

Response form

Please use this form to respond to this call for evidence on Managing Radioactive Waste Safely: Review of the Siting Process for a Geological Disposal Facility.

The closing date for the submission of responses is **10 June 2013**.

Responses can be returned by email (preferable) or post.

Email address: radioactivewaste@decc.gsi.gov.uk

Or by post to: The Managing Radioactive Waste Safely team
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Would you like to be kept informed of developments with the MRWS programme?	Yes
Would you like your response to be kept confidential? If yes please give a reason	No

The Government is interested in your views on the geological disposal facility site selection process outlined in the 2008 Managing Radioactive Waste Safely (MRWS) White Paper. To assist us you may wish to consider the following issues in your response:

- What aspects of the site selection process in the MRWS White Paper do you think could be improved and how?
- What do you think could be done to attract communities into the MRWS site selection process?
- What information do you think would help communities engage with the MRWS site selection process?

The process of looking for a suitable place for a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) in West Cumbria was flawed from the beginning. West Cumbria had already been through a similar process in the 1990's with the Nirex investigations. The sites had been studied and monitored in great detail and were found to be completely unsuitable due to the nature of the geology.

Safe geology is vital to managing this country's radioactive waste so the geology should be proven to be safe before any decisions are made.

I strongly believe that the voluntarism process should be strongly reviewed as the people of the county had very little say in the matter. The views shown by the members of Copeland and Allerdale Borough Councils did not represent those of the wider communities.