



CANHC

Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities

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‘This is how proud host communities are made’: Deep geological repository site selected

Clarington, Ontario – The Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC) Chair Adrian Foster has issued the following statement.

“CANHC applauds the incredible effort and dedication that led to a selected site for Canada’s proposed future deep geological repository for used nuclear fuel. Congratulations to the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation, and the Township of Ignace for taking this historic step forward together.

The community-driven, consent-based process showcases the power of strong community engagement. This is how proud host communities are made.

This milestone marks a significant leap towards responsibly managing Canada’s used nuclear fuel for the long term. As a society that benefits from clean, reliable nuclear energy, we must be accountable for every stage of the nuclear fuel cycle.

A deep geological repository is a globally accepted solution for safely managing used nuclear fuel. Future generations deserve a permanent site beyond interim storage at generating stations.

Good luck to the project partners as they undertake the significant work still ahead of them, navigating the regulatory process and continuing to work with the communities towards the construction of the deep geological repository.

On behalf of CANHC, heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in this transformative project. Your efforts will benefit host communities, the nuclear industry, and all Canadians.”

Background:

- The Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC) represents communities with a common interest as a host (or host-to-be) of nuclear technology. Our vision is to support nuclear host communities with a robust and independent network of resources and knowledge to enable them to fully participate in the energy, technological and economic benefits of nuclear power.
- CANHC strives to share best practices among host communities, to demonstrate through safe and positive community partnership the benefits of nuclear energy through all stages of the nuclear fuel cycle, to play a key role in supporting the advancement of Canada's nuclear technology, and to be a central public voice and the main community authority when it comes to nuclear safety, security and public opinion. For more information, please visit www.canhc.ca.

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