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IAEA Ongoing Activities on Nuclear Fuel Cycle Options and Spent Fuel Management

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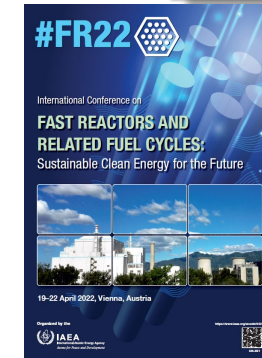
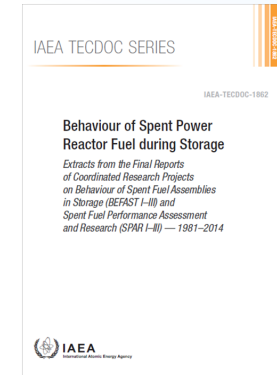
ARTICLE II: Objectives

“The Agency shall seek to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world. It shall ensure, so far as it is able, that assistance provided by it or at its request or under its supervision or control is not used in such a way as to further any military purpose”

ARTICLE III: Functions

“The Agency is authorized ...To foster the exchange of scientific and technical information on peaceful uses of atomic energy [and] To encourage the exchange and training of scientists and experts in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy”

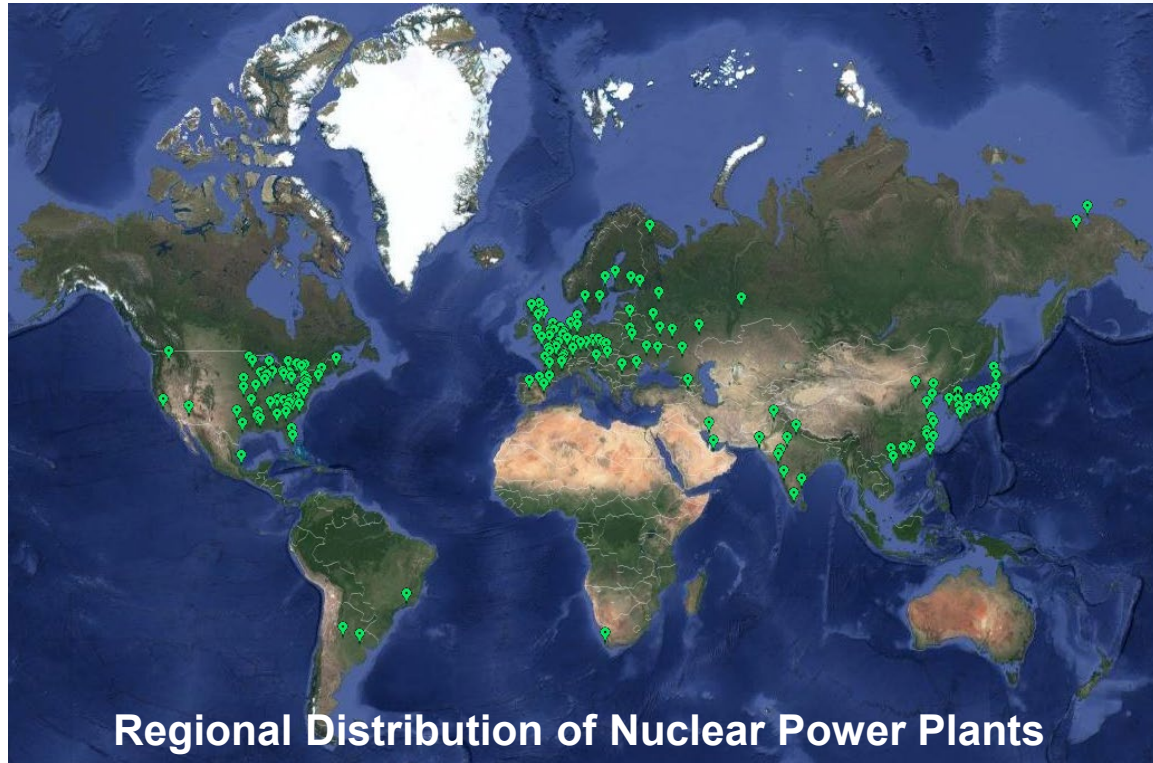
- Through:
 - Technical Meetings and publication of technical documents and reports
 - The coordination of international research activities through Coordinated Research Projects (CRPs)
 - International conferences and workshops
 - E-Tools; Outreach Materials



Outline

- **Overview of Spent Fuel Management and Current Challenges**
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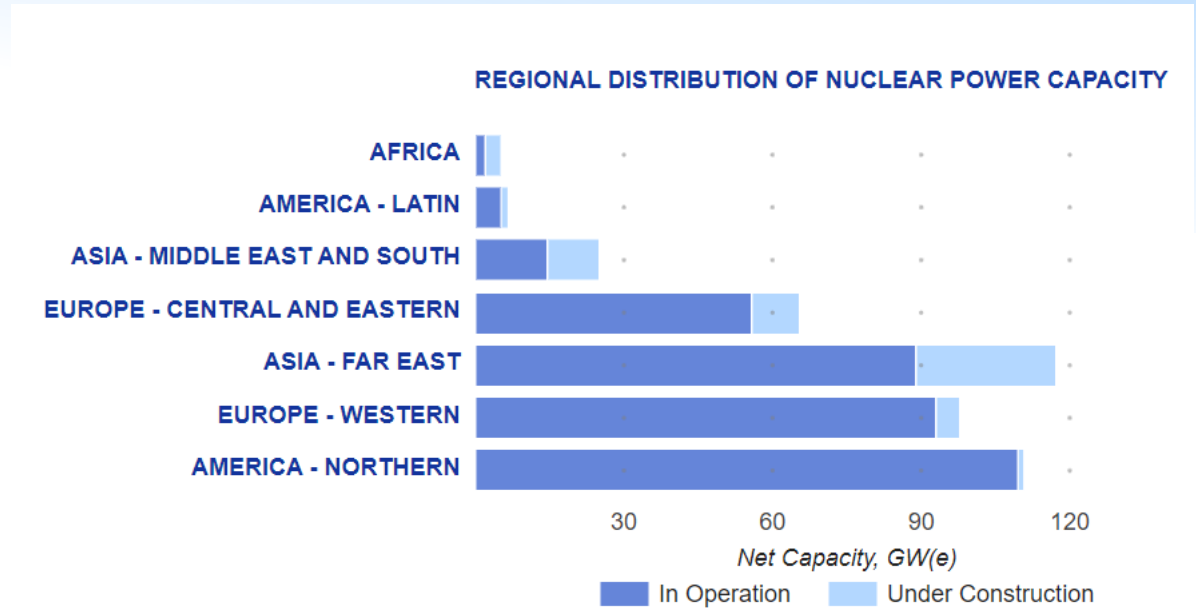
Current Worldwide Situation of Nuclear Power



410 nuclear reactors operating in
31 countries



Over 10% of global electricity; $\frac{1}{4}$ of low-carbon electricity

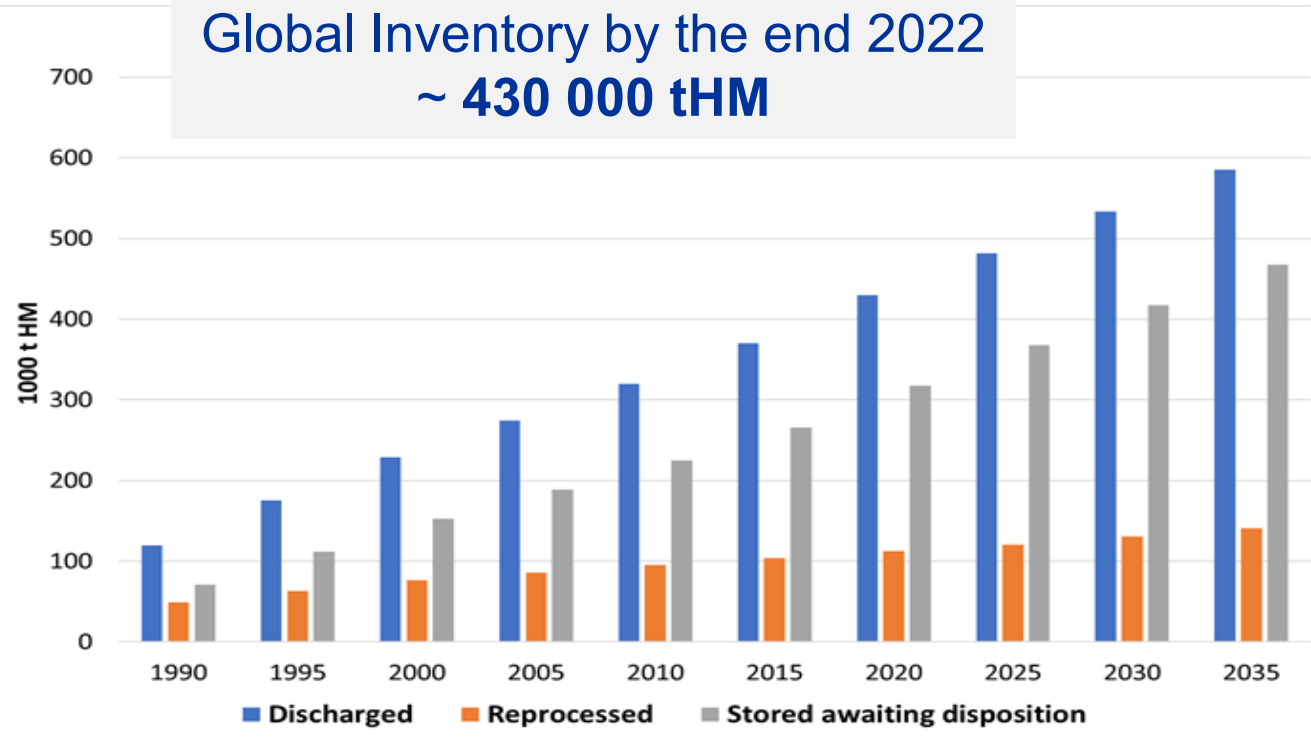


57 more reactors under construction
~2/3 in Asia

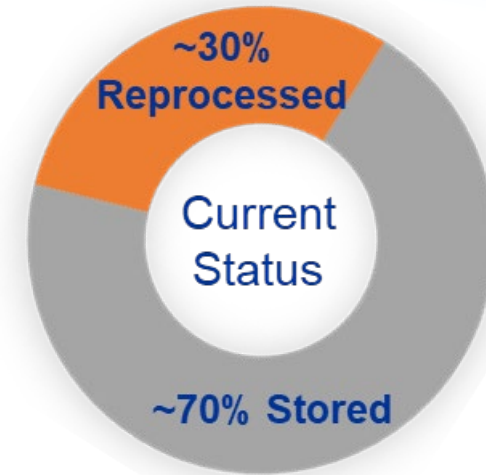
**~30 new countries planning
or developing a nuclear power
programme**

Spent Fuel Management: Status and Trends

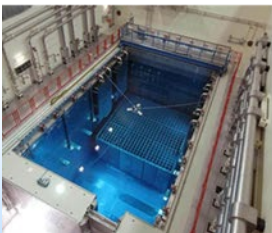
Global Inventory by the end 2022
~ 430 000 tHM



Annual Discharge ~ 10 000 tHM



Global Inventory in storage by the end 2022
~ 301 300 tHM



Selection of storage technology depends on many factors



The type of fuel being stored

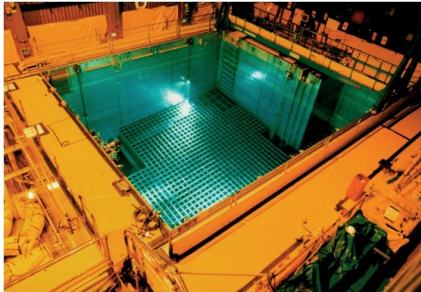
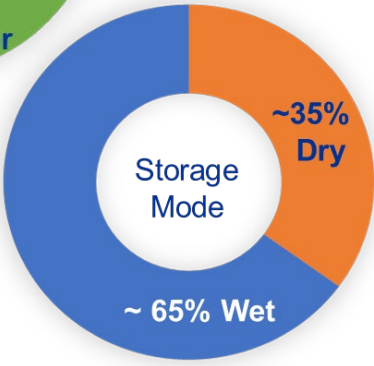
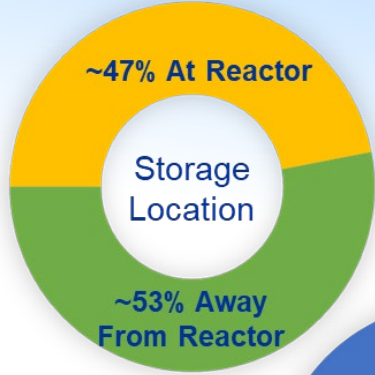
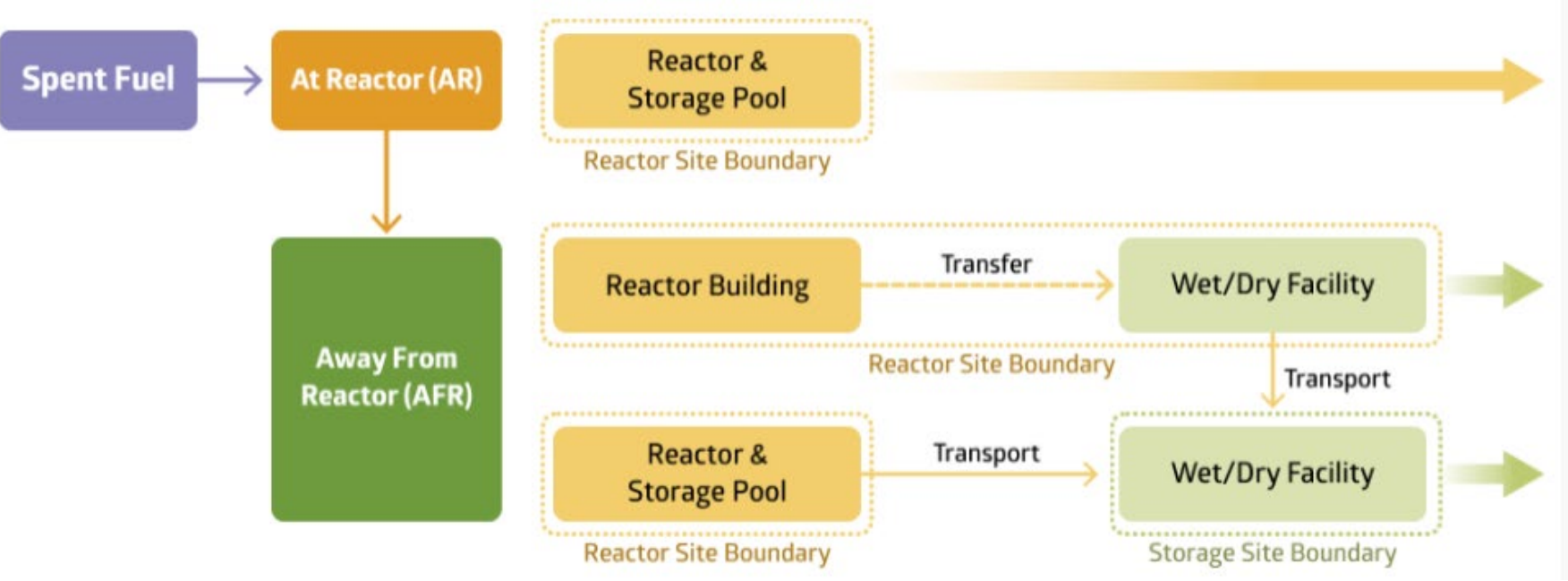


Economic factors



Preferences of operator, stakeholders, public, etc.

Spent Fuel Storage Strategies Leading to Future Disposition



Spent fuel pool at the San Onofre, San Clement, CA, (USA)



Dry storage at José Cabrera NPP (Spain)



Wet storage (Tihange NPP, Belgium)



CLAB Wet Storage Facility – Sweden



Zwilag (Switzerland)

On-site
Transfer

Off-site
Transport

Spent fuel management current situation worldwide

Today mainly countries with large nuclear power programmes recycle spent fuel: France, the Russian Federation, Japan, India and China.



Some countries have not yet made a final decision.

Most spent fuel is in interim storage.



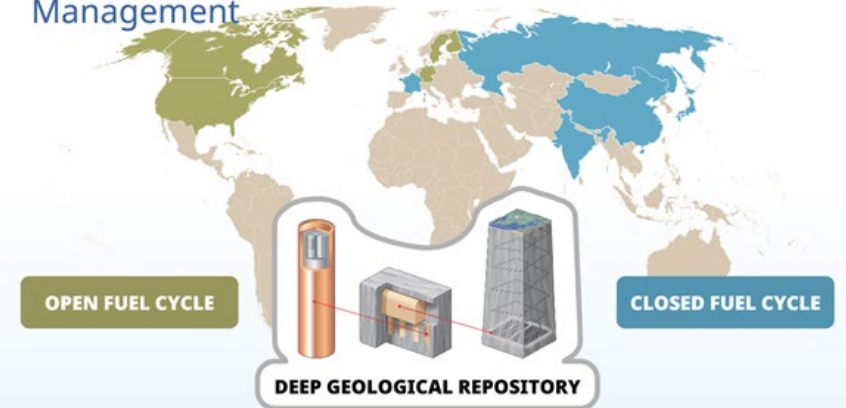
Several other countries have opted for direct disposal: Finland, Sweden, Canada, Germany, Switzerland



Netherlands reprocesses SF from Borssele NPP abroad and stores High Level Waste at HABOG facility

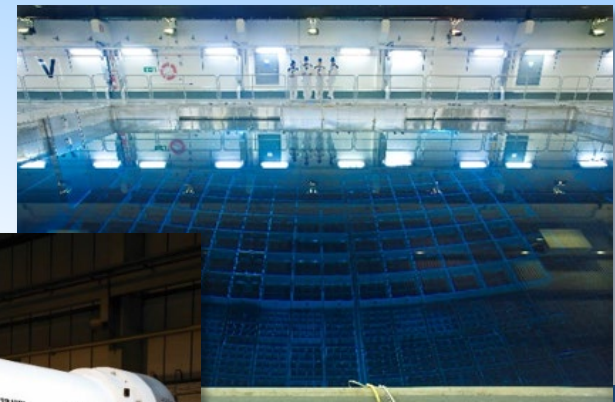


Strategic Options for Spent Nuclear Fuel Management



Challenges in Spent Fuel Management

- Planned storage durations are increasing:
 - In 1980s 20-50 years
 - In 1990s up to 100 years
 - In 2000s 100+ years
- License renewal for storage systems
- Confirming ongoing SNF behaviour & integrity
- Maintenance and inspection of SSCs
- Ageing management (beyond design basis for most)
- Transportability after long storage durations and orphan sites
- Implement multi-recycling in LWRs at industrial scale
- Demonstrate and scale up multi-recycling through Advanced Fuel Cycles for innovative reactors
- Accommodate new SNF from SMR different types
- Successful implementation of DGRs



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Technical Meeting to Identify Opportunities and Challenges in the Backend Steps of Fuel Cycles Based on Evolutionary Accident Tolerant Fuels (eATFs), 14-16 June 2022 (Virtual)

- **Focused on ATFs mature enough to commence fuel qualification and near term deployment in existing reactor fleet**
 - Coated cladding oxides and dopants
- Lot of work underway to understand the impact and more activity is needed to understand the key questions
 - Relatively few major concerns identified, recognizing currently only limited data
- **Importance of multilateral cooperation was highlighted**
 - Loss of Halden test reactor further limits resources for materials irradiation testing
 - Limited data at present means sharing materials, data and results prevents rework and represents a more cost effective approach



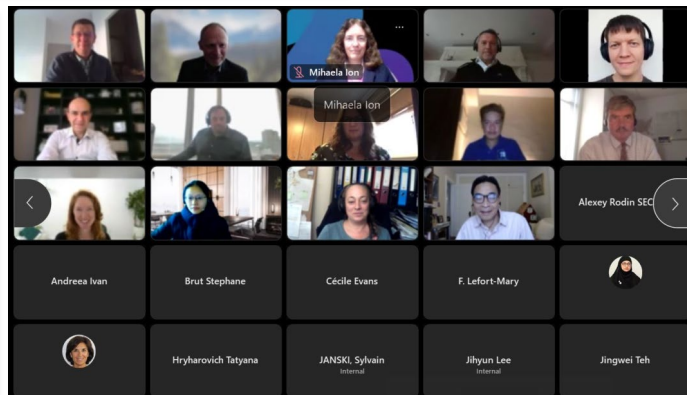
33 experts from 16 Member States and 1 International Organization

IAEA Technical Meeting on Backend of the Fuel Cycle Considerations for Small Modular Reactors, 20-23 September 2022



107 Participating Experts from
32 Member States and **3** International
Organizations

~ 40 Presentations and Extended Abstracts



*IAEA-TECDOC approved for internal
review*

**Compiled material and Meeting Report
publicly available here**

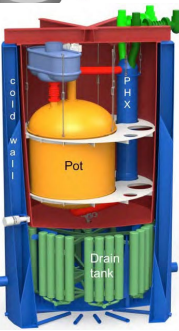
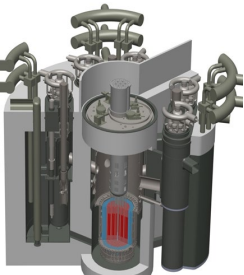
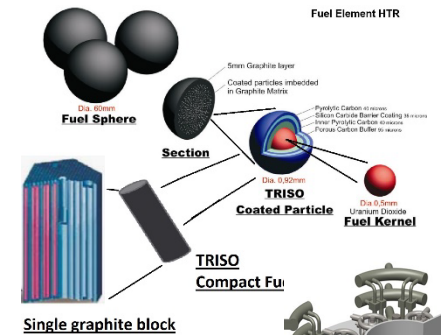
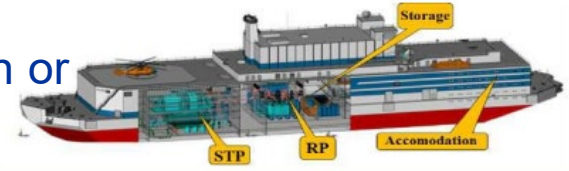


[Technical Meeting on Back End of the Fuel Cycle Considerations for Small Modular Reactors \(20-23 September 2022\): Overview · Indico for IAEA Conferences \(Indico\)](#)

Main Challenges for SMR Spent Fuels

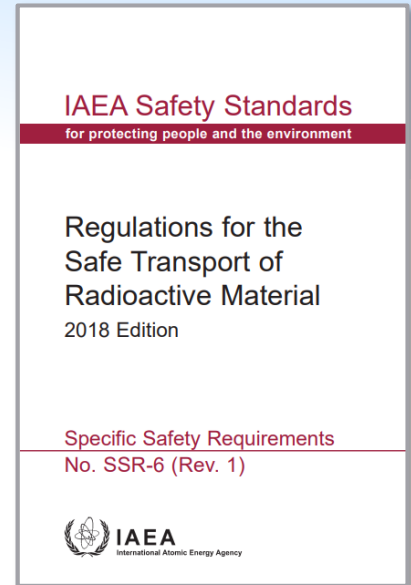


- LWR-type SMRs (Land based): Enrichment levels of below 5% and similar Burnups to conventional PWRs
 - Transport and storage solutions for smaller fuel assemblies will require recertification or new developments are needed
- LWR-type SMRs (Marine based): Enrichment levels up to 20% (HALEU), higher Burnups
 - Different radionuclides composition and higher thermal outputs
 - Necessary code validation in order to do e.g. decay heat calculations
- HTGR-type SMRs: Pebble Beds/Prismatic. Limited Backend Experiences
 - Main challenge remains the disposability of irradiated graphite
- Liquid-Metal-Cooled Fast Neutron SMRs: New fuel types introducing a new spent fuel characteristics/multirecycling processes
- Molten Salt SMRs: Nuclear fuel dissolved in melted chloride/fluoride fuel salts. Recycling of fissile material and managing salt mixtures containing all fission products is a challenge



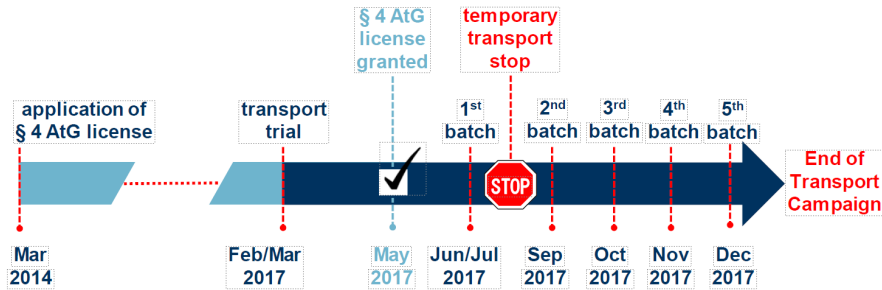
Transportation Considerations

- For fresh fuel elements some existing packages may be utilised for enrichments up to 10% with additional modifications
- Some SMR concepts are planning a centralized manufacturing of the whole SMR, instead of construction at the site of operation, including loading the fuel
- The SMR would most likely act as a package
- Transportable SMRs
- Potential transport would have to fulfil all transport requirements
- Regulations described in SSR-6 (Rev.1) would apply and might have an impact on the SMR design



Technical Meeting on Operational Experiences on Spent Fuel and High Level Waste Transportation, 17-21 October 2022

- Spent fuel has been regularly transported for decades
- TM reviewed draft TECDOC on Operational Experience containing case studies from seven countries and suggested some structural changes

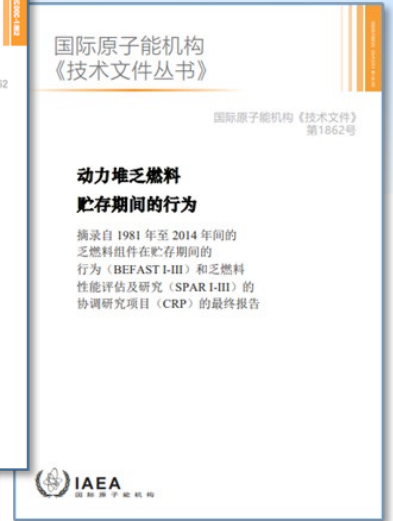
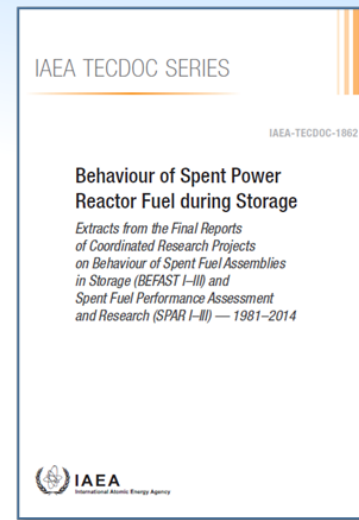
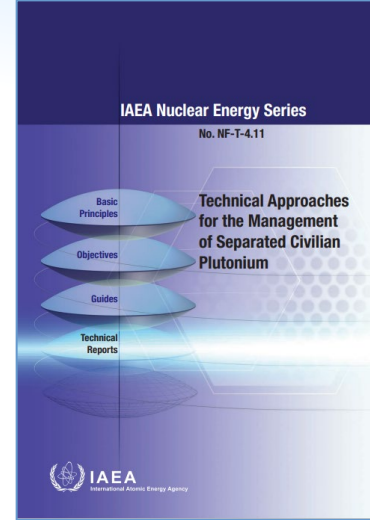
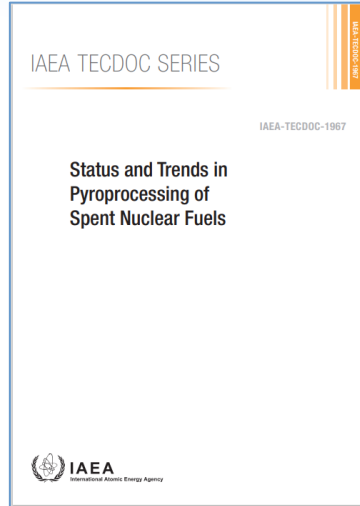
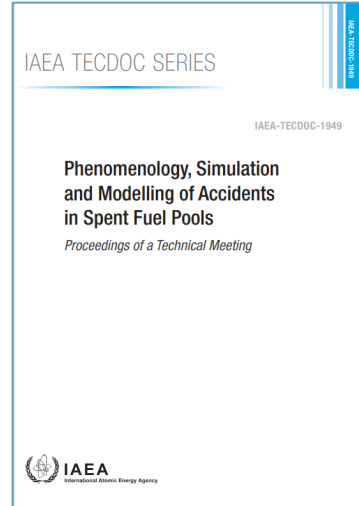
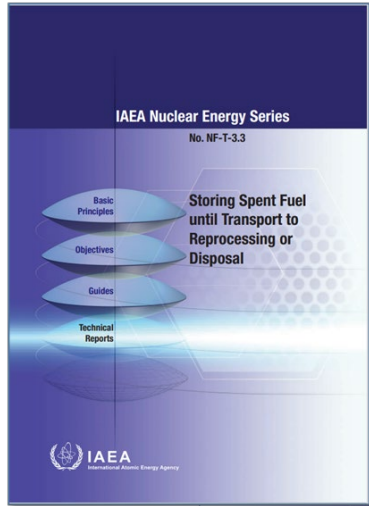


Detailed regulations require long preparation times

40 participants from 16 Member States and 3 International Organizations



Recent IAEA Publications on Spent Fuel Management



Translated in Arabic,
Chinese & Russian

Translated in Arabic,
Chinese and Russian

IAEA Webinars Spent Fuel Management

Nuclear Back End Webinar Series

Accident Tolerant Fuels and their Impact on Spent Fuel Management (December 2020)



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Dr Mikhail Veshchunov
Team Leader Fuel Engineering Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Materials Section (IAEA)



Dr Aladar A. Csontos
Technical Executive Fuel, Chemistry, LLW and HLW Nuclear Sector, EPRI (USA)

Moderator: Amparo González Espartero (PhD), Team Leader Spent Fuel Management Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Materials Section (IAEA)

IAEA Nuclear Back End Webinar Series

Integrated View of the Spent Fuel Management Steps for Decision Making (February 2021)



Mr Brett Carlsen
Idaho National Laboratory USA



Ms Cécile Evans
Orano France



Mr Bengt Hedberg
Strålsäkerhetsmyndigheten, (SSM), Swedish Radiation Safety Authority Sweden

60 years of Spent Fuel Storage: Challenges and Opportunities

Nuclear Back End Webinar Series



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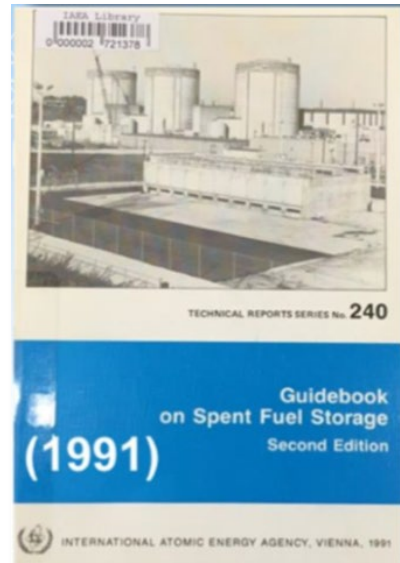
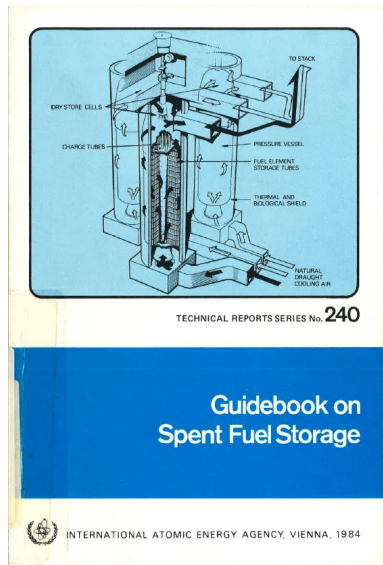


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IAEA Safety Standards

IAEA Safety Standards
for protecting people and the environment

Regulations for the
Safe Transport of
Radioactive Material
2018 Edition

Specific Safety Requirements
No. SSR-6 (Rev. 1)



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Storage of
Spent Nuclear Fuel

Specific Safety Guide
No. SSG-15 (Rev. 1)



Planned storage durations are increasing:

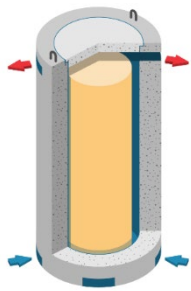
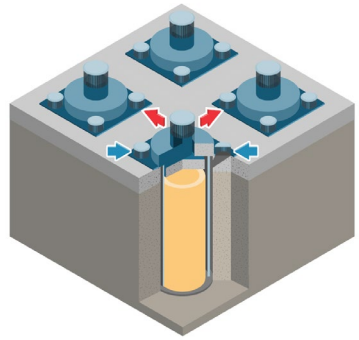
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In 1990s up to 100 years

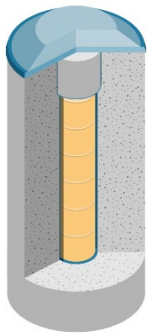
In 2000s 100+ years

Ageing management of deployed storage systems is paramount to ensure safety functions and transportability

Dry Storage Technologies



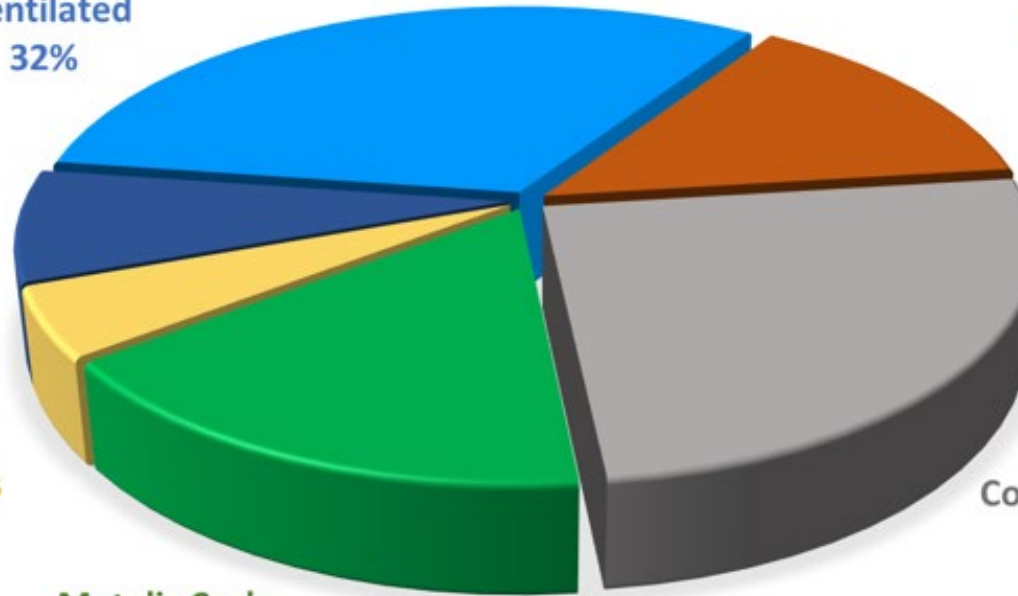
Vertical Storage Units
ventilated
32%



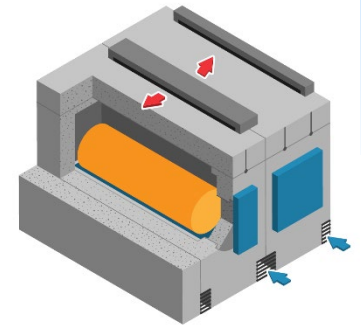
Vertical Storage Units
non-ventilated
8%

Storage Buildings
5%

Global Inventory Distribution in Dry Storage Systems
(~ 105 900 tHM)

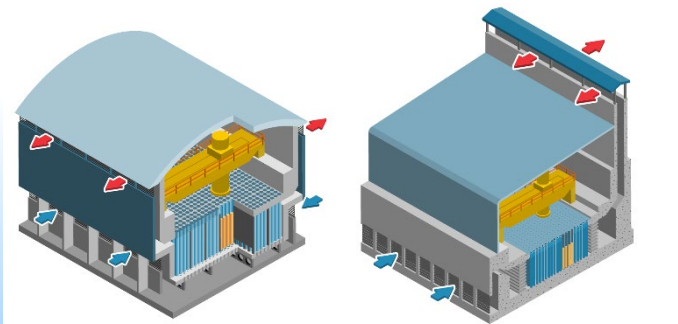
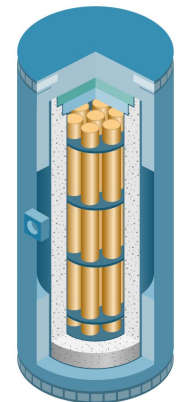
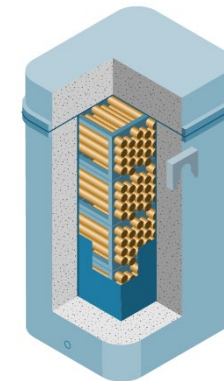
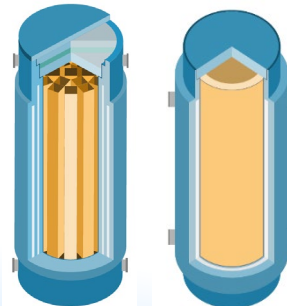


Horizontal Storage Units
14%



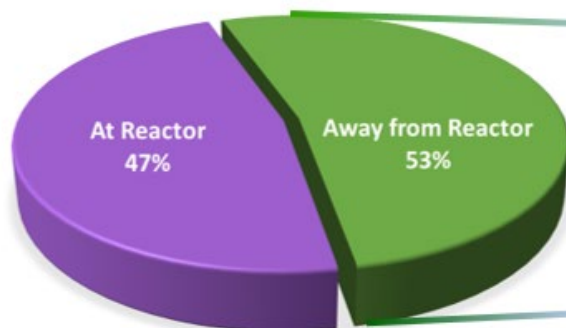
Concrete Casks
25%

Metallic Casks
16%

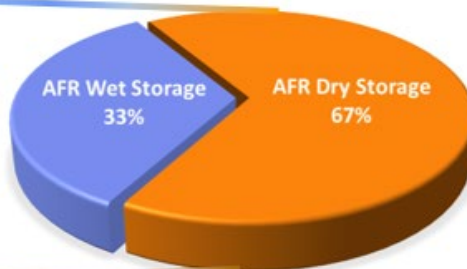


Distribution of Spent Fuel Inventory under Storage Worldwide

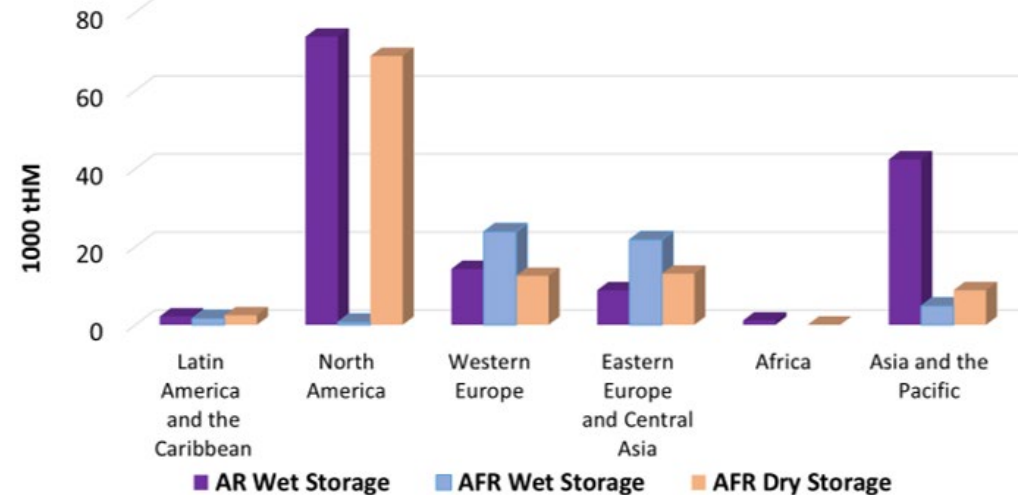
At Reactor vs Away from Reactor Storage
Global Inventory (~ 301 300 tHM)



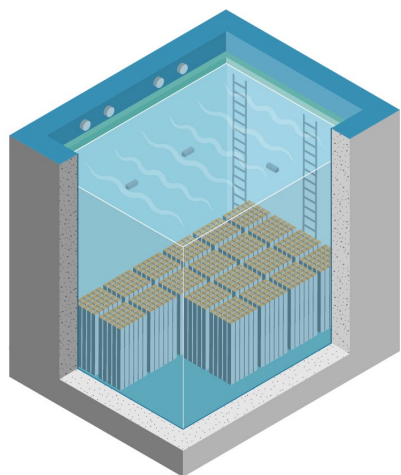
Away from Reactor Wet vs Dry Storage
(~ 158 700 tHM)



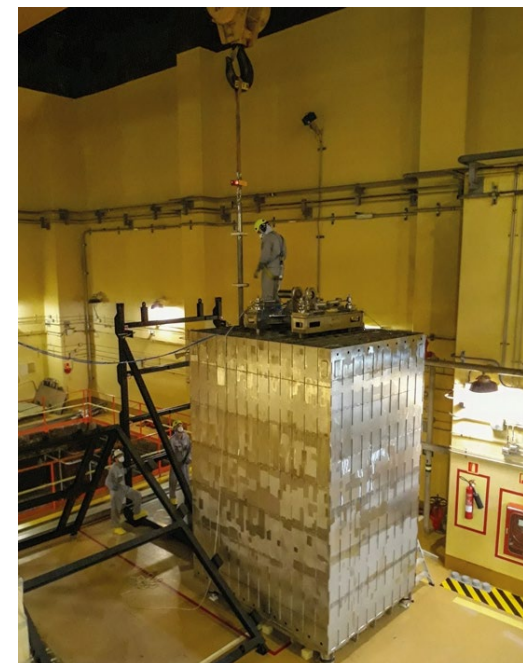
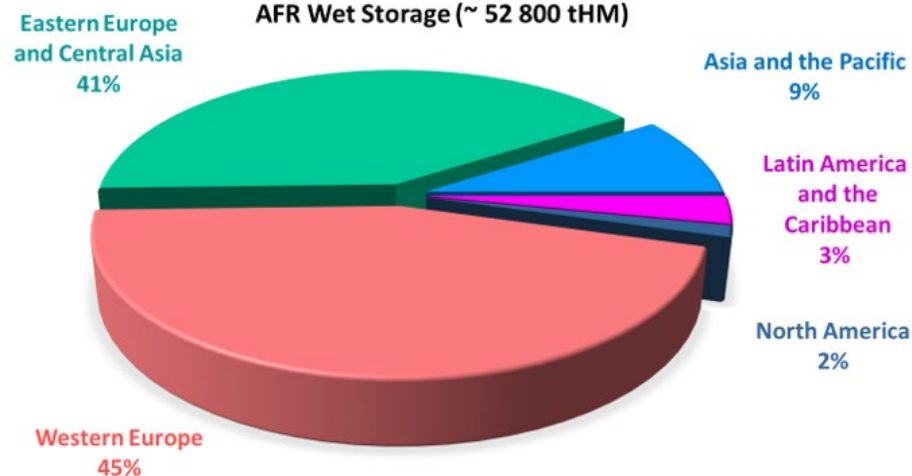
Regional Inventory of SNF (~ 301 300 tHM)



Wet Storage Technology



AFR Wet Storage (~ 52 800 tHM)



Additional Resources (IAEA related publications and Glossary)

APPENDIX V. SPENT FUEL STORAGE RELATED IAEA PUBLICATIONS

This Appendix provides a summary of the publications produced within the IAEA related to spent fuel storage (Table 11).

TABLE 11. LIST OF SPENT FUEL STORAGE RELATED PUBLICATION PRODUCED WITHIN THE IAEA.

Area/Reference	Scope
Spent fuel storage	
International Atomic Energy Agency, Storage, Handling and Movement of Fuel and Related Components at Nuclear Power Plants, Technical Reports Series No. 189, IAEA, Vienna (1979).	This technical report describes in general terms the various operations involved in the handling of fresh fuel, irradiated fuel, and core components such as control rods, neutron sources, burnable poisons and removable instruments. It attempts to outline the principal safety problems in these operations and provides the broad safety criteria which must be observed in the design, operation and maintenance of equipment and facilities for handling, transferring, and storing nuclear fuel and core components at nuclear power reactor sites.
International Atomic Energy Agency, Storage of Water Reactor Spent Fuel in Water Pools, Technical Reports Series No. 218, IAEA, Vienna (1982).	This publication summarizes the results of a survey conducted by the IAEA and the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on the wet storage experiences of water reactor fuel among countries with operating nuclear power programmes. The responses represented over 85% of the water-cooled power reactor pools and away-from-reactor pools that have operated for 5 years or more. Responses from research reactor pools and facilities that store gas reactor fuel were also included.
Safety Standards, Guides, and Reports (Storage and Transportation)	
International Atomic Energy Agency, Fundamental Safety Principles, Safety Fundamentals, Safety Standards Series No. SF-1, IAEA, Vienna (2006).	This publication states the fundamental safety objective and ten associated safety principles, and briefly describes their intent and purpose. These are applicable, as relevant, throughout the entire lifetime of all facilities and activities, including spent fuel storage, existing and new, utilized for peaceful purposes, and to protective actions to reduce existing radiation risks.

GLOSSARY

ageing management*

Engineering, operations and maintenance actions to control within acceptable limits the ageing degradation of structures, systems and components. Examples of engineering actions include design, qualification and failure analysis. Examples of operations actions include surveillance, carrying out operating procedures within specified limits and performing environmental measurements.

at-reactor (AR) storage facilities

A storage facility (pool) co-located with the reactor, inside the containment building.

away-from-reactor (AFR) storage facilities

A wet or dry storage facility which is not co-located with the reactor. The fuel has to be transferred or transported to the storage facility. There are two classifications of AFR storage facilities: Reactor Site (RS) and Off Site (OS):

- Reactor Site (RS), is a storage facility located within the reactor site boundary. Spent fuel is transferred from one facility to the other. A further distinction can be made for an AFR(RS) in terms of those that are stand alone and can still support operations if the reactor is decommissioned, and those which are reliant on reactor services;
- Off Site (OS), is a storage facility located outside the reactor site boundary. In this case, spent fuel is transported on public roads.

basket

A moveable feature holding a number of spent fuel assemblies.

burnup

A measure of reactor fuel consumption equal to the amount of energy released per unit mass of nuclear fuel in the reactor (for power reactor fuel). Typical units for the latter are megawatt-days per tonne of uranium (MWd/t) or gigawatt-days per tonne (GWd/t).



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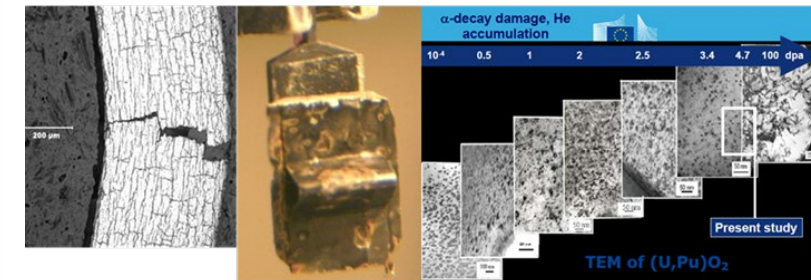
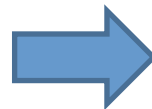
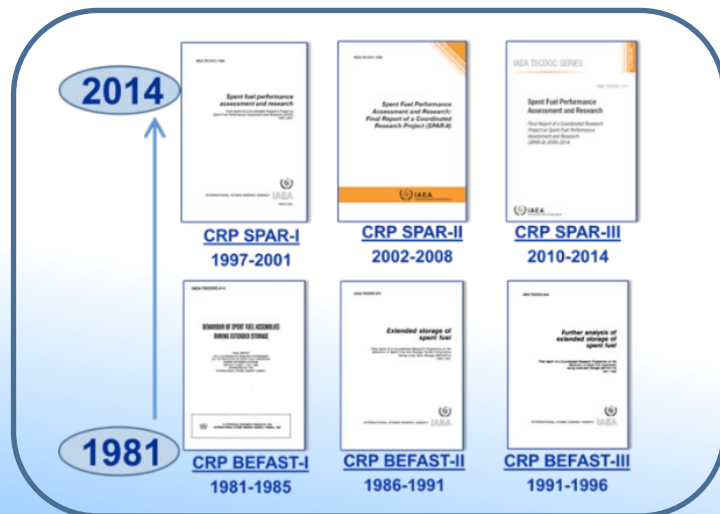
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CRPs on Spent Fuel Behaviour (+40y Operational Experiences and Research Worldwide)

Main Objective

- To sustain and improve the IAEA's Member States technical knowledge base on the long-term behaviour of power reactor spent fuel through sharing and disseminating information, reporting topical research carried-out in participating Member States, and by documenting ongoing spent fuel performance
- **Series of Coordinated Research Projects BEFAST and SPAR (1981-2020)**
 - Covering all power reactor fuels: MAGNOX, RBMK, WWER, AGR, BWR, PWR, HWR, PHWR
 - Spent Fuel performance in Wet and Dry storage

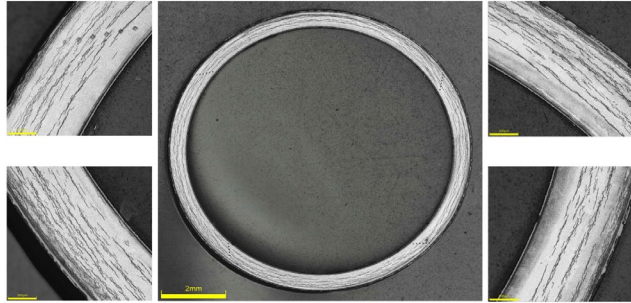


Spent Fuel Research and Assessment, SFERA (2021-2025)

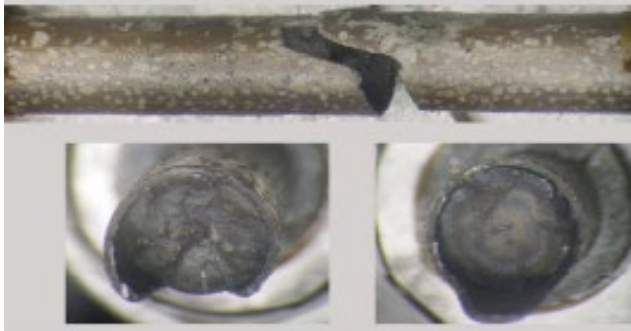


Scope limited to fuel: Fuel material, Cladding, Fuel assembly structural components

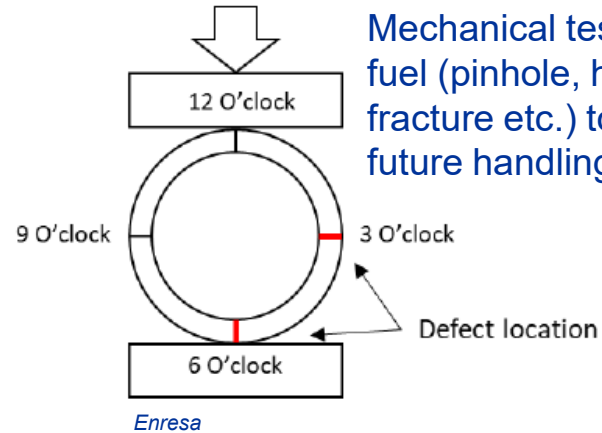
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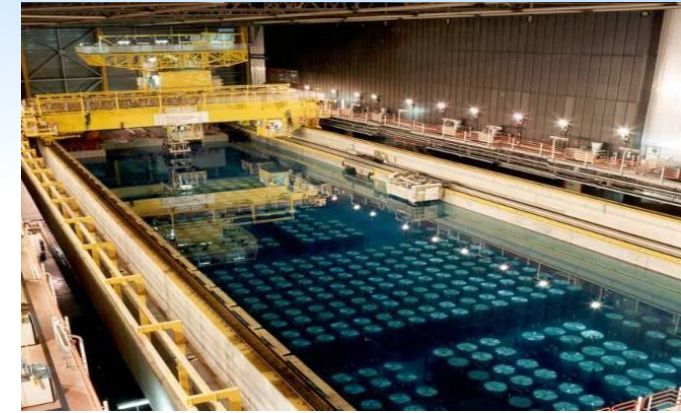
Examination & testing of the sibling pins from the High Burnup Demonstration project to establish fuel assembly condition at loading. PNNL (defuelled) and ORNL (fuelled) to enable performance margins to be determined.



PNNL (top) / ORNL (bottom)



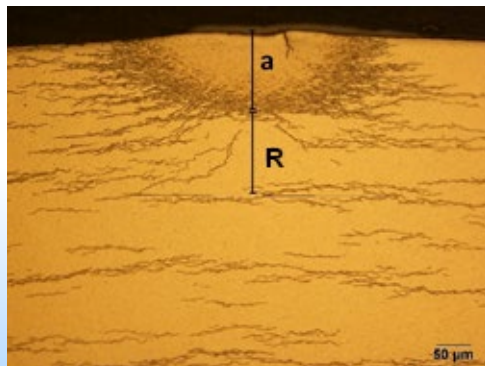
Mechanical testing on defect fuel (pinhole, hairline fracture etc.) to support future handling operations



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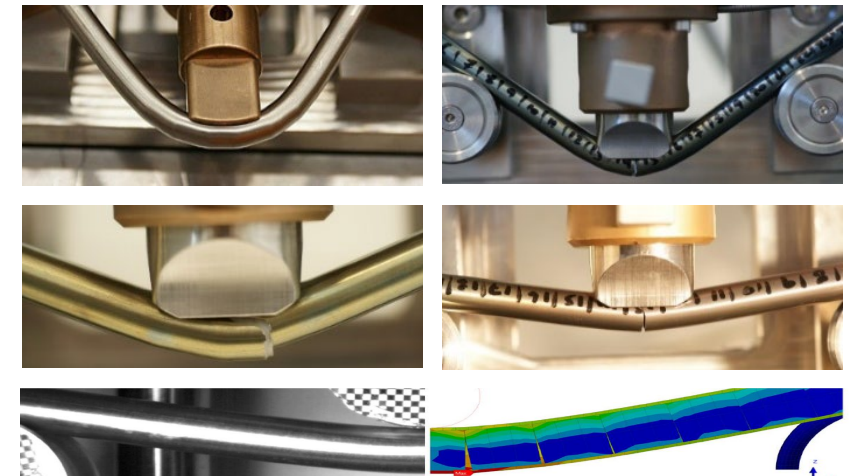
Research on various aspects to support long term wet storage of spent AGR fuel

Determination of the effect of blisters on hydride behaviour during dry storage



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Spent fuel rod mechanical testing, with data used to refine finite element modelling of rod behaviour to predict mechanical behaviour of fuel assemblies against bending loads.

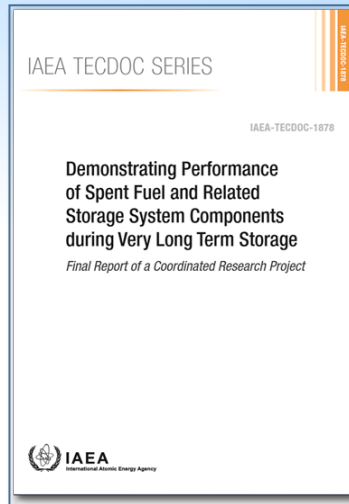
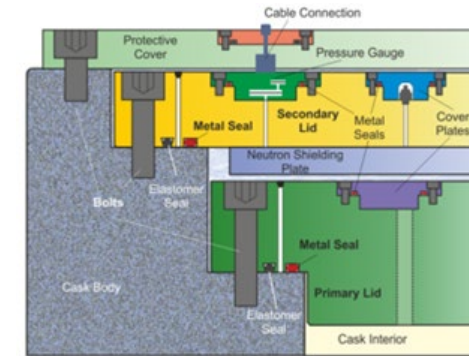


JRC Karlsruhe / Nagra

CRPs on SNF Dry Storage Systems Performance

- **Demonstrating Performance of Spent Fuel and Related Storage System Components During Very Long Term Storage (DEMO) CRP T13014 (Closed, 2012-2016)**

*Linked to Extended Storage Collaboration Programme (ESCP)
International Sub-committee of EPRI*

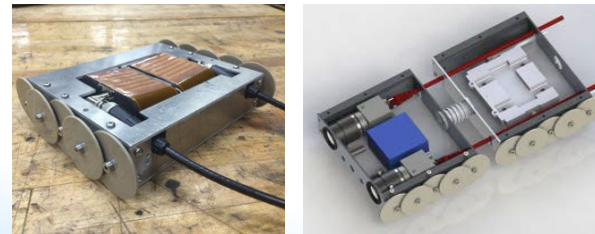


- **Ageing Management Programmes for Dry Storage Systems (AMP) CRP T21028 (Closed, 2016-2020) (Final Report in Drafting)**

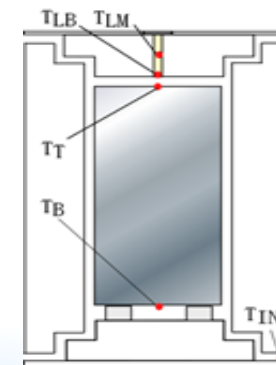
CRP Overall Objective: To develop the technical basis and methodology to enable guidance to be provided to Member States on how to generate an ageing management programme for spent fuel dry storage systems

DCSS Visual Inspection – Lid Weld

Courtesy of EPRI



Overview about development of inspection technologies



Thermal monitoring to ensure leak tightness

Courtesy of CRIEPI



CRPs on SF Storage Systems Behaviour

Performance Assessment of Storage Systems for Extended Durations (**PASSED**)

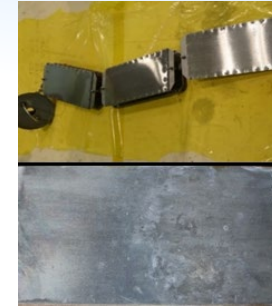
T13019 (2022-2026)

Main Objective:

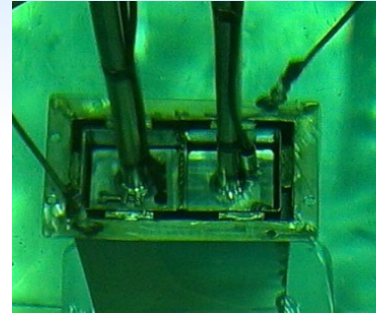
- To sustain and improve IAEA Member States' technical knowledge base on the long term behaviour of spent fuel storage systems, inspections possibilities and monitoring technologies, through the sharing and disseminating of technical information, the reporting on topical researches carried-out and the documentation of on-going storage systems' performance

Covers wet & dry spent fuel storage systems

- operational experiences storage system inspections
- new/novel techniques for monitoring
- predictions of spent fuel storage system behaviour over long periods
- documenting the technical basis for spent fuel storage system performance assessment
- predictions of spent fuel storage system behaviour

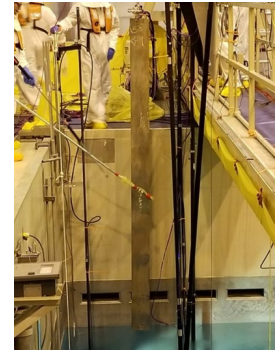


Coupon samples



In situ measurements

Pool panel analysis (picture courtesy EPRI)



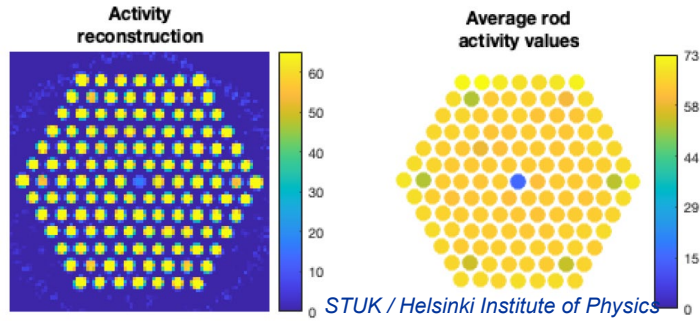
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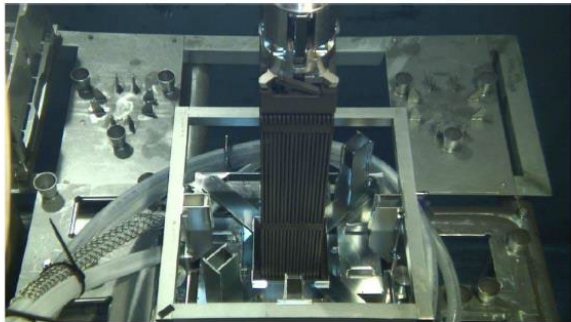
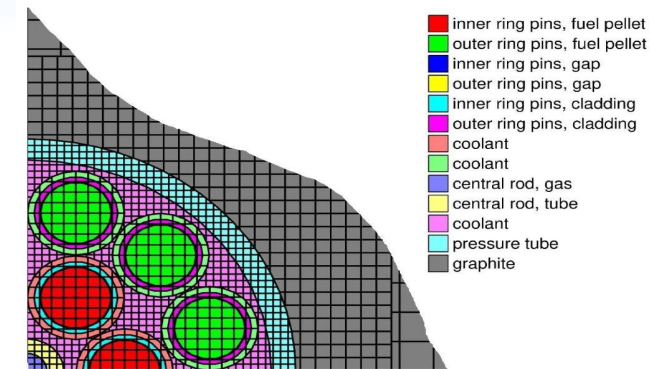
Enlargement of storage facilities. Courtesy PAKS

CRP on Spent Fuel Characterization, CRP T13018 (2020-2024)

Covering a wide range of power reactor fuels: BWR, PWR, RBMK, WWER, CANDU and AGR fuels



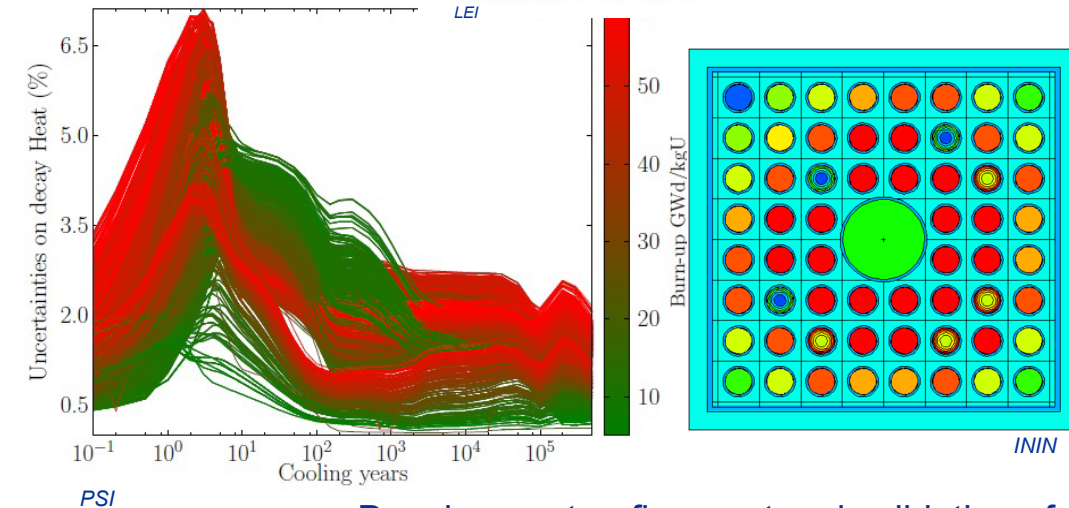
Linked to WP8



SKB / LANL

Development and testing of techniques to characterize spent fuel using **non-destructive techniques**.

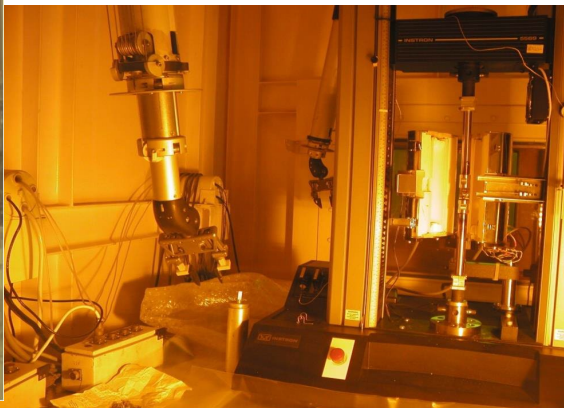
Looking for ways to characterize large populations of SF for next fuel cycle stages (e.g., disposal)



Development, refinement and validation of **modelling techniques** for RBMK and LWR fuels. Includes assessment of biases and uncertainty for important parameters, such as **decay heat**



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Destructive testing of spent fuels to enable full characterization and generate data points for future use.

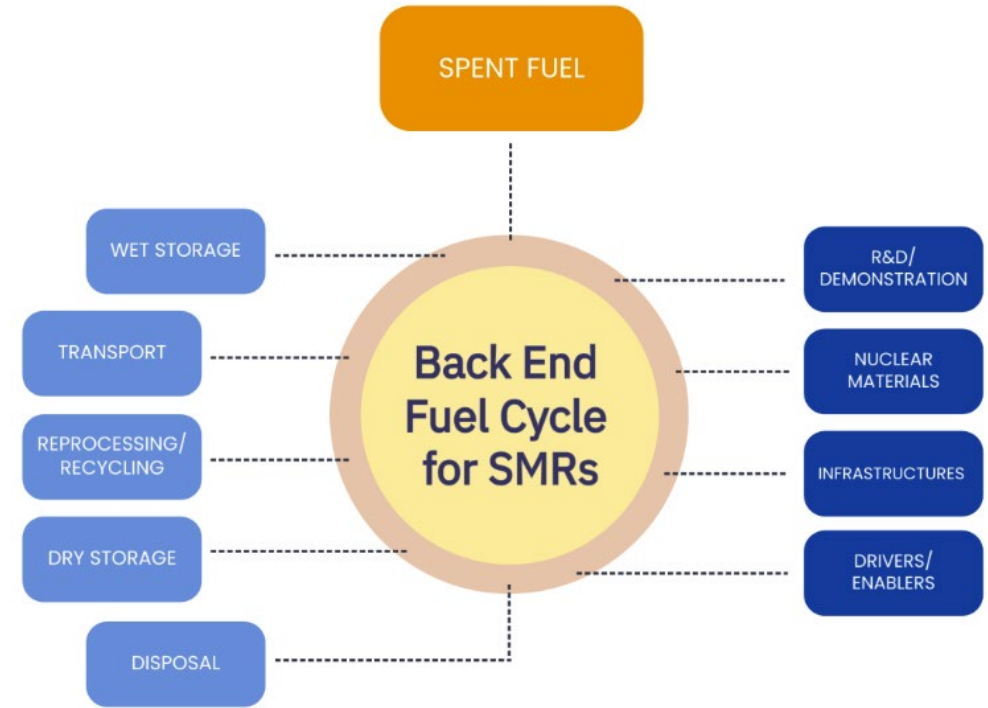
Also enables training of young staff in methods

CRP on Challenges, Gaps and Opportunities for Managing Spent Fuel from Small Modular Reactors (T13021) (2023-2027)

Objectives

- To identify viable nuclear fuel cycle options for the different SMR technologies
- To **establish specific roadmaps** of activities for the backend of the fuel cycle per SMR technology, identifying what can be derived from existing practices, optimized and adapted, or fully developed considering the lack of data and gaps within existing knowledge
- To identify generic key parameters/criteria to support countries designing their backend programmes incorporating their specific context

Open for Proposals in
January 2023

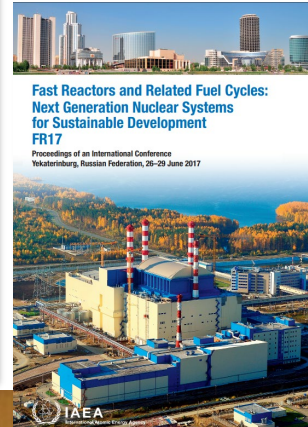
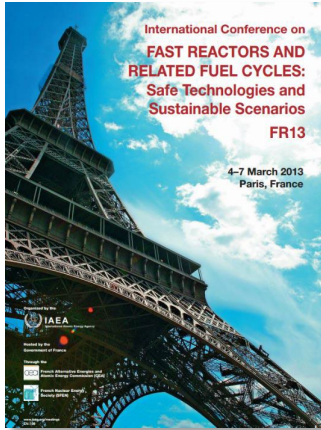


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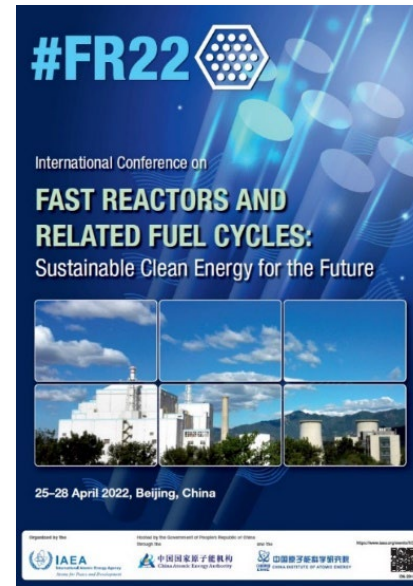
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IAEA International Conference

Fast Reactors and Related Fuel Cycles (FR22)



FR22
Vienna
19-22 April 2022



FR22 Topics

- Track 1. Innovative fast reactor designs
- Track 2. Fast reactor safety
- **Track 3. Fuels, fuel cycles and waste management**
- Track 4. Fast reactor materials (coolants, structures) and components
- Track 5. Test facilities and experiments
- Track 6. Modelling, simulations and digitalization
- **Track 7. Sustainability: Economics, environment and proliferation**
- Track 8. Commissioning, Operation and Decommissioning
- Track 9. Education, professional development and knowledge management



680 participants, 365 contributors, 220 orals, 100 posters

51 countries and 3 International Organizations

About 100 people in-person, 45 participating from 3 remote conference halls in Russia and 15 from China, about 500 participants connected on-line

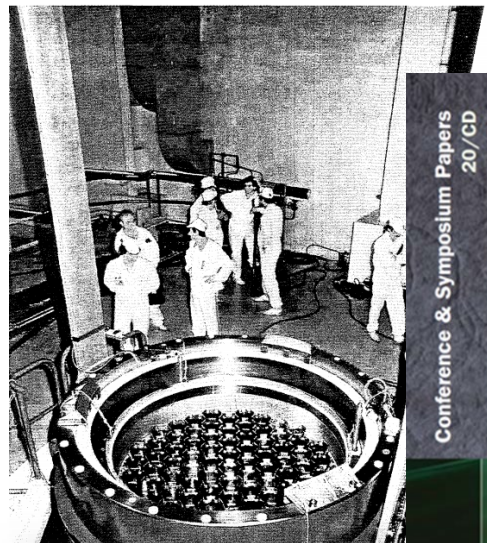
International Conference on Spent Fuel Management



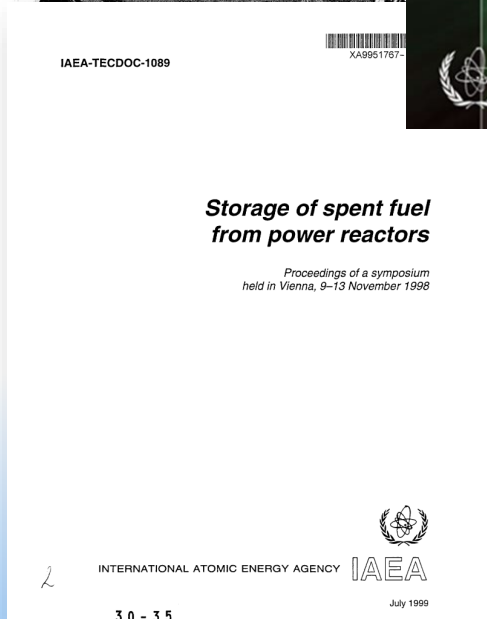
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Upcoming Conference SFM24

10–14 June 2024, IAEA Headquarters, Vienna



Conference & Symposium Papers
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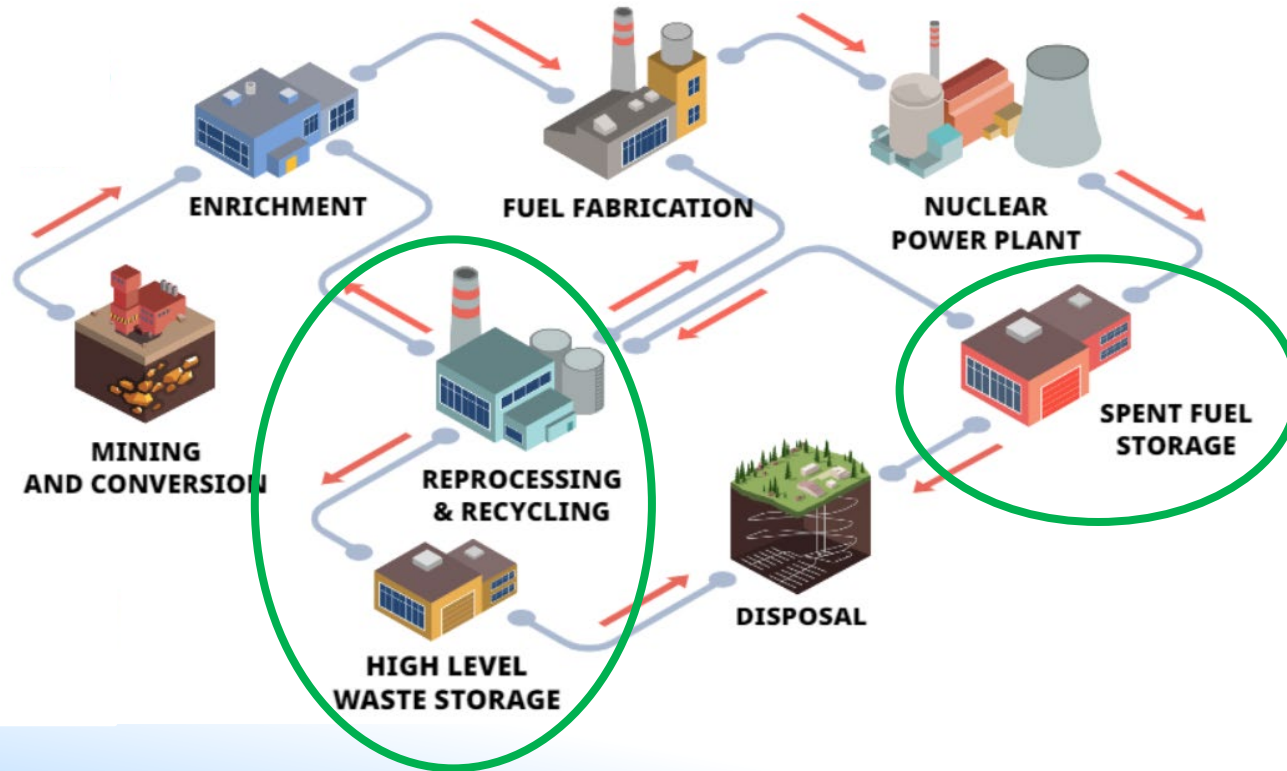


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Development of e-Learning Material on Spent Fuel Management

Scope*



Who is it for?

- Professionals in the nuclear field interested in Spent Fuel Management
- Decision Makers
- Regulators
- Young Professionals
- Nuclear Engineering and
- Related Degree and Master Students
- Other Interested Stakeholders



Main Objective

- To support capacity building in Member States (MSs)
- To serve as a tool to support interested MSs in their activities to improve safe, secure and economical operations relating to the nuclear fuel cycle
- To provide a high-level guidance in taking a systematic approach, from the front to the backend of the nuclear fuel cycle

**Including SNF and HLW Transportation*

IAEA E-learning on Spent Fuel Management

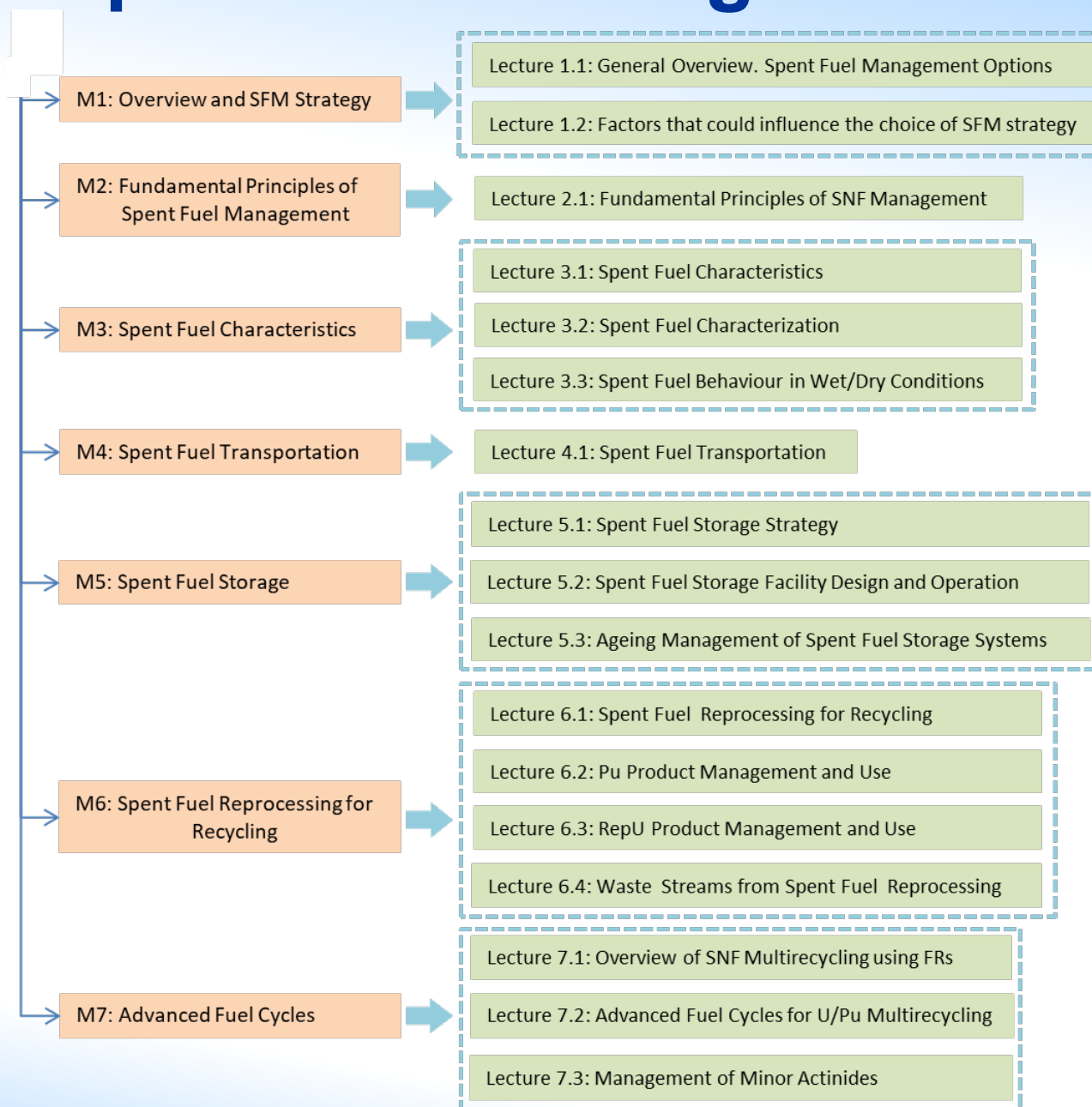
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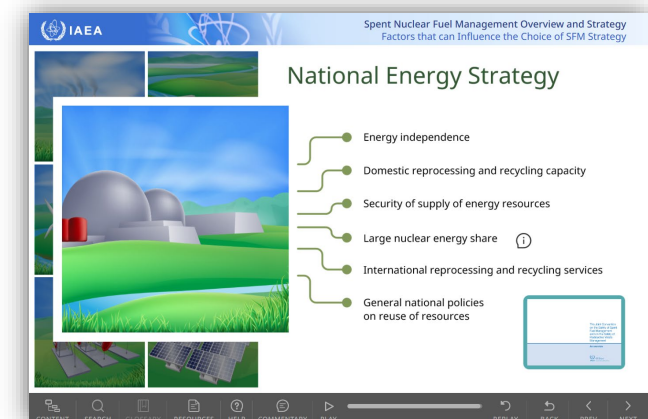
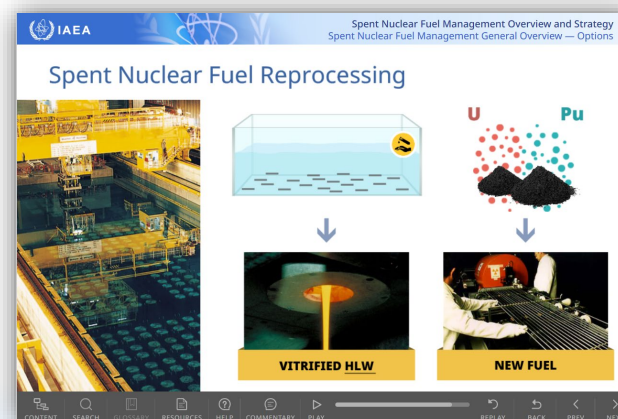
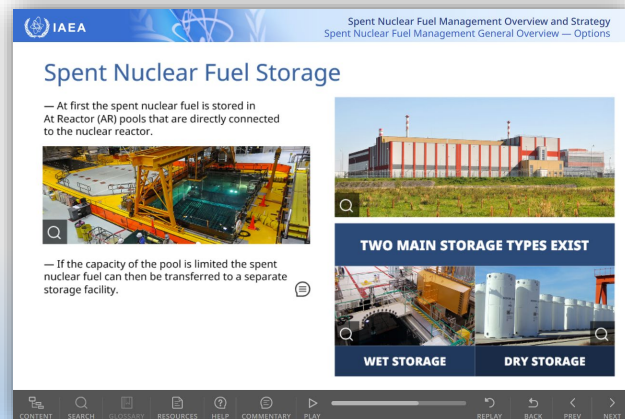
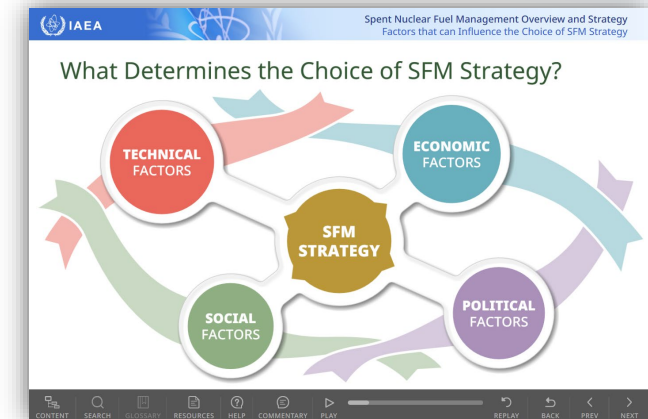
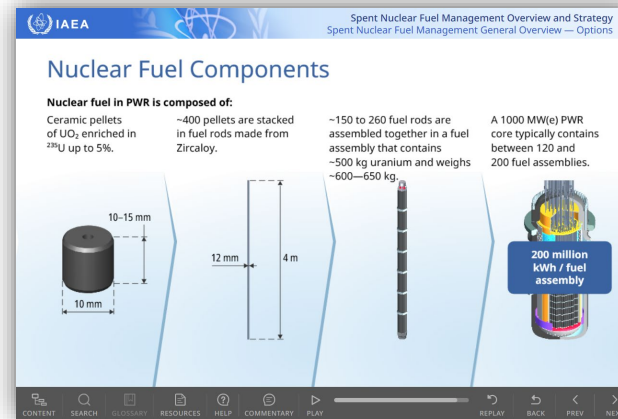
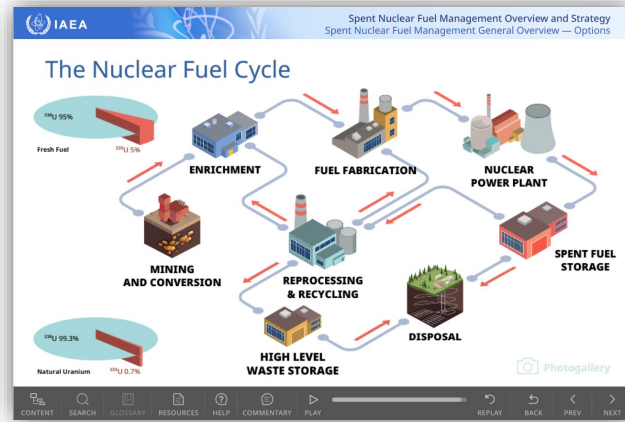
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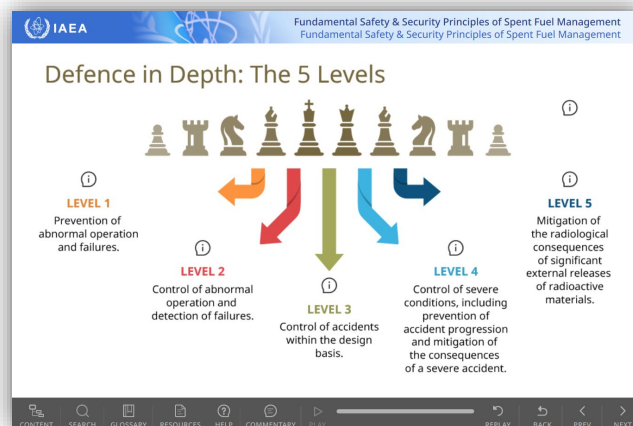
Module 1: Overview of Spent Fuel Management

- Lecture 1.1: General Overview of Spent Fuel Management Options
- Lecture 1.2: Factors that can Influence the Choice of a SFM Strategy

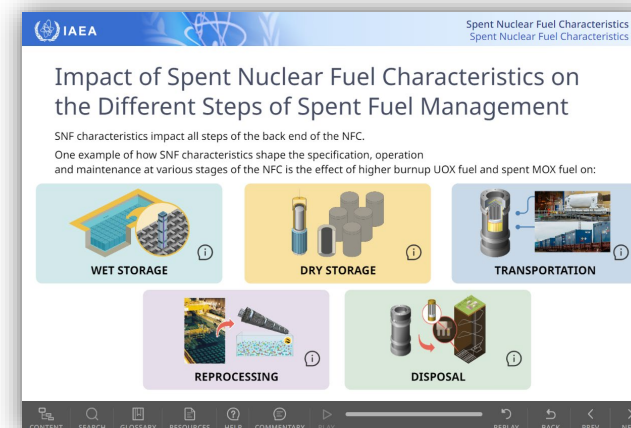


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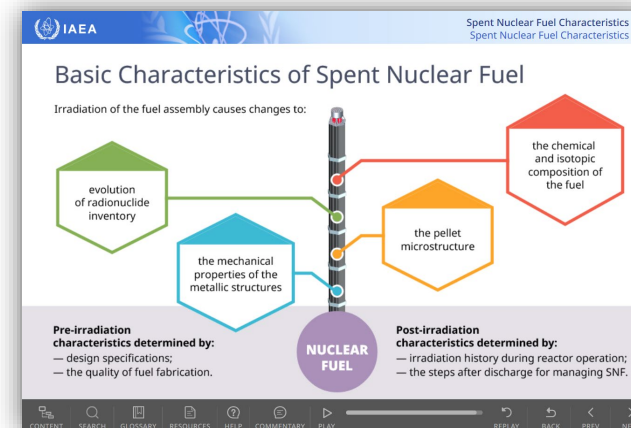
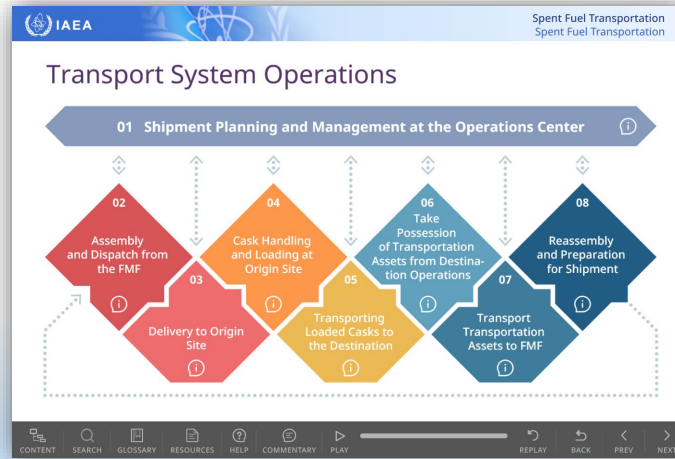
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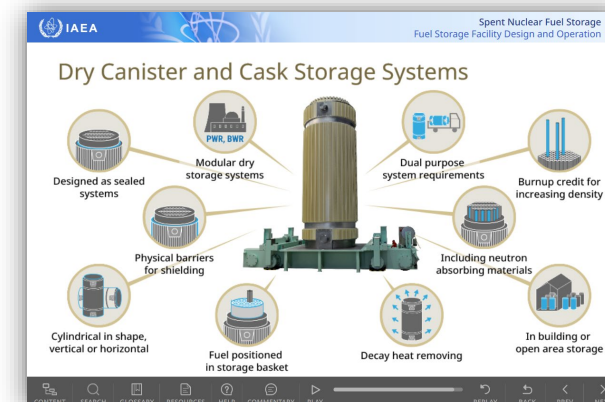
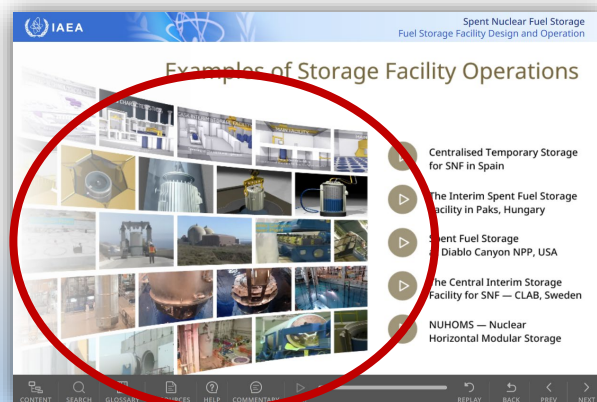
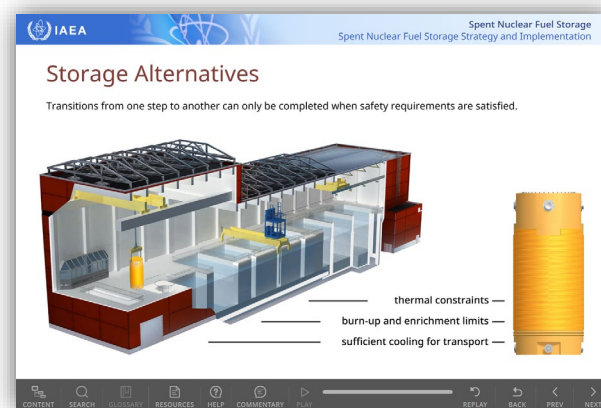
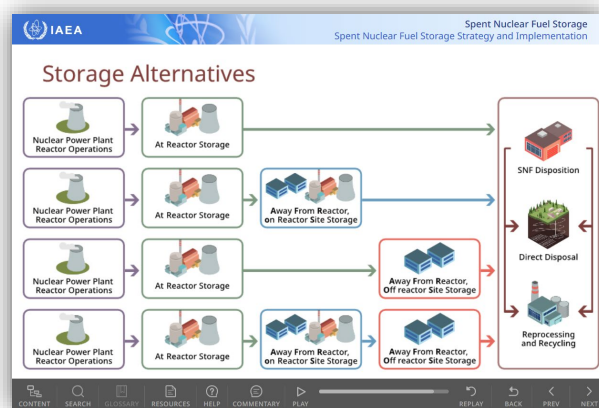


Module 4: SNF Transportation



Module 5: Spent Fuel Storage

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- Lecture 5.2: SNF Storage Facility Design and Operation



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Activation product

Advanced fuel

Advanced reactors (Generation IV)

Away from reactor off reactor site / AFR (OS)

Away from reactor on reactor site / AFR (RS)

Advanced Gas Cooled Reactor / AGR

Alpha particles

Alpha radiation

At reactor storage / AR

Average core power density

Average Fuel Power Density

Back-end nuclear fuel cycle

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Commentary

Storage of spent fuel by definition is “holding spent fuel in a facility that provides for its containment, with the intention of retrieval”.

Spent fuel can be considered as a waste or a potential future energy resource.

Spent fuel management options may involve direct disposal (known as the open fuel cycle) or reprocessing and recycling (known as the closed fuel cycle).

Either management option involves a number of steps, and includes storage of the spent fuel for some period of time.

The storage period can differ from a few months to several decades depending on the spent fuel management strategy. The time period for storage is a significant factor in determining the storage arrangements adopted.

The final spent fuel management option may not have been determined at the time of design of the storage facility, leading to some uncertainty in the storage period needed. This is a factor that has to be considered in the adoption of a storage option and the design of the facility.

Storage of spent fuel is by definition an interim measure, but the term “interim


HELP COMMENTARY PLAY REPLAY BACK PREV NEXT

Learning Objectives

The objective of this lecture is to explain how Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) storage facilities are designed and operated. ⓘ

Upon completing this lecture the following will be understood:


- the design of wet storage facilities,
- the designs of dry storage facilities,
- the operations at wet and dry storage facilities.




Overview of Chapters

Learning Objectives

Storage Facility Design



Summing Up



- SNF storage is necessary regardless of how it will be managed after discharge from a nuclear reactor.
- At Reactor storage capacity is required for any SFM strategy.
- Away from reactor storage capacities can provide additional storage either on the reactor site or off-site.
- Both are viable alternatives and can benefit the back end of the NFC.
- A range of storage facilities have been safely deployed and are in use worldwide.

Quiz / Question 1 of 5

Choose the correct statement:

☐ Storage of SNF is disposing of SNF in a facility that provides for its containment, with no intention of retrieval.
 ☐ Storage of SNF is disposing of SNF in a facility that provides for its containment, with the intention of retrieval.
 ☒ Storage of SNF is holding SNF in a facility that provides for its containment, with the intention of retrieval.

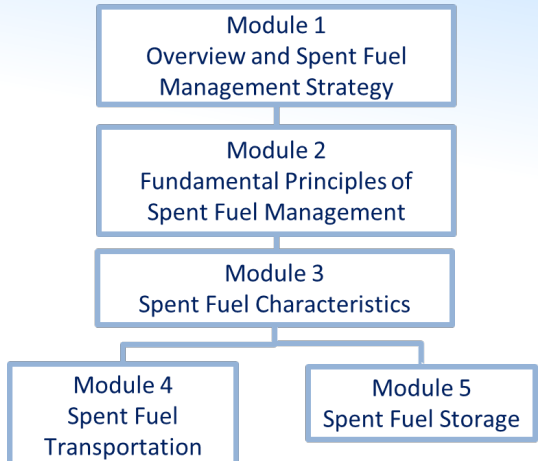
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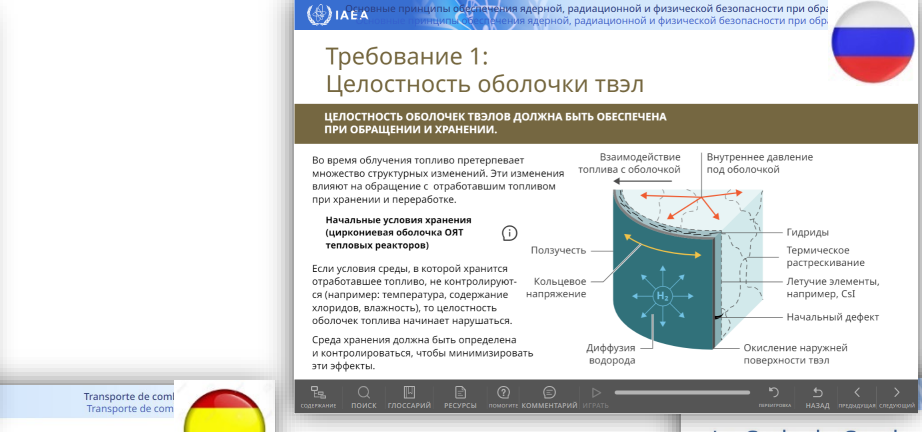
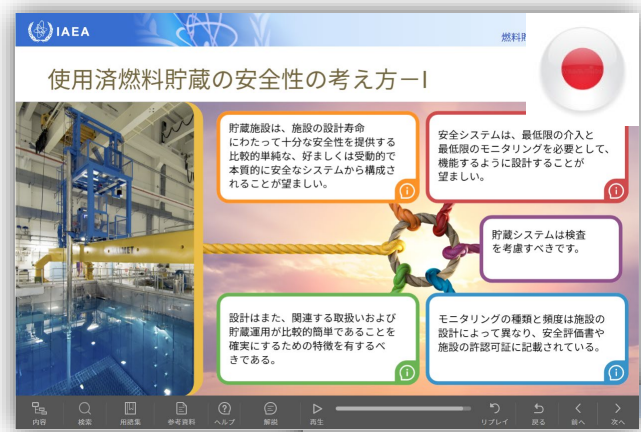


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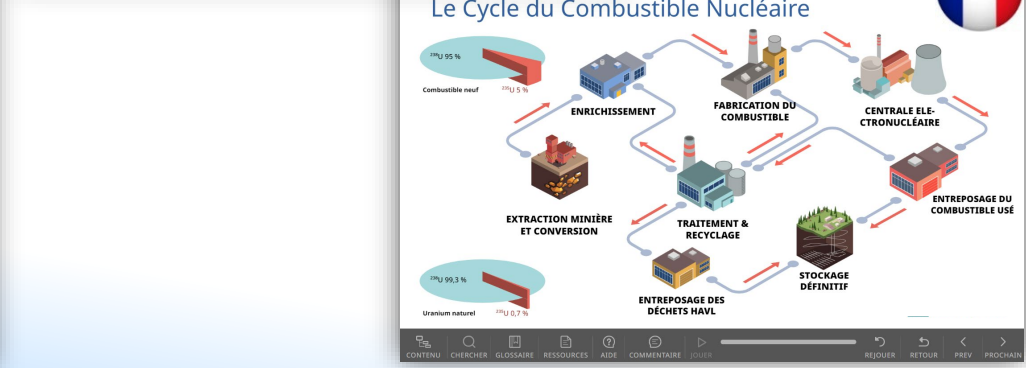
“IAEA e-Course on Spent Fuel Management”



The course is available in additional languages



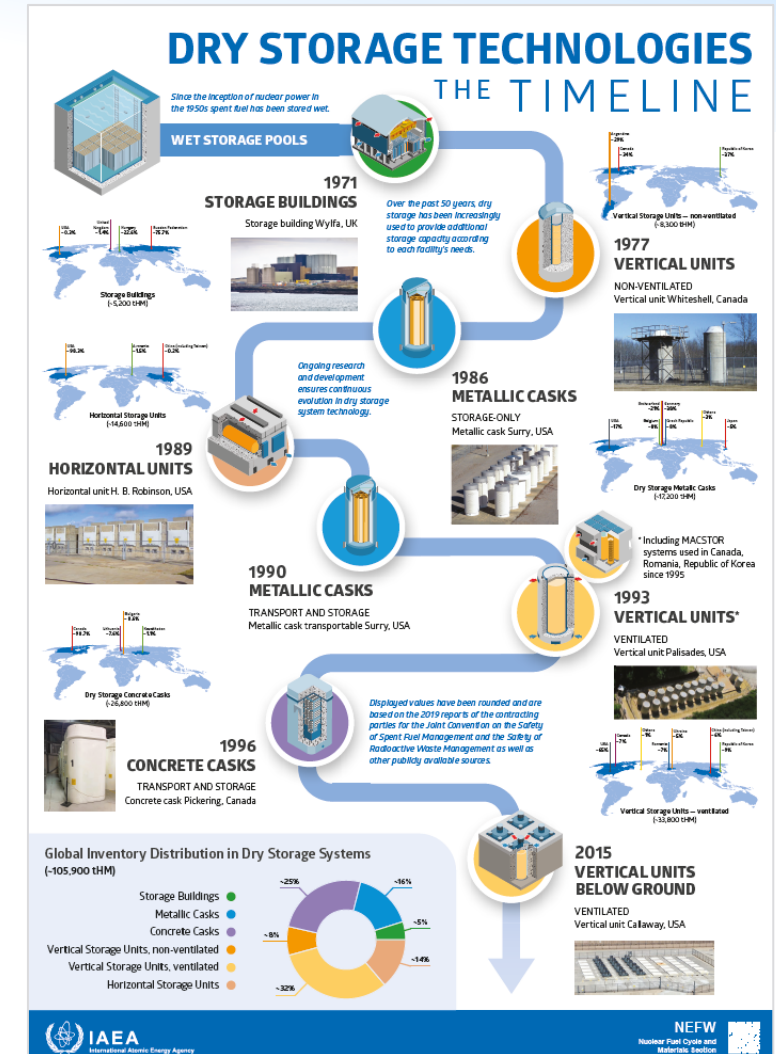
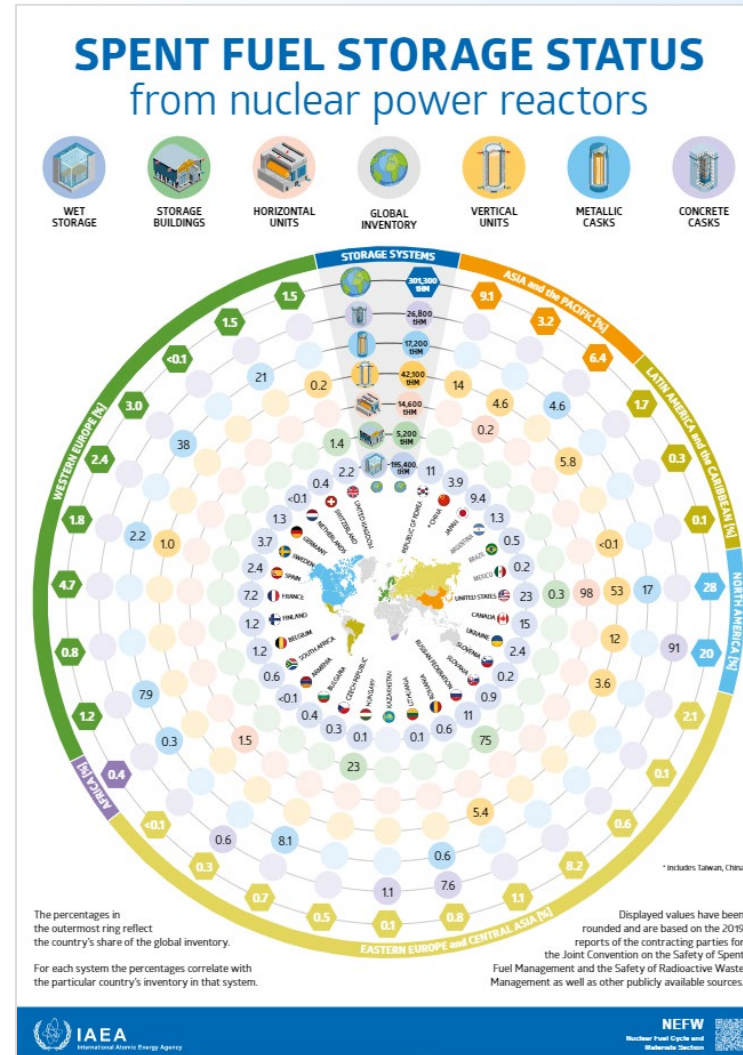
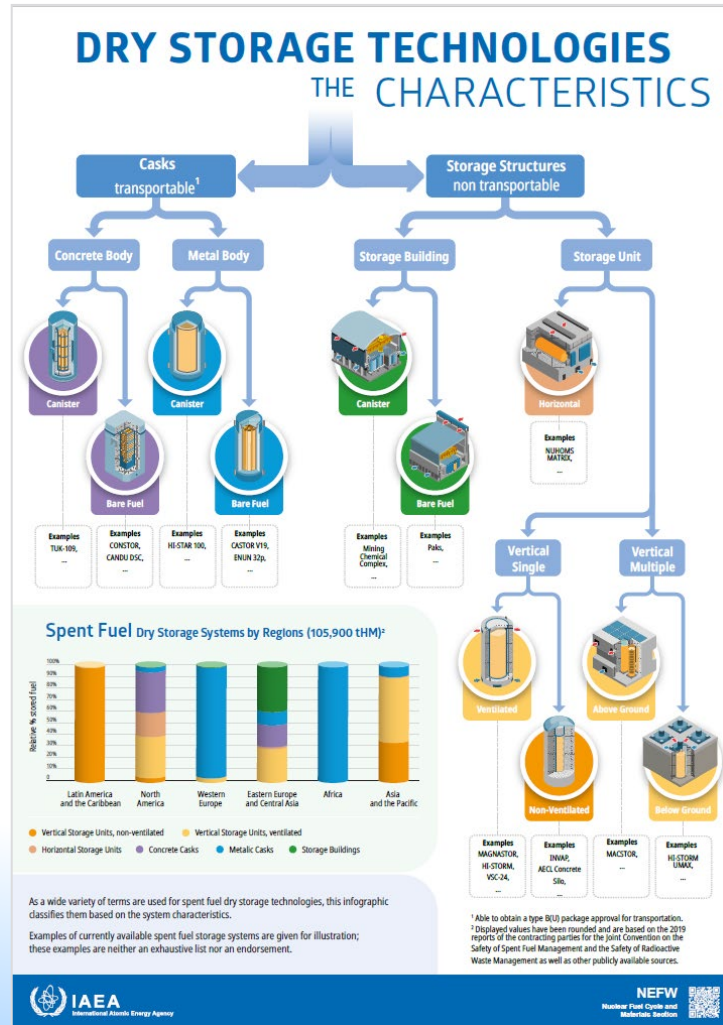
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Infographics completed series



Technical Meetings/Workshops Scheduled in 2024

- Workshops
 - Chemistry of Fuel Cycles for Molten Salt Reactor Technologies, **2-6 October 2023** (In collaboration with OECD/NEA)
 - Challenges in Managing Spent Accident Tolerant Fuels (**2024**)
- Technical Meetings
 - Management of Non-Standard & Exotic Legacy Spent Fuels (**tbd**)
 - Back End of Fuel cycle for HTGRs (**tbd**)



Welcome to the IAEA International Network on Spent Fuel Management - SFM Net

The spent fuel management (SFM) network is a forum for the sharing of practical experience and international developments on spent fuel management.

Its main objectives are to facilitate the efficient exchange of information, communication and cooperation amongst professionals working in the back end of the fuel cycle – from its removal from a reactor core to its final disposition (i.e. SNF wet and dry storage, transportation, handling and retrieval, reprocessing and recycling, economics of the back-end of nuclear fuel cycle, damaged SNF management, stakeholder involvement, communication issues, etc.)

The establishment of the SFM Net is aimed at fostering safe, sustainable and efficient spent nuclear fuel management practices across all IAEA Member States.

For further information or questions please contact SFM.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Featured Publications



Events 2022

- First Research Coordination Meeting on Spent Fuel Research and Assessment (SFERA) (23-27 May 2022, Virtual)
- Technical Meeting to Identify Opportunities and Challenges in the Back End of the Fuel Cycle for Evolutionary Accident Tolerant Fuels (14 – 17 Jun 2022, Virtual)
- Third Research Coordination Meeting on Management of Severely Damaged Spent Fuel and Corium (29 Aug - 2 Sep 2022, Vienna, Austria)
- Second Research Coordination Meeting on Spent Fuel Characterization (19-23 Sep 2022, Oskarshamn, Sweden)
- Technical Meeting on Back End of the Fuel Cycle Considerations for Small Modular Reactor Fuels (20-23 Sep, 2022, Vienna, Austria)
- Technical Meeting on Operational Experiences of Spent Fuel and High Level Waste Transportation (17-21 Oct 2022, Santander, Spain)
- First Research Coordination Meeting on Spent Fuel Storage Systems Performance and Assessment (7 – 11 Nov 2022, Vienna, Austria)
- Technical Meeting on the Management and Preservation of Spent Fuel Data (6 – 8 Dec 2022, Virtual)

International Organizations



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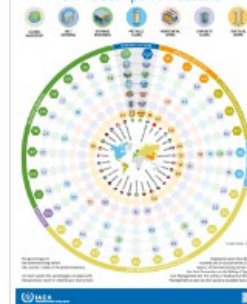
Spent Fuel Storage Guide Now Available!



New infographics now available!



SPENT FUEL STORAGE STATUS from nuclear power reactors



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