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SECTORAL PLAN FOR DEEP GEOLOGICAL REPOSITORIES: RESULTS OF STAGE 2

In stage 2 of the Sectoral Plan for Deep Geological Repositories, Nagra (National Cooperative for the Disposal of Radioactive Waste) had the task of narrowing down the potential geological siting areas to at least two per waste category. Based on a safety comparison, Nagra proposed that Jura Ost and Zürich Nordost should be examined in greater detail in stage 3, while the other geological siting areas proposed in stage 1 (Jura Südfuss, Nördlich Lägern, Südranden and Wellenberg) should be kept as a reserve. Following its own analysis of the proposal by Nagra, the Swiss Federal Nuclear Safety Inspectorate concluded that discontinuing with Nördlich Lägern could not be sufficiently justified on the basis of the existing uncertainties, and that it should be examined in greater detail together with Jura Ost and Zürich Nordost. This view was shared by the Federal Nuclear Safety Commission. These three proposed geological siting areas to be further studied in stage 3 could be suitable for housing a deep geological repository for both high-level and low- and intermediate-level radioactive waste. The other three geological siting areas are to be retained as reserve options with secured spatial planning until the general licence enters into effect. In stage 2, the sites for the placement of the surface facilities for deep geological repositories were also be specified.

CONSULTATION CONCERNING THE RESULTS OF STAGE 2

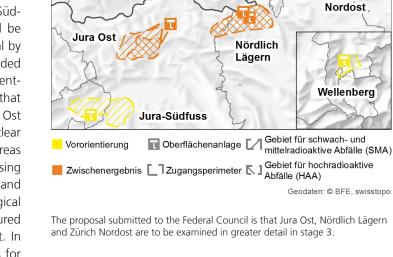
In its report on the results (findings and detailed plans) of stage 2, the SFOE summarises all the outcomes of stage 2 of the sectoral plan. This report thus forms the basis for the corresponding public consultation, during which the cantons, political parties and other the interested public have an opportunity to comment on the obtained results. All the relevant documents for the public consultation can be downloaded from the following website: www.bfe.admin.ch/vernehmlassungetappe2.

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ACTION AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE CONSULTATION PROCEDURE

Südranden

Zürich

After the public consultation is concluded, the received comments will be evaluated by the SFOE and summarised in a report. Based on the results of the public consultation and the summarised report, the Federal Council will decide presumably at the end of 2018 which sites are to be examined in greater detail in stage 3. This decision by the Federal Council will conclude stage 2 of the Sectoral Plan for Deep Geological Repositories. In the third and final stage of the plan the remaining sites will be examined in greater detail and compared with one another. Nagra will then submit general licence applications for deep geological repositories for those sites that have been definitively selected.

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