

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) proposed “Deep Geologic Repository” (DGR) for Low and Intermediate level nuclear waste in Southwestern Ontario.

FOCA is concerned about any adverse effects to human health or the environment, including Lake Huron and the Great Lakes, from the proposed long-term storage of nuclear waste in the subject location, about one kilometre inland from the shore of Lake Huron, and 700 meters below ground, just north of Kincardine, ON.

In general, FOCA concurs with the Canadian Environmental Law Association, in that:

- Regardless of our respective opinions about the merits of the technology, a common goal must be a strong, reliable, publicly credible regulatory process for this industry and there is major room for improvement in this sphere in Canada`s regulatory system
- Increased participation rights, transparency, access to information, and ability to probe and test evidence should be improved and made routine, and an aim of all of the regulators and decision makers should be to increase public confidence in the Canadian system.

FOCA concurs with the motion circulated by Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley in late 2012, asking the 90 members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative for no low-level waste site to be approved until it's been debated by “all government bodies including federal, provincial and municipal, and representatives from the United States.”

A copy of the OPG background report is here:

<http://www.opg.com/power/nuclear/waste/pdf/nwmo228-DGRLakeHuronReport.pdf>

Provide your comments until May 24, 2013 on the Environmental Impact Statement, Preliminary Safety Report, and other documents supporting OPG's application for a site preparation and construction licence for the project. [Click here](#).

Additional information:

<http://www.manitoulin.ca/2013/04/24/opg-plans-nuclear-waste-repository-near-lake-huron/>

Further information from a series of public discussions on this matter will be posted here shortly.