

Site (Structure) : CERN

Country: SWITZERLAND

Reporting Year: 2006

Full Name: Centre Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire

Description:

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Comment # 7294: CERN Wastes

CERN is located at the Swiss/French border, extending into both countries, and has the status a international research facility. Radwastes arise from operation and decommissioning of accelerators and experimental equipment. There is a general understanding that these wastes will be routed to disposal within the two host countries, but final decisions have not been made.

A small fraction of "Swiss" wastes, e.g. incinerable waste, is traditionally routed to the national delivery point (PSI-East) for treatment, conditioning and subsequent storage.

The remaining wastes, e.g. large-sized decommissioning waste, are stacked, partially after pretreatment, at dedicated CERN buildings, awaiting free release or conditioning. A project aiming at characterizing and inventorying pertinent wastes according to HSK standards has been launched in 2003, in order to meet potential requirements for subsequent disposal in a Swiss repository and to evaluate optimized conditioning methods.

Potential waste arisings for disposal in Switzerland are estimated to be in the order of 10,000 -20,000 m3 (conditioned) LILW-SL.

Waste management facilities that are located at this site:

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Facility:	WMF@CERN
Description:	CERN Waste Management Facilities

Storage part of facility WMF@CERN

The following shows storage status for waste classes and SRS.

Waste Class	Actual	Planned
LILW-SL	Yes	Yes
LILW-LL	No	No
HLW	No	No

List SRS?	No
List UMMT?	No

Capacity:	
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Types of Storage Units

Storage Unit Name	Type Name	Year Opened	Closed?	Full?	Modular?	Contains SRS?
all@CERN	building	1970	No	No	No	No

Processing part of facility WMF@CERN

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Waste Class	Actual	Planned
LILW-SL	No	No
LILW-LL	No	No
HLW	No	No

Type:	Treatment
Year opened:	1970