

## **The Legal and Policy Framework for Waste Disposition**

### **Abstract**

UK policy and strategy for the management of LLW has changed significantly in recent years, not least through development and implementation of the "UK Strategy for the Management of Solid Low Level Radioactive Waste from the Nuclear Industry" as part of the UK Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's mission. This has influenced all aspects of LLW management in the UK, including metals recycling and VLLW disposal. The paper will outline the legal context for these changes in the UK and highlight how international conventions and legal frameworks have influenced these developments. In particular, the paper will look at the following important influences on choices for recycling and disposal of LLW and VLLW.

- The Paris & Brussels Conventions on third party liabilities for nuclear damage
- on-going work to implement the 2004 Protocols to those conventions, including the impact on disposal sites and proposals to exclude VLLW disposal sites from liabilities regimes;
- The Revised Waste Framework Directive and Waste Hierarchy
- Relevant European pollution prevention and control legislation and Best Available Techniques

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