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U.S. NWTRB Releases Report Summarizing Activities from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2021

On November 28, 2022, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board issued a report on its activities from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2021. The Board's *Report to The U.S. Congress and The Secretary of Energy* is the latest in a series of "summary" reports that have been issued periodically since the beginning of Board operations in 1989, which chronicle Board activities over a defined period of time. Unlike most Board reports, the *Report* is archival in nature and does not break new ground. Rather, it documents Board activities, findings, and recommendations for the reporting period. The three years covered by the *Report* were consequential for the Board and for the U.S. program to manage and dispose of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. For example, the Board made six overarching recommendations for how to move the the nation's nuclear waste management program forward and the U.S. Department of Energy began to develop a consent-based siting process for federal interim storage facilities.

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 developing and implementing a program for the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, in accordance with the terms of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. 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.

The *Report* and other Board reports, correspondence, testimony, and information are available on the Board's website at www.nwtrb.gov.