



Recommendation No.5

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Foreign Research Reactor EIS

As part of its consideration of the Proposed Policy for Acceptance of Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel Environmental Impact Statement (FRR EIS), the SRS Citizens Advisory Board has developed screening and performance criteria to be considered in the evaluation of alternative actions.

We understand that a screening criterion must be met for an alternative to merit consideration. The Board recommends the following four criteria be established for the decision-making process.

1. An action must support the nuclear non-proliferation policy of the United States.
2. It must create no significant increase in health risks to the public, workers or the environment.
3. The technical feasibility of the alternative should be established.
4. An action must be consistent with applicable laws and the regulatory process.

The Board's recommendation also includes five performance criteria. Please note the specific criteria in bold. We have assigned differing significance to the individual criteria.

1. The minimization of risks to the public, workers and the environment is the Board's greatest concern. The Board favors a course that has the lowest potential for hazards to human health or the environment.
2. Actions that clearly comply with existing agreements and regulations are strongly favored.
3. A path that might require an interpretation of or amendment to regulations is undesirable.
4. Cost effectiveness over the life of the materials is considered equally important. environment of budgetary constraint, it would be irresponsible to favor an alternative that does not weigh the ultimate costs associated with it.
5. Any alternative that expedites the ultimate disposition of the materials is favored. The Board is very concerned that this EIS is being pursued without the plan for final disposal clearly in place. We urge DOE to take all possible actions to resolve this uncertainty.
6. The Board addressed the minimization of transportation of the materials as an issue. This is assigned the least weight in our recommendations in that we believe that risks during transportation are minimal in comparison with these other considerations.

Agency Response Summary

Recommendation was forwarded to DOE-HQ Office of Spent Nuclear Fuel and SR staff coordinated with this office to ensure incorporation into the screening and performance criteria for determining a preferred alternative.

Agency Responses

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