



THAMES VALLEY REGIONAL GROUP

Tuesday 4th November 2014

The Current Status of Geological Screening for Disposal of Radioactive Waste

6.30 for a 7.00 pm start

Venue: Reading Town Hall, Waterhouse Chamber

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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. On Tuesday 4th November RWM's Chief Geologist Bruce Yardley and Head of Site Characterisation Andrew Parkes will explain the new two-year national geological screening exercise, and seek Members' inputs into the screening exercise.

RWM are keen to ensure the expertise and insights of geologists, engineers, and of academics 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 September 30th, 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 screening exercise and the Government's proposals 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_FIN_AL.pdf

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