



National Geological Screening

Public consultation response

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Question 1:

To what extent do you think our proposed approach to providing national-scale existing information about geology relevant to long-term safety is appropriate? Please give your reasons.

It think that the RWM's approach to providing national scale existing geological information is appropriate for the current stage of the project.

Question 2:

To what extent do you think that the proposed national information sources are appropriate and sufficient for this exercise? Please give your reasons.

The existing data sets used are the best data sets that are available at this scale and have been produced by globally recognized experts in the field. I appreciated the honest self-assessment of these data sets; that is that although they are the best there is they are not complete and do not provide a consistent level of detail that would be 'nice to have' at this stage of the process. This data gap analysis will be extremely important in future stages of this project.

Question 3:

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed form of the outputs from geological screening? What additional outputs would you find useful?

I think the outputs proposed will be useful. The public will demand high quality, easy access and interactive outputs as such clear concise summaries that show the processes that RWM have gone through to make their assessments and conclusions will be useful. Interactive, 3D pdfs maybe a useful tool to engage with the public.

More technical and detailed outputs for geo professionals and learned interested parties will be necessary.

Question 4:

Do you have any other views on the matters presented in the draft Guidance?

Early engineering consultant and contractor engagement will be really useful in assessing the strategy and suitability of sites proposed for potential disposal.