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Abstracts

The Global Nuclear Waste Management Market is valued at approximately USD 4.87 billion in 2024 and is projected to grow at a modest CAGR of 1.72% over the forecast period 2025–2035. Nuclear waste management encompasses a range of processes designed to safely handle, treat, and store radioactive materials produced from nuclear reactors and related facilities. These processes include waste collection, transportation, interim storage, conditioning, and final disposal. Effective nuclear waste management is crucial to mitigate environmental contamination risks, ensure public safety, and comply with stringent regulatory frameworks. Growth in the market is driven by the expanding global nuclear energy capacity, ongoing investments in reactor technologies, and the increasing emphasis on sustainable and secure waste disposal strategies across developed and developing economies.

Increasing operational nuclear reactors and long-term energy security strategies are fueling demand for advanced nuclear waste management solutions. High-level radioactive waste, which is highly toxic and generates considerable heat, requires sophisticated storage and containment systems, thereby propelling the development of new technologies and services in this sector. Simultaneously, intermediate and low-level waste from decommissioning, medical applications, and industrial processes are also contributing to the market's steady expansion. While environmental regulations and the need for risk mitigation are key drivers, the industry faces challenges in terms of

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high costs, public resistance, and long-term storage complexities. Nevertheless, the global focus on safe nuclear practices continues to open avenues for market growth.

The detailed segments and sub-segments included in the report are:

By Waste Type:

- High-level Waste
- Intermediate-level Waste
- Low-level Waste

By Reactor Type:

- Pressurized Water Reactor
- Boiling Water Reactor
- Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor
- Gas-Cooled Reactor
- Others

By End-User:

- Utility
- Industrial

By Region:

North America

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- Canada

Europe

- UK
- Germany
- France
- Spain
- Italy
- ROE

Asia Pacific

- China
- India
- Japan
- Australia
- South Korea
- RoAPAC

Latin America

- Brazil
- Mexico

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Middle East & Africa

UAE

Saudi Arabia

South Africa

Rest of Middle East & Africa

High-level waste management is expected to dominate the market during the forecast period due to the critical safety, technological, and regulatory requirements associated with handling this category of radioactive materials. Facilities equipped to manage high-level waste require advanced containment systems, specialized transport infrastructure, and highly trained personnel to ensure safe operations. The increasing number of nuclear reactors worldwide and extended reactor lifespans are intensifying the demand for high-level waste solutions. While high-level waste leads in market share, low and intermediate-level waste management solutions are anticipated to witness steady growth due to ongoing decommissioning activities and regulatory compliance needs in both developed and emerging markets.

When analyzing the market by reactor type, Pressurized Water Reactors (PWRs) currently contribute the largest revenue share due to their widespread deployment globally and the significant volume of spent fuel they generate. Boiling Water Reactors (BWRs) and Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) are also contributing significantly to revenue streams, particularly in regions with established nuclear energy programs. Meanwhile, gas-cooled and other advanced reactor types are gradually gaining traction, offering opportunities for innovative waste management techniques and solutions. This segmentation highlights the complex interplay between reactor deployment patterns and the associated demand for specialized waste management infrastructure.

North America maintains a stronghold on the global market due to its mature nuclear power infrastructure, stringent regulatory frameworks, and established waste management technologies. Europe follows closely, benefiting from robust safety regulations, increasing reactor decommissioning projects, and investments in long-term

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waste repositories. Asia Pacific is projected to exhibit the fastest growth over the forecast period, driven by rapid nuclear energy expansion in China, India, and Japan, along with supportive government initiatives for safe and efficient waste management practices. Latin America and the Middle East & Africa are also experiencing gradual adoption of advanced nuclear waste management solutions, underpinned by regional energy programs and international collaborations.

Major market players included in this report are:

Orano SA

Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.

Bechtel Corporation

Veolia Environnement S.A.

Holtec International

Areva NP

Westinghouse Electric Company

BWX Technologies Inc.

Cameco Corporation

NAC International

EnergySolutions LLC

Hitachi-GE Nuclear Energy Ltd.

GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy

Framatome

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.

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Global Nuclear Waste Management Market Report Scope:

Historical Data – 2023, 2024

Base Year for Estimation – 2024

Forecast period - 2025-2035

Report Coverage - Revenue forecast, Company Ranking, Competitive Landscape, Growth Factors, and Trends

Regional Scope - North America; Europe; Asia Pacific; Latin America; Middle East & Africa

Customization Scope - Free report customization (equivalent to up to 8 analysts' working hours) with purchase. Addition or alteration to country, regional & segment scope*

The objective of the study is to define market sizes of different segments and countries in recent years and to forecast the values for the coming years. The report is designed to incorporate both qualitative and quantitative aspects of the industry within the countries involved in the study. The report also provides detailed information about crucial aspects, such as driving factors and challenges, which will define the future growth of the market. Additionally, it incorporates potential opportunities in micro-markets for stakeholders to invest, along with a detailed analysis of the competitive landscape and product offerings of key players.

Key Takeaways:

Market Estimates & Forecast for 10 years from 2025 to 2035.

Annualized revenues and regional-level analysis for each market segment.

Detailed analysis of the geographical landscape with country-level analysis of major regions.

Competitive landscape with information on major players in the market.

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Analysis of key business strategies and recommendations on future market approach.

Analysis of the competitive structure of the market.

Demand side and supply side analysis of the market.

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