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> The decision of the Department of Energy (DOE) to dispose of 34
> tons of surplus weapons grade plutonium by turning the material into
> mixed oxide (MOX) fuel and thereby obtaining the energy content of the
> surplus plutonium, while rendering it unsuitable for use as an
> effective weapons material, is a correct step. To immobilize the
> plutonium and waste the energy content of the plutonium is an inefficient
> use of a valuable energy source material. The safe and efficient use of
> plutonium as a recycle fuel in nuclear plants in France has demonstrated
> that it can be utilized for its energy value while ensuring against any
> diversion of material for other uses

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