DBHD 1.4.1 Canada – nuclear repository in deep rocksalt New Brunswick, Nova Scotia

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Abstract

DBHD is a building plan for a nuclear repository – Deep Big Hole Disposal is now possible by Shaft Boring Machines and Shaft Boring Roadheader tools from Germany – Diameter = 12 M.

DBHD 1.4.1 Canada is a building plan that allows to bring 83.200 tons of spent Candu fuel into deep geological repository - for a price of 12,5 Billion Canadian Dollars over a time of 80 years.

The white DSC containers, in concrete-pellets, in rocksalt, are a safe storage for 1-10 Mio. years. In rocksalt - hard gamma radiation only goes 30 cm far and gases like IOD 129 are encapsulated.

The DBHD building plan has been examined by all 14.700 experts worldwide - without critics. There is a calculation based on German price situation and company offers. - Also a time table.

DBHD concept is mature after years of development. What it needs now is more local geology data on deep rocksalt geologies in the areas New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in north Canada.

It needs a long term calculation/simulation by a scientific team using DBHD geometry/geology that calculates : 1. Geo-Mechanics - 2. Geo-Chemistry - 3. Corrosion and 4. Thermodynamics

We propose a safe "street-ship-street transport" of the DSC's with bumpers on - shielded by a sheet metal hull made of tank-weapon steel – the transport out of town has to be extremely safe.

For the reason of good progress we recommend you to bring the main developer Ing. V. Goebel to Canada – he has 13 years of experience in all themes related to nuclear repository planning ...

We wish you a good conference and encourage you to ask questions concerning DBHD 1.4.1 CA

Keywords: Nuclear Repository for spend Candu fuel, Geological repository in rocksalt geology Dry Storage Containers, Concrete-Pellets, Rocksalt – **83.200 tons capacity for 12,5 Bio. CAD** "Street-Ship-Street Transport" – Safety – Nuclear Safety – Radiation Safety - **Safe Repository**



Picture 001: DBHD 1.4.1 Canada concept explained in a simple picture

1. Introduction

Actually Canadas nuclear industry is doing fine – but they piled up more then 7.120 full DSC in densely inhabited areas and their disposal agency NWMO failed with the 6 th safety case test concerning the old horizontal geological repository idea. As it is not possible to store activated uranium for 100.000 to 1.000.000 years in the biosphere there is an urgent need to build SAFE and deep nuclear repositories into old suitable host-rock geologies like rocksalt. – SAFETY is more then just a word – it is taking responsible actions by the generation that caused the wicked problem. – With DBHD 1.4.1 Canada there is a proven nuclear repository plan available. The need for nuclear power within the power mix of a country will be always given. Therefore all new permits for nuclear plants have to been decided within the context that the nuclear industry takes on its responsibility. – There is already funds of 4,4 Bio. CAD on account for repository.

For this reason all DSC container data and decay heat data were handed over from NWMO to Ing. Goebel / Switzerland, Germany – to develop a DBHD (Deep Big Hole Disposal) concept. DBHD 1.4.2 Canada nuclear repository plan was defined on the base of 30 years experience in Germany with rocksalt, and over 1.040 public scientific papers that have been published by the Parliament Commission on high level nuclear waste storage. This commission debated for more than 2,5 years, and had more than 11 Mio. EUR on hand, to pay scientific expertise. – Canada is the first foreign country having a profit of this extraordinary quality and science development.

In the actual Version 1.4.1 Canada the repository for 83.200 tons in 8.320 DSCs is planned with 10x DBHD locations in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia – invest 12,5 Bio. CAD over 80 years. There is a technical building plan, a calculation and a time table – all based on experience from other nuclear repository planning works – It is on OPG, Bruce and NB Power to decide now !



Picture 002: Surface Installations of DBHD 1.4.1 Canada with the typical white DSC's

2. Science – all art and science that went into the DBHD 1.4.1 Canada plan

- The choice of the right host-rock geology based on epic scientific knowledge
- The thermodynamic calculation to find the right dimension for vertical storage
- The new SBM (Shaft Boring Machine) drilling technology Diameter 12 Meters
- The architecture of the "concrete storage pellet" (not column, and with Magnetit)
- The science of "keeping the DSC's closed and intact under mountain pressure"
- The architecture of the "stretching fugue" (to buffer thermodynamic expansion)
- The architecture of "efficient room usage" (no empty horizontal corridors)
- The science of encapsulation fast moving gases like IOD 129 for ever in salt
- The science of "perfect closure" (by rocksalt under massive mountain pressure)

In the end of all days, nuclear repository has to work stabile with having every barrier destroyed, and thinking it as the fuel bundles are situated naked in the old rocksalt for ever.

Only an old geology can do nuclear repository – we humans can only build temporary entrance buildings into the suitable geology. Only an old geology can do nuclear repository.



Picture 003 and 04: Rocksalt samples from the age of Perm - app. 255 years old

2. The choice of the right host-rock geology – based on epic scientific German knowledge

Canada is blessed with a huge, massive super world rocksalt geology in the north-west.

There has to be a sediment overlay – and every repository has to be so deep that coming ice ages will not be able to open them – also the perfect closure by mountain pressure requires deepness – the ideal situation is 900 Meters Sediment overlay and 1.300 Meter Salt thickness. Such geologic location circumstances can be found – and they have to be "on land - not on sea".

The requests for geological information have been send to the government geologists in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. – But even that does not vanish the need for expensive core drilling to be ensure that the location offers what it needs for repository. Core drilling within calculation



Picture 005: Geological overview picture to the deep rocksalt geology in Canada

The choice of the right host-rock geology – based on epic scientific German knowledge

Where the salt comes up to the surface it is found and mined first – but these 5,5 km high salt domes are just a part of the rocksalt – the domes are usually the "anomalies" of a huge rocksalt cushion – they are also 250 Mio. years old – formed just after the salt was there by weakness of the surrounding areas the salt could creep up slowly. – Most of the rocksalt cushion is like a more or less flat landscape. – The deep salt is not so easy to find – only deep core drilling can identify these "cushions" – They are always there – One just have to find them …



This is how an equivalent geology cut looks like in Germany ("Zechstein"- also from Perm)





Abb. 3 Schnitt durch verschiedene Zechstein-Salzstrukturen (z) in SW-Mecklenburg (LUNG 2002, verändert)

Fig. 3 Section through different Zechstein salt structures (z) in SW Mecklenburg (LUNG 2002, modified)

The choice of the right host-rock geology - based on epic scientific German knowledge

The best way to identify a location that is prosperous for core drilling is by looking into the geological gravity lines maps – rocksalt (2,2 kg/dm3) to sediments (2,5 kg/dm3) can be told apart by gravity measurements – the resulting map can give a good idea of how the salt is formed in the underground – for further information you have to consult the geologist ...



Figure 47. Gravity map, Cumberland subbasin, Nova Scotia.



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2.1 First location for DBHD 1.4.1 Canada defined - based on gov. geological drill data

We managed to define a first location, because we received core drilling data from the New Brunswick geological service by Ms. Susan Johanson - Government geologist at NB / Canada

The core drilling of "Dorchester 01" undertaken by Shell in 1956 shows massive rocksalt at

Attitude : 45° 54' 51" and Longitude : 64° 31' 54"

New Brunswick / Canada

Top Salt 1.780 feet = 542 Meters Bottom Salt 4.985 feet = 1.520 Meters

that is 978 Meters rocksalt

DBHD 1.4.1 Canada



Picture 014: Location Definition for DBHD 1.4.1 Canada nuclear repository No 1

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Picture 015: Core Drilling Stratigraphy from "Dorchester 01" shows massive rocksalt geology

3. Decay Heat question - How many DSC's are possible in one DBHD

As the white DSC's contain un-enriched spent Candu fuel the decay heat is by far not as massive as in the German DBHD that stores Castor containers with activated enriched fuel and vitrified waste. - That means - the Canadian DBHD can contain a lot more tons within each DBHD.

Based on an .xlsx table received from NWMO we have made the following conclusions :



DSC Canada "decay heat curve" in a chart Based on an .xls table received by NWMO That is "calculated", "not measured" values IA Graphic by Dr. G. Herres / Uni. Paderborn Result : the 40 years old 70 tons DSC's give app. 1.175 KW heat out !!! good for DBHD 1.4.1 Canada / 832 DSC x 1,175 KW = 978 KW WooW - that is much less then we expected ! DBHD can take app. 3 MW - but we have only 1 MW we could even store "fresh CA DSC's" - Great news ! (much different to german spent fuel heat !!!)

Start information:

there is 384 FB (fuel bundles) in one DSC

DSC = Dry Storage Container / concrete and welded metal

1x white DSC with 3,55 x 2,12 x 2,41 Meters = 1,175 KW (40 years old)

832 DSC's x 1.175 KW = 977,6 KW = 0,98 MW = 1 MW

DBHD can take up to 2,83 MW per column with German Castor containers

with only 1 MW decay heat from the DSC's the DBHD 1.4.1 Canada is SAFE



Picture 017: Castor with enriched spent fuel and DSC with unenriched spent fuel

4. How to bring the DSC containers down into the deep rocksalt geology

Basically the transport it is done by a steel or dyneema cable and a work over rig - the DSCs travel down on a wire - a cable.

It also needs a lot more on site - but mainly - Ventilation for Airconditioning - and space for interim store of dig out and closing materials



Picture 018: Draft plan of the visible in biosphere installation required for DBHD 1.4.1 Canada



Picture 019: Draft plan - Cut of the drilling platform showing cable drum house and work over rig for transport

As these plans were originally made for the 130 tons Castor and a deepness of 3.350 meters It is very likely that a plan workover for the 70 tons DSC and a deepness of app. 2.100 meters leads to a smaller drilling platform - also the work over rigs offered today look different from what the architects technical drawing show. All plans have to refer to the site and its geology.



Picture 020

5. Completing the Diameter 12 Meter drill hole for storage work

The big hole - drilled with Shaft Boring Machine or Shaft Boring Roadheader offers 113 sqm of space that is needed for : Container on cable - Lift - Staircase - Airconditioning - Flow Ice cooling and the required tubes for concrete and electricity - Please see what is planned for Germany - Canada is similar



Picture 021: Draft plan of the D=12 Meter big hole completition for all DBHD Generation 1.4.X



Picture 022: Draft plan of how to use the Diameter 12 Meter hole - starts with a spray concrete wall of 25 cm thickness - new diameter now 11,5 Meters - keeping a circle of D = 4,8 Meters in the centre free for the "traveling Castor - the travelling DSC container" - on the sides you see 4 big blue sheet metal tube for air-conditioning - you also the idea of a lift and / or protection chamber - there is a steel platform leading to the staircase - grey is the pipes for concrete - orange is the pipes for electricity and the small blue tubes are for the flow ice cooling system - we have to provide +16°C in a very deep environment that usually got +60 °C - cooling out the big hole is one of the main tasks to enable the staff to open the drill hole from 12 to 18 Meters and to cast the DSC or Castor containers into concrete.



Picture 023: Draft of situation in the storage area Diameter 18 Meters

The Diameter 12 goes down to the bottom, then the Diameter is opened with chain saws to 18 Meters Time to cast the first storage pellet - build back the hole completion on more then 7,55 Meters and cast the next concrete pellet. - There is a lot of work to be done by hand and it takes a hour to travel down - 3-4 hours of work on the bottom and an hour to travel up again. - Very short shifts please ...



Picture 024: Draft of storage work in the storage area Diameter 18 Meters

There is man pushing the heavy Containers into the right position - the concrete from the bottom cast have to be solid enough to take the weight of the Containers placed - when all eight Containers are placed - the casting of the concrete pellet can be completed. - Work place temperature there +16 °C.

6. Conclusion

DBHD 1.4.1 Canada is a very ambitions building plan - and also the only solution for the safe long term storage of spent nuclear fuel. - It is a 73 to 80 years building plan that provides safety to Canada for one Million years and solves the nuclear storage problem with a geological waste storage.

The main item is the technical drawing - because DBHD is always a BUILDING - it is a temporary entrance building into a deep geology that is able to do what it needs - long term HLW storage ...



150.240,- Canadian Dollars cost for each white DSC for its geol. long term disposal within DBHD 1.4.1 Canada

Picture 025: Definition of cost to bring down a white DSC into geological long term storage





