

Biographical Information for Charles McCombie

Dr Charles McCombie is an independent advisor in international nuclear waste management. His principal roles at present are as CEO of Pangea Resources International and Director of Pangea Resources, Australia. For almost 20 years prior to this he was Director of Science & Technology at Nagra (National Co-operative for the Disposal of Radioactive Wastes) in Switzerland. In addition to his work with Pangea, Dr McCombie is retained as Executive Advisor to Nagra, and he consults directly for waste management projects in various other countries (e.g. Japan, Canada, Germany) and international organisations such as the OECD/NEA. He is currently a member of the Board of Radioactive Waste Management of the National Academies of the USA and also a member of the Nuclear Research Advisory Committee of the National Paul Scherrer Research Institute.

Dr McCombie graduated in Natural Philosophy (Physics), from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland in 1967. He received a PhD Degree in Physics from the University of Bristol in 1971. From 1970-74, he worked at the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, England and from 1974-79 at the Swiss Institute for Reactor Research, now the Paul Scherrer Institute. Dr McCombie is an author or co-author of over 120 published papers in the nuclear field, predominantly on all aspects of geologic disposal of radioactive wastes.

His past duties have included serving in the following capacities:

- Chairman of the Waste Management Advisory Committee of for the Swiss Paul Scherrer Research Institute (1987-1997)
- Member of the Radioactive Waste Management Committee (RWMC) of the NEA, Paris (1986-1997)
- Member of Scientific Advisory Board for GSF, Germany (1992-1996)
- Member of INWAC Advisory Group of IAEA (1989-1994)
- Member of US-NAS Study Group on Performance Standards for Yucca Mountain (1994-1996)
- Chairman of NEA Review Group for the Canadian Spent Fuel Management Programme (1995)
- IAEA delegated expert on Waste Management Advisory Mission to the Philippines (1989)
- Member for the Swedish Authority (SKN) Review Group on the SKB 5-year research plan (1987)
- Member of the NEA Review Group for Swedish KBS-3 Project (1984)

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