

Decision Making and Stakeholder Involvement in Repository Development course

Held: 30. May - 3. June 2005

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in association with

IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency)

and

PURAM (Public Agency for Radioactive Waste Management)
Objective of the course

At present, national programmes for geological repositories are at different phases of development. While some are striving to establish the fundamental concept as well as appropriate social and institutional structures, others are beginning to identify suitable repository sites and the most advanced are in different stages of characterizing selected sites. All programmes are eventually based on a stepwise decision making approach that enables balanced building of confidence among a range of stakeholders and the public in general to meet the overall goal of safe disposal of radioactive wastes.

The course will first provide a broad background on factors relating to and affecting decision-making in repository development programme. Through examples drawn from international and national programmes, participants will draw lessons from former cases with specific natural and societal environments and features. Current decision-making techniques will be reviewed and a full day exercises will be undertaken under the tutelage of experts in decision analysis.

The relevance of the methodologies will be demonstrated by exposure to the practical example of public outreach programmes being undertaken by PURAM (H) for the Hungarian Waste Management Programme. Participants will be informed of the history and recent developments of the programme and will visit potential repository sites in Hungary where they will meet with local stakeholders.

Course organisers

The course is organised by the ITC School in collaboration with, and supported by, the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) within its network on Training and Demonstration of Waste Disposal Technologies in Underground Research Facilities (<http://www-tc.iaea.org/tcweb/default.asp>).

The local host organisation is PURAM (Public Agency for Radioactive Waste Management)

<http://www.rhk.hu/english/index-e.htm>

Teaching

The course will be held in an informal, workshop atmosphere and participants will be encouraged to interact and question at all times. Each course module will be taught by highly qualified and internationally recognised specialists from around the world. They will provide the most up to date and comprehensive information and discussions. Course materials will be provided for each module. Modules will generally be taught in the morning and late afternoon, with an extended lunch and afternoon study break. In addition, there will be several evening sessions for free discussion on topical issues and/or supplementary discussion on issues of prime interest identified by course participants. An evening session focussing on the expected roles of the IAEA as an international/independent source of information is now planned.

English will be the course language
Course Programme

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