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NUCLEAR ENERGY

The Nuclear Decommissioning and Waste Handling (Designated Technical Matters) Order 2010

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Coming into force in accordance with article 1

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 45(6)(a) and 104 of the Energy Act 2008(**1**) makes the following Order.

In accordance with section 105(3) of that Act, a draft of this instrument was laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Nuclear Decommissioning and Waste Handling (Designated Technical Matters) Order 2010 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"interim store" means a store which is used for the storage of intermediate level waste or spent fuel from a nuclear installation on the site where the store is located and where the store is built during the operation of a nuclear installation on the site;

"intermediate level waste" means radioactive waste—

(a) which has a level of radioactivity above four gigabecquerels per tonne (GBq/te) of alpha activity or twelve GBq/te of beta or gamma activity; and

(b) where the heat generated by the waste does not need to be taken into account in the design of an interim store;

"spent fuel" means nuclear fuel that has been irradiated in and permanently removed from a reactor core.

(**1**) 2008 c.32.