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General Comment

This compendium did NOT address the core problem involving transportation of highly radioactive used fuel rods. That problem is: In order to transport, the fuel rods will have to be transferred to a transport cask; however, the fragile, "thick canisters that are being used at most nuclear facilities are likely to be leaking radiation at the time of transfer, making transfer itself a potentially lethal undertaking.

Also, the potential for becoming terrorism targets while transporting highly radioactive nuclear fuel is terrifying. With the rise in international terrorism and the targeting of nuclear power plants by ISIL, the oversized trucks and trains transporting nuclear fuel rods might as well have bull's eyes painted on them. These trucks and trains will be slow-moving, vulnerable, and lethal targets for terrorist groups who wish to do damage or to secure nuclear materials.

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