

Concerning the Report Entitled “Evaluation of the Basic Concepts of Approaches to the Treatment and Disposal of Radioactive Waste, Specified in the Framework for Nuclear Energy Policy”

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Atomic Energy Commission

On 2 September 2008, the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) received from the Policy Evaluation Committee a report entitled “Evaluation of the Basic Concepts of Approaches to the Treatment and Disposal of Radioactive Waste, Specified in the Framework for Nuclear Energy Policy.” The committee collected information from the concerned administrative bodies on the efforts they have been promoting for the treatment and disposal of radioactive waste, in accordance with the basic policy concepts specified in Chapter 2, 2-3 of the Framework for Nuclear Energy Policy titled “Treatment and Disposal of Radioactive Waste,” And evaluated the relevance of these basic concepts based on the information thus collected, taking into account the comments obtained from the public and the experts on important issues in this area. The report concluded it appropriate for the concerned administrative bodies to continue to respect the basic concepts specified in the Framework for Nuclear Energy Policy in promoting their efforts, taking into consideration of various proposals for achieving the objectives of the basic concepts more reliably.

The AEC considers this report to be reasonable and suggest the concerned administrative bodies to continue to promote their efforts for the treatment and disposal of radioactive waste, respecting the basic concepts specified in the Framework for Nuclear Energy Policy and keeping in mind the proposals made in the report.

The AEC will check the efforts of the concerned administrative bodies and other organizations based on the above understanding, taking the opportunity of deliberating annual estimation of the budget necessary for promoting research, development and utilization of nuclear energy, and ask them to take necessary actions as appropriate.