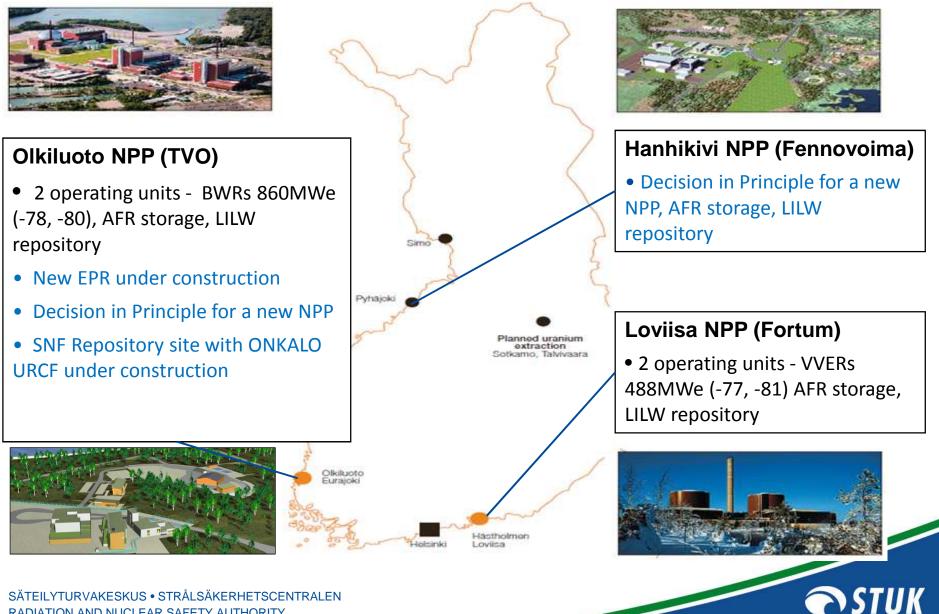
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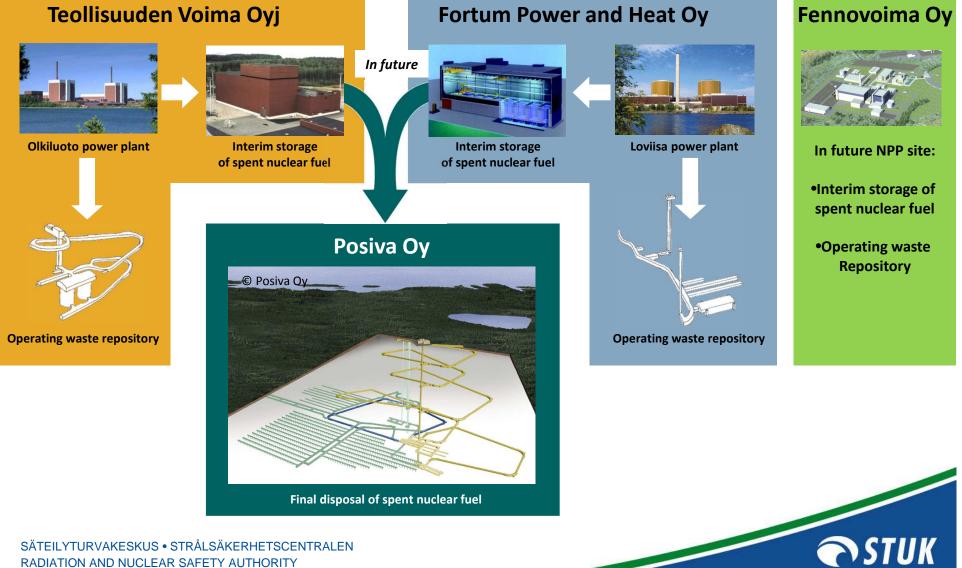
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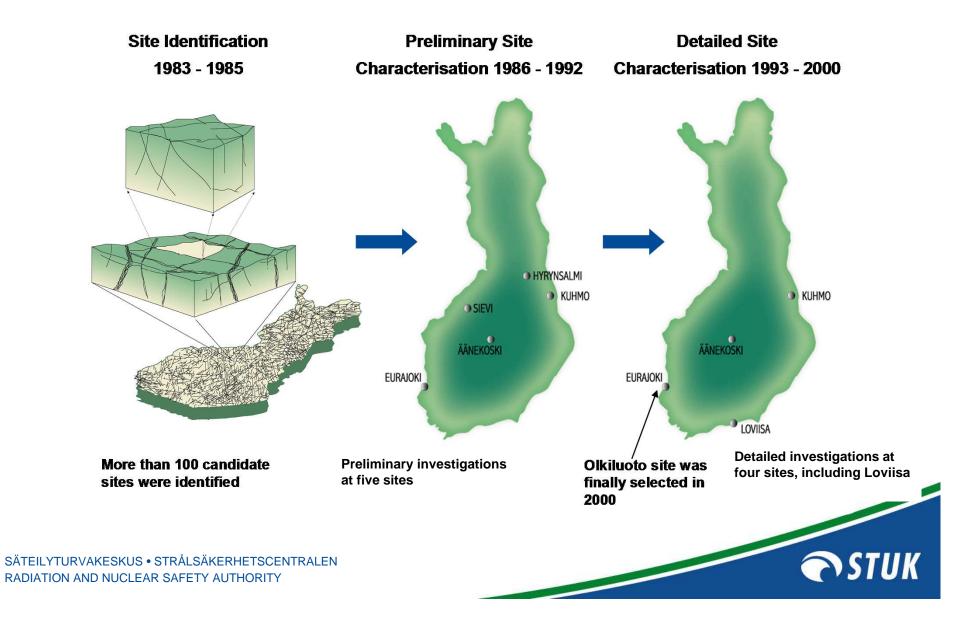
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## **Spent Fuel Disposal – a Long-term Project**

Period	Implementation	Regulatory oversight
1983-1999	-Conceptual design, research and development -Site selection process: 100 > 5 > 3 -Detailed site investigations	-Government's policy of 1983 -STUK's safety reviews of 1987, 1994 and 1997
1997-2001	-EIA program and report -DiP application for a disposal facility at Olkiluoto	-Safety regulations 1997 -EIA hearings and judgement -STUK's preliminary safety appraisal as part of DiP process
2000-2012	-Confirming site investigations, including underground rock characterization facility ("Onkalo") -Research and technical development, start detailed design	-Updated safety regulations 2008 -Oversight of site investigations and construction of "Onkalo" -Review of the state and plans of research and technical development, in three year periods
2012-2020	-Construction licence application -Construction of the facilities	-Review of licence application -Oversight of construction
2019-	-Operating licence application -Operation of the facilities	-Review of licence application -Oversight of operation



### Siting of the disposal facility

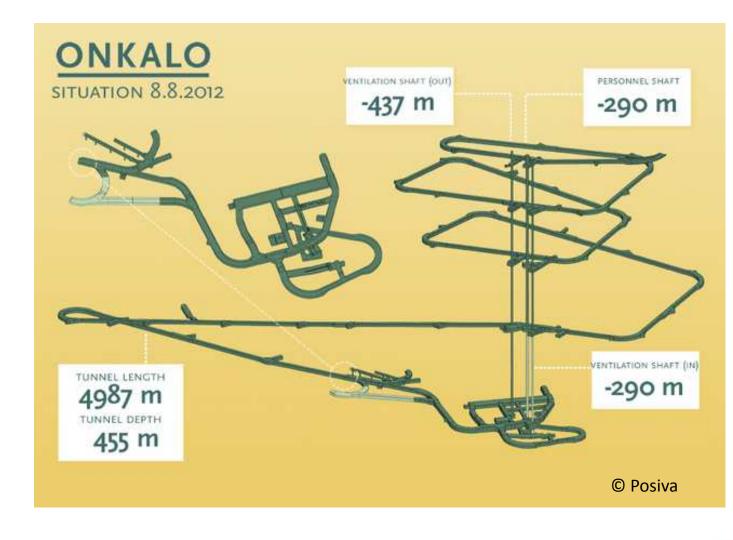


# **Steps in licensing of SNF repository**

- 2000/2001 Decision in Principle was made. Political and societal acceptance of the Olkiluoto Repository
  - STUK's Preliminary Safety Appraisal followed by municipal acceptance, Government Approval and Parliament's ratification,
  - Authorization to construct URCF (Onkalo), planned to be part of the repository
- 2012-2014 Construction License application
  - Authorization to construct deposition tunnels, deposition holes and other underground facilities
  - Authorization to construct encapsulation plant & EBS components
  - No nuclear waste to be introduced into repository
- 2020 -2022 Operational License application
  - Authorization to introduce nuclear waste into encapsulation and repository
  - Fixed period with full safety review at 15 y intervals (or as specified in license)



### **Rock characterisation facility Onkalo**



The rock characterization facility is needed for safety demonstration.

Excavation of Onkalo started in 2004.

Onkalo will form a part of the final disposal facility.

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