

Evaluation of geological environment for geological disposal of HLW -Siting factors for the selection of PIAs -

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The Nuclear Waste Management Organization of Japan (NUMO) developed a set of interim Siting Factors (SFs) to guide choice of preliminary investigation areas (PIAs) of HLW disposal. A call for municipalities to volunteer PIAs was initiated which published SFs in December 2002 as the first stage of a stepwise site selection procedure. This paper describes the way that SFs were developed and the outlines of the results.