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Annual Compensation for Communities Hosting Temporary Storage of High-Level
Nuclear Waste

Background

Since the 1980s, the federal government has collected billions from energy customers through the Nuclear Waste Fund, intended for the establishment of a permanent nuclear waste disposal solution, as mandated by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act. This fund currently generates interest annually.

The DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy has initiated steps toward creating an interim repository for nuclear waste. However, progress towards a permanent geologic repository remains uncertain and protracted.

Recommendation

The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) of the Savannah River Site (SRS) recommends that the Department of Energy implement an annual compensation structure for communities hosting DOE sites utilized for temporary storage of high-level waste. This compensation should be provided annually until a federal nuclear waste repository is operational.