

Managing Radioactive Waste Safely: Review of the Siting Process for a Geological Disposal Facility

With regard to managing nuclear waste in Cumbria the **NO** decision made by the Council was based on true facts after long and careful consideration. The area covered by the vast coal field, which extends from St Bees Head to Aspatria, certainly was not suitable for an underground repository. We have a member of this Council who was employed by the National Coal Board as a qualified Mine Surveyor and has first hand knowledge of working conditions down many of the now disused mines. He states there are three problems within this area firstly water, second gas and third, but not least, faults. All of these were major problems in the coalfield.

With the Lake District National Park on the south side of the coalfield there are only limited areas remaining to give due consideration.

Speaking from a geological point of view we feel the best way forward is to find a location where the geological structure is mainly granite and build a repository there. This would most likely overcome the three problem areas outlined above.

Yours sincerely

Crosscanonby Parish Council