

METHODS OF WORK

- DISPONET performs its activities in line with the programme outlined, approved and reviewed annually by its partners and participants;
- DISPONET work is organized by a Steering Committee representing DISPONET Partners with support of the IAEA scientific secretary;
- The IAEA provides logistical support, a scientific secretary and administrative services, meeting facilities in Vienna, and management of documents;
- Information exchange among DISPONET partners, participants and the IAEA Secretariat is facilitated through a web site;
- An organization that has demonstrated excellence in a particular topic may be nominated to lead DISPONET on work in that topical area;
- Specialist groups focusing on particular topics are formed when appropriate.

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International Low Level Waste Disposal Network (DISPONET)

*Sharing experience in support of safe,
economic and timely applications in low
level waste disposal*



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The IAEA supports organizations, currently engaged in or actively planning for low level waste disposal programmes, through their inclusion in a network to effectively cooperate and coordinate relevant actions. This is being accomplished via a forum (Network) for a prompt, open and efficient transfer and exchange of knowledge gained through learning from the experience of others. DISPONET provides targeted assistance, responding to the needs of Member States.



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OBJECTIVES OF THE NETWORK

To coordinate support to organizations or Member States with less advanced programmes for disposal of low level waste by making available the relevant skills, knowledge, managerial approaches and expertise from Member States with operating disposal facilities;

To facilitate information and experience sharing among organizations with advanced designs and disposal facilities in operation;

To organize training and demonstration activities with a regional or thematic focus providing hands-on, user-oriented experience and advising on proven technologies;

To create a forum to receive experts' advice and technical guidance for the IAEA's programme on low level waste disposal;

To encourage knowledge transfer regarding good practices in low level waste disposal.

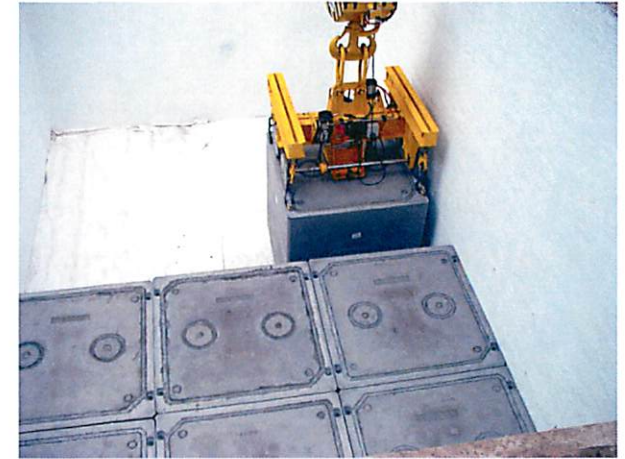
ORGANIZATION

Partners (facilitators): Organizations that have possessed a sound experience in low level waste disposal and a record of excellence in a wide range of areas operate facilities suitable for demonstration and/or training and demonstrated willingness to share their experience through DISPONET.

Participants: Organizations that have responsibility for the disposal of low level waste are actively engaged in planning or implementation of low level waste disposal facilities, and who are eager to participate in the activities.

TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT AND SUPPORT: The technical secretariat is provided by the IAEA's Department of Nuclear Energy while the Department of Technical Cooperation (TC) provides management and financial support for training courses and scientific visits for Member States eligible to receive assistance under the TC programme.

Owners and operators of facilities provide significant in kind contributions through the hosting of training events and technical visits.



(Credit: JAVYS)

DISPONET ACTIVITIES

- Provision by partners or participants of training courses, fellowships or scientific visits;
- Organizing seminars/workshops on selected topics;
- Provision by partners of suitably qualified and experienced individuals to support participants by means of on-site education and training, peer reviews or expert missions;
- Providing qualified peers to support the IAEA's services on peer reviews;
- Provision of expertise to allow the IAEA to implement its work programme;
- Publicizing group opinions on matters of common interest of partners and participants.