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Reprocessing Nuclear Waste is a Dirty, Dangerous Business - Canada must ban reprocessing nuclear fuel waste

The nuclear industry refers to extracting plutonium from nuclear fuel waste as “reprocessing” or “recycling.”

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In 2020 Canada embarked on a review of its radioactive waste policy. Hundreds of civil society organizations, Indigenous peoples and concerned Canadians engaged with Natural Resources Canada, and thousands of Canadians called for a ban on reprocessing of nuclear waste. Natural Resources Canada released a draft policy in February 2022, which weakly stated that reprocessing is to be “subject to policy approval by the Government of Canada”. What policy?

Reprocessing nuclear fuel waste is a dirty and dangerous business. Reprocessing operations are the most contaminated sites in the world.

“The history of reprocessing at Canada’s Chalk River Laboratories and other sites around the world -- Mayak in Russia, Hanford in Washington, and West Valley in New York – is one of accidents, deaths, and intractable environmental contamination. For Canadian governments to ignore this and support renewed plutonium extraction from spent fuel would be the height of irresponsibility.”



Dr. Ole Hendrickson, View video [HERE](#)

Send a message to the Hon. Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change:

Reprocessing nuclear fuel waste is a dirty and dangerous business.
Reprocessing operations are the most contaminated sites in the world.
Canada must ban reprocessing irradiated nuclear fuel.

Use our newest [action alert](#), email Minister Guilbeault a personal message at steven.guilbeault@parl.gc.ca and call his Ottawa office at [613-992-6779](tel:613-992-6779).

Take Action to Ban Plutonium Reprocessing in Canada

- Watch the campaign [launch message](#) by Dr. Gordon Edwards
- Watch the short video on [weapons proliferation](#) with Rev. Michael Poellet
- Visit the campaign web page at reprocessing.ca
- Share "[Ban Reprocessing](#)" posts on social media, including new graphics

- View [the recording](#) of the January 19th webinar
- [Register](#) for the February 28th webinar
- Call or write to [your MP](#) and demand a ban on reprocessing

Plutonium: How Nuclear Power's Dream Fuel Became a Nightmare

Discussion with authors Frank N. von Hippel, [Jungmin Kang](#), and [Masafumi Takubo](#)

Session Moderator: M.V. Ramana



Join us for our next webinar Tuesday, February 28, 7 pm Eastern

Go to reprocessing.ca to register.

See webinar details [HERE](#) - Register for the webinar [HERE](#)

Click [HERE](#) to view January 19 webinar on reprocessing and proliferation risk.

Click on this "button" to visit reprocessing.ca to read campaign briefs, key reports and articles, and learn more about why a ban on processing nuclear waste to extract plutonium is essential. 2023 is the year to make it happen!

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