

# **Korea Radioactive Waste Management Status and Future**

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## **1. Status of Radioactive Waste Management in Korea**

There are 25 nuclear power plants in Korea, and their power generation capacity is 24,650 MW [1]. Nuclear power generation is essential, and the amount of radioactive waste generated by NPP is increasing every year. Therefore, safe management of radioactive waste is necessary.

## **2. Gyeongju Low and Intermediate-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility**

In 2005, Gyeongju was selected as the final site through the participation and voting of local residents during the site selection process [2]. L&ILW first disposal facility's disposal capacity is 100,000 drums. 1st stage's disposal facility type is Underground silo type and was completed in 2014 [3]. 2nd Stage's disposal type is shallow land disposal type. The capacity of 2nd Stage's disposal facility is 250,000 drums and was completed in 2023 [4].

## **3. HLW Management Policy and Plans**

The Korean government issued a basic plan [5] on HLW management in 2016 built upon recommendations from the Public Engagement Commission on Spent Fuel Management (PECOS). The basic plan contained development of a deep geological repository, generic underground research laboratory (URL), and an interim storage facility.

The Government issued the 2nd Basic Plan [6] on HLW Management based on the recommendations by various stake holders.

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