

## **Agency Effectiveness**

The effectiveness of Agency safeguards can be judged not only by the extent to which they cover all the possible routes that a state could take to acquire nuclear weapons, but also by the adequacy of safeguards where they do apply.

Only in recent years has the Agency attempted to apply safeguards to some sensitive portions of the fuel cycle, such as enrichment and reprocessing plants. In the past, these sorts of facilities have generally been concentrated in nuclear weapons states, so the gap in coverage was not great. In the case of chemical weapons, if the relevant capabilities were already widespread, such a pattern of the gradual extension of safeguards over the entire production process

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