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AU	2	Paul Kayser	10	26 September	G; p.21	What is the time schedule of the long-term strategy of spent fuel management? Are there negotiations with other states on long term storage or reprocessing of Australian spent fuel?
						The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation has a long-term contract with COGEMA, France for the reprocessing of fuel from research reactors, including the research reactor under construction. ANSTO also returns US-origin fuel to the US under the Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel Acceptance Program.
AU	2	Paul Kayser	17	26 September	H; p.29	Does the Code of Practice for Near-surface Disposal of RW in Australia contain recommendations on the length of environmental monitoring and other active and passive control after closure of the repository?
						After closure the Code requires that the operator maintain the security of the site and restrict access and also ensure a program of surveillance involving site inspections and environmental monitoring. This is required during the institutional control period, which might last up to 200 years. The institutional control period can only end with the approval of the appropriate authority. After which time no further controls are required.