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SECOND NATIONAL REPORT - JOINT CONVENTION ON THE SAFETY OF SPENT FUEL MANAGEMENT AND ON THE SAFETY OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT (STP-05-090)

In compliance with the terms of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management (Joint Convention) that was ratified on April 9, 2003, the U.S. Government prepared a Second National Report that is available on the web sites of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE): (http://web.em.doe.gov/Second_National_Report--Final_Rev_30.pdf) and of the International Atomic Energy Authority (IAEA): (http://www-ns.iaea.org/conventions/waste-jointconvention.htm). You can also access other country national reports from the IAEA website. If all party countries (including EURATOM) submit reports there will be 35 including the United States.

All the information in this report was extracted from publicly available information sources, including regulations and Internet web sites of DOE, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, U.S. Department of State, and the Conference of Radiation Program Directors, Inc. Direct State participation was not required.

States are likely to have most interest in the following areas:

- Mine Overburden Remediation pp. 34-35.
- NRC’s Integrated Materials Performance Program (IMPEP) pp. 51-52.
- Disused Sealed Sources pp. 132-135, 137, and 199.

The Joint Convention provides incentives for nations to bring their nuclear activities into compliance with internationally endorsed public health and safety standards or their equivalent. We will be reviewing reports from other countries and learning from them, as they will be doing from us.

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