

## Item 3.3

# 11<sup>th</sup> US/German Workshop on Salt Repository Research, Design and Operation 2021

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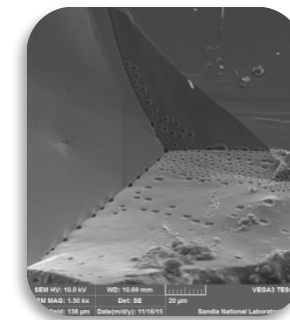
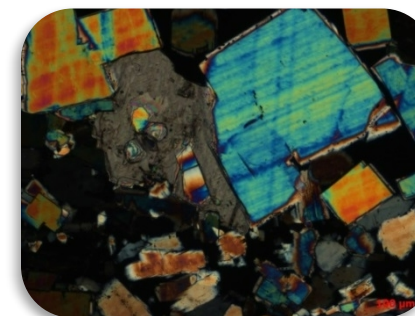
The 11th Meeting of the Salt Club  
11-12 May 2021, Zoom Meeting

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## US/German Workshop Overview

- 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting in 2020  
(Braunschweig, Germany)  
cancelled due to COVID
- 2021 Virtual Meeting
  1. 2 Feb: National Programs
  2. 17 Jun: Granular Salt
  3. 8 Sep: EBS & Backfills
  4. 9 Sep: Modeling
- May 2022: 12<sup>th</sup> Workshop  
planned in Braunschweig



## 11<sup>th</sup> US/German Workshop: Part 1

- Status of Waste Disposal Programs:
  - United States (Gunter, DOE)
  - Germany (Göbel, BGE)
  - Netherlands (Bartol, COVRA)
  - United Kingdom (Norris, RWM)



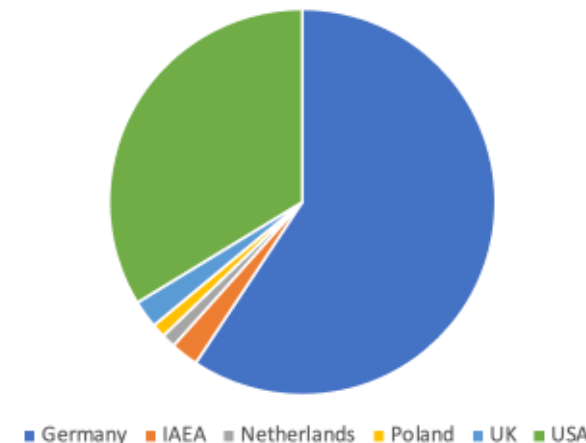
### Technical Agenda – Part 1

GMT (MDT-7)		2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	
16:00	16:15	Welcome by the organizers	K. Kuhlman/SNL P. Herold/BGE TEC
16:15	16:20	Welcome	T. Lautsch/BGE
16:20	16:25	Welcome	H.-C. Pape/BMWi
16:25	16:30	Welcome	T. Gunter/DOE
<b>NATIONAL PROGRAMS</b> Chair: W. Bollingerfehr			
16:30	17:00	Status of US Program	T. Gunter/DOE
17:00	17:30	Status of German site selection	A. Göbel/BGE
17:30	18:00	Long term Dutch research program on rock-salt and updated disposal concept	J. Bartol/COVRA
18:00	18:30	Status of site selection UK	S. Norris/NDA
18:30	19:00	Discussion/Feedback	K. Kuhlman/SNL P. Herold/BGE TEC
		Presentation of potential focus topics for Part 2 and survey by the auditory	

## 11<sup>th</sup> US/German Workshop: Part 1

- Lively Interaction and Discussion
- Broad Attendance (86 total)
  - 51 – Germany
  - 29 – USA
  - 2 – UK
  - 2 – IAEA
  - 1 – Netherlands
  - 1 – Poland
- Larger audience is positive aspect of online meeting format

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## 11<sup>th</sup> US/German Workshop: Parts 2-4

- 17 June (Part 2):
  - Crushed Salt – testing and modeling
  - KOMPASS international collaborative project
- 8 September (Part 3):
  - Engineered Barrier Systems, Materials and Backfilling
  - ELSA, RANGERS & STROEFUN III projects
- 9 September (Part 4):
  - WEIMOS international collaborative project
  - BATS heater test and DECOVALEX modeling
- “Distributed” virtual meeting format working so far



## Thank You