co-locating recycling facilities with other pertinent facilities, such as advanced reactors, interim storage, and fuel fabrication facilities; to identify those communities and other stakeholders impacted by the current practice of indefinite temporary storage of spent fuel and assess potential risks and benefits they would face should the fuel be removed from their sites; and to assess the different approaches for siting and sizing nuclear waste recycling facilities, among other provisions.

"We commend Senators Cruz and Heinrich for their forward-thinking leadership in the Advancing Research in Nuclear Fuel Recycling Act of 2024," said Ed McGinnis, chief executive officer of nuclear start-up Curio. "Their dedication underscores the critical importance of nuclear waste recycling in unlocking America's energy independence and ensuring a sustainable future."

Jacob DeWitte, cofounder and CEO of Oklo, added, "Oklo greatly appreciates the interest and support Congress has expressed for commercial recycling of used nuclear fuel. This legislation will help outline benefits and potential policy opportunities, while Oklo continues to deploy its own recycling program for the purpose of supplying fuel for our Aurora powerhouses."

Bipartisan nuclear waste bill introduced in U.S. House

U.S. Reps. Mike Levin (D., Calif.) and August Pfluger (R., Texas) have introduced the bipartisan Nuclear Waste Administration Act of 2024, which would establish an

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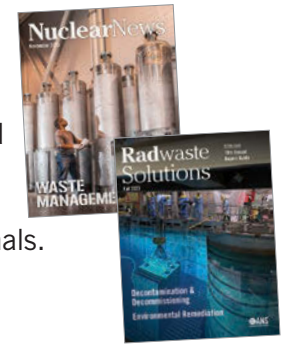

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