

Call for Abstracts

"HLW, TRU, LLW/ILW, Mixed, Hazardous Wastes and Environmental Management"



**February 27 - March 3, 2005
Tucson, Arizona**

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WM'05 will be held February 27 - March 4, 2005 at the Tucson Convention Center

Welcome to WM'05, the 31st Waste Management Symposium - the premier annual conference of the nuclear waste management industry! You are cordially invited to come and join us at this event.

The conference is organized by WM Symposia, Inc., an Arizona non-profit corporation and hosted by the University of Arizona. Sponsoring organizations include the American Nuclear Society, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, New Mexico State University Waste-Management Education and Research Consortium (WERC) and OECD/NEA. The conference is also organized in cooperation with the US Department of Energy (DOE), Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

WM'05 will include papers describing research, development and operational experience over the complete spectrum of nuclear waste activities. Proposed topics are categorized into general tracks (see listing in this document). **More** detailed information on topics can be found at <http://www.wmsym.org/wmsym>. Tracks 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 pertain to specific waste type issues. Topics that relate to several waste types are included in Tracks 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Session topics include both national and multinational subjects, unless stated otherwise. If the listed topics are too restrictive, submit the abstract under the main track numbers, 1.0-10.0. If you cannot place the abstract within tracks 1.0-10.0, then submit the abstract to track 11.1 (unassigned) and it will be assigned to one of the 10 tracks.

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Abstracts are to be between **400 - 800 words** and must comply with the stated criteria. Results have shown that brief abstracts that fully and effectively convey the substance and its importance have the highest ranking. Background information irrelevant to an abstract's merit may dilute the substance and lower the ranking. The review criteria, "Abstract Rating Form", is posted on the website as a guide for authors, recognizing that not all criteria fit all abstracts. Insufficient information for the reviewers may result in session misplacement, lower ranking or abstract rejection.

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Upon approval of the abstract, a complete draft paper must be submitted for review for both oral and poster presentations by November 19, 2004. Papers must be revised according to the reviewer's instructions and submitted with all copyright forms by **January 21, 2005**. Oral and poster papers will be published on CD-ROM and on the WM website. **Papers that are not revised as required by the reviewer, or not presented at the WM Conference, will not be published. Papers missing copyright forms from any authors and or co-authors will not be published.**

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WM'05 Proposed Tracks & Topics

1 - CROSSCUTTING POLICIES & PROGRAMS (CPP)

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This track includes overall policy and program planning, development, integration, implementation and management issues. Presentations of waste management programs and policies at the national, multi-national and international level are particularly encouraged. Other potential crosscutting topics include regulatory issues, legal aspects, modeling, permitting (licensing) and compliance activities, criteria and standards development, privatization issues, technology deployment, legislation, US Price-Anderson Act, enforcement agency and state issues (including multiparty agreements), interface, security, and other crosscutting issues that involve multiple waste types or programs. Similar topics that are not crosscutting and thus specific to a single waste type (e.g., HLW, SNF, LLW, TRU, ILW, etc.) or program (e.g., ER, D&D, etc.) should be submitted to the specific Track for that waste type or program.

1.0 Crosscutting Policies & Programs - Posters and Non-specified Abstracts:

- 1.1 Global Perspectives of Radioactive Waste Management - Challenges and Solutions
- 1.2 WMS 05 Theme Session
- 1.3 Multinational Management Approaches
- 1.4 Simulation Modeling of Waste Management Systems
- 1.5 Radiological Dispersion Devices - Response and Cleanup
- 1.6 US DOE Realignment Prepares the Way for Continued EM Progress
- 1.7 Learning from Legal Challenges
- 1.8 Update of Radioactive Waste Management Regulations
- 1.9 Basic Environmental Science Issues for D&D, Restoration and Long-Term Stewardship

2 - HIGH-LEVEL WASTE (HLW) AND SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL (SNF)

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The high-level waste (HLW) and spent nuclear fuel (SNF) track encompasses the following topics: 1) All HLW and SNF operations from generation and storage through characterization, treatment and disposal; 2) Associated technology development and deployment; 3) International and domestic reprocessing strategies and technology; 4) Periodic progress updates oriented to specific DOE achievements in waste remediation and disposal activities, and 5) Overlapping issues including interim and final disposal strategies for HLW and SNF including associated environmental permitting and monitoring of stored waste, waste processing alternatives, waste form, disposal and operating facility performance and risk assessment, and the impacts of directly associated regulations and standards.

- 2.0 HLW and SNF - Posters and Non-specified Abstracts
- 2.1 Accelerated DOE HLW Cleanup - Global Technical Innovations
- 2.2 US DOE Yucca Mountain Update: HLW and SNF Disposal
- 2.3 New and Emerging High Level Waste and Spent Nuclear Fuel Treatment
- 2.4 Operating Experience in the Treatment and Storage of HLW and SNF
- 2.5 Vitrification Experience and Glass Characterization for HLW
- 2.6 Underground Research and Demonstration Facilities: An Update
- 2.7 Progress in Closure of High Level Waste Storage Tanks
- 2.8 SNF Reprocessing Alternatives and Issues for Generation IV Reactors
- 2.9 US DOE Yucca Mountain, Perspectives from Around the Mountain
- 2.10 US DOE High Level Waste Risk Reduction Project

3 - LOW-LEVEL (LLW), INTERMEDIATE LEVEL (ILW), MIXED (MW) AND HAZARDOUS WASTE (HW)

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The LLW/ILW/MW/HW track encompasses: 1) Operations from generation through treatment and disposal; 2) Technology development, demonstration, and deployment; and 3) Overlapping issues including waste minimization, waste characterization and analysis, effluent monitoring, waste form and facility performance assessment, regulations and standards. 4) All types of facilities from hospitals, accelerators, research reactors, government facilities, disposal sites, etc.

- 3.0 LLW/ILW/MW/HW - Posters and Non-specified Abstracts
- 3.1 Innovative Treatment Technologies for LLW/ILW/MW/HW
- 3.2 Operating Experience in the Treatment, and Storage of LLW/ILW MW/HW
- 3.3 Programmatic, Regulatory and Statutory Issues and Solutions
- 3.4 Pollution Prevention/Waste Minimization for LLW/ILW/MW/HW
- 3.5 Waste Characterization for LLW/ILW/MW/HW
- 3.6 Waste Certification, Acceptance and Disposal for LLW/ILW/MW/HW
- 3.7 Performance of Disposal Facilities for LLW/ILW/MW/HW
- 3.8 Management of Spent and Disused Radioactive Sealed Sources

Abstract Due by August 31, 2004	Authors Notified of Acceptance by October 1, 2004	Final Approved Papers due by January 21, 2005
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WM'05 Proposed Tracks and Topics

Details of all topics can be viewed at: www.wmsym.org/wmsym

Reserved & Invited Topics are not listed in this Call for Abstracts but are on the web page topic listing

4 - NUCLEAR POWER PLANT (NPP) WASTE MANAGEMENT

(Operational Waste and NPP Spent Fuel)

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This Nuclear Power Plant Waste Management Track encompasses characterization and minimization, treatment, packaging and management of operational wastes, and NPP spent fuel storage and management.

- 4.0 Nuclear Power Plant Waste Management – Non-specified Posters and Abstracts
- 4.1 Nuclear Power Plant Liquid and Wet Waste Issues
- 4.2 Dry Waste and Characterization Issues

5 - TRANSURANIC (TRU) AND LONG-LIVED RADIONUCLIDE WM

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The TRU and long-lived radionuclide waste track encompasses: 1) All contact (CH)-TRU, remote handled (RH)-TRU, and long-lived radionuclide waste types, including orphan wastes of these types, from generation and storage through characterization, treatment, transportation, and disposal; 2) Associated technology development and deployment including mobile/modular characterization deployments at large quantity and small quantity sites; 3) Operational safety and security aspects of managing long-lived radioactive/TRU mixed wastes; 4) Legacy versus newly generated waste issues of these waste types, 5) Periodic progress updates on achievement of milestones at TRU disposal facilities and waste generating sites (U.S. and International), 6) Crosscutting issues at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) and waste generating sites including the regulatory framework, e.g., the WIPP permit modifications, EPA compliance recertification, oversight, and TRUPACT II SAR revisions; and 7) Process enhancements for managing these waste types.

- 5.0 TRU and Long-Lived Radionuclide WM - Posters & Non-specified Abstracts
- 5.1 TRU Waste Management Projects
- 5.2 Status and Plans at the US DOE WIPP
- 5.3 TRU Waste Characterization Issues

6 - SPECIAL WASTES (SW), MIGRATION AND TENORM WM

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This Track covers waste types other than specified in the other Tracks (LLW, ILW, MW, TRU, HLW, etc.), emerging recycling or disposal technologies and regulatory developments for management of uranium or thorium byproducts or tailings, or Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (TENORM), and control of migration from and long term surveillance of land disposal. This track may include hydro geological, geochemical, and other special aspects of radioactive waste management not specified in the other Tracks.

- 6.0 Special Wastes, Migration and TENORM - Posters & Non-specified Abstracts
- 6.1 Contaminant Migration Assessment and Modeling
- 6.2 Regulation and Management of Very Low-Dose Radiating Materials
- 6.3 US - Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP)

7 - PACKAGING AND TRANSPORTATION (P&T)

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The Packaging and Transportation Track includes all activities and issues related to the safe, secure and economical packaging and transportation of radioactive materials. High-level, transuranic, low-level, and mixed low-level waste; fresh and irradiated nuclear fuel; contaminated media and debris; isotopes and radioactive sources; and uranium hexafluoride are all of interest to this Track. Topic areas include: 1) Domestic and international regulatory activities, issues, and initiatives, 2) Packaging development and related issues, 3) Logistics and transportation operations, including large items from decommissioning, 4) Integrated planning and scheduling, 5) Status and issues for large shipping campaigns, and 6) Stakeholder and public interactions and issues.

- 7.0 Packaging and Transportation - Posters and Non-specified Abstracts
- 7.1 Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material and Spent Nuclear Fuel
- 7.2 The Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials
- 7.3 Radioactive Material Packaging and Transportation Regulatory Issues
- 7.4 Packaging and Transportation Issues for US DOE- Yucca Mountain

8 - DECONTAMINATION & DECOMMISSIONING (D&D)

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This track includes all aspects of D&D from License Termination to Greenfield including characterization, decontamination, dismantlement, demolition, waste handling, final survey, and associated new technology development for both government and commercial nuclear and non-nuclear facilities in the US and internationally.

8.0 D&D - Posters and Non-specified Abstract

- 8.1 Decommissioning Programs and Financial Strategies
- 8.2 Decommissioning and Lessons Learned, Nuclear (Non-Power) Facilities
- 8.3 DOE Facility Deactivation and Decommissioning - Moves to Early Risk Reduction
- 8.4 Nuclear Power Plant Deactivation and Decommissioning
- 8.5 D&D Perspectives in Clearance of Radioactive Materials for Release
- 8.6 Decontamination and Decommissioning Technology Development
- 8.7 Decommissioning of Small Nuclear Facilities Under Constrained Resources

9 - ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION (ER)

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This track includes all activities associated with the assessment, cleanup, and closure of contaminated sites. The sessions will explore how to restore and protect human health and the environment through investigation, cleanup, closure, and long-term site management. The focus is on above and below ground remedial actions and cleanup activities including: site inspection, characterization and evaluation; sampling and analysis; compliance monitoring; resolving regulatory issues that impact cleanup; aquifer and soil restoration; managing waste resulting from cleanup activities; remedial design and implementation; accelerating cleanup through technological or process improvements; closure; and legacy management/ long-term stewardship. Of particular interest for WM '05 are presentations on: accelerated cleanup and closure; worker safety; the results of transfer of site land or facilities to commercial entities for economic reuse; legacy management and long term stewardship implementation.

- 9.0 ER - Posters and Non-specified Abstracts
- 9.1 ER Progress Toward Closure of Contaminated Sites
- 9.2 Long Term Stewardship and Legacy Management
- 9.3 Technical Innovations in Accelerating ER and Site Closure
- 9.4 Innovative Field Monitoring for ER
- 9.5 Waste Disposal Solutions for Environmental Remediation Projects
- 9.6 Risk Based End States in ER Programs

10 - PUBLIC COMMUNICATION, PARTICIPATION, EDUCATION AND TRAINING (CE&T)

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This track includes a broad range of social, environmental, policy, communication, and educational issues associated with waste management decision-making. The focus is on potentially affected interests, or stakeholders, who are outside the waste management professional field. Topics have typically covered public participation issues, communication techniques, education and training, socioeconomic and environmental impact analysis and mitigation. More recently, this topic area has discussed cultural issues (including tribal perspectives), equity (including environmental justice, intergenerational equity) risk perceptions and communications.

- 10.0 Public Comm., Participation, Ed. and Training - Posters and Non-specified Abstracts
- 10.1 Assessing and Communicating "Risk"
- 10.2 Achieving Stakeholder Consensus for Openness and Transparency
- 10.3 Cultural, Community and Equity Issues in Waste Management

11 - GENERAL AND UNASSIGNED ABSTRACTS

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Abstracts received after the review deadline may be assigned to the 11.0 Poster Session. This session will accept late abstracts until January 21, 2005 but will not have any papers published. It will be held Wednesday afternoon/Thursday morning during the WM'05 conference. Abstracts for this poster session can be directed to topic 11.0.

- 11.0 General Poster Session (For Abstracts Received After 8/31/2004 and before 1/21/2005)
- 11.1 Unassigned Abstracts

Security and Safeguards

The WM Symposia provides numerous sessions on security and safeguards. To aid the author for WM05 assignment, listed are some of the primary topics dealing with these issues.

- 1.5 Radiological Dispersion Devices - Response and Cleanup in EM
- R1.10 Panel: Radiological Dispersion Devices – Prevention, Response and Recovery
- 3.8 Management of Spent and Disused Radioactive Sealed Sources
- 7.2 The Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials
- 10.1 Assessing and Communicating "Risk"

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