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**Water is Life, Nuclear Waste is Toxic**

**Kevin Kamps, Radioactive Waste Specialist based in the U.S., to speak in Thunder Bay**

Environment North invites the public to its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 23 to hear Kevin Kamps speak about the hazards associated with highly radioactive waste from nuclear power plants and lessons learned from campaigns to stop construction of flawed disposal sites such as the deep geological repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada. The presentation will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Oliver Road Community Centre, 563 Oliver Rd., Thunder Bay.

Kevin Kamps is a radioactive waste specialist with Beyond Nuclear, an American organization advocating for a world without nuclear power and nuclear weapons. He has given numerous presentations and addressed many government forums regarding the risks of radioactive waste generation and storage at reactor sites, and transportation through communities. He has also worked with radiation victims including children impacted by the Chernobyl accident and those living near uranium mines and the Nevada Nuclear weapons Test Site.

Kevin Kamps is a longtime opponent of the Yucca Mountain deep geological repository proposal. The site was selected in late 1987. In 2011, after 24 years of opposition, funding for the site ended and the project remains dormant. Currently, there are plans to construct above ground consolidated interim storage sites for nuclear waste in Texas and New Mexico. Beyond Nuclear and other parties including some State governments are opposing these plans.

Failure of the decision-making process to ensure a fair and trustworthy result has been identified as one of the key flaws in the Yucca Mountain proposal. In 2024, Canada's Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) selected the Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation-Ignace Area despite significant opposition from many First Nations who were not consulted and from municipalities who were not included in the decision-making process. There is controversy over the NWMO "willing host" model for establishing public acceptance. The NWMO proposal will entail transporting the waste long distances for several decades and potentially storing in an above ground interim facility until buried underground. Thunder Bay and many communities are situated along a proposed transportation route where shipments of highly radioactive waste could be transported by truck, 2-3 times a day, 9 months of the year, for 50 years.

The opposition to nuclear waste disposal in Northwestern Ontario is not over. Northwestern Ontario has countless waterways at risk of contamination should containment of the highly radioactive waste fail. The proposal not only affects current residents of Northwestern Ontario but would impose an unfair burden on generations long into the future.

Kevin Kamps is available for interviews.

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