

## **Tuesday Session 5b**

### **Local and Regional Perspectives on Learning: Canada's Site Selection Process for a Deep Geological Repository for Used Nuclear Fuel**

#### **Objective**

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is responsible for designing and implementing Canada's plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel.

Since 2010, the NWMO has been engaged in a multi-year, community-driven process to identify a site where Canada's used nuclear fuel can be safely contained and isolated in a deep geological repository. The plan calls for a comprehensive process to select an informed and willing host in an area with a suitable geological formation that will meet the project's stringent safety requirements.

The process is collaborative and focused on learning. Interested communities are encouraged to begin a process of study and engagement, involving First Nation and Métis communities, as well as municipalities in the surrounding area. The project will only proceed with interested communities, First Nation and Métis communities, and surrounding municipalities working in partnership to implement it.

This panel will bring together representatives from several regions and areas of interest to explore insights and observations about the learning process for this important national infrastructure project.

#### **Chair**

**Kathryn Shaver, Vice President, APM Site Selection and Engagement, Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO)**

#### **Panelists**

**Danine Chief, Nuclear Waste Information Liaison, Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation**

**Jo-Ann Facella, Director of Social Research and Dialogue, NWMO**

**Jim Gowland, Chair, South Bruce Community Liaison Committee**

**Michael Mantha, MPP, Algoma-Manitoulin**