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Implementing Canada's Plan for Used Nuclear Fuel: Progress Report

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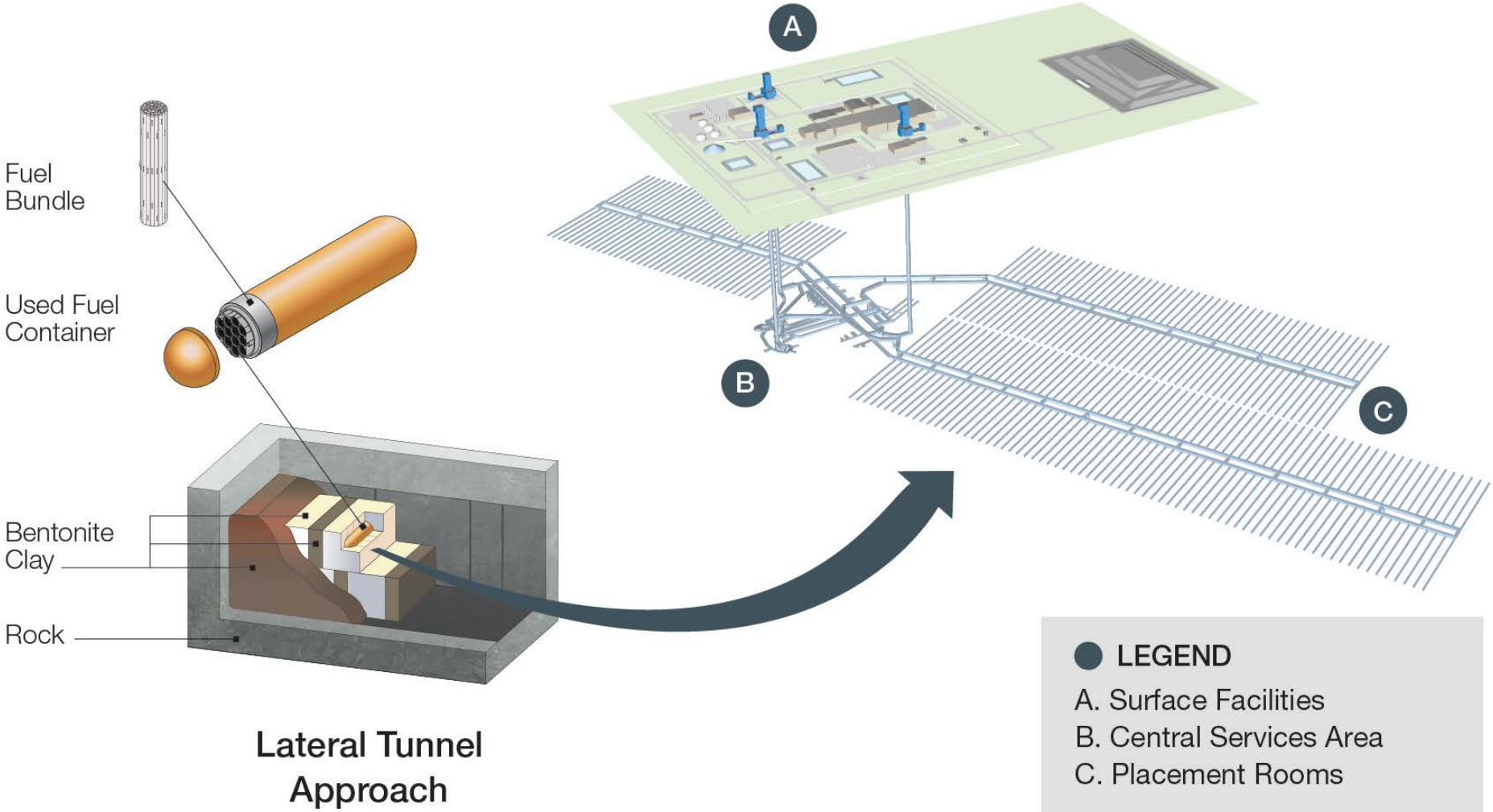
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- Formed in 2002 as required by *Nuclear Fuel Waste Act*
- Mandate to collaboratively develop and implement long-term management of Canada's spent fuel
- Approach must be **socially acceptable, technically sound, environmentally responsible** and **economically feasible**
- Fair and inclusive site selection process to seek an informed and willing host
- Continuous learning and adaptability



Canada's Deep Geological Repository



Site Selection

ALBERTA

SASKATCHEWAN

MANITOBA

ONTARIO

QUEBEC

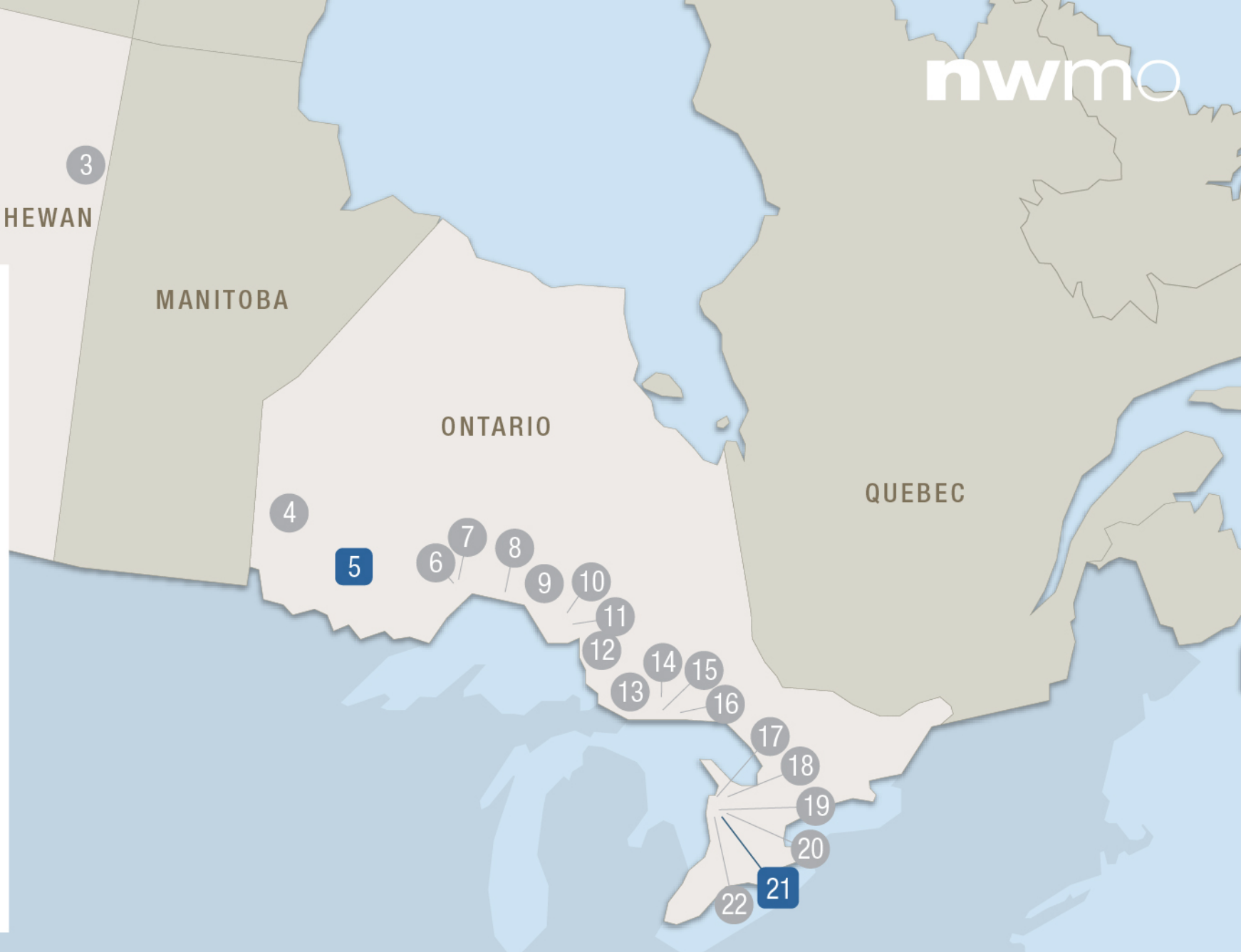
Communities that expressed interest in the site selection process

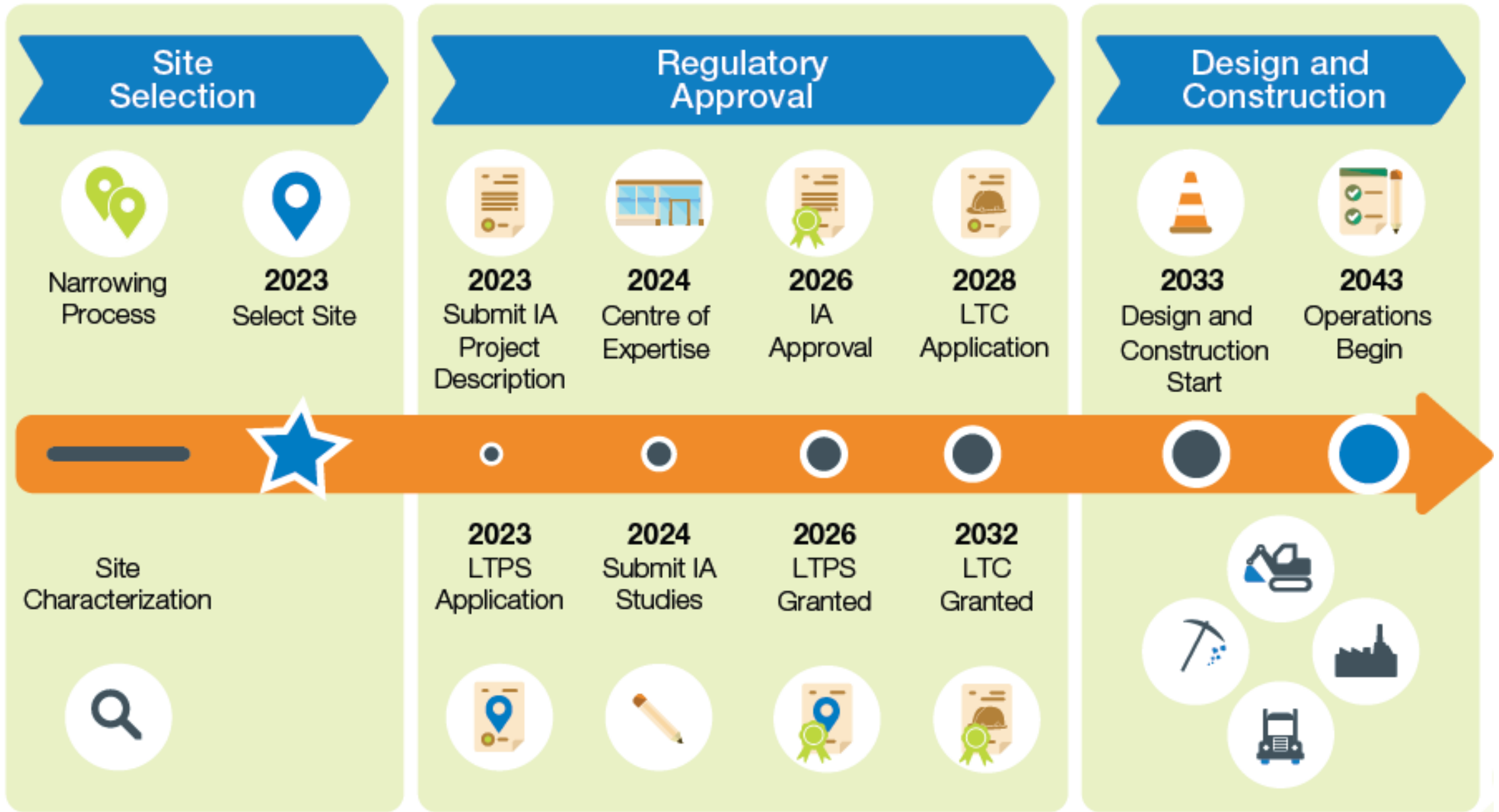
■ Assessments underway in the area

- 5. Ignace
- 21. South Bruce

● Communities not identified for further study

- 1. English River First Nation
- 2. Pinehouse
- 3. Creighton
- 4. Ear Falls
- 6. Red Rock
- 7. Nipigon
- 8. Schreiber
- 9. Manitouwadge
- 10. Hornepayne
- 11. White River
- 12. Wawa
- 13. Blind River
- 14. Elliot Lake
- 15. The North Shore
- 16. Spanish
- 17. Saugeen Shores
- 18. Arran-Elderslie
- 19. Huron-Kinloss
- 20. Brockton
- 22. Central Huron





Acronyms: **IA** = Impact Assessment **LTPS** = Licence to Prepare Site **LTC** = Licence to Construct

Criteria for Selecting a Preferred Site



Safety

1



Partnership

3

2

Transportation



Progress to Date

- Ongoing engagement with municipalities and Indigenous communities in the two remaining siting areas
- Ongoing transportation engagement
- Exploring the potential for partnerships
- Completed awareness surveys in all communities
- Ongoing field investigations in Ignace
- Completing a land access process in South Bruce and planning for field work
- Implementing Reconciliation Policy
- Advancing engineering design



Ongoing Transportation Engagement

- Annual “What We Heard” reports
- Advancing technical assessments of transportation means and modes
- Preparing draft Transportation planning framework for review and further discussion



Building Supportive and Resilient Partnerships



Partnership Roadmap



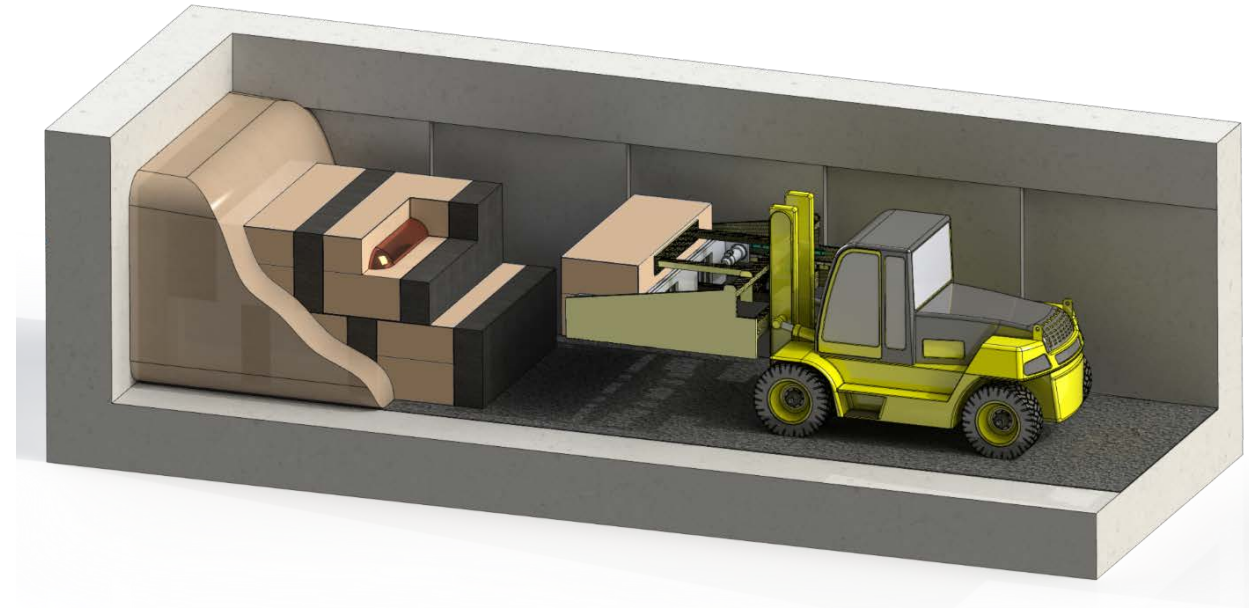
Borehole Drilling in Ignace



Advancements in the Technical Program



Up to 20 Containers Fabricated and Inspected



Full-scale Emplacement Trials in Realistic Geometry

Develop new
EBS concepts
2012

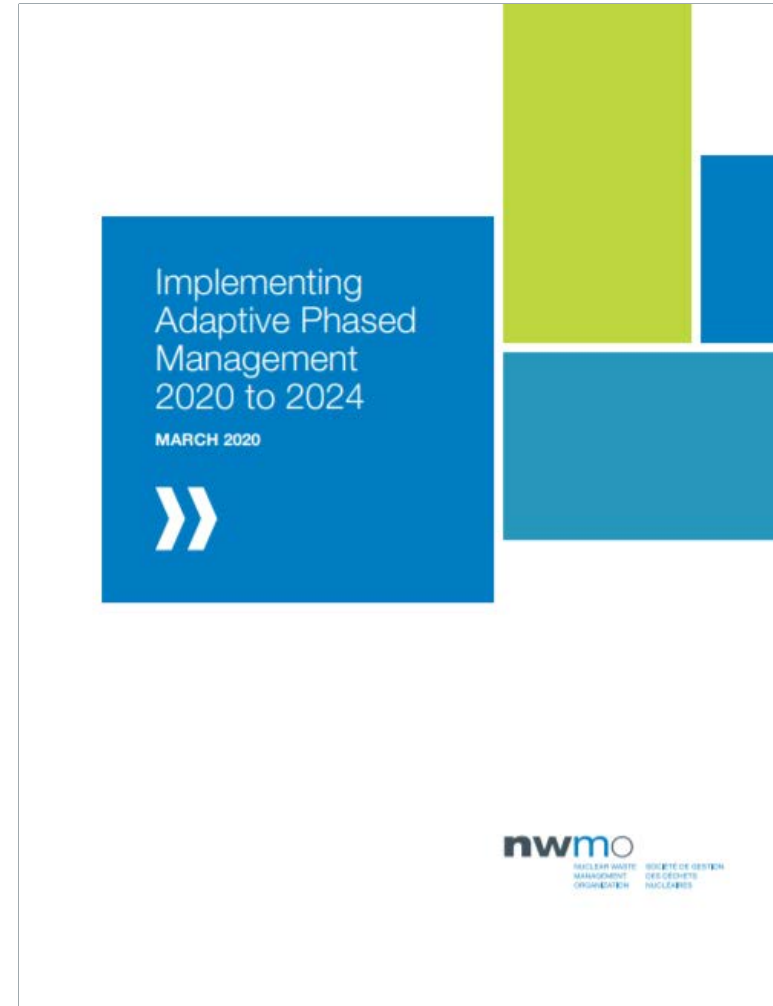
Concept
Demonstration
2013 – 2016

Production
Readiness
2017 – 2019

Serial
Production
2020 – 2021

Full-scale
Demonstration
2022

Triennial Report & Implementation Plan



Supporting Communities during the Pandemic

- Supporting siting communities and regions
- Reliable and secure communications between communities
- Donation of masks
- Hand sanitizer to food banks and other critical services
- Food security initiatives



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