



Existing NARUC Policy

Nuclear Waste Resolutions

2008 Guiding Principles

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2. The Nuclear Waste Fund must be managed responsibly for its intended purpose
3. Interim storage needed pending a permanent solution
4. Spent fuel management is important in development of new nuclear power plants
5. NARUC should be an active stakeholder

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1. We need a permanent disposal solution
 - NWPA sets geologic disposal as policy
 - The Yucca license should be pursued
 - DOE should be accountable for past delays
 - EPA needs to set radiation standards
 - Public education needed about waste storage and transportation risks
 - Reprocessing is worthy of research, but does not eliminate need for a repository

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2. Nuclear Waste Fund must be responsibly managed and used for its intended purpose
 - Imbalance of revenue and appropriations must be corrected
 - Need access to the NWF corpus
 - Fee must not exceed one mill
 - Neither Congress nor DOE should divert NWF for other uses

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3. Interim storage is needed pending permanent solutions
 - Indefinite reactor site storage is safe, but is contrary to law and unacceptable
 - Continued storage at shutdown reactor sites must end and the material relocated
 - DOE or private interim storage should be pursued
 - Interim storage is not a substitute for a repository

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3. Interim storage is needed pending permanent solutions
 - The NWF should not be used to pay for interim storage until the Fund is reformed
 - Proposals for DOE to “take title” and store spent fuel at reactor sites are unfair
 - DOE should honor its contracts and move fuel so ratepayers don’t pay twice

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4. Spent fuel management is important in development of new nuclear power plants
 - Increased interest in nuclear as a zero emissions fuel source accentuates need for a waste solution
 - On-site storage capacity for new reactors will not reach limits for decades
 - Government should remove the uncertainty of waste disposition to minimize risk
5. NARUC should be an active stakeholder

Conclusions

- Basic principles remain
 - Users pay
 - Need a permanent answer
 - Nuclear Waste Fund abuse must stop
- We are still Yucca-centric
- Funding of interim storage is ambiguous
- We are curious about reprocessing, but even if pursued, still need a disposal facility
- DOE seems unconcerned about liability cost

Other Resolutions

- Win 09 Keep the Yucca license review going
- Sum 06 Push interim storage at Yucca, but not with Nuclear Waste Fund until fixed
- Win 06 Oppose DOE take title (Reid bill)
- Win 07 Maintain focus on Yucca
- Win 06, Win 05, Win 04, Win 03, Support of various attempts to reform the NWF