OPEN HOUSE - JULY 10th

Come And Learn More About The Safe Management Of Nuclear Waste and About The Environmental Assessment Process For Approval Of Certain Upcoming Projects.

The Nuclear Waste Management Division of Ontario Power Generation is planning to host a Radioactive Waste Operations Site (RWOS) Open House on Saturday, July 10, 1999.

The Open House is a great opportunity to learn more about our nuclear waste management program and about some of the projects that are planned to improve, upgrade and expand the waste management facilities at Bruce Nuclear. The projects include the Bruce Used Fuel Dry Storage Project which was recently approved under the federal environmental assessment (EA) process. For low and intermediate level radioactive waste, an additional low level storage building is under construction and incinerator replacement is under regulatory review. Additional in-ground storage facilities, improvements to transportation equipment maintenance facilities and other site facility upgrades are also proposed. An EA process for approval of certain projects in the upgrade program is just getting underway. The Open House is an opportunity to provide input to this EA process.



Please contact the Bruce Nuclear Information Centre at (519) 361-7777 if you are interested in more information about the Open House. In addition, details of the Open House, including how to register, will be advertised in local newspapers closer to the day of the event.

BRUCE USED FUEL DRY STORAGE PROJECT RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT APPROVAL

The Bruce Used Fuel Dry Storage Project (BUFDSP) has been given Environmental Assessment approval by the Minister of Environment, Canada. This project is the first nuclear waste management proposal to undergo a comprehensive environmental assessment review as defined by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA). It is also the most complex and commented on project that CEAA and the Minister have reviewed and decided on to-date. The Bruce dry storage facility will be constructed and operated for the interim storage of Bruce used fuel only.

The dry storage project will ensure sufficient used fuel storage capability for all Bruce reactors to the end of a 40-year life. The Bruce dry storage project will now be referred back to the Atomic Energy Control Board for further steps towards securing construction and operating approvals.

The dry storage of used nuclear fuel is a proven technology in use around the world, including other nuclear operators in Canada. Existing Canadian dry storage sites include Point Lepreau in New Brunswick, Gentilly in Quebec, and Pickering and Douglas Point (at Bruce Nuclear) in Ontario.