



# ANDRA

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Since the Law of 30 December 1991, ANDRA is a State-owned industrial and commercial establishment (EPIC). It is placed under the supervision of the Departments of the Environment, and of Industry and Research.

## Mandate

ANDRA's responsibility is to design and implement appropriate systems for managing radioactive waste generated in France in order to protect our environment in the long term. As such, the Agency has three missions:

- Research mission: to conduct the feasibility study of a potential deep geological repository for long-lived high-level waste, by using underground research laboratories;
- Industrial mission: to manage low-level and intermediate-level short-lived radioactive waste in existing surface repositories;
- Inventory mission: to update yearly the list and location of radioactive waste generated in France.

## Scope

- Design and implementation of underground research laboratories to perform a full-scale study of geological formations and to assess their capabilities to isolate radioactive waste from the environment for as long as several hundreds of thousands of years;
- Scientific responsibility, in its capacity as programme agency, for all disposal-related issues (FORPRO research group, partnerships, programmes);
- Design and implementation of various disposal projects for specialised, radium-bearing and very-low-level waste;
- Dissemination of information to the public.

## Key figures

- A total budget of about 700 million francs (106.714 million euros) financed by the radioactive-waste generators themselves in application of the Law on waste management and environmental protection; 350 million francs of that budget are dedicated to studies and research on underground laboratories;
- 360 partners;
- 2 surface repositories in the Aube and Manche departments; 1 underground research laboratory in clay formations in the Meuse/Haute-Marne departments.

## Major international co-operation projects

With regard to experiments conducted in underground research laboratories, ANDRA has been involved since 1984 with its counterparts in laboratories already existing in Canada, Sweden, Germany, Belgium and Switzerland.