

A current movement on the study of geological disposal - Plan of the International Training Centre and related activities

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On the study of geological disposal of high-level radioactive waste, we are discussing a plan of the establishment in Switzerland of the International Training Centre (ITC) which, over the next few decades, will act as the hub of the network of industrial, academic and governmental organizations, and will serve for the propagation of knowledge and experience by training scientists, engineers and decision-makers to meet the future needs of industrial organizations and government agencies world-wide. ITC is planned to be a simple, independent, non-commercial vehicle that allows wide and active participation for both users and providers of education. The inaugural three-week course in 2003 (October - November) will be entitled: The Fundamentals of Geological Disposal and the Theory and Practice of Underground Rock Facilities. We have had a workshop meeting in Tokyo on Nov.29, 2002, and the working group (N.Chapman, H.Sakuma and others) has published the first newsletter: ITC News No.1 (Jan. 2003).