

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.

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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	Yes
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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 MRWS starting points for the consideration of an area for GDF are that it should have simple relief and simple geology. These points should be the first considerations in asking for areas to volunteer to host a GDF, not asking for volunteers and then trying to make the relief and geology criteria match.

Point 5 above: *Evidence from abroad.. [shows].... good progress in countries like Canada, Finland, France and Sweden* – The countries cited here are a) much larger land areas b) have much smaller populations. I think this is highly relevant to the consideration of a GDF in England or Wales

Voluntarism & partnership – these are noble-sounding words, but in fact weasel-words unless clear and detailed information is available to any community in an area where the basic starting points exist: information about what exactly would be involved in the creation of a GDF; the impact its creation would have on existing infrastructures and industries; what exactly the “community benefits” would be. Dangling the carrot of “job creation” is misleading – huge engineering projects do not create jobs for local unemployed people, because the company carrying out the projects imports skilled and experienced workers.