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Second International Conference on Radioactive Waste Management

The Second International Conference on Radioactive Waste Management was sponsored by the Canadian Nuclear Society and cosponsored by ANS.

The conference was held in Winnipeg, 7–11 September 1986, and attracted an attendance of nearly 300; about 180 from Canada, 60 from the U.S., and 50 from other countries.

During the three-day conference, 128 technical papers were presented in twenty-four technical sessions covering topics of transportation, storage and disposal of radioactive wastes, geoscience research, waste forms characterization, environmental assessment, facility design, uranium tailings management, regulatory affairs, and public attitudes. Many countries have made considerable progress in resolving scientific, technological, and socio-political issues since the first CNS-sponsored international conference on radioactive waste management held in Winnipeg in September 1982.

The theme for this year's conference was 'Demonstrated Results Providing Direction for the Future.' A special emphasis was placed on large-scale *in situ* experimental facilities able to demonstrate the concepts of safe management of radioactive waste and to provide confidence in our ability to predict the longterm performance of waste management systems. A technical tour to the Underground Research Laboratory and Whiteshell Nuclear Research Establishment was conducted at the conclusion of the Conference.

The following papers were presented:

'The Hades Demonstration Project for Radwaste Disposal in Deep Clay.' L.H. Baetsle, A. Bonne, P. Dejonghe (SCK / CEN Mol, Belgium)

'Disposal of Low and Intermediate Level Waste in Rock Caverns at Shallow to Intermediate Depth.' N.L. Mansson, M. Bechai, P.K.M. Rao (Ontario Hydro, Toronto, Ontario)

'Design and Performance Assessment of an Above Grade Disposal Structure.' R.R. Blickwedehl (Dames & Moore, West Valley, New York) 'Inground Containers at BNPD.' P.J. Armstrong (Ontario Hydro, Toronto, Ontario)

'Geological Investigation for High Level Radioactive Waste Isolation in Japan.' K. Doi, M. Yamakawa (Power Reactor & Nuclear Fuel Development Corporation, Tokyo, Japan)

'The Development of Radioactive Waste Disposal Sites in the United Kingdom.' H. Beale (Nirex Ltd, United Kingdom)

'Disposal Concepts for Radioactive Wastes in Clay or Till Deposits.' M. Bechai, N.L. Mansson, P.K.M. Rao (Ontario Hydro, Toronto, Ontario)

'Development of Waste Containment Structure for Niagara Falls Storage Site.' M.G. Jones, P.E. and R.B. Barber (Bechtel National, Inc, Oak Ridge, Tennessee)

'Radioactive Waste Management at the Nevada Test Site.' N.E. Rothermich (Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Co Inc, Las Vegas, Nevada)

'A Concrete Cask Design for Storage, Transportation and Disposal.' J. Freire-Canosa, S.J. Naqvi, G.S. Kellay, G.A. Mentes (Ontario Hydro, Toronto, Ontario)

'Vertical Migration of Iodine, Technetium and Neptunium in Peat.' M.I. Sheppard, D.H. Thibault (AECL, Whiteshell, Manitoba)

'Hydrogeologic Studies for CRNL's Proposed Shallow Land Burial Site.' R.W.D. Killey, J.S. Devgun (AECL, Chalk River, Ontario)

'Geotomography to Map Water Movement in a Nuclear Waste Repository.' W. Daily, A. Ramirez (Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Livermore, California)

'Hydrogeologic Setting of the Cluff Mining Tailings Management Area.' W.A. Meneley (W.A. Meneley Consultants Ltd); T.M.R. Meadley (Amok Ltd, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan)

'Investigations on Radionuclide Retardation at ASSE Salt Mine – R&D Program and First Results.' W. Bode, C. Wolfrum (Gesellschaft fuer Strahlen, FRG) 'Surface Chemistry of Radionuclide-Mineral Interactions.' R.I. Haines, D.G. Owen, D.C. Doern (AECL, Whiteshell, Manitoba)

'On Groundwater Travel Times in Granite and Gneiss.' O. Brotzen (FBAB, Sweden)

'Comparison of Surface and Downhole Electrochemical Measurements in Canadian Shield Groundwaters.' J.D. Ross, M. Gascoyne (AECL Whiteshell, Manitoba)

Radionuclide Migration Studies in the Laboratory.' T.T. Vandergraaf, D.M. Grondin, P. Vilks, D.J. Drew (AECL Whiteshell, Manitoba)

'Carbonate Sorption Capacity of Iron Hydroxide and Soil Material.' E.J. Reardon, R.D. Kellerman, R.W. Gillham, H. Johnston (University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario)

'Transuranic Package Transporter (TRUPACT) – Large Volume Shipments Begin in 1988.' L.H. Harmon, J.M. McGough (us Department of Energy, Washington, DC)

'Design and Testing of a Cask for Transporting Irradiated CANDU Fuel.' K.E. Nash (Ontario Hydro, Toronto, Ontario)

'Rail Transport of Commercial Spent Fuel in the United States.' J.E. Van Hoomissen, B.F. Judson (General Electric Company, San Jose, California)

'Systems for Transporting Used Candu Fuel by Road, Rail and Water.' A.P. Shetler (Ontario Hydro, Toronto, Ontario)

'Transuranic Waste Transportation Tracking System.' J.J. Tappen (Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Albuquerque, NM)

'Radioactive Material Packaging Database (RAMPAC).' K.L. Driscoll (Westinghouse Electric Corporation, DOE, Albuquerque, NM)

'Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Experience for the Idaho.' National Engineering Laboratory, C.P. Gertz, D.H. Schoonen (us Department of Energy, Idaho Falls, Idaho)

'Strength of and Volume Changes in a Sand-Bentonite Buffer.' J. Graham, D.A. Dixon (AECL, Whiteshell, Manitoba); M.N. Gray (University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba)

'Erosion of Clay-Based Grouts in Simulated Rock Fractures.' H.T. Chan (Ontario Hydro, Toronto, Ontario)

'Backfill Formulations for a Nuclear Waste Disposal Vault.' R.N. Yong, P. Boonsinsuk, G. Wong (McGill University, Montreal, Quebec); S.C.H. Cheung (AECL, Whiteshell, Manitoba)

'Evaluation of Backfill Materials for a Shallow-Depth

Repository.' L.P. Buckley, G.M. Arbique, N.B. Tosello, B.L. Woods (AECL, Chalk River, Ontario)

'Pneumatic Emplacement of Basalt-Bentonite Packing.' M.J. Leroch, J.M. Markowitz (Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Madison, Pennsylvania)

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'Nuclear Waste Management: Socio-Ethical Dimensions.' (Social Issues Committee, CNA, Toronto, Ontario)

'Research into the Long-Term Environmental Effects of Uranium Tailings.' R.D. John (National Uranium Tailings Program, CANMET, Ottawa, Ontario)

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'Radionuclide and Heavy Metal Concentrations in Water, Sediments and Biota in the Vicinity of Cluff Mining Operations.' T.P. Hynes, T. Meadley, N.A. Thompson, R.M. Schmidt (Amok Ltd, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan)

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