

Andra delivers Disposal Solutions services to worldwide customers

The International Division of ANDRA, the French Radioactive Waste Management Agency, is pleased to send you this first edition of the ANDRA Newsletter, showing our commitment to provide radioactive waste management services to public authorities and private organizations worldwide. This newsletter will bring you, on a quarterly basis, information on both our national and international experiences, and a panorama of our skills and services.

ADS, for ANDRA DISPOSAL SOLUTIONS, is a set of services for foreign customers and covers 4 families of products: [ADS Surface](#) for surface disposal, [ADS Subsurface](#) for shallow disposal, [ADS Geological](#) for deep repositories, and ADS Management for organizational assistance, control, inventories and management. Under this new ADS banners, we are available, more than ever, to contribute to your waste management and disposal projects.



Andra CEO at US Senate

Andra official applauds proposal for new US waste organization

The CEO of the French nuclear waste management agency Andra applauded a US blue ribbon commission's recommendation that the US nuclear waste program be moved out of DOE to an independent body.

"That is a good way to restart" a waste program, Marie-Claude Dupuis told reporters in Washington.



The sole mission of an independent organization would be waste disposal, Dupuis said.

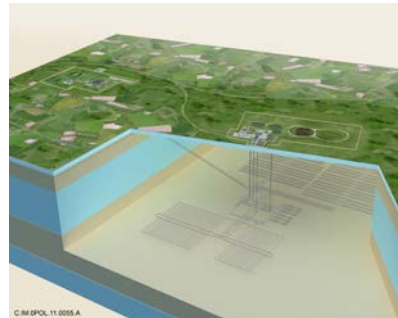
A report the Blue Ribbon Commission for America's Nuclear Future issued January 26 recommended the nuclear waste program be moved to a congressionally chartered organization that would be dedicated to the disposal of utility spent fuel, which has been an issue at DOE for the past 30 years.

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Geological Disposal

The Cigéo waste disposal center enters the industrial design phase.

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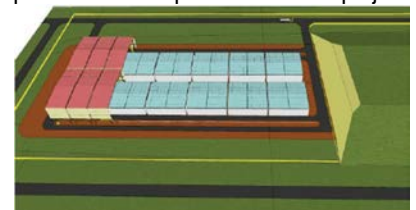


disposal center) begins a new operational phase that, following the public debate planned for 2013, will allow Andra to file a license application in 2015 for a commissioning of the facility expected by 2025.

In 2012, the preliminary design studies will be launched with the two engineering companies Technip & Ingérop for conventional surface installations, nuclear surface installations, nuclear processes (waste package handling) and underground installations.

Ignalina repository design

In 2009, Andra was awarded by European Bank for Reconstruction & Development, along with French and Lithuanian partners a three year design contract for a near surface repository in Lithuania, for the disposal of operating and dismantling waste from the two recently closed Lithuanian Nuclear Power Plants. Andra, which has gained a lot of experience through both the Centre de l'Aube and the Centre de la Manche, provides its expertise to the project.



A recent review conducted by IAEA experts concluded that the project complies with international standards and best practices. Next stage for the contract is to finalize the detailed design and to establish the Safety Assessment Report.