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Project on Challenges, Gaps and
Opportunities
for
Managing Spent Fuel from SMRs

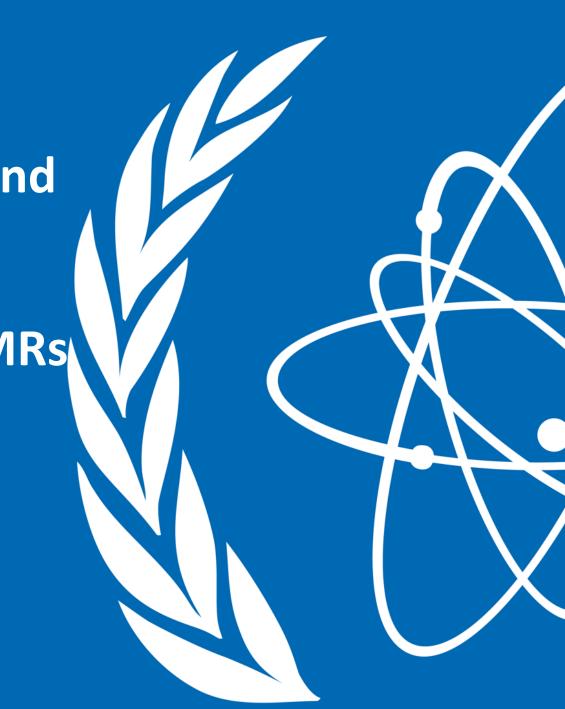
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Technical Meeting on Backend of the Fuel Cycle Considerations for SMRs, 20-23 September 2022

107 Participating
Experts
from 32 Member
States &
3 International
Organizations



~ 40 Presentations and Extended
Abstracts





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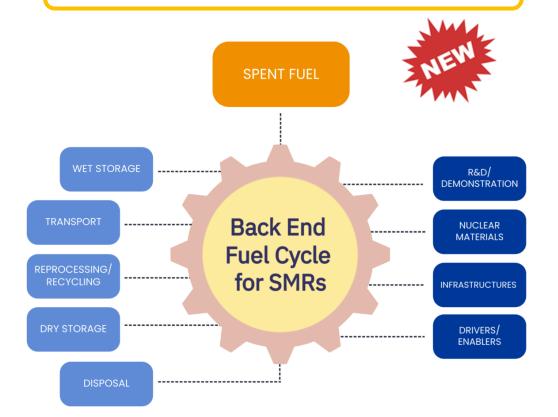
Coordinated Research Project on <u>Challenges</u>, <u>Gaps and Opportunities for Managing Spent Fuel</u> from <u>SMRs</u>

Understanding the implications of the management of new spent fuels is paramount to make informed decisions

MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- To identify viable nuclear fuel cycle options for the different SMR technologies
- To identify common technologies/similarities for various reactor types and/or significant differences
- To prepare a list of generic key parameters for countries to perform their analysis incorporating their specific context

SMR-COGS, CRP T13021



https://www.iaea.org/projects/crp/t13021



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MAIN OUTPUTS

- Development of <u>specific roadmaps</u> for managing spent fuel from the different SMR technologies, identifying what can be derived, optimized or adapted from existing practices, or what needs to be fully developed
- To compare various SMR systems, in terms of efforts required to develop and implement an SFM strategy
 - Nuclear fuel cycle facilities
 - Technology readiness level
 - Nuclear materials involved
 - Infrastructures (e.g., human resources, financing)
 - R&D / Demonstrations
 - Enablers/Synergies

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Nuclear Energy Programmes:

Embarking (Phase 1, 2 and 3), Expanding, Mature and Not Nuclear (DEN and NOR)

Observers: OECD/NEA, FIN, FRA, NET, RUS

45+ participants from 25 countries