

Transportation System

Q: Will communities know when to expect shipments of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste?

As required under DOE policy and the NWPA, state governors and tribal leaders, or their designees, are notified in advance of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste shipments through their jurisdiction. Specific dates, times, and actual routes of shipments are safeguarded for security reasons. However, those with a need-to-know (such as state or tribal representatives, law enforcement, emergency response officials, and inspectors) are informed of shipments before they enter a state or tribal land. All shipments are closely coordinated with state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies for security purposes.

