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Richard Poisson joined ANDRA in 1996, and now has over 20 years of experience in radioactive waste disposal projects (both design and safety assessments). His major fields of experience are:

- Repository design and development, Environmental Impact Assessment, Safety Assessment (both operational and long term).
- Engineering of Complex Systems and project management.

Prior joining ANDRA, he worked:

- From 1979 to 1985: successively as an engineer, then as a group manager on different projects in the industrial world.
- From 1986 to 1995: successively as a consultant then as a senior consultant on different assignments linked to project management or system development.

From 1996 to 2008, at the project division of ANDRA, Richard Poisson worked on projects for the safe disposal of radioactive waste:

- Waste coming from Nuclear Fuel reprocessing. This covered both the safety analysis of the repository project and the contribution to the management of its development.
- Waste coming from Nuclear Power Plant operations. This covered the technical review of the existing solutions used for the repository and the analysis of possible upgrades to this design.
- Waste coming from the dismantling of Graphite Reactors. This covered the work on the adequate design for this repository, going from the development of the safety assessment to the management of engineering sub-contractors.

Since 2009, at the International division of Andra, he has been involved in many international projects in all parts of the world, and concerning repository design and development, Environmental Impact Assessment, management of repository development, safety, both operational and long term.

Since 2016, he has been managing the international relations department of Andra. He is contributing to both NEA and IAEA projects.

Richard is 63 years old and holds an engineering degree and an MBA (INSEAD).