In response to your inquiry about a proliferation impact assessment, DOE does not perform such assessments.

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Jim -

Your answer is interesting but incorrect.

Call them "nonproliferation impact assessments" or "proliferation impact assessments," but DOE indeed does prepare such documents. DOE has the ability to prepare any type of document it wants at it has prepared such assessments, as the record clearly shows:

Nonproliferation Impacts Assessment for the Treatment and Management of Sodium-Bonded Spent Nuclear Fuel. USDOE. July 1999.


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Draft Nonproliferation Impact Assessment: Companion to the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership
I, to this point and unless DOE chooses to further clarify, will assume that DOE is simply refusing to assess the proliferation risks associated with the development of a new reprocessing technique by SRNL for graphite spent fuel. If that is indeed the case it’s useful to know that DOE is trying to overlook proliferation risks that may be inherent in this new reprocessing technique. Please advise if my assumption is correct or not.

Tom