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## **Return of reprocessed waste**

### **Jointly agreed key elements**

The Federal Environment Ministry and the utilities operating nuclear power plants agree on the following key elements regarding the return of all waste from reprocessing German fuel elements in France and the United Kingdom:

1. The Federal Environment Ministry and the utilities aim to ensure the return all remaining waste from reprocessing as swiftly as possible in order to fulfil the contract obligations of the utilities and Germany's corresponding obligations under international law.
2. The Federal Environment Ministry has presented a concept for the return of waste that entails storage of the canisters containing the waste from reprocessing in the interim storage sites at Philippsburg, Brokdorf, Biblis and Isar and contains general regulations for swiftly carrying out the necessary licensing procedures within an adequate time frame. The exact number of canisters to be stored in the respective interim storage facilities and the final determination of sites by the utilities will not be specified for the time being.



3. The utilities generally welcome the BMUB presenting a concept. They will review the concept in particular with regard to site selection and economic aspects, costs and taking into account issues that present themselves at all sites. If necessary, they will make suggestions to optimise the concept. A joint working group will be set up to make the remaining decisions. In order to achieve broad acceptance, the utilities request that the BMUB continue its efforts for a consensus with the Länder and municipalities concerned.
4. In their review, the utilities will also consider the withdrawal of all law suits against the Länder with regard to their duty of care pursuant to Section 9a (2a) Atomic Energy Act and the corresponding constitutional complaint and will apply for the complaint to be suspended. With a view to interim storage capacity available for the canisters that will be returned, the BMUB will ensure that the proof of provision for waste disposal and the compliance of duty of care will remain valid until the consultations in the joint working group have been concluded.
5. For the utilities, accepting an alternative interim storage for reprocessed waste in interim storage facilities in the vicinity of the sites and withdrawing law suits is subject to finding a solution that ensures legal certainty and is economically acceptable for them and compatible with both licensing and stock corporation law.