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to the Commission**

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Subject: Nuclear waste management

A key concern surrounding nuclear energy production processes is the management of nuclear waste at the end of the life-cycle, together with the risk of earthquakes, terrorist threats etc.

Has the Commission considered the idea of establishing a nuclear waste agency that will manage radioactive waste across the European Union in EU-selected sites and using standards and technologies promoted and supervised by the EU?

A number of EU agencies have been created to manage various policy sectors. The establishment of a similar agency to deal with nuclear waste management could represent a feasible solution to one of the key EU concerns related to nuclear energy use and nuclear waste. It would make possible the use of the best available technologies in accordance with EU standards and under EU supervision, and could raise the level of social acceptance of nuclear energy production, civil society currently having no trust in the methods used for radioactive waste transportation and management.