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EFFICIENT AND INNOVATIVE NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

Join us at WM2026, the 52nd annual **Waste Management Symposia**, where the global nuclear waste community comes together to tackle complex challenges. This premier forum offers a dynamic space to explore safe, cost-effective solutions for radioactive waste management and nuclear facility decommissioning. Connect with **~3,000 industry professionals from 30+ countries**, exchanging ideas, addressing critical technical issues, and shaping the future of nuclear waste solutions.

Spotlight on Finland We are thrilled to shine the spotlight on **Finland** as the **WM2026 Featured Country**. Leading Finnish experts will highlight groundbreaking achievements and hard-earned lessons from decades of innovation. The **ONKALO** repository project nears operational licensing, while Finland pushes forward with national legislation reviews paving the way for streamlined deployment of **Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)**. Finland's nuclear sector is thriving, with key milestones such as the **Olkiluoto 3 EPR** completion and the decommissioning of the **Triga FiR1** research reactor, driving advancements in waste management.

Focus on Hanford The **Hanford Site** in Washington will be the **Featured U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Site** for WM2026. As home to one of the world's most complex nuclear cleanup efforts, Hanford has made remarkable progress in reducing risks to workers, the public, and the environment. With cleanup efforts dating back to **1989**, Hanford's journey offers invaluable insights into large-scale remediation. Learn firsthand from the **Hanford team** as they share lessons learned and pioneering strategies.

What to Expect WM2026 delivers unmatched opportunities to engage with top experts through **500+ technical papers, 120+ panels, and over 200 industry exhibitors**. Don't miss the **Finland Pavilion**, where nuclear organizations and industries will showcase their expertise and innovations. Be part of **WM2026**—where industry leaders, researchers, and policymakers unite to drive the future of nuclear waste management.

Panel, poster, and oral paper topics specific to Finland, as the featured country, the U.S. DOE Hanford site, and other facilities throughout the world will include diverse topics:

- Radioactive Waste Disposal Projects for All Types of Waste – Challenges and Successes
- Decommissioning Projects and Remediation Projects
- Science and Technology in Support of Decommissioning and Waste Management
- Fusion, Fission and Advanced Reactors
- Closure of Uranium Mines and Industrial, Research and Urban Sites
- Advances in Regulatory Governance
- Transportation and Packaging of Waste
- Lessons Learned and Planning for Transitions from Operations to Storage with Surveillance
- Engagement with the Public, Stakeholders, and Indigenous Peoples
- Waste Management Planning for Major Refurbishments and For Small Modular Reactors
- Management of Commercial Nuclear Power Plant Operational Waste and On-Site Nuclear Fuel Storage
- Management of Used and Spent Nuclear Fuel
- Robotics, Remote Systems and Emerging Technologies

Comprehensive Technical Program and Exhibition on Decommissioning and Radioactive Waste Management

WM2026 will include papers and panels describing research, development, and operational experiences over the complete spectrum of nuclear waste activities. Detailed Topic descriptions are found on our website and categorized into 12 general Tracks:

TRACK 1	Crosscutting Policies and Programs
TRACK 2	High-Level Radioactive Wastes (HLW), Spent/Used Nuclear Fuel (SNF/UNF) and Long-Lived Alpha/Transuranic Radioactive Waste (TRU)
TRACK 3	Low-Level Waste (LLW), Intermediate Level Waste (ILW), Very Low-Level Waste (VLLW), Mixed Waste (MW), By Product Material, TENORM, NORM Residues, Enriched and Depleted Uranium (DU)
TRACK 4	Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) Waste Management and On-Site SNF/UNF Storage
TRACK 5	Packing and Transportation (P&T)
TRACK 6	Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D)
TRACK 7	Environmental Remediation (ER)
TRACK 8	Communications and Workforce Management (CWM)
TRACK 9	Special Topics and Multi-Track Crosscutting Technology Topics (ST)
TRACK 10	Leveraging Education Programs for the Future (STEM)
TRACK 11	Advanced Nuclear Reactors for Electrical Power and Other Applications
TRACK 12	Miscellaneous and Non-Specified Abstracts Pending Topic or Track Assignment

WM2026 will display the industry's largest exhibition, showcasing all aspects of products and services related to the nuclear waste industry. Areas of interest include remote/robotic handling, protective clothing, hazardous waste storage, transportation, diagnostic instrumentation, engineering design and construction, environmental laboratories, decontamination and decommission and environmental remediation. **For more information, please visit: www.wmsym.org/exhibitors/rates-information/.**

WM Symposia, Inc. is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide education and information exchange on global radioactive material and waste management. Please visit **wmsym.org** and **roygpost.org** for further donation and scholarship details and the promotion of our WM2026 Theme: Efficient and Innovative Nuclear Materials and Technology Solutions.

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Supporting Organizations

THE CONFERENCE IS ORGANIZED IN COOPERATION WITH:

The U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency the U.S. Department of Defense, and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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