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The current status of geological screening for disposal of radioactive waste Andy Parkes

The permanent, safe disposal of higher activity radioactive waste is one of the great challenges facing Earth Scientists. The internationally agreed solution is deep geological disposal. The Government has recently published a revised approach to addressing the issue in this country, in which the geoscientific community have a key role to play.

Radioactive Waste Management Limited (RWM) is the Government-appointed developer of a geological disposal facility. Andy Parkes of RWM will explain the new 2-year National Geological Screening exercise, and seek Members' views on it. RWM are keen to ensure the expertise and insights of geologists, engineers and scientists of different disciplines help shape and inform the national screening exercise and its implementation. So please feel free to bring along colleagues, ask questions and make your contribution to the debate.

Following an initial technical meeting on the National Geological Screening exercise at Burlington House on 30th September 2014, RWM is holding a series of meetings with Geological Society Regional Groups, as part of a programme of public events offering an opportunity for people to engage in the debate.

You can read more about the National Geological Screening exercise and the Government's policy for geological disposal at: www.nda.gov.uk/rwm and https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/332890/GDF_White_Paper_FINAL.pdf

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Andy Parkes is a chartered hydrogeologist with over 25 years of experience in a wide range of groundwater related topics including water resources, environmental protection and construction dewatering. He is particularly experienced in the characterisation of sites to support nuclear safety cases and has been the Head of Site Characterisation at RWM since 2009. His involvement in the Sellafield Geological Investigations in the 1990's and management of the Dounreay Shaft Hydrogeological Investigations in 2000/1 have given him a strong understanding of the unique challenges which such projects pose. He is part of the RWM team undertaking the National Geological Screening exercise.

Date: Tuesday 20 January 2015

Venue: Sir Robert McAlpine, Eaton Court, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead HP2 7TR

Refreshments 18.00

Annual General Meeting starts 18.30

Lecture starts 19.00

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