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About Andra

The French National Radioactive Waste Management Agency (Andra) is a public industrial and commercial body, founded by the Act dated December 30th, 1991. Its missions were further extended by the **Planning Act dated June 28th, 2006**, relative to the sustainable management of radioactive waste and materials.

Fully independent from producers of radioactive waste, Andra reports to the Ministries for Energy, Environment and Research.

Andra's expertise serves the State in designing, implementing and guaranteeing safe management solutions for all French radioactive waste in order to protect current and future generations from the hazard they present.

Andra Chief Executive Officer Marie-Claude Dupuis awarded WIN Prize France 2010

On Friday October 15th, National Radioactive Waste Management Agency (Andra) Chief Executive Officer Marie-Claude Dupuis received the WIN 2010 Prize from the hands of Dominique Mouillot, Chairperson of Women In Nuclear for France and Europe.

Marie-Claude Dupuis, Managing Director for Andra, was awarded on last October 15th the WIN (Women In Nuclear) Prize France 2010. This distinction is awarded yearly by the French Chapter of the Women In Nuclear Global international organisation, represented in 80 countries. It rewards a female celebrity with an exemplary career, who has contributed in fostering diversity and gender parity within the nuclear trade.

"You have shown more than enough perspective, prerogative and courage. Your ability to cut straight to the chase and your pragmatic approach to issues endow you with the elegance that comes from simplicity," stated WIN France Chairperson Dominique Mouillot as she handed the prize to Marie-Claude Dupuis. Ms Mouillot also congratulated her on her common-sense approach, on her commitment to the cause of women and on her struggle against prejudice. For her part, Marie-Claude Dupuis highlighted *"how crucial it is to have a responsible nuclear industry. Since it stands out by virtue of its high technology and of its obligations in terms of safety and transparency, it has everything to gain by steadily opening its doors to women, who are particularly sensitive to social issues and to sustainable development."*

The WIN France association is a network of women working in the fields of nuclear technology and its applications (energy, space, medicine, art, biology, etc). It has 360 members, both men and women, whose objective is to promote trades relating to nuclear technology and to highlight how accessible they can be to women. WIN France is especially seeking to boost the exposure of women in research and industry, and to make scientific and technical careers more appealing to young women, particularly high school and post-graduate students.

Heading Andra since 2005, Marie-Claude Dupuis began her career in engineering, after graduating from the Ecole Polytechnique and Paris School of Mines, starting in 1988 as Control Manager for Nuclear Power Facilities in a Regional Industrial and Research Directorate. She went on to further duties at the Ministry for Industry and the Ministry for Environment. Throughout her career, she has always been highly involved in issues concerning the environment, quality, security and safety.