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Advisory Council Appointment

TORONTO - Eva Ligeti, Ontario's first Environmental Commissioner, has accepted an appointment to the Advisory Council of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO).

The NWMO was established under the Nuclear Fuel Waste Act to complete a study of approaches for the long-term management of used nuclear fuel, and to propose a recommended plan to the Government of Canada by November, 2005. The NWMO Advisory Council is chaired by the Hon. David Crombie. It provides independent and arms-length advice to the organization. It is also required to comment on the NWMO study and the waste management approaches that are considered.

"How used nuclear fuel will be managed over the long-term is a very difficult challenge," said Ms. Ligeti. "From an environmental and social justice perspective, it is vital that the NWMO do its study and consultation well and consider its recommended plan carefully."

"The Advisory Council is a significant guarantor of the public interest," said NWMO president Elizabeth Dowdeswell. "We welcome and encourage its active involvement," she added.

A lawyer, Ms. Ligeti is the Executive Director of the Clean Air Partnership, a non-profit organization with a mandate to make Toronto more environmentally sustainable and a world leader in clean air. As Environmental Commissioner from 1994 to 1999 she reported to the Ontario legislature annually on the provincial government's compliance with the Environmental Bill of Rights.

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BACKGROUND: Advisory Council Member: Eva Ligeti

TORONTO - The following member has been appointed to the Advisory Council for the Nuclear Waste Management Organization:

#### EVA LIGETI

As Ontario's first Environmental Commissioner, Eva Ligeti (L.L.B., L.L.M.) reviewed and reported to an all-party committee of the Ontario legislature on the government's compliance with the Environmental Bill of Rights from 1994 until 1999. She is a past principal at Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology and

former chair of its School of Legal and Public Administration. A lawyer, Ms. Ligeti focussed on civil litigation and administration law in her practice with Iler, Campbell and Associates. She also served as legal counsel to the Canadian Environmental Law Association. Ms. Ligeti is Executive Director of the Clean Air Partnership.

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## Advisory Council

The NWMO Advisory Council is an independent and arms-length body composed of individuals knowledgeable in nuclear waste management issues and experienced in working with citizens and communities on a range of difficult public policy issues.

The Advisory Council's role is to:

- \* Comment on the nuclear waste management approaches the NWMO considers;
- \* Ensure that the views of the public and communities of interest are considered and are reflected in a thoughtful, balanced way in the proposed approaches and reports of the NWMO; and
- \* Assist the NWMO in ensuring that its processes are of good quality and are open, transparent, thorough and sound.

The NWMO Advisory Council will regularly provide their advice and views on the waste management approaches recommended by the NWMO, and will comment on the manner in which the NWMO discharges its responsibilities. Advisory Council comments to the NWMO, for inclusion in the organization's Study Report and its Triennial Reports to government, will be made public.

Council members are appointed for 4 year terms.

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## Members of the Advisory Council

Current members of the Advisory Council are:

Hon. David Crombie

The Hon. David Crombie is President and CEO of the Canadian Urban Institute. A past mayor of the City of Toronto and a Privy Councillor, Mr. Crombie was the first Chancellor of Ryerson Polytechnic University. He is the recipient of honorary doctorates of law from the Universities of Toronto and Waterloo.

David R. Cameron

David R. Cameron is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Toronto. He has held a number of senior government positions in both the federal and Ontario civil service. He continues to advise on a wide range of governmental issues.

Helen C. Cooper

Helen C. Cooper has more than 25 years experience in community development, municipal governance, organizational planning and teaching. She is a former mayor of Kingston, Ontario.

Gordon Cressy

Gordon Cressy is the President of the Canadian Tire Foundation for Families. A past President of the United Way of Greater Toronto, he has held Vice-President positions at both the University of Toronto and Ryerson

University. Mr. Cressy has a lengthy record of community involvement.

**Fredrick Franklin Gilbert**

Fredrick Franklin Gilbert is the President of Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario. He has had an extensive teaching and administrative career in the United States and Canada and has held several environmental and wildlife management public service positions.

**Eva Ligeti**

Eva Ligeti is the Executive Director of the Clean Air Partnership, a non-profit organization with a mandate to make Toronto more environmentally sustainable and a world leader in clean air. A lawyer, she served as Ontario's first Environmental Commissioner from 1994 to 1999.

**Derek Lister**

Derek Lister is the Chairman of the Chemical Engineering Department at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. His main research interests are in the areas of chemistry and corrosion associated with nuclear systems.

**Donald Obonsawin**

Donald Obonsawin is the president and CEO of Jonview Canada Inc. He has been Deputy Minister of seven Ontario government ministries over a 15 year period. He has also held senior positions with several federal ministries including Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Health and Welfare Canada and now works as a consultant.

**Daniel Rozon**

Daniel Rozon is Head of the Engineering Physics Department at École Polytechnique de Montreal. A member of the Canadian Nuclear Society, he is a recognized expert on nuclear affairs and is often called upon to discuss and advise on current issues in the sector.

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BACKGROUNDER: NWMO Advisory Council Members

OTTAWA - The following members have been appointed to the Advisory Council for the Nuclear Waste Management Organization:

HON. DAVID CROMBIE (Chair)

David Crombie has had an extensive career in education, community affairs and politics. He is best known for having served as Mayor of the City of Toronto from 1972 to 1978. He was first elected to the House of Commons in a by-election in 1978 and was sworn to the Privy Council eight months later. Mr. Crombie has been a member or chair of several commissions and panels including the Royal Commission on the Future of the Toronto Waterfront, the Waterfront Regeneration Trust and the Ontario government's "Who Does What" panel. He was the first Chancellor of Ryerson Polytechnic University and the chair of the Toronto 2008 Summer Olympic Bid. Mr. Crombie is the current President and C.E.O. of the Canadian Urban Institute.

DAVID R. CAMERON

A graduate of the University of British Columbia and the London School of Economics, David Cameron has held a number of senior government positions in the federal and Ontario civil service. During his career, he has advised on a wide range of governmental issues. Before leaving the civil service, Dr. Cameron held a Deputy Minister position in the Ontario Public Service, acting also as special advisor to the Premier. Dr. Cameron teaches in the Political Science Department at the University of Toronto, and maintains an active interest in

government and politics. He has authored three books and numerous publications on federalism, constitutional reform and national unity, and research reports for the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples and the Walkerton Inquiry. He is a member of the Royal Society of Canada and the recipient of the 2002 Governor General's International Award for Canadian Studies.

HELEN C. COOPER

A former mayor of Kingston, Ontario (1988 – 1993), Helen Cooper has more than 25 years experience in community development, municipal governance, organizational planning, teaching and public speaking. Her varied career includes work with the Ontario Municipal Board, Cancer Care Ontario, the Ontario Early Years program and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, as well as numerous consulting positions with organizations like Queen's University, Health Canada and the Canadian Conference on Ethical Leadership. She earned her M.Sc. at the London School of Economics and Political Science and did her undergraduate studies in chemistry and mathematics at Queen's University.

FREDERICK FRANKLIN GILBERT

Frederick Gilbert is the President of Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario. With an academic background in Biology and Zoology and a PhD from the University of Guelph, he has had a lengthy teaching and administrative career in the United States and Canada and has held several environmental and wildlife management public service positions. Since 1985 he has been Interim Chair of the Department of Natural Resource Sciences at Washington State University, Founding Dean of the Faculty of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies at the University of Northern British Columbia and Vice-Provost at Colorado State University prior to his current appointment at Lakehead University. Dr. Gilbert has served on many boards, advisory groups and committees, and currently is a board member of Ontario's Living Legacy Trust and the Northwestern Ontario Technology Centre. He has authored and co-authored over 60 scientific publications, several book chapters and two books, one of which he co-edited. He has academic interests in resource management practices, public relations issues and the sustainable use of the natural environment.

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DEREK H. LISTER

Dr. Derek Lister holds the Industrial Research Chair in Nuclear Engineering at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, where he is also the Chairman of the Chemical Engineering Department. After studying Chemical Engineering at Manchester University in England, he earned his doctorate in Physical Chemistry at the University of Leicester. He began his Canadian career at the AECL Laboratory in Chalk River where he held several positions including Group Leader, Senior Scientist and Branch Manager. His main research interests are in the areas of chemistry and corrosion associated with nuclear systems; he has published extensively and given many presentations on these subjects and is frequently consulted as an expert by organizations around the world. Dr. Lister serves on several advisory panels and is affiliated with a variety of professional institutes and societies.

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DONALD OBONSAWIN

Donald Obonsawin has had a lengthy career as a senior civil servant with the governments of Canada and of Ontario. Prior to his recent retirement, he was Deputy Minister of seven Ontario government ministries over a 15 year period. Within the federal civil service, he held a number of senior positions in such departments as Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Health and Welfare Canada. Prior to that, as Executive Director for the Municipal Advisory Committee for Northeastern Ontario, he was responsible for the development of sectoral strategies for municipalities in the region. His varied career includes managing a centre for the performing arts in Sudbury, Ontario, television host, university lecturer and administrator and newspaper reporter. Mr. Obonsawin continues to serve on a number of advisory committees and boards.

DANIEL ROZON

Dr. Rozon holds a Ph.D in Nuclear Engineering from McMaster University. His early career was with Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and Hydro-Quebec, working in areas of reactor physics and nuclear engineering. He joined École Polytechnique de Montréal in 1977 as an Assistant Professor and has advanced to Full Professorship and Head of the Engineering Physics Department. Dr. Rozon has served as a member of several national advisory committees on Nuclear Issues and a speaker or lecturer at numerous international conferences on energy issues. A member of the Canadian Nuclear Society since its creation, he has been a session chairman and organizer at many of its conferences. Dr. Rozon is a recognized expert on nuclear affairs and is often called upon to discuss current issues in radio and television interviews.

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