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COVER IMAGE: Artist's rendition of ONKALO an underground geological repository that is under construction near Olkiluoto, Finland. This repository will use multiple barriers to ensure that radionuclides are not released to the environment. Principal barriers include the physical state and behavior of the nuclear fuel, the copper disposal canister, the bentonite buffer, the backfill in the tunnels and the favorable properties of the surrounding rock (magmatic gneiss). Following approval from the Finnish Government, the final disposal of spent nuclear fuel is scheduled to begin in the 2020's. PHOTO CREDIT: POSIVA OY



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