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# Stakeholder dialogue and public engagement in siting and licensing

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The Kynnefjäll site - guarded by locals 24/7 for 20 years (1980 – 2000)







Almunge 1985:  
SKB stops test drillings



**June 2009: SKB reveals which site they selected for the repository (from the left) :**

- one (initially) not so happy mayor
- one happy mayor and
- a happy SKB president



With permission  
from SKB



## Lessons learned

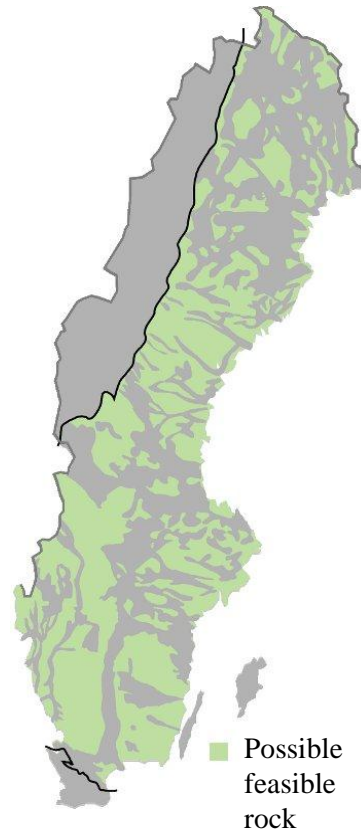
- The need for stakeholder involvement and an open and democratic process
- The need for an independent regulator and clear division of responsibilities
- Repository development takes time and must be allowed to do so



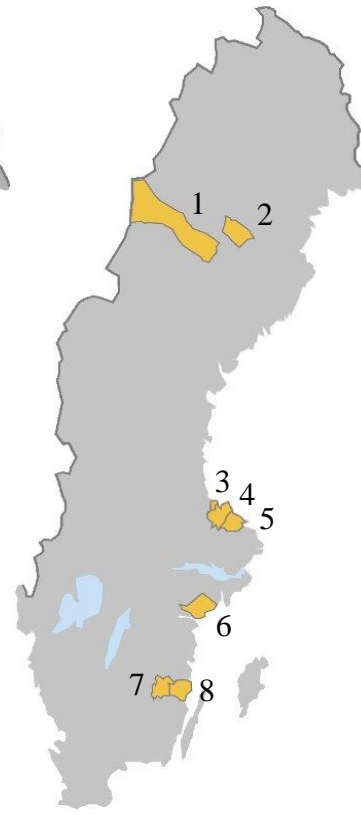
# A new democratic and systematic approach to siting



**Early site investigations  
1977–1985**



**Regional studies  
1990s**



**Feasibility studies  
1993–2002**



**Site investigations  
2002–2008**



# 25 years of developing openness & stakeholder involvement

- Regulatory dialogue with municipalities and NGOs
  - Seminars, workshops on technical issues and risk communication
  - Trust in the regulator
- Broad stakeholder involvement during the pre-licensing phase
  - National consultation of SKB's RD&D programmes
  - Active safety and information committees in the involved municipalities
  - Participation in SKB's Environmental Impact Statements
- Active participation of municipalities and NGOs in the licensing review
  - Review statements to SSM
  - Participation in public court hearings
  - Municipal veto



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