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Technical Lessons Learned from National Deep Geologic Repository Programs are Focus of U.S. NWTRB Meeting

The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will host a public meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, focusing on technical lessons learned from the siting and development of geologic repositories in other countries. Speakers from countries that are (i) in the site selection process (e.g., Czech Republic, Germany, and Republic of Korea) and (ii) those who have advanced to subsequent development stages (e.g., Finland and Switzerland) will participate. Siting-related presentations will discuss factors influencing success, such as the siting process, including technical criteria and regulatory framework, and methodologies used to characterize and select a site. Countries addressing post-siting progress will discuss applicable lessons, including engineering considerations during siting, implementing requirements management earlier, and optimization and implementation issues. A detailed meeting agenda will be available on the Board's website at www.nwtrb.gov approximately one week before the meeting.

The hybrid (in-person/virtual) meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and is scheduled to adjourn at approximately 4:30 p.m. EDT. The Board meeting will be held at [AUSA Conference & Event Center](#), 2425 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201. Details for joining and viewing the meeting will be available on the Board's website approximately one week before the meeting.

The meeting will be open to the public and there will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the day. Those attending the meeting in person and wanting to provide oral comments are encouraged to sign in at the Public Comment Register at the check-in table near the entrance to the meeting room. Oral commenters will be taken in the order in which they signed in. Public comments can also be submitted during the meeting via the online meeting viewing platform, using the "Comment for the Record" form. Comments submitted online during the day of the meeting will be read into the record by Board staff during the public comment period just prior to adjournment. Depending on the number of speakers and online comments, a time limit on individual remarks may be set. However, written comments of any

length may be submitted to the Board staff by mail or electronic mail. All comments received in writing will be included in the meeting record, which will be posted on the Board's website after the meeting. An archived recording of the meeting will be available on the Board's website following the meeting, and a transcript of the meeting will be available on the website by August 7, 2026.

The Board was established in the 1987 amendments to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA) as a federal agency in the Executive Branch to perform an ongoing objective evaluation of the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the DOE related to implementing the NWPA. Board members are experts in their fields and are appointed to the Board by the President from a list of candidates submitted by the National Academy of Sciences. The Board is required to report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Energy. Board reports, correspondence, congressional testimony, and meeting transcripts and related materials are posted on the Board's website.

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