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About the Board



The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board) was established by Congress as an independent federal agency in the 1987 amendments to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA).









Board Member Appointment



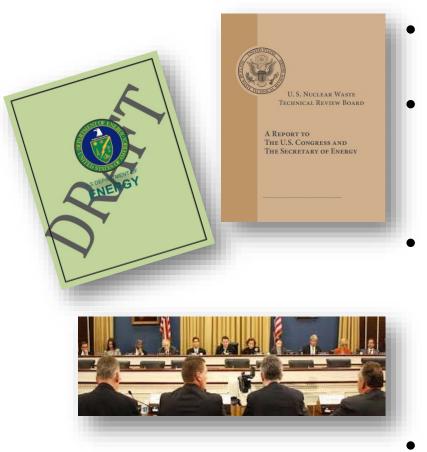
- At full strength, the Board is composed of eleven members
- Board members are nominated by the National Academy of Sciences and appointed by the President to four-year terms
- Terms are staggered, and Board members may continue to serve until they are reappointed or replaced





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About the Board



The Board:

- Conducts independent and objective peer review of DOE activities
- Reports its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the U.S. Congress and the Secretary of Energy
 - By law, has access to draft DOE documents—according to the Legislative History of the NWPAA, so that Board recommendations can be made during decision-making, not after the fact
- Provides congressional testimony at the invitation of Congress



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- Holds public meetings each year, normally in different locations in the United States—meetings are webcast
- Provides technical and scientific comments in letters or reports to DOE following public meetings
- Makes all official documents and information (meeting transcripts, archived webcasts, and presentations; reports, correspondence, and congressional testimony) available on its website: www.nwtrb.gov





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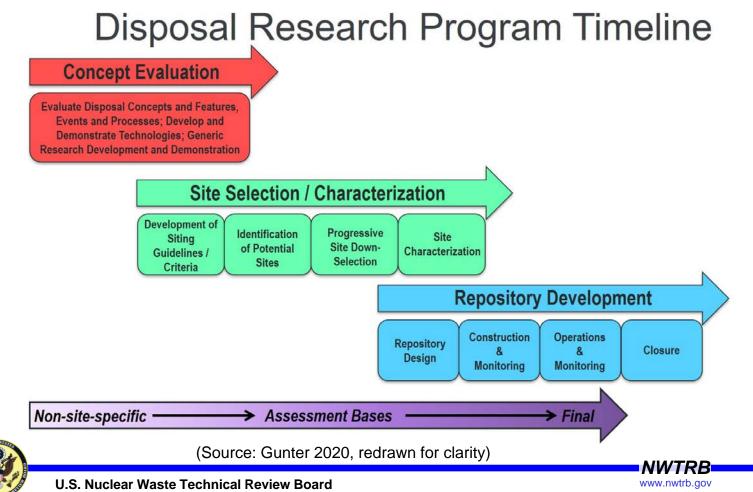
Meeting Information

- Go to <u>www.nwtrb.gov</u> for meeting materials and Board reports, correspondence, and testimony
- Public comment period (at the end of each day)
 - Comments received by the end of each day's last break period will be read online by Board staff member Bret Leslie
 - Time for each comment may be limited, but the entirety of the comment will be included in the meeting record
- The meeting is being recorded (the transcript and archived recording of the meeting will be available at <u>www.nwtrb.gov</u>)



Meeting Objective

 Review DOE's non-site-specific geologic disposal research and development program



December 2, 2020

Meeting Agenda (December 2)

12:15 p.m. EST	U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Non-Site-Specific Disposal Research Program: Program Overview, Purpose, Scope, and Goals
	<i>Timothy Gunter</i> , DOE, Office of Nuclear Energy
12:50 p.m. EST	Technical Approach and Prioritization of Activities David Sassani, Sandia National Laboratories
1:50 p.m. EST	Break
2:05 p.m. EST	Crystalline Host Rock: Reference Disposal Concepts and Key Considerations
	Yifeng Wang, Sandia National Laboratories
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	Kris Kuhlman, Sandia National Laboratories
3:45 p.m. EST	Break
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	Carlos Jové Colón, Sandia National Laboratories
4:45 p.m. EST	Public Comments
5:00 p.m. EST	Adjourn





Meeting Agenda (December 3)

12:05 p.m. EST	Geologic Disposal Research Strategies from IGD-TP (Implementing Geologica waste Technology Platform) and the U Irina Gaus, (Nagra, Switzerland) and Luc Management, United Kingdom)	I Disposal of radioactive nited Kingdom
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