Nuclear Waste Policy: Defining the Problem, Searching for Solutions

The **Council of State Governments** has posted a two-part series of on-demand webinars exploring the status of nuclear waste management in the United States, with a focus on how the lack of a disposal facility affects electricity customers, the communities that are home to nuclear power plants, and the utilities that own and operate the plants.

Both parts of the series are available on the Council's website. **Part one is here**.

The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 established a national program for the safe, permanent disposal of highly radioactive waste. In 2002, Congress approved a site at Nevada's Yucca Mountain; however, that project was stalled and defunded in 2010. Consequently, there currently is no disposal facility in the United States for spent fuel rods from 99 operating commercial nuclear reactors across the country.

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