Founded in 1990, INERIS is a public institution with industrial and commercial dimensions, under the control of the Ministry for Regional Planning and the Environment.

Missions

This institute has a mission of assessing and preventing accidental and chronic risks to people and the environment due to industrial plants, chemical substances and underground operations.

Research potential for surveys

As a multidisciplinary institute, INERIS conducts research and expertise activities requested by the public authorities and industrial operators. It comprises teams of chemists, physicists, physicians, ecotoxicologists, veterinary surgeons, economists, statisticians and specialists in risk assessment, (about 415 persons including 175 scientists and staff members). INERIS combines an experimental approach, modelling, a methodological approach to risks and experience feedback to allow better understanding of the phenomena that cause risks.

Located at Verneuil-en-Halatte (Oise), in the Picardy Region, INERIS is equipped with physicochemical analysis laboratories and testing and computing facilities that rank among the best in France.

Key Figures

- a budget of 41 million euros (2001)
- 470 employees including 220 executives, researchers and engineers.