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**U.S. NATIONAL REPORT - JOINT CONVENTION ON THE SAFETY OF SPENT FUEL
MANAGEMENT AND ON THE SAFETY OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT
(STP-03-038)**

President Bush signed April 16, 2003, 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. In compliance with the terms of the Joint Convention, the U.S. Government prepared a National Report that is available on the web sites of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE): (http://www.em.doe.gov/integrat/National_Report_05-02-03_1.pdf) and of the International Atomic Energy Authority (IAEA): (<http://www-rasanet.iaea.org/conventions/waste-jointconvention.htm#reports>). You can also access other country reports from the IAEA website. At this time, there are 15 countries 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 Agreement State participation was not required.

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

- Low-level radioactive waste - pp. 17, 32-33, 39-40, 46, 59, 119-121 and 146.
- Uranium mill tailings - pp. 18-19, 33-36 and 46.
- Disused sealed sources - pp. 141-143.

The Joint Convention is an incentive convention and incentive means that it is not an obligatory treaty, i.e., there are incentives for member countries, we will be reviewing other countries reports and learning from them, as they will be doing from us.

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