



Radioactive Waste Management

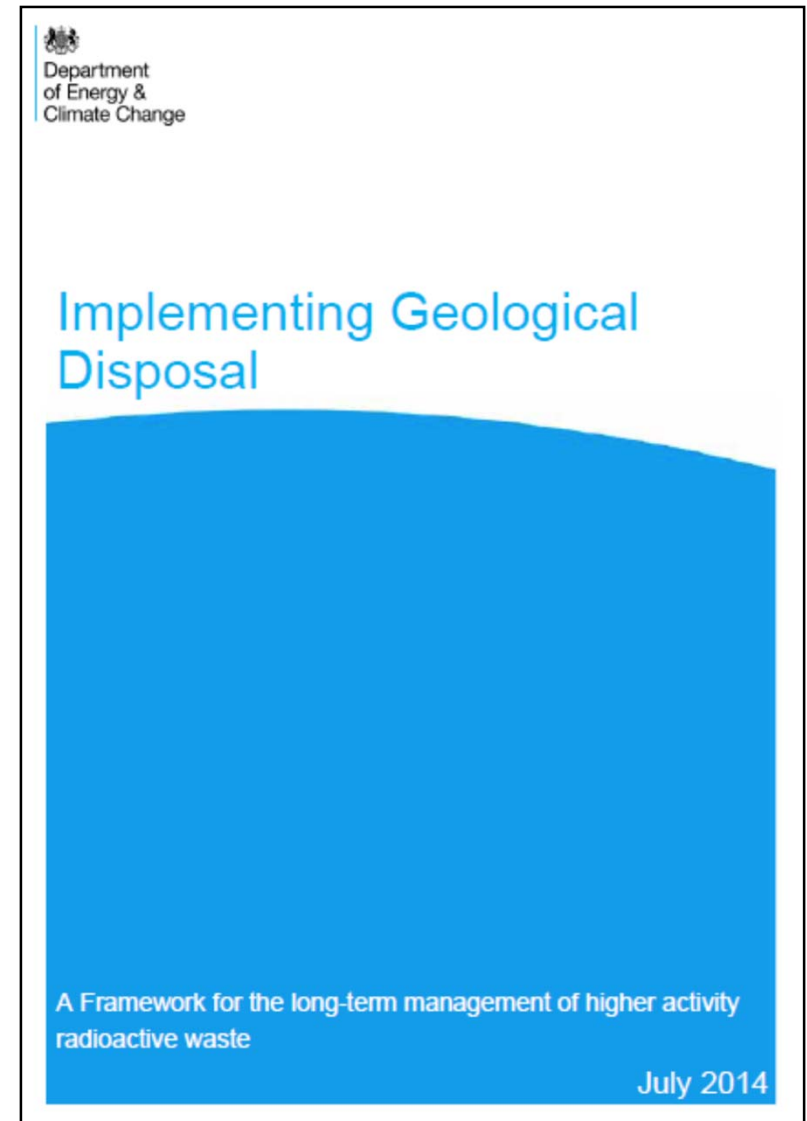
Update on Implementing Geological Disposal in the UK

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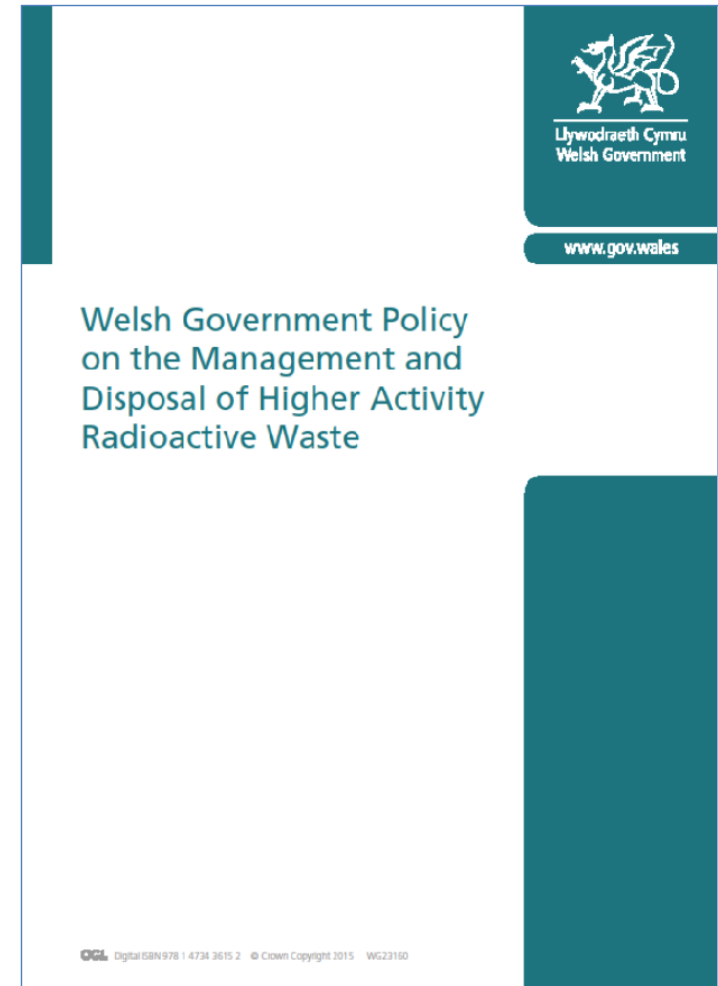
UK Situation – England and Northern Ireland

- Initial actions
 - national geological screening
 - amendments to national land-use planning
 - clarity on how to work with communities
- Recognises importance of providing upfront information on issues such as geology, socio-economic impacts and community investment
- Remains based on communities willingness to participate
- Launch siting process in 2017



UK Situation - Wales

- The Welsh Government has adopted similar policy to that adopted in England
- Timescales lagging UK but may be brought in line for launch of process



UK Situation - Scotland

- Scottish policy is not for geological disposal
- The Scottish Government has published its Implementation Strategy following consultation earlier this year

**Implementation strategy
for Scotland's policy
on higher activity
radioactive waste**

December 2016



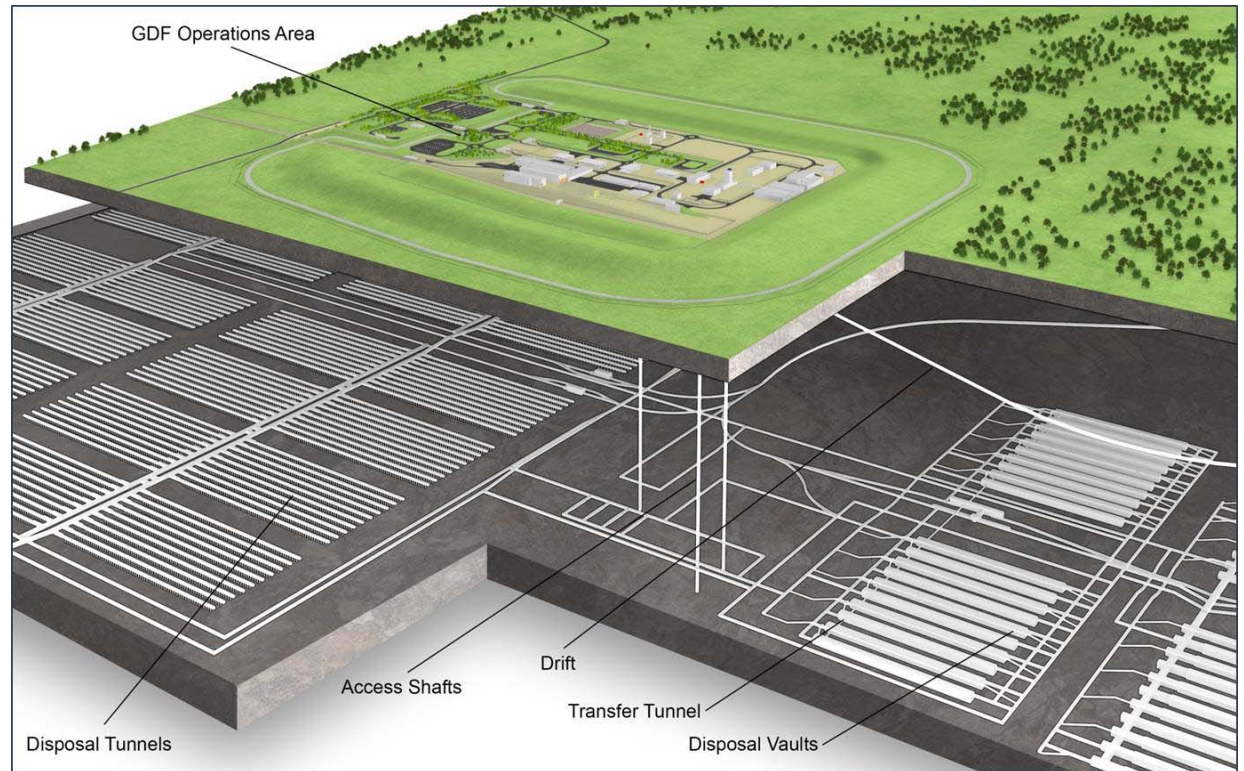
RWM Corporate Strategy

- Sets out vision, mission and values
- Identifies key strategic drivers
- Describes RWM's strategy and governance arrangements to achieve the vision and mission



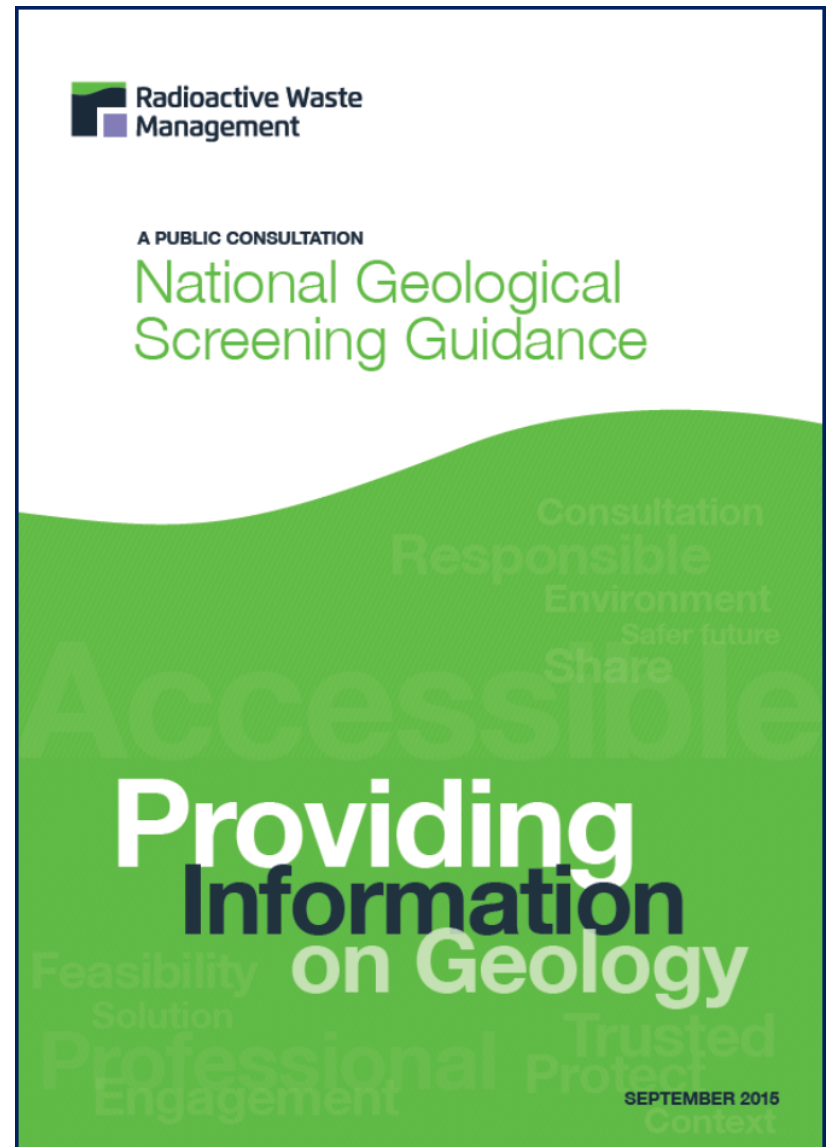
What is Required to Implement Geological Disposal?

- Disposal system design and safety case
- Waste packaged in a form compatible with disposal system safety case – we provide advice on waste acceptability
- Site
 - willing community
 - suitable geology



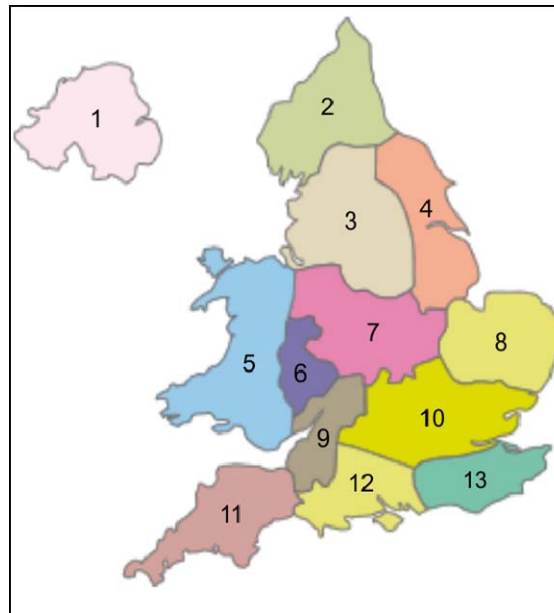
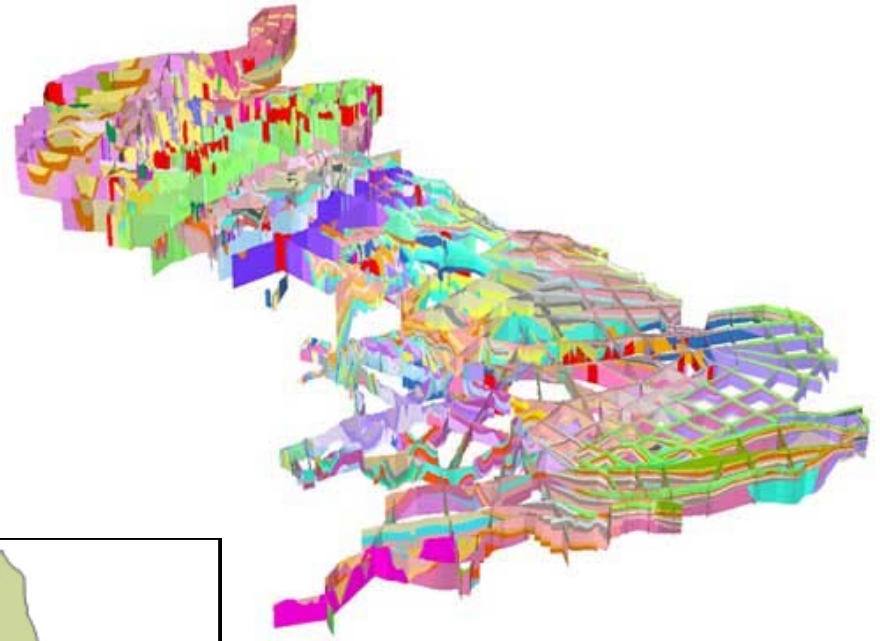
National Geological Screening

- Purpose
 - provide authoritative information that can be used in discussions with communities and help RWM focus its engagement activities
- Guidance published following review by Independent Review Panel and public consultation
- Application of guidance during 2016
- Outputs under review by Independent Review Panel



National Geological Screening Outputs

- Outputs
 - brief narratives by geological region illustrated with maps where appropriate
- To be ready for publication in June 2017



UK Consent Based Siting Process



Next Steps

- Completion of the Initial actions
 - National geological Screening
 - National Policy Statement
 - Arrangements for working with communities
- Preparation for siting
 - Organisational development
 - Communications and engagement strategy
- Launch of UK Siting Process in 2017

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