

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 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?

Fundamentally, the process should start with a screening for potential sites where the geology stands the best chance of being acceptable using established international criteria. The local communities of several areas where the geology stands the best chance of being suitable should then be approached to discuss volunteering for the next stages in the selection process. Certain environmentally-sensitive areas such as national parks and AONBs should be excluded from this whole process. Having ignored this issue for the first 30 years and then not given it the priority it deserves for the next 30 years, this issue must be prioritised at the highest level if the country is to proceed with the development of further nuclear power generation – what other industry is allowed to construct new industrial facilities when the disposal of its waste (particularly of such a hazardous waste) in the best possible manner is not assured?