

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **15th International Symposium on the Scientific Basis for Nuclear Waste Management**

#### **Special Symposium: CLAYS AND HYDROSILICATE GELS IN NUCLEAR WASTE FIELDS**

A 3-day symposium will highlight recent developments in the study of clay and hydrosilicate gel reactivity in natural and experimental systems. Topics will range from fundamental characterization of clay minerals and gels to the applications of materials to nuclear waste disposal. Emphasis will be placed on the kinetics of clay and gel reactions.

#### **TOPICS:**

- Clay mineral structures
- Hydrothermal reactivity of clay minerals
- Structure and chemistry of hydrosilicates in altered glasses
- Kinetics of clay mineral reactions

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The symposium will be held in Strasbourg, France, November 4–8, 1991, and is sponsored by the European Materials Research Society. Abstracts for the symposium must be submitted by May 30, 1991 to:

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