the world have concluded that high-level waste from reprocessing should also be contained and isolated in a deep geological repository. The NWMO also continues to engage with interested parties on this important topic.</p>
Regulatory	
<p><i>At the June 19, 2023 Advisory Council meeting:</i> The Council discussed human health aspects of the IA and the involvement of Health Canada in the process.</p>	<p>The NWMO has initiated planning for human health assessments that will be undertaken as part of the regulatory decision-making process.</p>
Technical	
<p><i>At the March 27 and June 19th, 2023 meetings of the Advisory Council:</i> The Council expressed interest in ways the NWMO is sharing information and learning from independent experts on safety related to transportation and emplacement containers.</p>	<p>The NWMO is benefiting from information exchange and third-party review relating to safety, and will continue to seek this input to inform future design work.</p>
<p><i>At the March 27, 2023 meeting:</i> The Council encouraged the NWMO to align Indigenous Knowledge and Western Science, and to bring both to bear in developing an inclusive Water Statement that reflects multiple values and learnings in regards to water in relationship with the APM Project.</p>	<p>The Water Statement was published in October 2023 and reaffirms the NWMO's shared commitment with Canadians and Indigenous peoples to protecting water for generations to come. The Water Statement outlines how the entire purpose of Canada's Plan for used nuclear fuel is to protect people and the environment, including water, drawing on the best available knowledge.</p>

IN CAMERA DISCUSSIONS

Due to the sensitive nature and timing of some of the advice requested by NWMO, it was determined appropriate for the discussions to be in camera for Council members to have the freedom to deeply explore the topics and provide advice to the NWMO.

Below outlines the nature of those discussions held by Council during 2023. NWMO has listened to the advice and discussed with Council its responses to the Council's advice.

COMMUNICATIONS / GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

At the June 19, 2023 meeting:

The Council sought to better understand how the NWMO is building awareness and support for Canada's plan in the lead up to site selection.