

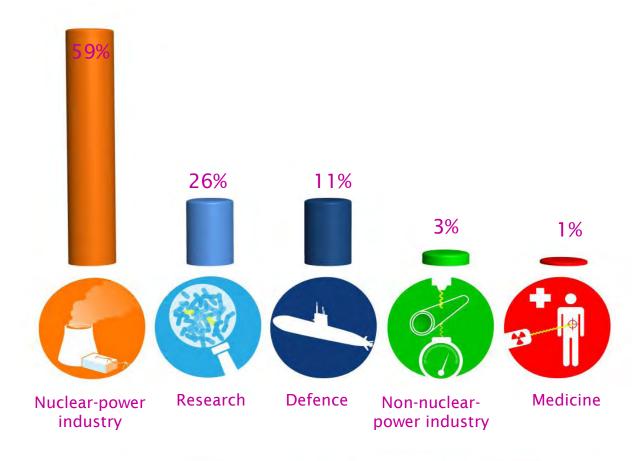
Welcome to the Andra's Aube disposal facilities

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#### Radioactive waste

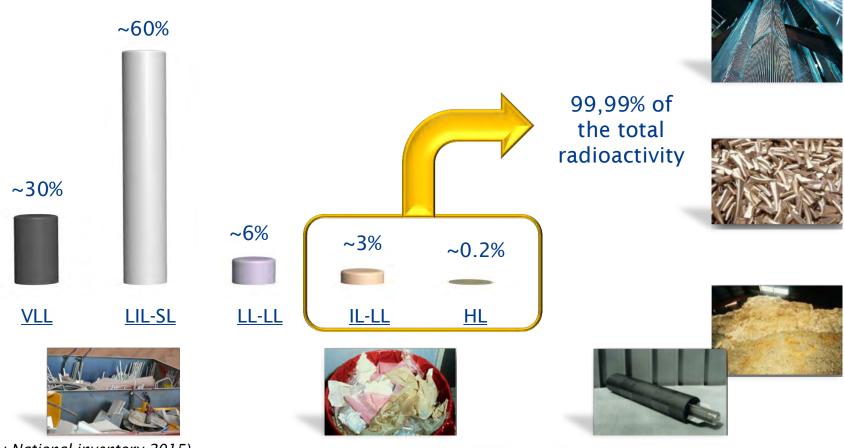
## Radioactive waste emits radiation that may be harmful to human beings and their environment





#### Waste distribution

◆ Distribution of the total volume (1,460,000 m³) of radioactive waste produced in France, per waste type (2013).



(Source: National inventory 2015)



#### Long-term management of radioactive waste

Public industrial and commercial establishment (EPIC) with a staff of 650 employees (in 2014)

Andra's mission is to implement longterm management solutions for every waste category.



Under the supervision of the Ministries for Energy, the Environment and Research

Independent from waste producers



### Andra's activities: 1) Disposing of waste

To operate and to monitor existing disposal facilities



Manche disposal facility (CSM)



Aube disposal facility (CSA)

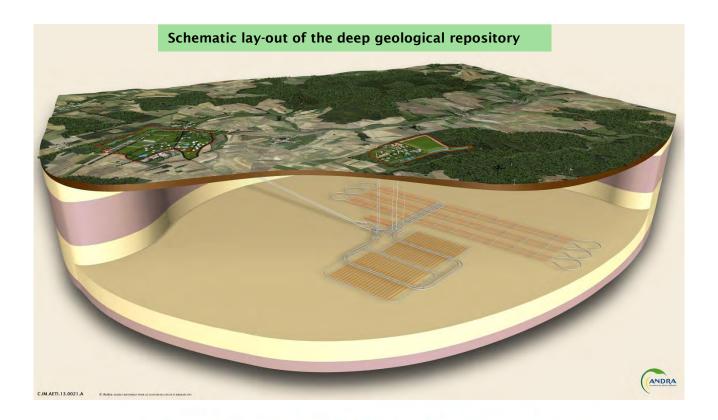


Industrial facility for grouping, storage and disposal (Cires)



# Andra's activities :2) Designing disposal facilities

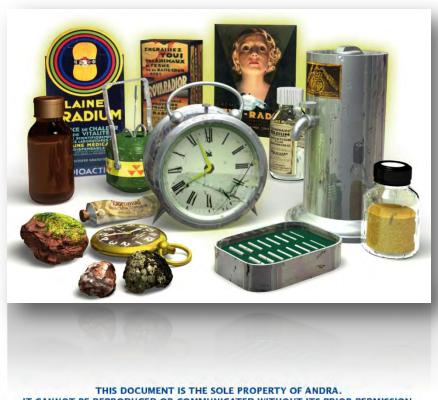
To study and to design disposal facilities for waste categories pending a management system





### Andra's activities: 3) Collecting the waste

Helping private individuals and taking over radioactive waste resulting from non-nuclear-power sources





### Andra's activities: 4) Cleaning up sites

Rehabilitating former sites contaminated by radioactivity (Orflam Site, Bayard Plant, etc.), including a possible financing if needed







### Andra's activities: 5) Knowing the waste

\* A National Radioactive Waste Inventory per management system













### Andra's activities: 6) Informing the public

Contributing to the dissemination of the scientific culture















3,000 visitors in 2014 on Aube industrial facilities



# Andra's activities: 7) Disseminating its know-out abroad

- Organize international demonstrations (colloquium, conferences, etc.)
- Welcome foreign delegations on its sites (visits, meetings, etc.)
- Participate in the activities of international authorities

Produce advice and expertise for the projects abroad

Israeli delegation















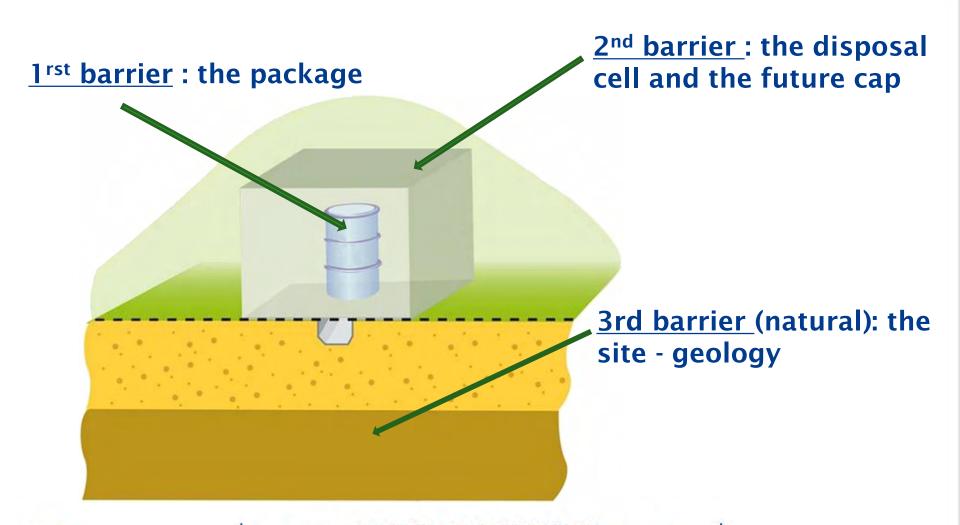
## Aube disposal facility (CSA) for low-and intermediate-level short-lived waste





### **CSA** concept

Three barriers to isolate radioactive waste from the environment





### CSA: A few figures for 2014

- Disposed volume: 11,803 m³
- Number of disposed packages: 10,704
- Number of compacted drums: 15,833
- Number of injected boxes : 572









#### **Since 1992**

- Disposed volume: 29,2 % of authorized volume
- Number of disposed packages: 387,107
- Number of closed cells: 127



#### **CSA**: Monitoring the environment

### Statutory plan approved by the French nuclear safety authority (ASN)

- Radiological monitoring
  - Nearly 12,000 analyses of surface waters (rivers, streams) and groundwater, air, sediments, food chain, vegetation, milk...
  - Reference point : ecological and radiation state in 87/88 and 99/01
- Non-radiological monitoring
  - Chemical and physicochemical analyses of water, ecology, noise and vibrations...
- Monitoring of the ecology of the various surrounding environment

Results show a very low impact on the environment (more of 100,000 times lower of the statutory limit)









### The CSA environmental monitoring plan

Results transmitted to : ASN (French nuclear safety authority), IRSN (radioprotection and nuclear safety Institute) and the national measurement network (www.mesureradioactivite.fr)



- Annual meeting of the Cli (local information commission) on environmental monitoring
- Main results published in the Internet and annual report



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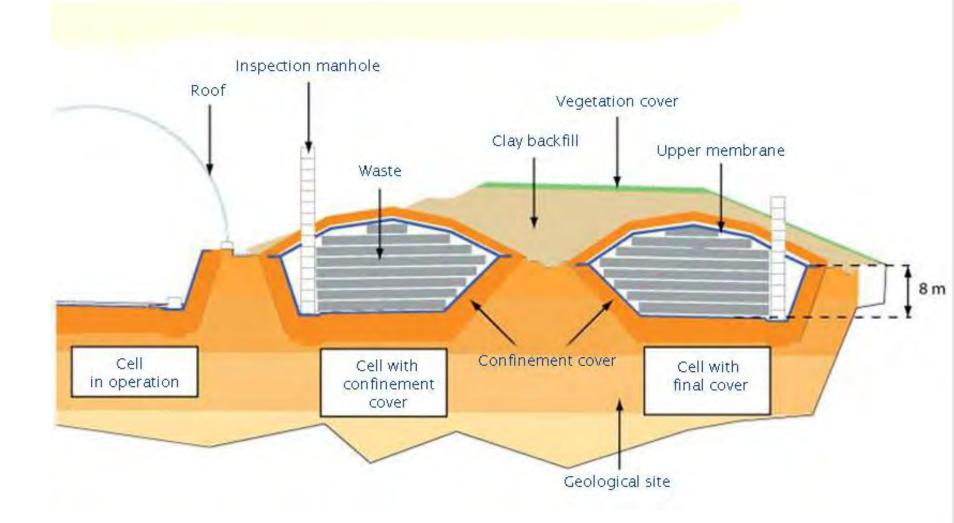


# Industrial facility for grouping, storage and disposal (Cires)





# Concept for very low level radioactive waste disposal





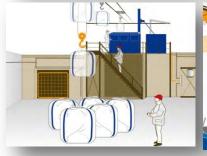


# Cires: A few figures for 2014 for very low level radioactive waste disposal

- Disposed volume: 27,112 m³
- Number of disposed packages: 36,153
- Waste compacted in the scrapbaling press (plastic): 2,283 m³
  - (rate of reduction : 2,92)
- Waste compacted in a packing press (light scrap metal): 720 m³
  - (rate of reduction : 5,65)









#### **Since 2003**

- Disposed volume: 42,9 % of authorized volume
- Number of disposed packages: 341, 937
- Number of closed cells: 14

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## Grouping/storage for non-nuclear-power radioactive waste

### Non-nuclear-power radioactive waste coming from :

- ♦ Hospitals, research centres...
- Polluted sites

#### And old radioactive objects.

Most of this waste is destinated to be disposal off CSA or Cires. One small part of it still has no disposal facility (LL-LL, IL-LL) and it is stored in Cires.



Radium-water dispenser



Radioluminescent clocks



Box for radium needles



Lightning conductor



Radium-bearing waste



# Non-nuclear-power radioactive waste grouping on the Cires

#### Grouping building (550 m<sup>2</sup>):

- Reception of waste
- Temporary storage of waste packages
- Conditioning of certains waste packages
- Expedition of waste towards installations of elimination (incineration) or treatment (compaction) before directing thins waste to the disposal or the storage
- Management of empty packages coming from the collect









# Non-nuclear-power radioactive waste storage on the Cires

#### Storage building (2,000 m<sup>2</sup>):

For non-nuclear-power radioactive waste any disposal solution for now.







### Cires: Environmental monitoring plan

### Prefectural order defines the environmental monitoring plan

### Radiological and physicochemical monitoring of :

- Groundwater, on-site surface water (storm basin water, runoff water), off-site runoff water
- Sediments
- Atmospheric discharges
- Dosimetry at the facility fence line
- Lixiviation water (water possibly found at the bottom of cells)

More than 1,500 radiological analyses per year

Results show no radiological impact on the environment.









### The Cires environmental monitoring plan

- Communication of main results :
  - CSS (monitoring commission for the site)
  - Annual report
  - www.andra.fr
  - www.mesure-radioactivite.fr
  - ....





### Thank you for your attention



### Links



### Inventory: very-low-level (VLL) waste

- Dismantling of nuclear facilities or conventional industries
- Nature: rubble, concrete, scraps metal, etc.
- Conditioning: big bags, drums, etc.
- Surface disposal : Cires











## Inventory: Low- and intermediate-level short-lived (LIL-SL) waste

- Maintenance and operation of nuclear facilities
- Nature: clothing, gloves, tools, filters, chemistry glassware, etc.
- Conditioning: concrete or metal containers
- Surface disposal : CSA in reinforced concrete cells











## Inventory: Low-level long-livedd (LL-LL) waste

- Radium-bearing (treatment of the various minerals)
- Graphite: dismantling of the first generation nuclear reactors.
- Other types of waste: lightning conductor, fire site detectors, luminous paints (in clock manufacturing)
- Storage: most of the time on its production site while waiting for the creation of an adapted disposal facility.











### Inventory: Intermediate-level long-lived (IL-LL) waste

- From electronuclear industry
- Nature: cladding and structures surrounding the spent fuel or operational residues from nuclear facilities.



- Conditioning: compacted « waffles » in stainless-steel drum
- Storage: on its production or conditioning site while waiting for the creation of an adapted disposal facility: Cigeo project. Commissioning of the disposal facility planed for 2025.







### Inventory: High-level (HL) waste

- Nature: elements resulting from spent-fuel recycling and without any further use (considered as ultimate waste)
- Conditioning: vitrified waste in stainlesssteel drums
- Storage: on its production or conditioning site while waiting for the creation of an adapted disposal facility: Cigeo project. Commissioning of the disposal facility planed for 2025.









### CSA: 1<sup>rst</sup> barrier













### CSA: 2<sup>nd</sup> barrier

#### **Disposal cells**



## **Undergroung monitoring network**







### CSA: 3<sup>rd</sup> barrier

#### Geological model of the site

