

Biography of Dr James McKinney

James McKinney has over 20 years' experience in the nuclear industry and is the Head of Integrated Waste Management for the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA), which is the UK body responsible for the clean-up of the UK's nuclear legacy sites. James is the NDA's strategic lead for Integrated Waste Management and his key areas of interest are; radioactive waste storage and disposal, treatment & packaging, graphite management and decommissioning wastes. On radioactive waste management issues, James represents the UK at an international level including IAEA and NEA conferences and meetings.

After completing his PhD in 1996, James joined BNFL's Company Research Laboratory, which was based at the Springfields Site and was involved in waste treatment projects largely for Sellafield and Springfields. He then undertook a number of technical management roles at Springfields, Risley and Sellafield that covered all aspects of the waste management lifecycle. James joined the NDA in September 2005, as the ILW Strategy Manager and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry.