

NWMO meeting with OCIP in Thunder Bay 8/22/20

The meeting was held at the Victoria Inn and started late as late arrivals were expected. A very poor turnout resulted in a short meeting, but the NWMO did put on a good program wherein they explained the types of rock and layout of the potential repository. An item of interest is the huge payroll involved in the actual establishment of the repository. If Ignace does qualify and accepts the project, the regional employment figure will be substantial.

Water was described in some detail as this substance is not good for a project such as this. Water which is trapped in rock can have an impact on the storage area, but the bentonite clay barrier actually swells when exposed to water, which would in fact seal the containers even more securely. Water turnover at the storage site must be minimal and also be some one billion years old. This means that in this scenario, water would not impact the project at all.

I asked for a detailed "retrieval" plan and was told that the answer would be sent to me.

Our sign-in paper gave our e-mail address.

When you understand the work gone into this from our executive, one would hope for a better showing of members, as all the safe protocol was followed. The cost is very high to do this as well as our executive drove from southern Ontario to organize this event.

Elmer, the drummers, our office organizer as well as our treasurer, along with members of their families took the time to drive up here to inform our regional members and the general public of an event which could change our region forever; it is imperative that we learn and understand the ramifications of a deep repository for spent nuclear fuel.

From our community, there were only three members who showed up.

Lunch and snacks were served.

Elmer will call me this week about potential AGA plans and covid money for our region.

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