



## Canada must ban reprocessing nuclear waste - the nuclear industry can't be put in charge

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

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PLUTONIUM=  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS

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?

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### Reprocessing nuclear fuel waste is a dirty & dangerous business. Is the NWMO's proposed deep geological repository a set-up for reprocessing?

Canada’s draft policy, released in February 2022, rests on assumptions that “disposal” facilities will be available for all of Canada’s nuclear waste, and hands the job of planning, developing and operating radioactive waste facilities over to the nuclear industry. The nuclear industry’s current plan for the long-term management of high-level waste includes centralizing all of Canada’s nuclear fuel waste to a single location. Is this a set up for a future reprocessing operation?



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### Send a message to the Honourable Jonathon Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources:

Canada's radioactive waste policy must ensure that reprocessing operations can not be added to nuclear waste management facilities. Reprocessing won't solve Canada's radioactive waste problems.

Use our newest [action alert](#), email Minister Guilbeault a personal message at [jonathan.wilkinson@parl.gc.ca](mailto:jonathan.wilkinson@parl.gc.ca) and call his Ottawa office at [613-995-1225](tel:613-995-1225).

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## 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



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