

ARTEMIS Good Practices

National Policy and Framework

(Topic 1)

FRANCE

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Good Practice

The way in which France organizes in a very systematic and structured manner all the successive steps of management of radioactive materials and waste, taking account of all management factors and of all stakeholders.

Observation

There are many elements in the French national radioactive waste and spent fuel management system that facilitate the management of all interdependencies between the successive management steps, from waste generation until disposal, such as:

- process and responsibilities for the National Plan and the recommendations of the National Plan;
- waste acceptance criteria and the system for disposal;
- COCIDRA;
- Andra's global industrial schemes for the disposal facilities in development;
- waste management strategies asked for by ASN from the main waste generators;
- inventory and forecasts (including a reference inventory and alternative inventories for alternative energy policy scenarios); and
- evaluation and follow-up of operational and future storage and disposal capacities.

Basis

BASIS: GSR Part 5 Requirement 6 states that "Interdependences among all steps in the predisposal management of radioactive waste, as well as the impact of the anticipated disposal option, shall be appropriately taken into account."

IAEA Comments/Highlights

No comments or highlights on this good practice.

Good Practice

The legally binding character of, and continuing government commitment to, the key actions identified in the National Programme for the management of spent fuel and radioactive waste ensures the progress of the objectives of the National Policy.

Observation

The National Programme recommendations serve to define the different steps to follow in order to comply with the strategy and thus the objectives of the National Policy. France's National Programme recommendations are transposed into a Ministerial Decree as a means to ensure the implementation of the various activities in the strategy and thus to fulfil the National Policy.

Basis

GSR Part 1 Requirement 1, para. 2.3 states that "National Policy and strategy for safety shall express a long term commitment to safety. The National Policy shall be promulgated as a statement of the Government's intent. The strategy shall set out the mechanisms for implementing the National Policy..."

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