



U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board

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Presented to:

Workshop on Siting of Radioactive Waste Facilities

Presented By:

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About the Board



The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board) was established by Congress as an independent federal agency in the 1987 amendments to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPAA)



Board Member Appointment



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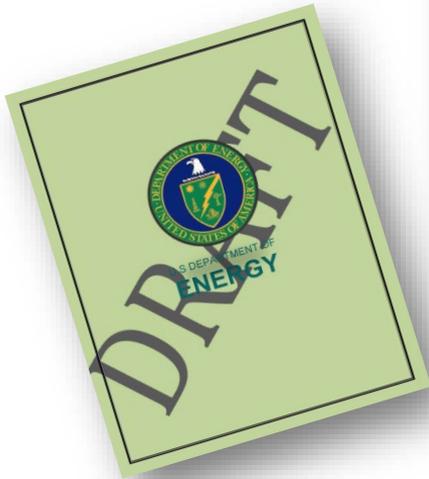
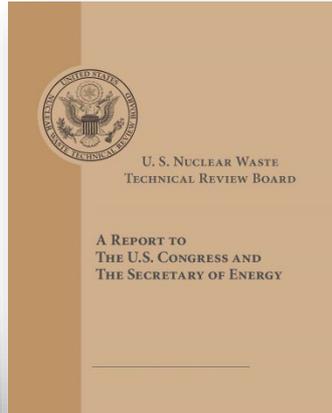
- At full strength, the Board is composed of eleven members
- Board members are nominated by the National Academy of Sciences and appointed by the President to four-year terms
- Terms are staggered, and Board members may continue to serve until they are reappointed or replaced



About the Board

The Board:

- Conducts independent and objective peer review of U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) activities
- Reports its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the U.S. Congress and the Secretary of Energy
- By law, has access to draft DOE documents—according to the Legislative History of the NWPAA, so that Board recommendations can be made during decision-making, not after the fact
- Provides congressional testimony at the invitation of Congress



About the Board (cont.)



- Holds public meetings each year, normally in different locations in the United States—meetings are webcast
- Provides technical and scientific comments in letters or reports to DOE following public meetings
- Makes all official documents and information (meeting transcripts, archived webcasts, and presentations; reports, correspondence, and congressional testimony) available on its website: www.nwtrb.gov



Workshop Information

- Workshop agenda, presentations, and an acronym list are available at www.nwtrb.gov
- Public comment period (at the end of the day)
 - Oral commenters encouraged to sign the public comment register
 - Depending on the number of speakers, a time limit on individual remarks may be set
 - Virtual commenters
 - Use “Comment for the Record”
 - Comments submitted online during the workshop will be posted to the Board’s website shortly after workshop adjournment
- The workshop is being webcast live and recorded (the transcript and archived recording of the meeting will be available www.nwtrb.gov)



Workshop Objectives

- Obtain information that may be applicable to DOE's efforts to develop one or more federal interim storage facilities for commercial spent nuclear fuel, using a consent-based siting process
- Support the Board's evaluation of the scientific and technical validity of DOE's activities

CONSENT-BASED SITING ROADMAP

The U.S. Department of Energy is pursuing one or more federal consolidated interim storage facilities to **store the nation's commercial spent nuclear fuel** in the near-term using a **multi-stage consent-based approach** that puts communities' interests at the forefront.



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<https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2023-05/CBSRoadmap-2023.pdf>



Workshop Agenda

- 8:15 a.m. MDT** **Workshop Objectives and Board Perspectives on Siting of Radioactive Waste Facilities**
Bret Leslie, Board staff
- 8:20 a.m. MDT** **Introduction to DOE's Consent-Based Approach to Siting One or More Federal Consolidated Interim Storage Facilities**
Natalia Saraeva, DOE, Office of Nuclear Energy (DOE-NE)
- 8:25 a.m. MDT** **Siting of a Geologic Repository in Canada**
Lisa Frizzell, Nuclear Waste Management Organization, Canada
- 9:00 a.m. MDT** **Siting of a Geologic Repository in Sweden**
Saida Engström, Sweden
- 9:40 a.m. MDT** **Break**
- 9:50 a.m. MDT** **Siting of a Geologic Repository in Switzerland**
Piet Zuidema, Zuidema Consult GmbH, Switzerland



Workshop Agenda (continued)

- 10:30 a.m. MDT United States Past Siting Experience, Focused on Monitored Retrievable Storage and the Nuclear Waste Negotiator**
Daniel Bullen, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) staff
- 11:10 a.m. MDT Facilitated Panel Discussion**
Panelists: *Piet Zuidema* (Zuidema Consult GmbH, Switzerland),
Saida Engström (Sweden), and *Daniel Bullen* (DNFSB, United States)
Facilitator: *Bret Leslie* (Board staff)
- 11:55 a.m. MDT Lunch Break**
- 12:55 p.m. MDT Incorporating International Siting Best Practices and Lessons Learned**
Natalia Saraeva and Angelica Gheen, DOE-NE
- 1:55 p.m. MDT Incorporating Domestic Siting Best Practices and Lessons Learned**
Natalia Saraeva and Angelica Gheen, DOE-NE



Workshop Agenda (continued)

2:45 p.m. MDT **Break**

2:55 p.m. MDT **Using Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Environmental Justice**
Marissa Bell (DOE-NE)

3:45 p.m. MDT **Closing Facilitated Panel Discussion on All Workshop Topics**
Panelists: *Piet Zuidema* (Zuidema Consult GmbH, Switzerland),
Saida Engström (Sweden), *Daniel Bullen* (DNFSB, United States),
Natalia Saraeva, *Marissa Bell*, and *Juan Uribe* (DOE-NE)
Facilitator: *Bret Leslie* (Board staff)

4:45 p.m. MDT **Public Comments**

5:00 p.m. MDT **Adjournment of Workshop and Begin Open House**

5:30 p.m. MDT **End of Open House**

