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Options for Management of Nuclear Waste - Very Deep Boreholes

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Brief information about MKG

- The Swedish NGO Office for Nuclear Waste Review, MKG, is an environmental organisation working only with nuclear waste issues.
- The largest founding partner in MKG is the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation – the largest environmental organisation in Sweden (167 000 members).
- MKG was founded in October 2004 and receives funding from Swedish Nuclear Waste Fund since January 2005.
- MKG takes an active part in the environmental consultation process on the Swedish nuclear waste arena.



The aim of MKG is to promote the implementation of the environmentally best long-term option for the management of the Swedish nuclear waste (method and siting).



An environmental KBS critique

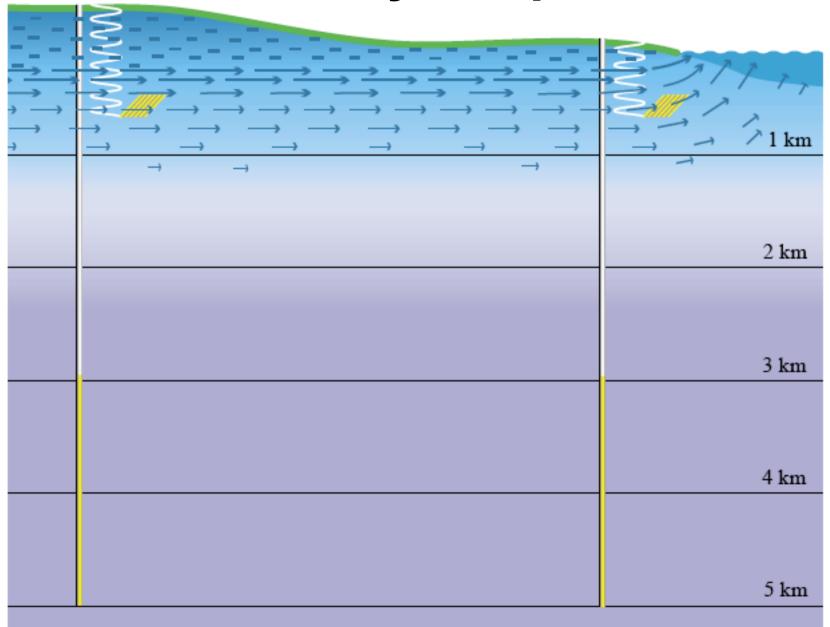
- A geologic repository in Swedish bedrock at a depth of 500 m has groundwater flowing through the repository.
- A repository using the "KBS method" relies on manmade barriers (clay and copper) to isolate the nuclear waste from the environment.
- In Sweden there will be one or more ice-ages during the next 100,000 years that will affect the groundwater chemistry for example.
- Location in discharge areas near the coast



Alternatives?



Very Deep Boreholes



Further investigation

- Make sure big enough areas with stable density layered groundwater exist
- Develop a safe method for disposing canisters with fuel



For more information ...





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