Preparation for Site Characterisation

Radioactive Waste Management, UK

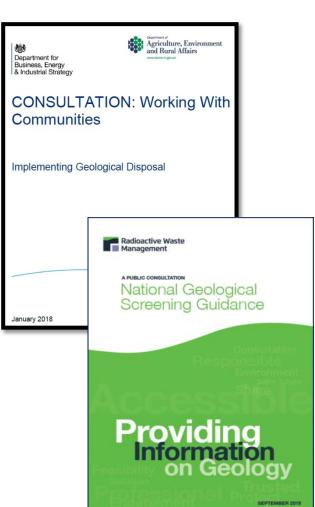
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Current Status of the UK Programme

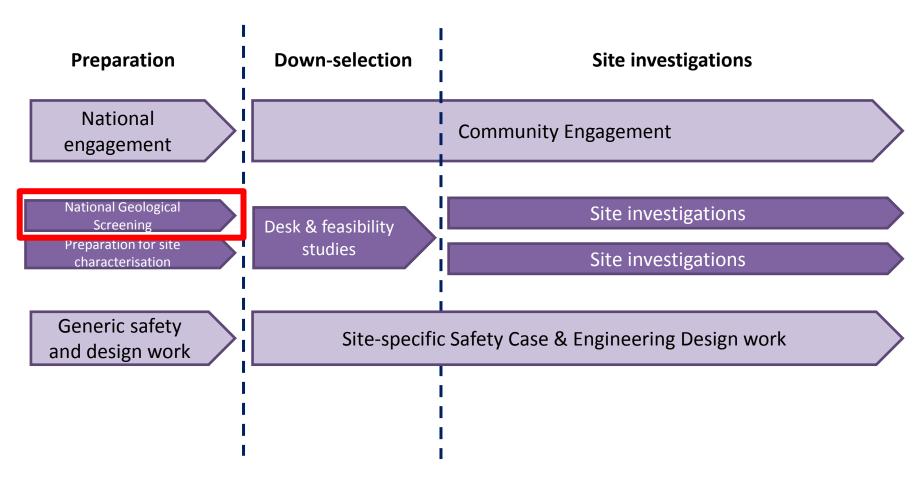
- Initial actions based on 2014 Government Policy
 - national geological screening
 - clarity on how to work with communities
 - amendments to national land-use planning
- Based on communities willingness to participate
- Following completion of these initial actions the siting process will begin





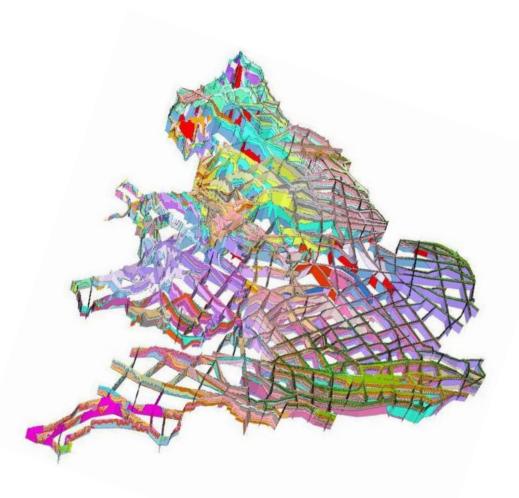
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Site Characterisation – project stages





National Geological Screening





- 1 Northern Ireland
- 2 Northern England
- 3 The Pennines and adjacent areas
- 4 Eastern England
- 5 Wales
- 6 The Welsh Borderland
- 7 Central England
- 8 East Anglia and adjoining areas
- 9 Bristol and Gloucester region
- 10 London and the Thames Valley
- 11 South West England
- 12 The Hampshire Basin and adjoining areas
- 13 The Wealden district





National Geological Screening

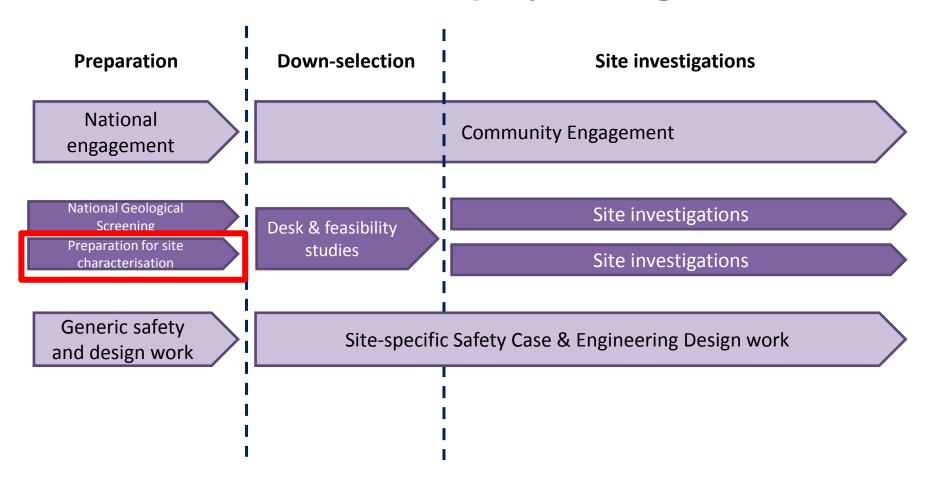








Site Characterisation – project stages





Site Characterisation Objectives

- 1. Provide the necessary geoscientific data at up to two sites, to satisfy the requirements of the design, safety case and environmental assessment teams
- 2. Make a recommendation on which sites to take forward into the construction phase
- 3. Ensure communities remain engaged in the process and demonstrate a positive test of public support



Needs-driven Site Characterisation Requirements

 RWM uses requirements management to develop a **needs driven** site characterisation programme

- Information requirements are set out for:
 - Safety Case
 - Design
 - Environmental Assessment
- Aim is to ensure that the information gathered is focused in relation to its end use

Geological Disposal

Safety Case Information Requirements from the RWMD Site Characterisation Programme

July 2013

Geological Disposal

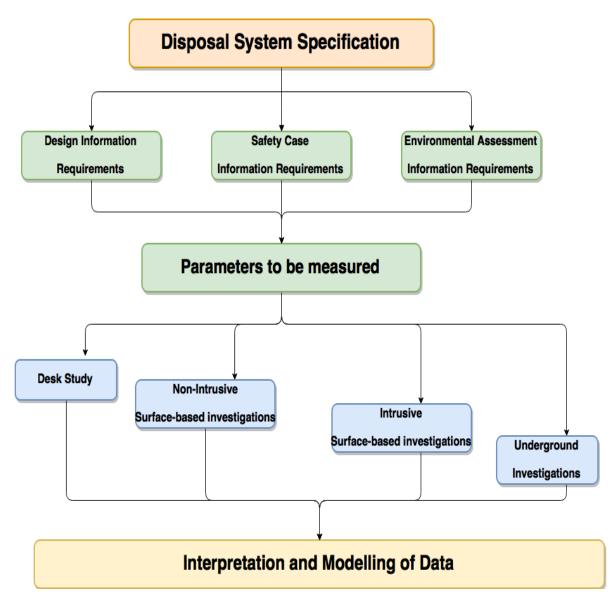
Design Information Requirements from the RWMD Site Characterisation Programme

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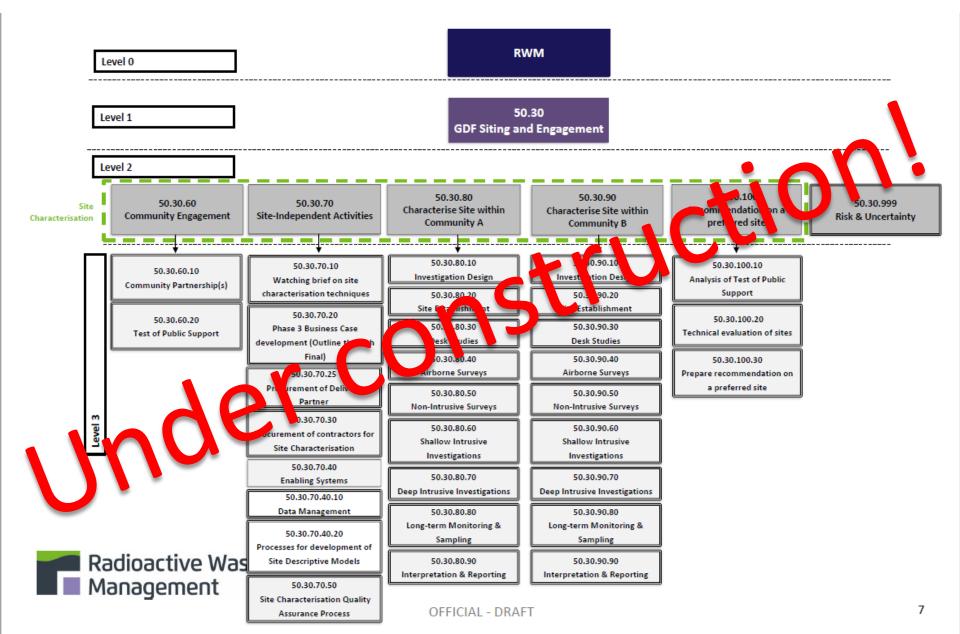
Environmental Assessment Information Requirements from the RWMD Site Characterisation Programme







Developing a Work Breakdown Structure



Planning for different scenarios

High Strength Rocks



Clay-rich Rocks

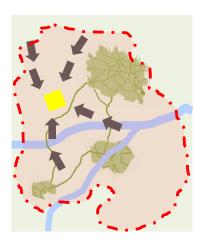


Halite

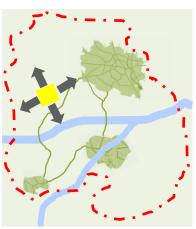


Planning for different scenarios

Onshore



Large area investigated within community



Small area investigated within community

Coastal / Inshore



Investigation for facility is close to the shore



Investigation for facility is between 10 & 20km from the coast



Next steps

- Develop costs and schedules for different geological and geographical scenarios to understand the implications on the site characterisation programme
- Raise awareness of the National Geological Screening outputs to provide the public with information about geology in their area
- Engage with communities following launch of the siting process and evaluate potential sites

