

## **U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board to Hold “International Workshop on Siting of Radioactive Waste Facilities”**

Several countries, including, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States, have finished, or are proceeding with, a siting process for a facility for the management and/or disposal of radioactive waste, including spent nuclear fuel. The U.S. Department of Energy is pursuing one or more federal consolidated interim facilities to store the nation’s commercial spent nuclear fuel using a multi-stage consent-based siting approach. In accordance with its mandate to review the technical and scientific validity of U.S. Department of Energy activities related to implementing the Nuclear Waste Policy Act and to advise Congress and the Secretary of Energy on nuclear waste management and disposal issues, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold an international workshop on siting of radioactive waste facilities, such as interim storage facilities and geologic repositories. The workshop objectives are to obtain lessons learned from past and ongoing radioactive waste management facility siting efforts and to elicit the views of experts regarding how the U.S. Department of Energy has incorporated international and domestic siting best practices and experiences into developing its consolidated interim storage capability as an important part of its planned integrated waste management system.

The workshop will include invited presentations and panel discussions related to lessons learned from past and ongoing radioactive waste management facility siting efforts. The one-day workshop will be held on August 29, 2023. On August 30, 2023, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold a meeting that will focus on U.S. Department of Energy efforts on consent-based siting. The meeting will also address U.S. Department of Energy research and development activities related to high burnup commercial spent nuclear fuel and advanced reactor waste disposition. Both the meeting and workshop will be in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and are open to the public and will be webcast. To request information on the workshop, please send an email to [SitingWorkshop@nwtrb.gov](mailto:SitingWorkshop@nwtrb.gov).