

Position Statement Decommissioning Plant Coalition Spent Fuel Management Program

- The Administration and Congress should support funding sufficient to resume the Yucca Mountain licensing proceeding to allow for the adjudication of technical issues raised by the State of Nevada and other stakeholders.
- The Administration and Congress should immediately take the steps necessary to advance the development of one or more pilot projects (private or public) that would provide consolidated interim storage (CIS) for spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and Greater-Than-Class-C (GTCC) waste from sites where nuclear power generating activities have permanently ceased.
- The Department of Energy should complete its ongoing evaluation of the existing infrastructure at permanently shutdown plant sites and, in conjunction with those contract holders, develop and implement a planning process that will allow for the timely and orderly removal of the SNF and GTCC waste at each.
- The Department of Energy should fund regional transportation planning efforts envisioned by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act and begin the procurement of rolling stock, transportation casks and other support equipment necessary for the acceptance and transportation of SNF and GTCC waste from permanently shutdown plant sites.
- The Administration and the Congress should reform the federal budgetary treatment of the Nuclear Waste Fund (NWF) so that monies already collected, as well as interest and other receivables credited to the NWF, are available as needed for the Yucca Mountain adjudication and the timely implementation of the pilot CIS program.