

Sandia-MIT Workshop: Research Needs for Borehole Disposal

When: March 15, 2010

Where: The Mayflower® Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20036-4301, (202) 347-3000.

Goals:

1. To develop and document a consensus on needed research for borehole disposal of nuclear waste.
2. To introduce the concept of borehole disposal to a broader range of interested observers, practitioners, and policy-makers in the nuclear waste field.
3. To engage knowledgeable people from outside the nuclear waste community with relevant technical expertise in developing insights into research needs for borehole disposal.

Schedule:

8.00-9.00 A.M.	Overview, workshop goals (Mike Driscoll- MIT; Peter Swift/Pat Brady-Sandia)
9.00-10.30 A.M.	Panel 1: Criteria for siting and performance assessment
10.30-12.00 P.M.	Panel 2: Downhole engineering and design issues
12.00-1.00 P.M.	LUNCH
1.00-2.30 P.M.	Panel 3: Regulatory and licensing issues
2.30-3.30 P.M.	General discussion; prioritization of research needs
3.30 P.M.	ADJOURN

Note: Each panel session will be introduced by a speaker, giving a 15-20 minute overview of the subject. This will be followed by a 15 minute panel discussion, then a general discussion of research priorities in the respective area.