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Board Releases Report Updating Its Survey of National Programs for Managing HLW and SNF

On March 3, 2016, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board issued a report to the U.S. Congress and Secretary of Energy titled, *Survey of National Programs for Managing High-Level Radioactive Waste and Spent Nuclear Fuel: Update*. The report is an update of a survey report issued by the Board in 2009, in which the Board described 30 technical and institutional attributes of nuclear waste programs in 13 countries. Neither the original nor this updated report makes judgments about any of the programs. Rather, both reports focus on experiences in the United States and other countries that will provide useful technical and scientific information for decision-makers in Congress and the Administration on different approaches to managing and disposing of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

The Board was established in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 to perform ongoing evaluation of the technical and scientific validity of U.S. Department of Energy activities related to management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. The Board is required to report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Energy. Board members serve part time and are appointed by the President from a list of nominees submitted by the National Academy of Sciences. The Board is an independent federal agency in the Executive Branch.

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