

IS IT WASTE

OR

IS IT FUEL



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Arkansas Nuclear One - #1) 864 MW(e) #2) 930 MW(e)

The total fuel discharged from the two reactors through the end of 2016 is approximately 1,500 metric tonnes of heavy metal.

Fuel Comparison: for 1 kg of material - Heat Energy

Coal 8 kWh 12,400 btu/lb

Oil 12 kWh 125,000 btu/gal

U 235 24,000,000 kWh note (Generation IV can burn U 238 + An>89)

If the two existing Generation II reactors were converted to Generation IV, (using a thermal efficiency of 40%) how many years of fuel is there piled up in the Russellville Arkansas parking lot?

$$1,500 \times 10^3 \times 24 \times 10^6 / ((864+930) \times 10^3 \times 24 \times 360) \times .4 = 929 \text{ years}$$

929 years + (100,000 year vs. 300 years) environmental isolation.

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Pursuant to the duties set forth in the enabling legislation, more specifically §15-19-802 (1) (F) “Other energy sources identified by the commission”; and (2) The effects of the use of alternative energy sources on the economic development of the state;

Preamble:

TO have a safe, continuous, reliable, sustainable, efficient, economically competitive and hydro-carbon free electric power source, and;

TO rectify the existing nuclear spent fuel waste inventory that has accumulated at Arkansas Nuclear One reactor site, and;

TO develop the Arkansas economy by having the modular reactor and reprocessing manufacturing facilities located in Arkansas, and by having a world class nuclear training center with all the associative development located in Arkansas;

The Arkansas Alternative Energy Commission hereby approves the following resolution:

a) The Commission finds that a Generation IV liquid sodium fast reactor using reprocessed metal fuel has been identified and is declared an alternative energy source.

b) The Arkansas Alternative Energy Commission recommends to the Governor’s office, the Arkansas Legislature, and the Arkansas Attorney General’s office that the appropriate resolutions be passed, resources allocated, and support given to the University of Arkansas System to investigate and document recommendations for a plan to development the nuclear spent fuel opportunity.

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Dr. Roy Glauber - Manhattan Project Texas A & M (Texarkana) April 4, 2016

Questions for Clearance issues - The project is complex and the details needed for consensual contract are beyond the resources of the AAEC. The path forward is for the AAEC to clear the basic issues, pass the proposed resolution, and support the University of Arkansas System's investigation. The University of Arkansas will be empowered (funded) to solicit input from all interested parties, i.e. environmentalist, nuclear power plant operators, think tanks, National Laboratories, other Universities, anyone that can make a contribution. The work product will be a BRAC (Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission) type report, in a consensual contract format, that will be submitted to the Arkansas Legislature and the United States Congress for an up or down vote. The University of Arkansas will be charged with the responsibility to educate the public on these issues.

- 1) Has this ever been done before?
- 2) Is this safe?
- 3) What is the estimated cost of Generation IV electricity compared to today's market price?
- 4) How large is a nuclear reactor?
- 5) What happened to the Yucca Mountain Project? Is there any money in the spent fuel trust fund?
- 6) Has Entergy collected damage awards from the US Court of Claims for breach of contract?
- 7) Why is the nuclear reactor in Nebraska being closed? Same for Diablo Canyon Power Plant?
- 8) If this demonstration project works in Arkansas, how many new reactors are needed in the United States?

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	Subsidies	Produced	\$/MMBtu
Coal	\$1.08	20	\$0.05
Petroleum/NG	\$2.35	44.1	\$0.05
Nuclear	\$1.66	8.2	\$0.20
Renewable electricity	\$13.20	9.3	\$1.42
Solar	\$5.30	0.305	\$17.38
Wind	\$5.90	1.6	\$3.69

	Relative
	Subsidies
Coal	1
Petroleum/NG	1
Nuclear	4
Renewable electricity	27
Solar	326
Wind	69

IN SITU PROCESS MONITORING FOR PYROCHEMICAL SYSTEMS

A powerful process monitoring and safeguards technology for the electrorefining systems used in actinide recovery is being developed by Argonne's research team, which includes experts in process research and nuclear safeguards. Reliable process monitoring and control technologies are essential for operating a commercial fuel treatment facility.

A variety of electroanalytical methods including cyclic and square-wave voltammetry, and spectroscopic techniques are being developed and evaluated to determine the quantity of actinide in molten salt. This research includes developing:

- ▶ Methods that achieve representative and reproducible conditions at the sensing electrode/molten salt solution interface
- ▶ Methods to determine the sensing electrode's effective area, which is vital to accurate concentration measurements



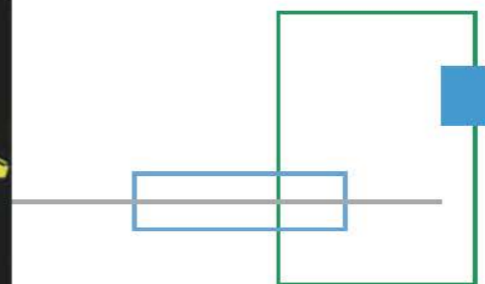
Scientists review data from in situ process monitoring for pyrochemical systems.

PYROCHEMICAL PROCESSING FACILITY CONCEPT

To further advance Argonne's pyroprocessing work and the potential for recycling used nuclear fuel, researchers developed a conceptual 100 metric tonne per year pyroprocessing facility. This work includes the development of processes, equipment concepts, an operations model, and the identification of materials handling issues.



Conceptual pyroprocessing facility



Credit: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Estimated U.S. Energy Use in 2014: ~98.3 Quads

