

# Academic honour for RWM's Simon Norris

News story

Principal Research Manager celebrates his appointment as an Honorary Professor at The University of Manchester



Simon [joins the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences](#), strengthening the university's expertise in the management of radioactively contaminated land and radioactive waste disposal.

A chartered geologist and chartered physicist with a PhD in the geosciences, he has been with the UK's geological disposal programme since 1994.

This is a huge honour and I look forward to supporting further research that builds on our already extensive understanding of geological disposal.

Simon's experience and international standing are a vital part of RWM's continued work to develop a safe, secure Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) and its wider collaboration with overseas partners. He represents RWM at many levels in the UK and overseas, including the International Atomic Energy Agency and intergovernmental Nuclear Energy Agency. He is also active in [RWM's Research Support Office](#), a collaborative initiative between The University of Manchester and The University of Sheffield.

Most recently, Simon has been working on the cutting-edge project to develop a [unique system for permanently sealing deep boreholes](#), which will be required as a key part of site investigations, allowing detailed analysis of extracted rock samples, in order to understand whether the geology of a particular location could be suitable for a GDF.

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