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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**

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#### **Tuesday, June 9, 2026 (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

<b>8:20 a.m. EDT</b>	<b>Updates for HLW Management Program in Korea</b> <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>
<b>9:15 a.m. EDT</b>	<b>Current Status of Deep Geological Repository Program in Japan</b> <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>
<b>10:10 a.m. EDT</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:25 a.m. EDT</b>	<b>Deep Geological Repository Siting in the Czech Republic: From Site Screening to Final Site Selection</b> <i>Markéta Dohnálková, Czech Radioactive Waste Repository Authority (SÚRAO, Czech Republic)</i>
<i>11:05 a.m. EDT</i>	<i>Questions, discussion</i>
<b>11:20 a.m. EDT</b>	<b>From Rock to Repository: The Iterative Process of Site Characterization and Facility Design</b> <i>Barbara Pastina, Posiva Oy (Finland)</i>
<i>12:00 p.m. EDT</i>	<i>Questions, discussion</i>
<b>12:15 p.m. EDT</b>	<b>Lunch (1 hour)</b>
<b>1:15 p.m. EDT</b>	<b>The Swiss Deep Geological Repository Project 'Terradura': From Site Selection to Further Project Development</b> <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>
<b>2:10 p.m. EDT</b>	<b>The German Site Selection Procedure – Current State and Lessons Learned</b> <i>Axel Liebscher, Federal Company for Radioactive Waste Disposal (BGE, Germany)</i>
<i>2:50 p.m. EDT</i>	<i>Questions, discussion</i>
<b>3:05 p.m. EDT</b>	<b>Public Comments</b>
<b>3:20 p.m. EDT</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>