

Pierre-Marie Abadie, new Chief Executive Officer of Andra

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About Andra

Andra, the French National Radioactive Waste Management Agency, is a publicly-owned industrial and commercial enterprise created by the French Act of 30 December 1991. Its role was expanded by the **Planning Act of 28 June 2006** relating to the long-term management of radioactive materials and waste.

Andra is independent of radioactive waste producers and operates under the supervision of the ministries responsible for energy, the environment and research.

Andra's expertise serves the State by identifying, implementing and ensuring safe management solutions for all French radioactive waste for the protection of present and future generations from the risks inherent in these substances.

After receiving favourable opinions from the commissions in charge of sustainable development in the National Assembly and the Senate, the President of the French Republic appointed Pierre-Marie Abadie Chief Executive Officer of Andra, by a decree published in the Official Journal on October 23, 2014.

Pierre-Marie Abadie previously served as Director of Energy at the Directorate General for Energy and Climate of the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy and in this capacity as the Government Commissioner to the governing board of Andra.

During parliamentary hearings leading up to his appointment, he paid tribute to the work of his predecessor Marie-Claude Dupuis and shared his vision of Andra, "an independent, publicly-owned enterprise serving the environment open to the larger world in France and abroad, which harnesses a wide range of disciplines and skills to meet its challenges."

One of its short-term priorities consists of making Andra a contracting authority with a strong capacity for strategic management to resolve the crucial issues ahead, including:

- Cigeo: preparation of the construction licence application, and assisting the Meuse and Haute-Marne prefectures in preparing the region development contract;
- low-level long-lived waste: preparing status report on the site search process to be submitted to the State in 2015;
- upstream from repositories: optimising waste disposal solutions in coordination with producers, including dismantling.

A brief biography and photo of Pierre-Marie Abadie are attached.