

primary purpose of which is radioactive waste management, including a nuclear facility in the process of being decommissioned only if it is designated by the Contracting Party as a radioactive waste management facility;

(k) "*regulatory body*" means any body or bodies given the legal authority by the Contracting Party to regulate any aspect of the safety of spent fuel or radioactive waste management including the granting of licences;

(l) "*reprocessing*" means a process or operation, the purpose of which is to extract radioactive isotopes from spent fuel for further use;

(m) "*sealed source*" means radioactive material that is permanently sealed in a capsule or closely bonded and in a solid form, excluding reactor fuel elements;

(n) "*spent fuel*" means nuclear fuel that has been irradiated in and permanently removed from a reactor core;

(o) "*spent fuel management*" means all activities that relate to the handling or storage of spent fuel, excluding off-site transportation. It may also involve discharges;

(p) "*spent fuel management facility*" means any facility or installation the primary purpose of which is spent fuel management;

(q) "*State of destination*" means a State to which a transboundary movement is planned or takes place;

(r) "*State of origin*" means a State from which a transboundary movement is planned to be initiated or is initiated;

(s) "*State of transit*" means any State, other than a State of origin or a State of destination, through whose territory a transboundary movement is planned or takes place;

(t) "*storage*" means the holding of spent fuel or of radioactive waste in a facility that provides for its containment, with the intention of retrieval;

(u) "*transboundary movement*" means any shipment of spent fuel or of radioactive waste from a State of origin to a State of destination.

ARTICLE 3. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

1. This Convention shall apply to the safety of spent fuel management when the spent fuel results from the operation of civilian nuclear reactors. Spent fuel held at reprocessing facilities as part of a reprocessing activity is not covered in the scope of this Convention unless the Contracting Party declares reprocessing to be part of spent fuel management.
2. This Convention shall also apply to the safety of radioactive waste management when the radioactive waste results from civilian applications. However, this Convention shall not apply to waste that contains only naturally occurring