

**Comprehensive Analysis** of Key Scientific **Questions and Concerns** in Geological Disposal of Nuclear Waste

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## Scientific questions/concerns



### **Scientific Questions**

- 1. What is the diffusion and migration rate of radionuclides in groundwater?
- 2. Is the geological structure of the disposal site physically and chemically stable?
- 3. How do different types of rocks and soils adsorb radioactive substances?
- 4. What impact will potential seismic or geological events have on the safety of the waste repository?
- 5. Can the packaging materials used maintain their integrity over hundreds or even thousands of years?

### **Scientific Questions**

- 6-1. How do different geological conditions (such as granite, clay layers, etc.) affect the design of the waste repository?
- 6-2. What is the impact of the chemical composition and flow pattern of groundwater on the safety of the waste repository?
- 6-3. How will the pH value, temperature, and chemical composition of groundwater affect the migration of radioactive substances?
- 7. What impact will the construction and operation of deep geological facilities have on the surrounding ecological environment?
- 8. How to apply the prospective radiological risk assessment of the geological facility to the general public



#### Long-term safety and monitoring



#### Compliance with policies and regulations



#### Social and public acceptance



Technical and economic feasibility



# Timeline of Geological disposal



#### Timeline of Geological Disposal



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#### Geological investigation

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#### Elastic wave measurement

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#### Water sampling&measurement

- What is the diffusion and migration rate of radionuclides in groundwater?
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- How will the pH value, temperature, and chemical composition of groundwater affect the migration of radioactive substances?

## Answered the question



#### Lab experiments



Natural analogue study(ex. column experiment, batch experiment, field test)



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Can the packaging materials used maintain their integrity over hundreds or even thousands of years?



How will the pH value, temperature, and chemical composition of groundwater affect the migration of radioactive substances?

#### Research at generic deep geological facilities



What is the diffusion and migration rate of radionuclides in groundwater?



Is the geological structure of the disposal site physically and chemically stable?



How do different types of rocks and soils adsorb radioactive substances?

#### Research at site-specific geological facilities



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How do different types of rocks and soils adsorb radioactive substances?



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#### Simulation calculation

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How to apply the prospective radiological risk assessment of the geological facility to the general public?

## Roles of URL





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