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To the

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• View of Southern Ontario taken by Commander Hadfield from space. The Bruce peninsula is in the middle of the image

1. **INTRODUCTION**



proposed Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) for the long-term management of low and intermediate level waste (L&ILW) from OPG-owned or operated reactors. The DGR is planned adjacent to OPG's Western Waste Management Facility (WWMF) on the Bruce nuclear site in the Municipality of Kincardine.



Deep Geologic Repository Project. Click here to view the DGR Submission documents

What's New

T DGR Newsletter - July 2013 JRP Announces Public Hearing for DGR Project



Artist's Rendition of Deep Geologic Repository

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- **Opening image from NWMO** ٠ **DGR 1 website**
- Consistent use of inaccurate • graphics
- Site characterization •
- Importance of accuracy .
- **Manipulation and bias**
- SITE CHARACTERIZATION 2.
- 2.1 Nuclear myth and corporate culture



- Opening image on OPG website
- Scale and special relationships
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- Manipulation and bias



- Adaptive management concept
- Go/no go thresholds
- Legitimacy
- Necessary conditions for proceeding to the next step
- Commitment to uphold standards

2.2 Design Steps Toward Facility Operations



2.3 Geology glaciation and the DGR



- Proximity studies
- Bedrock geology of Bruce and gray counties



"Regional bedrock stratigraphy, surface water and groundwater systems relative to DGR safety illustrate multiple natural barriers that will safely isolate and contain I&ILW."

(OPG's Deep Geological Repository Project for Low and Intermediate Level Waste, Environmental Impact Statement Summary, March 2011, page 29) VERTICAL / HORIZONTAL SCALE 50:1

NOTE: VERTICAL SCALE EXAGERATION IS 50 TIMES THE HORIZONTAL SCALE

BRUCE PENINSULA DEEP GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY 1 (DGR-1) FOR LOW AND

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE

NWMO APPROACH AS ILLUSTRATED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE REGIONAL

(Source: Grey and Bruce Counties Groundwater Study, Final Report, July 2003, as referenced in OPG's Deep Geological Repository Project for Low and Intermediate Level Waste, Environmental Impact Statement Summary, March 2011, page 29)

BEDROCK STRATIGRAPHY, SURFACE WATER AND GROUNDWATER SYSTEMS

SOS Sugreen Shores, Ontario 1/3 August 2013

- Scale
- Geology





- Corrected scale
- Site characterization diagram



• Glaciation Ice shield thickness



- Glaciation
- Scientific reports

HYDROGEOLOGY

- Inadequate assessment of construction impacts (e.g. dewatering) and mitigation techniques
- Over reliance on adaptive management as compensation for insufficient site investigation
- Application of numerical groundwater models for predictive purposes that have not been adequately calibrated.
- Superficial consideration of climate change scenarios
- Inadequate consideration of potential extreme events scenarios





(a) Conceptual Design (2004)

(c) Preliminary Design (2010)

(d) Preliminary Safety Report (2011)

Figure 3.4.5-1: Evolution of the Underground Layout

 Evolution of DGR showing scale

2.4 DGR 1





AS PRESENTED IN THE OPG EIS, FIG.1.1.1-3

BRUCE PENINSULA DEEP GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY 1 (DGR-1) FOR LOW AND INTERMEDIATE LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE

SCHEMATIC PERSPECTIVE OF THE DGR-1 PROJECT AS PRESENTED IN THE OPG ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, FIGURE 1.1.1-3

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- Comparative scale study Typical graphic •
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- Comparative scale study
- Corrected scale



BRUCE PENINSULA DEEP GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY 1 (DGR-1) FOR LOW AND INTERMEDIATE LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE

CORRECTED PERSPECTIVE OF THE DGR-1 PROJECT

AS REVISED BASED ON THE 2012 OPG PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT OF THE UNDERGROUND REPOSITORY. THE INITIAL SIZE OF THE PROPOSED UNDERGROUND FACILITY WAS ENLARGED TO A TOTAL AREA OF 208 ACRES (84 HECTARES).

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- Comparative scale study
- Table 10 4-3 Reasonable Foreseeable Project Description Map No 31
- DGR for Decommissioning Waste of Bruce Nuclear Site



- DGR 1 site superimposed on aerial map of Toronto
- Refer to Table 10 4-3
- Reasonable Foreseeable Project
 Description Map 31

BRUCE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES POPULATION DENSITY



 Population to size comparison between Kincardine and surrounding municipalities

2.5 Adjacency and study area



- Proximity studies
- Political boundaries context



- Proximity studies
- Ecological context





AS PRESENTED BY NWMO BRUCE PENINSULA DEEP GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY 2 (DGR-2) FOR HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE

SCHEMATIC PERSPECTIVE OF THE DGR-2 PROJECT AS PRESENTED BY THE NWMO - 'MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER: CANADA'S PLAN FOR THE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF USED NUCLEAR FUEL'

(HTTP://WWW.NWMO.CA/SITINGPROCESS_THEPROCESS)

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- DGR 2 for high level radioactive nuclear fuel
- Comparative Scale Study Model as prepared in NWMO characterization in current literature

2.6 DGR 2



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	INITIAL PROJECT SIZE.
	CORRECTED AS PER
+++	PRELIMINARY LAYOUT OF
	UNDERGROUND REPOSITOR
	930 ACRES (375 HECTARES)

AS PRESENTED BY NWMO BRUCE PENINSULA DEEP GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY 2 (DGR-2) FOR HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE

CORRECTED PERSPECTIVE OF THE DGR-2 PROJECT

AS REVISED BASED ON PRELIMINARY LAYOUT OF THE UNDERGROUND REPOSITORY -OPG DEEP GEOLOGICAL REPOSITORY FOR HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE, SHOWING THE INITIAL SIZE OF THE PROPOSED UNDERGROUND FACILITY WITH AN AREA OF 930 ACRES (375 HECTARES).

> **2D** August 2013

• Comparative Scale Study Model



NWMO revised DGR 2 2012 .

3D August 2013



- DGR 2 superimposed on aerial map of Toronto
- Scale
- Increasing size
- Toxicity
- Cumulative effect
- Stigma



- Proximity studies
- DGR 2
- Cumulative effect



- Proximity studies
- DGR 2
- Cumulative effect



2.7 Cumulative effect timeline



- Adjusted cumulative effects timeline based on Table 10 4-3 Reasonable Foreseeable Project Description Maps 1, 2, 20, 21, 25, 26, 30 & 31
- Extended constructive impact on commissioning and ecology

OPG's Deep Geologic Repository for L&ILW Environmental Impact Statement

March 2011



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Figure 4.2-1: Timeline for Project Implementation

BRUCE PENINSULA DEEP GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY 1 (DGR-1) FOR LOW AND INTERMEDIATE LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE

TIMELINE FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AS PRESENTED IN THE OPG EIS

(Source: OPG's Deep Geological Repository Project for Low and Intermediate Level Waste, Environmental Impact Statement, March 2011, Figure 4.2-1)

- EIS timeline
- Sequential scheduling

2.8 DGR 1 Construction Schedule

BRUCE PENINSULA DEEP GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY 1 (DGR-1) FOR LOW AND INTERMEDIATE LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE

CORRECTED TIMELINE FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



- Project implementation EIS timeline adjusted to reflect adjusted site activity noted in Table 10 4-3 Reasonable Foreseeable Project Description Maps 1, 2, 20, 21, 25, 26, 30 & 31
- Additional cumulative effect



2.9 Legal opinion



2.10 NWMO management team

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Figure 1: NMWO Management Model for OPG's DGR L&ILW Prior to DGR Operations

- Credibility
- Advancing to design and construction
- Risk

A8 | TORONTO STAR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013 \gg CANADA



Wind turbine reforms fail to quell anger of rural voters

After years of dismissing rural opposition to wind turbines, Ontario's Liberal government is belatedly trying to defuse the problem. Its efforts may be too little. They are definitely late.

In cities, the giant, industrial threeblade windmills are back of mind. When, as has happened in Toronto, urban voters do object to wind turbines, the Liberal government is quick to back off.

But most wind farms are slated for rural Ontario. And here, the government, until now, has been unbending. It refused to accept persistent claims from local residents that wind farms put their health at risk. It overruled municipalities that tried to regulate or ban turbines. Instead, in virtually all cases, the Liberals sided with the big. private generating companies seeking to establish these profitable wind farms.

No wonder, then, that the Liberals were virtually wiped out in rural



COLIN MCCONNELL/TORONTO STAR FILE PHOTO

Opposition to wind farms in rural Ontario shows no signs of cooling, Thomas Walkom writes. Above, a 2012 protest.

Ontario during the last election. Wind turbines helped to deprive them of their last footholds. The new premier, Kathleen Wynne, has been trying to fix that. But the Wynne government's efforts to date are grudgingly minor. A new policy outlined by Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli last week would require large wind-farm proponents to "work directly with" municipalities on where to locate any new turbines. But there is no suggestion that municipalities would be given the power to veto or otherwise regulate

schemes they dislike. Municipalities would also be permitted to tax wind farms more heavily. And when considering small projects of up to 500 kilowatts generating capacity, the government has promised to give priority to those in which municipalities have a monetary stake.

In short, the government is handing municipal politicians a few goodies in the hope of bringing them onside.

But in a CBC radio interview following his announcement, Chiarelli made it clear: Queen's Park still reserves the right to authorize more large-scale, private wind farms, even if local residents and councils are opposed.

Ironically, the government continues to defend its green energy policy at a time when, in one important regard, it is no longer relevant.

As first envisioned, the Liberals'. Green Energy Act was part of a bold industrial strategy.

By subsidizing wind and solar power, the government hoped to break Ontario's dependence on carbon-emitting coal.

Equally important, however, was a rule that required 60 per cent of all equipment used by solar and wind generators to be Ontario-made. The aim here was to create a vibrant, green manufacturing sector.

Last month, in a devastating blow to the Liberal industrial strategy, that 60-per-cent domestic content requirement was ruled invalid by a World Trade Organization appeal panel. Ontario, the WTO said, may not prevent private power generators from buying foreign-made equipment.

The government still talks optimistically about Ontario green manufacturers holding their own against cheap offshore imports. We shall see how that works out.

As for the politics of wind, Chiarelli may have succeeded in soothing the egos of municipal politicians. But at a popular level, the anger over turbines shows no sign of abating. Indeed, for a government trying to present itself and its wind-turbine allies as sensitive to the needs of

allies as sensitive to the needs of ordinary people, matters just keep getting worse.

This week, the London Free Press reported that the Florida-based energy giant NextEra Energy is suing a local anti-turbine activist and rock garden enthusiast named Esther Wrightman.

Wrightman's alleged offence is that on her blog she referred to the company, which has proposed wind turbine projects in the London, Ont., area, as NextTerror.

In its statement of claim, which has not been proven in court, Next-Era says it "has committed no acts of terror or violence."

The London Free Press calls it a David-versus-Goliath battle. Almost certainly, that is how this will be viewed in the countryside — with the Liberal government firmly on Goliath's side.

Thomas Walkom's column appears Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

- Shift in societal values and provincial legislation
- Direct community action

3. TRENDS

3.1 Accountability and societal shift

AG A NEWS

____ TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013

ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Ontarians to get a say on location of power plants

ADRIAN MORROW

The Ontario government will draw up new rules to make sure local residents have a say in where future power plants and other energy infrastructure is built, in a bid to avoid a repeat of the costly cancellation of two gas plants before the 2011 election.

In a letter to the Ontario Power

Authority and the Independent Electricity System Operator, Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli ordered the two agencies Monday to prepare a report for him on what the new rules could look like. The report is due Aug. 1

ALLOW TO THE LANGE

The directive comes just a day before former premier Dalton McGuinty is scheduled to testify before a legislative committee investigating the plant cancellations.

The committee has already heard that Mr. McGuinty made the decision to cancel the plants, in Oakville and Mississauga. In the case of the Mississauga project, Mr. McGuinty is said to have overruled his own energy minister in deciding the plant had to go.

The cancellations, which cost

an estimated \$585-million, were widely seen as a ploy to win area seats.

Premier Kathleen Wynne has said that the problem was that the Liberal government allowed the plants to be located in communities that did not want them in the first place.

"I very much regret that we're in this situation and I take responsibility for providing all the information and making sure that, more importantly, making sure that, as we go forward, this doesn't happen again," she said Monday.

In his letter, Mr. Chiarelli told OPA and IESO to recommend a process for the government to consult with municipalities, aboriginal groups and others on regional energy plans and on the locations of new power plants.

Enough infrastructure and governance

SAFETY REQULATIONS

Mayors seek role in new railway rules

'The rails go through our municipalities. ... We're able to sometimes question the quality of it,' says the mayor of Bromont, Que.

BILL CURRY OTTAWA

Canada's mayors want a say in new federal rail-safety rules in light of the destruction caused by the Lac-Mégantic disaster.

A small group of mayors from across the country held their first conference call Monday as part of a new working group on rail safety. Pauline Quinlan, the mayor of Bromont, Que., and co-chair of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities working group, said Ottawa needs to involve mayors because they see the conditions of Canada's rail lines firsthand.

Bromont is similar in size to Lac-Mégantic and is also along the rail line served by the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, the company at the centre of the July 6 derailment that killed 47 people and destroyed the town's core.

"The rails go through our municipalities. We're able to see it. We're able to sometimes question the quality of it," Mayor Quinlan said. Still, she said Canadian municipalities understand the importance of these rail lines.

"The railway system is very important to develop our economy," she said. "I've not seen a municipality say, 'Let's get rid of the railroad and let's do something else."

The FCM working group issued a statement calling on Ottawa to respond to safety recommendations made by the Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the causes of the disaster. Also on Monday, the Quebec government issued a legal notice demanding that the companies involved in the derailment cover the full cost of the cleanup. The legal notice was sent to MM&A, Western Petroleum Company and World Fuel Services.

The federal government is responsible for regulating rail safety, but municipal fire and police officials are often first on the scene in the event of an accident.

Municipal frustration boiled over during the June flooding in Calgary, when a Canadian Pacific Railway train derailed, leaving six train cars carrying petroleum hanging on a partially collapsed bridge. Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi told reporters at the time that it was a "constant frustration" for municipalities that they have no say or control over the rail companies that run through their communities.

"How is it we don't have regulatory authority over this, but it's my guys down there risking their lives to fix it?" the mayor fumed. "We have to have a serious conversation about this."

Mr. Nenshi was chairing a council meeting Monday and was not available to comment on the latest push by the FCM for a greater say over rail safety rules.

Last week, Transport Canada issued an emergency directive that requires all rail operatives to have at least two qualified people on board when transporting dangerous goods. It also updated the rules related to handbrakes and securing unattended trains. The directive came four days after the Transportation Safety Board said it had identified two safety issues that required immediate attention.

New federal Transport Minister Lisa Raitt met last week with several Quebec mayors, including Ms. Quinlan, to discuss rail safety. A spokesperson for the minister said another meeting is scheduled this week with FCM president Claude Dauphin, the mayor of Lachine, Que.

"The minister is committed to working with any party on promoting rail safety," wrote Ashley Kelahear in an e-mail. "The government of Canada has acknowledged that the Transportation Safety Board of Canada plays an important role in enhancing safety by identifying areas where improvements can be made."

- Direct municipal involvement and influence
- Active interest
- infrastructure

Plan to ship nuclear waste shelved

Massive decommissioned generators would have passed through the Great Lakes

ROB FERGUSON QUEEN'S PARK BUREAU

Opponents of a failed push by the Bruce Power nuclear plant on Lake Huron to ship radioactive steam generators to Sweden say they're carefully watching for the company's next move.

Bruce Power has quietly shelved its widely opposed plan to float the 16 huge machines out the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway to the Atlantic, with spokesman John Peevers saying Monday that Bruce "will continue to explore options."

The company's approval from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to make the massive shipment expired Feb. 3, 2012 — which came to light again after the Swedish contractor, Studsvik, revealed the situation in a report earlier this month.

"This will not proceed on the timetable initially contemplated," Peevers acknowledged in an email Monday. "Bruce Power believes in the



Bruce nuclear plant had received permission to move the radioactive steam generators without hearings, which infuriated environmental activists.

waste management principles of reduce, reuse and recycle."

He did not return calls from the Star asking what recycling options or timelines Bruce Power is considering for the decommissioned generators, which are 30 years old. Each is roughly the size of a school bus.

Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley, whose city is a two-hour drive south of the plant at Tiverton, Ont., said he and other opponents of the shipment, including the Council of Canadians, New Democrats and First Nations bands, are waiting to see what Bruce Nuclear wants to try next. "They took a combative stance and it backfired," he said of Bruce Power and its efforts to follow through on the shipments despite environmental concerns.

"Their original plan was to recycle on site," Bradley added, saying he hopes the failure of the shipment plan is a "nail in the coffin" for the idea. Bruce Power said it will keep the community informed of future plans for the generators.

Throughout the process, the company maintained that shipping the generators would be safe because they contained low-level radiation within regulatory limits. About 90 per cent of the metals in the machines can be decontaminated, melted down and sold for scrap.

"If the very unlikely scenario occurred where the ship sank and the (generator) vessels were somehow breached, the very low levels of radiation would be diluted even further by the large volume of water and would result in a level that we believe would not even be measurable," Bruce Power said in a July 2010 statement.

The generators have been stored in a concrete warehouse at the Bruce plant. Bruce Power got permission for the shipment from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission without hearings or an environmental assessment, which infuriated environmental activists.

They feared an accident could leave Lakes Huron, Erie and Ontario – the source of drinking water for millions – contaminated with radiation.

People need to have more respect of for the lakes, said Bradley, whose city is the largest on Lake Huron.

"The biggest invasive species on the Great Lakes is man."

- Responsible governance
- Societal expectations
- Great lake advocacy

SAUGEEN SHORES

Nuclear fuel DGR near Huron shore is 'insanity': Barlow

SARAH SLOAN QMI Agency The debate about a deep geological repository for used nucle-

ar fuel should start from the ground up, Maude Barlow told some 300 people at a Great Lakes Need Great Friends meeting put on by Save Our Saugeen Shores at The Plex in Port Elgin. Barlow, the national chairperson of the Council of Canadians and a former United Nations se-nior advisor on water, made a as part of a seven-city tour speaking in defence of the Great Lakes.

el of five speakers to highlight is-sues facing the Great Lakes such as low water levels, the threat of nuclear waste disposal and in creasing pollution. A standing room only crowd at Thursday's event heard from Mary Muter of Sierra Club Cana da, Saugeen First Nation Chief Randall Kahgee, Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley and Brockton Coun. Chris Peabody. "I think it has been accepted now that this lesson that we stop in Saugeen Shores last week learned back in Grade 6, that we can't run out of water . . . is actu-ally not true," Barlow began. See SOS, page A2

SOS invited Barlow and a pan

FROM PAGE 1 "We are actually a planet run-

ning out of available fresh water." "We are literally over-extract ing our rivers to death and we are now mining our groundwater us-ing technology that didn't exist before the 1950s" and has been improved upon since, Barlow said. "One global study tells us we are doubling the groundwater takings every 20 years around the world'

Aquifers are being drained faster than they can be replen-ished. Barlow said there are studis by water intensive companies, such as bottled water companies, which say by 2030 the demand for water in the world will out-

for water in the world will out-strip supply by 40%. "It's really hard to get a handle on what that means." she said. "But in means a lot of people are going to die, a whole lot of species are nor going to make it." Barlow and members of the panel touched on other issues such as fracking, tar sands, pipelines and crude oil transfers across the forcat lakes to the \$t. across the Great Lakes to the St.

wrence. 'Now, of course, we have the threat of nuclear waste . . . and this comes straight to the shores of our Great Lakes," she said, crediting SOS for taking a stand against the DGR. "I don't know how to say this other than . . . this now to say this other than ... this is an act of insanity. This would be a crime against future genera-tions, this is a crime against na-

Barlow said the DGR debate is billion dollar studies to tell you not a left-right issue, but rather an issue of common sense, of survival. "We know what's in this survival. We know what's in this nuclear waste... and to even conceive burying it within one kilometre of these lakes is abso-lutely the most terrible idea I can think of." us because we like the con Like SOS, Barlow said more nience of turning on the tap.

Like SOS, barlow said more mence of unning on use up. people need to make a stand "We must strive to be better within Saugeen Shores and that people worldwide need to start "Many, many years ago, our peo-looking at water in a profoundly ple were faced with tremendous

different way a hard in a probability prever factor with reincubbs "Water is a human right that needs to be shared more equi-tably and justy," she said. "It is a common heritage and a public entered into those treates with a trust and that no one should be able to own it, pollute it, displayed would share this territory with it or dis-manage it for personal profit when the common good is was most fundamental to our suffering." Bradley agreed with Barlow,

saying "we cannot keep playing Russian roulette with the Great



SARAH SLOAN OMI Agend Maude Barlow, author, activist and national chairperson of the Council of Canadians, left, speaks with members of the

audience who attended the Great Lakes Need Great Friends meeting in Port Elgin last Thursday.

this. "The most invasive species on

ty was related to that relation-The most invasive species on the Great Lakes is man," he said. "There are two fronts on this and the one front we have not apship "So when I see the struggles that we are enduring with our water right now ... I can not help proached yet is the political front. I think what you need to do is enbut think that it is a piece of us that is dying with it because of that relationship," he said. "It's that profound. I think what you need to do is en-sure that as these hearings un-fold, the government of the day is held accountable for the ultimate We have to stand and be that

decision." "We have to stand and use mar Kahgee reminded the crowd that water is life. "You don't need scientists or billion dollar studies to tell you that, it's that simple. Without it and would like to see more.

we are lost," he said. "We are be-ing told something, the water is speaking to us. The question is, "We have to be the voice of the generation to come," he said. "(They'll ask) what efforts or are we listening?" steps did they take to protect Kahgee said it is going to take a fundamental change from all of us because we like the convewhat is most vital to each and ev-ery one of us?" After the meeting, Barlow said

Saugeen Shores residents need to put their foot down. They need to put their heads and hearts to-gether to put a stop to the DGR process. "[Nuclear waste] is the most

toxic stuff on Earth and we have Great Lakes here that are in trou-ble," she said. "Invasive species, climate change, multi-point pollution, over-extraction ... we are

people was that we would main-tain a relationship with our land will not only cause environmenand our water" tai harm, but economic harm as Kahgee explained that his peo-it "will destroy a community if Grand Rapids, Mich..

Lakes. We can't keep on doing ple's language, their culture, their the water is contaminated." As for the nuclear waste that is already situated at Bruce Power site, Barlow said it is just going to have to stay there. "You talk to scientists who say

we don't have the technology yet, and we may never, but the safest thing you can do . . . is to leave it where it is," she concluded. "We are going to have to rethink our energy policy, all of us collective

"Nobody is putting the blame on the nuclear industry or the fossil fuel industry, we all became addicted to these energy sources, but we know that they are hurting us and particularly water." Looking to the future, Barlow

said using energy sources such as solar is key in keeping our water harm free. "If we lived in a world with un-

limited water, which is what we grew up believing, it would be different, but we are really learn-ing, and learning fast, that we are a planet running out of water. "Anywhere where there is a water source like the Great Lakes, you need to do everything in

your power to protect it, because once gone, there's no replacing nution, over-extraction . . . we are moving fossil fuels across them, it. the Great Lakes are already in se-rious decline. Moreover, Barlow said a DGR her team to cities such as Toron-Moreover, Barlow said a DGR her team to cities such as Toron-Barlow's tour has taken her and to, London, Owen Sound

Environmental response •

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- **Cultural shift** •
- **Responsible governance**
- Accountability

A12 | TORONTO STAR TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2013

Fukushima recovery in hands of government

BLOOMBERG

TOKYO—Japan's government will lead "emergency measures" to tackle radioactive water spills at the wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant, wresting control of the disaster recovery from the plant's heavily criticized operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co.

"We've allowed Tokyo Electric to deal with the contaminated water situation on its own and they've essentially turned it into a game of Whack-a-Mole," Trade Minister Toshimitsu Motegi told reporters Monday at Fukushima. "From now on, the government will move to the forefront."

Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry "is working to draw up, by some time in September, both emergency measures and more fundamental steps to eliminate the roots of the contaminated water problem, as well as measures to be carried out going forward," the Prime Minister's office said in a response to written questions.

More than two years after the March 2011 nuclear disaster, Tokyo Electric's recovery effort has taken a turn for the worse. Last week, Japan's nuclear regulator questioned the company's ability to deal with the crisis, echoing comments earlier in the month by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Motegi's visit to the plant comes a week after a storage tank leaked 300 metric tons of highly radioactive water, which Japan's nuclear regulator labelled a "serious incident" in its worst assessment of the problems at Fukushima since the earthquake and tsunami of 2011 caused reactors to melt down.

It's now up to the government to lead management of the contaminated water building up in tanks at the plant at a rate of 400 tons a day, and leaking from underground tunnels into the ocean, Motegi said.

The trade minister ordered the utility known as Tepco to monitor its water storage tanks more frequently and replace the type that leaked, as well as "thoroughly" identify the risks of storing highly-contaminated water.

In its response to questions, the Prime Minister's office said the trade ministry, which oversees the world's biggest fleet of nuclear reactors outside the U.S. and France, will pump more "liquid glass" or sodium silicate into the ground as one measure to block the spread of contaminated water. In addition to the leaky tank, Tepco has admitted that irradiated water is flowing into the Pacific Ocean, which the government estimates at 300 tons a day.

- Political and ecological interest
- Social and political networks
- Societal change in value
- Integrated thinking and adaptation



- Rapidly evolving
 understanding
- Technology engineering and scientific innovation commercially available by 2025

3.2 Rapid change new approaches



- Exploitation of Great Lakes
- Image of Niagara Falls 1900

3.3 Exploitation, fragility & recovery



- 2012 algea bloom on Lake Erie
- Agricultural practices
- Urbanization
- Dependency and a balanced ecology



- The Great Lake basin •
- Single largest source of fresh water on earth Ecology and human life
- Risk factor



- Is the DGR 1 EIS credible?
- Is this the right place to put a low and intermediate level radioactive storage facility?
- Is this the right place for the high level radioactive waste for all of Canada?

4 **DECISION**

APPENDICIES

- 5.1 Fogler Rubinoff letter of opinion (reserved)
- 5.2 Speaking notes (reserved)