Nuclear energy: something something

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

2 things

- history
- nuclear decay mechanism: weak force and tunnelling, radioactive decay
- What is nuclear waste and why is it harmful?
- Above-ground disposal: look at sites, dry-casks storage
- geological disposal ($\star$), Yucca mountain as an example
- ocean floor disposal which was done by everyone but not legal any more
- transmutation
- todo: find sources on the specific health impact of nuclear waste instead of radiation in general

3 Acknowledgments

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