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About Andra

The National Agency for Radioactive Waste Management (**Andra**) is a public industrial and commercial establishment created by the Law of 30 December 1991. Its missions were extended by the **Programme Law of 28 June 2006** on the sustainable management of radioactive materials and waste.

Andra is **independent from the producers** of radioactive waste and functions under the supervision of the ministries in charge of energy, environment and research.

Andra **assists the government** in finding, implementing and ensuring safe management solutions for all French radioactive waste **in order to protect present and future generations from the risks it poses.**

Marie-Claude Dupuis leaves Andra to join the RATP

Marie-Claude Dupuis, Director General of Andra since 2005, will end her term at Andra in the coming weeks and will join the RATP. François-Michel Gonnot, Chairman of the Board of Andra, has proposed to the Government the candidacy of Pierre-Marie Abadie, until now Director of Energy, to succeed her.

During the nine years that Marie-Claude Dupuis spent at Andra, the Agency has changed significantly under the vigilant watch of Parliament, guarantor for the 28 June 2006 Planning Act, the control of its evaluators and with the support of its board of directors chaired by François Michel Gonnot. Its staff and its budget doubled to reach 650 staff and 300 million euros.

Andra is recognized today in France and worldwide for its expertise and advice in the field of management, design and disposal of radioactive waste.

Initiated in by the 2005 public debate on radioactive waste and ended by the public debate on the Cigéo project, Marie-Claude Dupuis term will have been characterized by:

- The significant progress of the Cigéo project for the disposal of High and Intermediate Level waste that has gone from demonstration of feasibility in 2005, based on the Underground Research Laboratory, to the Cigéo project, now in the industrial design phase.
- Restarting the project for the disposal of Low Level and Long Lived waste (FAVL project).
- Industrial operations of the disposal centers of the Aube and the Manche districts recognized as exemplary in terms of security, safety and environmental protection.
- The creation of the Commission for the Assistance in the area of radioactivity (CNAR) that has implemented the free collection of radioactive objects detained by households and the clean-up of historical sites such as those of Gif-sur-Yvette, Pargny-sur-Saulx, or Ganagobie (04).
- The development of pre-disposal activities for the Agency such as storage, sorting and treatment and control of waste, including the construction of new facilities and an R&D programme that now covers all actions linked to the optimized management of radioactive waste.
- The dissemination of the Agency's know-how internationally both from an institutional and scientific stand point and from a commercial one to promote in all countries a safe and responsible management of radioactive waste.
- The active listening and dialogue ; first social dialogue and dialogue with elected representatives, producers, the media and the public.