

## Source Points

An NWMO geoscientist examines core samples pulled from rock in South Bruce, Ontario, as part of investigations of a potential deep geological repository. (Photo: NWMO)

repository from the initial 22 communities that expressed interest when the NWMO began its site selection process in 2010. The NWMO gradually narrowed its focus to fewer areas through technical site evaluations and working with the interested communities. The organization said in August that it expects to select a final site in the

fall of 2024.

The completion of the last borehole at the potential site in the South Bruce area follows on work in the Ignace area, which wrapped up in November 2021 after five years of field study that started in 2017. Borehole drilling and testing up to 1,000 meters below the surface is part of the NWMO's broader site investigation work to ensure the site will meet Canada's regulatory requirements.

"Completion of this drilling program is a significant step forward in our geoscience work," Lise Morton, NWMO vice president of site selection, said on April 7. "In addition to informing the safety case for the project, the resulting data will also provide important insights to the communities that are considering hosting the project in their area." ☒



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