



Fact sheet: Official bodies involved in the search for suitable sites

The federal State (Swiss Confederation) bears overall responsibility for the site selection procedure for deep geological repositories. The **Steering Committee** is responsible for project support and management. Its members are representatives of the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications (DETEC), the head of the Federal Office of Energy (SFOE), the head of the Federal Office for Spatial Development (ARE), a representative of the Swiss Federal Nuclear Safety Inspectorate (ENSI) and representatives of the management of the Deep Geological Repository sectoral plan. The SFOE is responsible for operational aspects, and is supported by the **Project Management** team comprising representatives of the SFOE, ARE and ENSI

The **Information and Communication** workgroup, the **Area Planning** workgroup and the **Technical Forum on Safety** focus on specific technical issues. Co-operation and co-ordination with Nagra (National Cooperative for the Disposal of Radioactive Waste) are carried out within the framework of Project Management meetings between the Swiss Confederation and Nagra, and within committees on which Nagra is represented.

The **Commission of Cantons** is responsible for securing the required co-operation between official representatives of site cantons, neighbouring cantons and neighbouring countries. Co-ordination between the siting cantons is the responsibility of the **Siting Cantons Co-ordination Committee**. Other official bodies within the siting cantons are the **Cantonal Safety** workgroup and the **Cantonal Safety expert group**.

The **Waste Management Advisory Board** assists in the site selection procedure for deep geological repositories for disposal of radioactive waste. As the Board is not directly involved in the process, it can contribute an outside perspective. This is important to make sure risks and obstacles to a process lasting approximately ten years can be identified and that solutions can be proposed to the DETEC.