



NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION SOCIÉTÉ DE GESTION DES DÉCHETS NUCLÉAIRES



March 2022

I am pleased to provide with this letter a copy of **Implementing Adaptive Phased Management 2022 to 2026**, the five-year strategic plan for the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO). The enclosed document outlines our plans for 2022 to 2026 and explains how Canada's plan will be implemented during that time period. Once you have reviewed it, we invite you to share your thoughts through an online survey that can be found at www.nwmo.ca/implementationplan.

The NWMO is responsible for implementing Canada's plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel in a manner that protects people and the environment for generations to come.

The plan, called Adaptive Phased Management (APM), is currently in the site selection phase. In 2021, the need to continue to adjust to the pandemic demonstrated why that adaptive approach is so essential to the long-term success of Canada's plan. The next five years will see the NWMO continue to adapt as we reach the site selection milestone and move into the regulatory decision-making process.

In that time, we will work with potential host communities to define partnership and determine willingness, and in 2023, we will select a preferred site for the deep geological repository. Following site selection, we will take on a new series of activities: implementing partnership agreements with host communities; finalizing the safety case for the identified site; beginning to construct a Centre of Expertise; preparing for and participating in the regulatory decision-making process; and beginning to move our operations to the site that is selected.

Throughout the 2022-26 planning period, we will conduct environmental baseline monitoring to inform our work so we can avoid, prevent and mitigate any environmental impact. We will complete more deep borehole drilling and other technical evaluations to inform the technical design and safety case for our work. We will also continue to engage with Canadians and Indigenous peoples as we plan for the eventual transportation of used nuclear fuel to a central repository location.

Each year, we also report on our progress in implementing the previous year's plan. You can find the 2021 annual report – **Guided by science. Grounded in knowledge. Committed to partnership.** – at www.nwmo.ca/annualreport2021 or by contacting us to request a printed copy.

Copy of plan available in
the Clerk's Department.

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This implementation plan is a living document that is regularly assessed and strengthened with direction and guidance from communities, advances in science and technology, insight from Indigenous Knowledge, changes in societal values and evolving public policy. The document includes a section specifically summarizing comments we received on last year's plan.

Your feedback is essential to our work, and we are again asking for your input. We invite you to share your thoughts through an online survey that can be found at www.nwmo.ca/implementationplan.

Or forward your comments before June 10, 2022, to:

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Canada's plan is your plan. We encourage you to get involved.

Sincerely,



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