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AGENDA

Spring 2026 Board Meeting: Lessons Learned from National Geologic Repository Programs *June 9, 2026*

**AUSA Conference and Event Center
2425 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201**

Link to Join Meeting

<https://preconvirtual.com/nwtrb-gov-06-09-2026/>

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 (1st Floor)

8:00 a.m. EDT **Call to Order and Introductory Statement**
Peter Swift, Board Chair

8:15 a.m. EDT **Learning from National Repository Programs**
Bret Leslie, Board Acting Executive Director

TOPICS/QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED:

REPOSITORY SITING QUESTIONS

- What is the policy and regulatory framework for the siting process?
- What technical criteria were used during the siting process and how were they used to address any scientific and regulatory issues?
- What tools and methodologies were used to investigate and select/screen out sites? How did they support or challenge selection of specific sites?
- What are the key lessons your organization has learned from the repository siting process so far? What program elements enabled success, and how were challenges and setbacks addressed?

POST-SITING IMPLEMENTATION QUESTIONS

- How did the repository siting process impact post-siting milestones such as preparation of an application for a license?
- How did the site selection process influence the evolution of repository design?
- What methodologies are you using to address optimization and implementation?
- What methodologies, tools, or practices—like quality assurance and requirements management systems—should be implemented during site selection to benefit later stages?

Note: The questions have been provided to the speakers in advance of the meeting to convey the Board's primary interests in the agenda topics and to aid in focusing presentations.

8:20 a.m. EDT	Updates for HLW Management Program in Korea <i>Sungbok Lee and Jane Joo, Korea Radioactive Waste Agency (KORAD, Republic of Korea)</i>
<i>9:00 a.m. EDT</i>	<i>Questions, discussion</i>
9:15 a.m. EDT	Current Status of Deep Geological Repository Program in Japan <i>Hiromitsu Saegusa, Yoshito Kitagawa, and Hideaki Hyodo, Nuclear Waste Management Organization of Japan (NUMO, Japan)</i>
<i>9:55 a.m. EDT</i>	<i>Questions, discussion</i>
10:10 a.m. EDT	Break
10:25 a.m. EDT	Deep Geological Repository Siting in the Czech Republic: From Site Screening to Final Site Selection <i>Markéta Dohnálková, Czech Radioactive Waste Repository Authority (SÚRAO, Czech Republic)</i>
<i>11:05 a.m. EDT</i>	<i>Questions, discussion</i>
11:20 a.m. EDT	From Rock to Repository: The Iterative Process of Site Characterization and Facility Design <i>Barbara Pastina, Posiva Oy (Finland)</i>
<i>12:00 p.m. EDT</i>	<i>Questions, discussion</i>
12:15 p.m. EDT	Lunch (1 hour)
1:15 p.m. EDT	The Swiss Deep Geological Repository Project ‘Terradura’ – From Site Selection to Preparation for Construction Licence <i>Michael Schnellmann and Ingo Blechschmidt National Cooperative for the Disposal of Radioactive Waste (Nagra, Switzerland)</i>
<i>1:55 p.m. EDT</i>	<i>Questions, discussion</i>
2:10 p.m. EDT	German Site Selection Procedure – Current Status and Lessons Learned <i>Axel Liebscher, Federal Company for Radioactive Waste Disposal (BGE, Germany)</i>
<i>2:50 p.m. EDT</i>	<i>Questions, discussion</i>
3:05 p.m. EDT	Public Comments
3:20 p.m. EDT	Adjourn