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Sent on behalf of Mayor Robert Buckle

Good Afternoon,

I'm pleased to share an update about the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's (NWMO) site selection process to identify a single, preferred location for a deep geological repository for used nuclear fuel.

Later today, the NWMO will announce that it has signed agreements with landowners in South Bruce that will allow sufficient access to land for studies at a potential deep geological repository location. Going forward, technical site evaluations and social studies will focus on two areas: South Bruce, in southern Ontario and Ignace, in northwestern Ontario.

We are excited to continue in the process as a potential host community and we look forward to working with our neighbours as we explore the project further.

These agreements do not mean that a decision has been made to site the repository in South Bruce. It allows the NWMO to begin further technical site evaluations in the area, including borehole drilling and environmental baseline monitoring. We expect the NWMO will make a decision on a single, preferred site by 2023.

I'm proud that our leadership in this area is actively helping to advance this important project on behalf of Canadians and I look forward to keeping you updated as we move forward.

I'd encourage residents of South Bruce and nearby communities to learn more about [Canada's plan for used nuclear fuel](#). Our [South Bruce Community Liaison Committee](#) meets regularly (meetings are open to the public) and also posts information about upcoming local NWMO events.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Buckle
Municipality of South Bruce