



# Global Nuclear Futures Initiative

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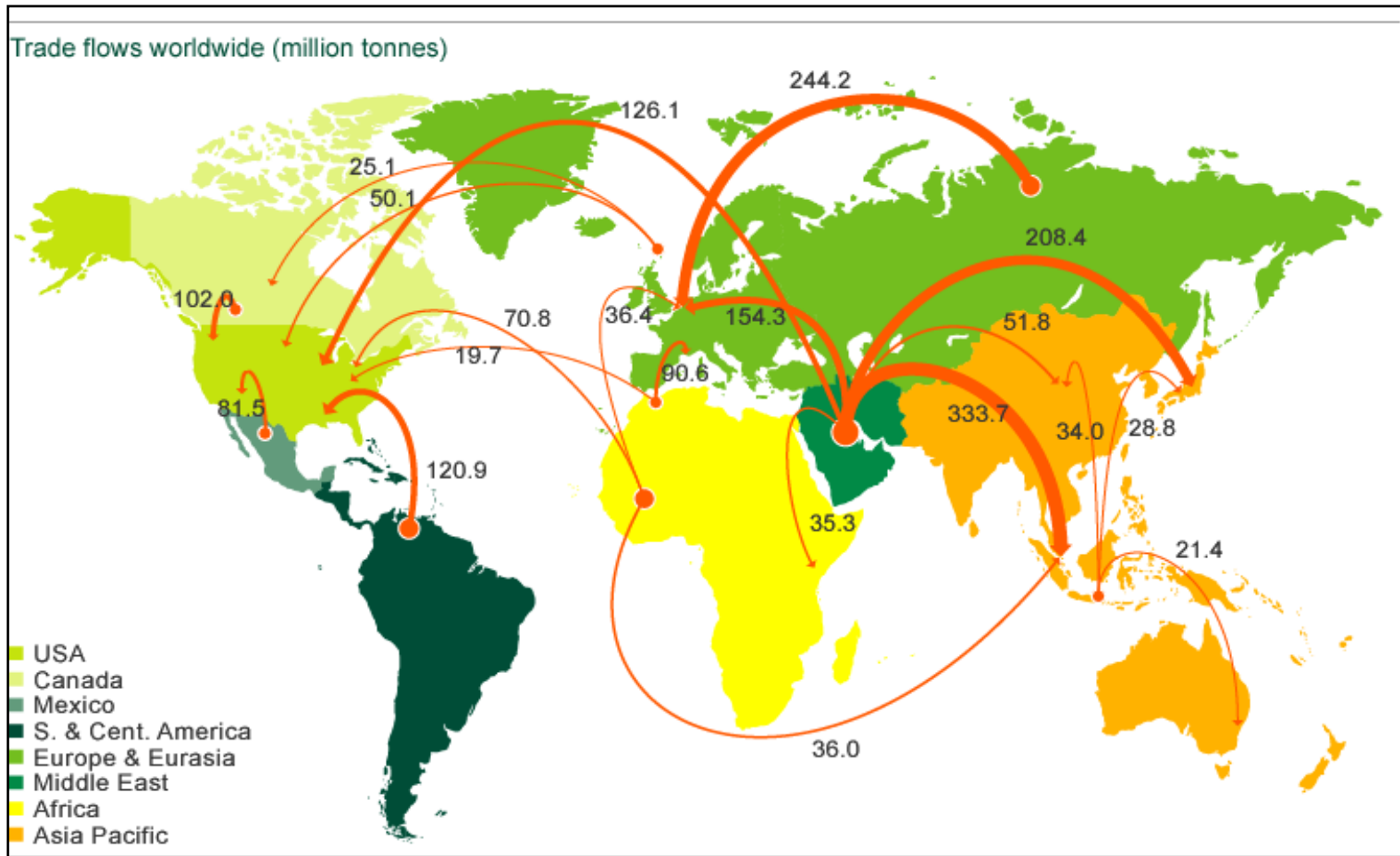
# Scenario if Worldwide Dependence on Oil and Natural Gas Remains Unchanged

**By 2025:**

- **World oil demand will increase by half (an additional 40 million barrels per day)**
  - China's demand doubles
  - U.S. imports 70% of its petroleum
  - Russia & 6 unstable Persian Gulf countries control 70% of proven oil reserves.
- **World natural gas consumption will increase by more than half**
  - U.S. imports ~25% of its natural gas
  - Russia & 2 unstable Persian Gulf countries control 60% of proven oil reserves.
- **World electricity production from oil & natural gas will be 33%, up from 25%.**
- **Greenhouse gas production concerns will exert pressure on the U.S. to curtail use of coal.**
- **Worldwide competition for oil and natural gas and U.S. dependence on these fuels will pose an increasing threat to U.S. national and economic security**



# Dependence on Oil from Unstable Regions Is High and Growing



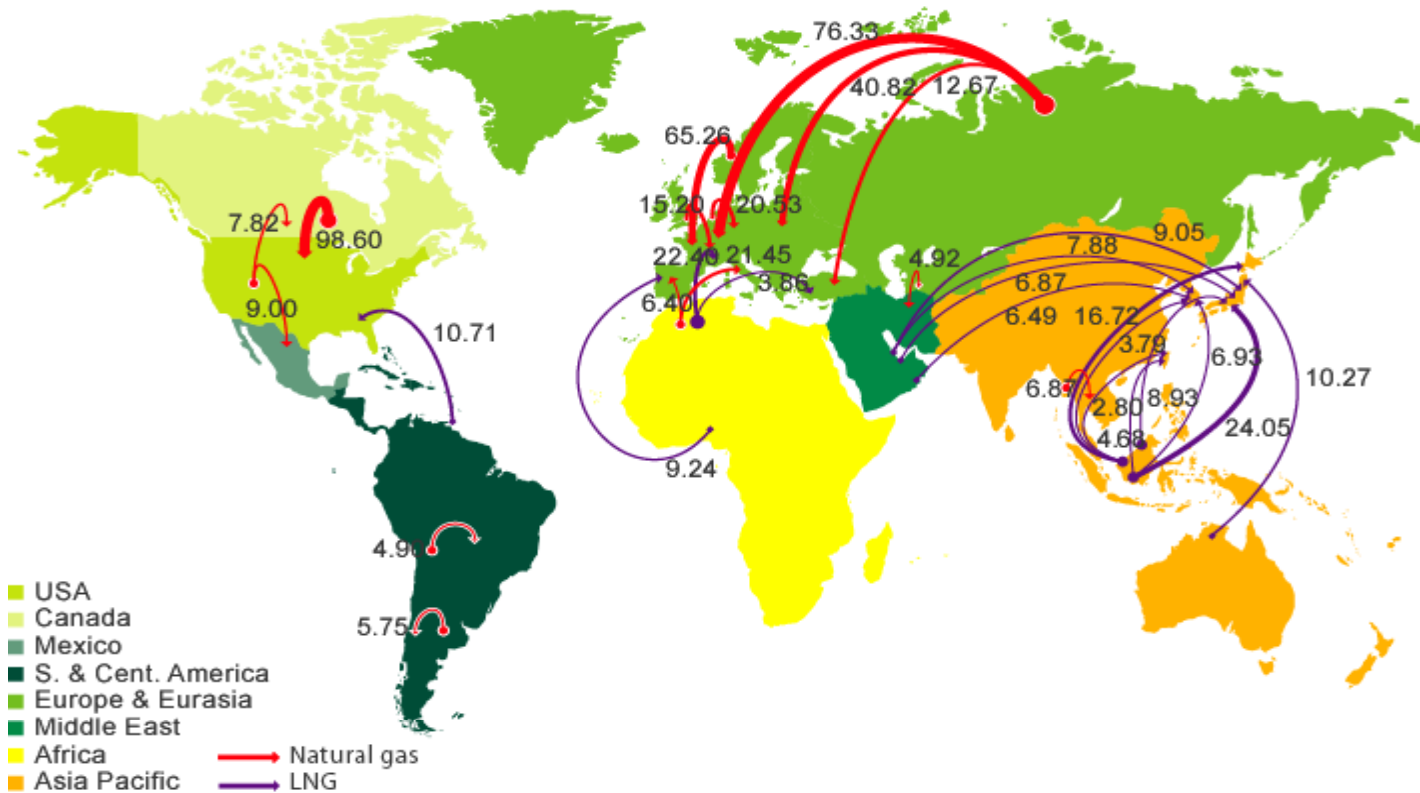
Source: BP Statistical Review of World Energy June 2004



# Natural Gas Dependency Is Growing

## Major trade movements

Trade flows worldwide (billion cubic metres)



Source: BP Statistical Review of World Energy June 2004, P. 29

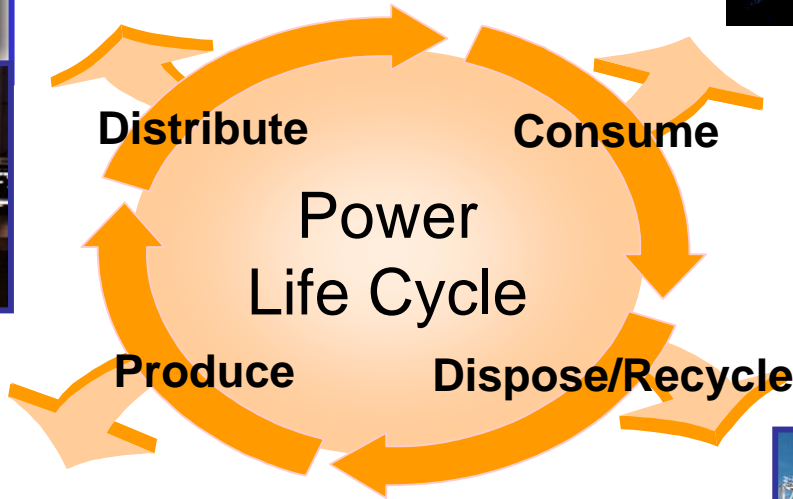


# “Secure Clean Power for Peace & Prosperity”

Safe, Secure, Reliable  
Systems Infrastructure



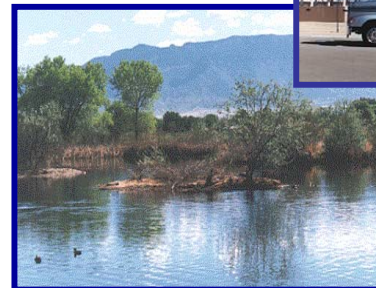
Efficiency / Productivity



Portfolio of Power Sources



Environmental  
Stewardship





# Affordable Zero Emissions Technology and Energy Independence Are Synergistic Goals

Today

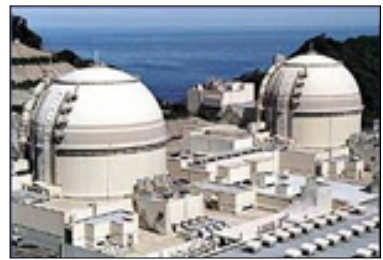
Transition

Future State

**Carbon Economy**



**Energy Efficiency  
Fuel De-carbonization  
Carbon Sequestration  
Hydrogen Infrastructure  
Atmospheric Science**



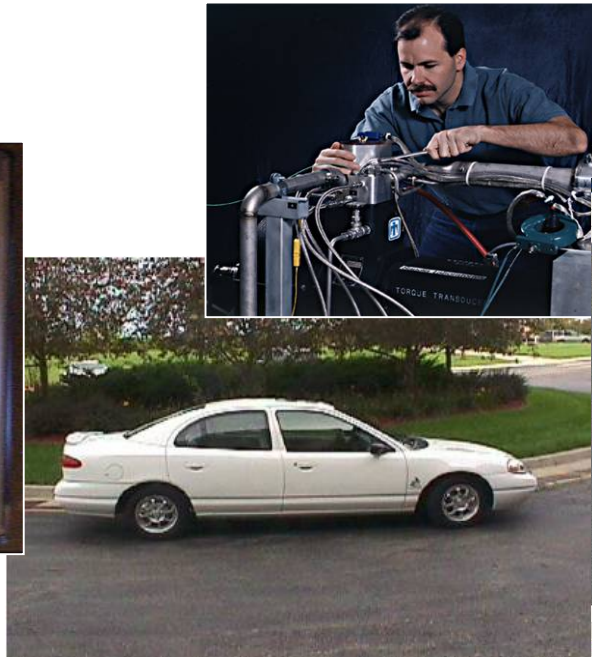
**Hydrogen Economy  
Renewable Energy  
Nuclear Power  
Clean Coal**



**Increasing Hydrogen Use in Transportation and Electricity Systems  
Increases Energy, Economic, and Environmental Security**



# A Hydrogen Economy Promises a Cleaner Energy Future



Production

Infrastructure

Storage

Utilization





# Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham Outlines Administration's Clean Energy Strategy

**06/25/04**

## **6 Principal Energy R&D Areas:**

- 1) Hydrogen**
- 2) Clean Coal**
- 3) Safe Nuclear Power**
- 4) Fusion**
- 5) Energy Efficiency**
- 6) Renewable Energy**



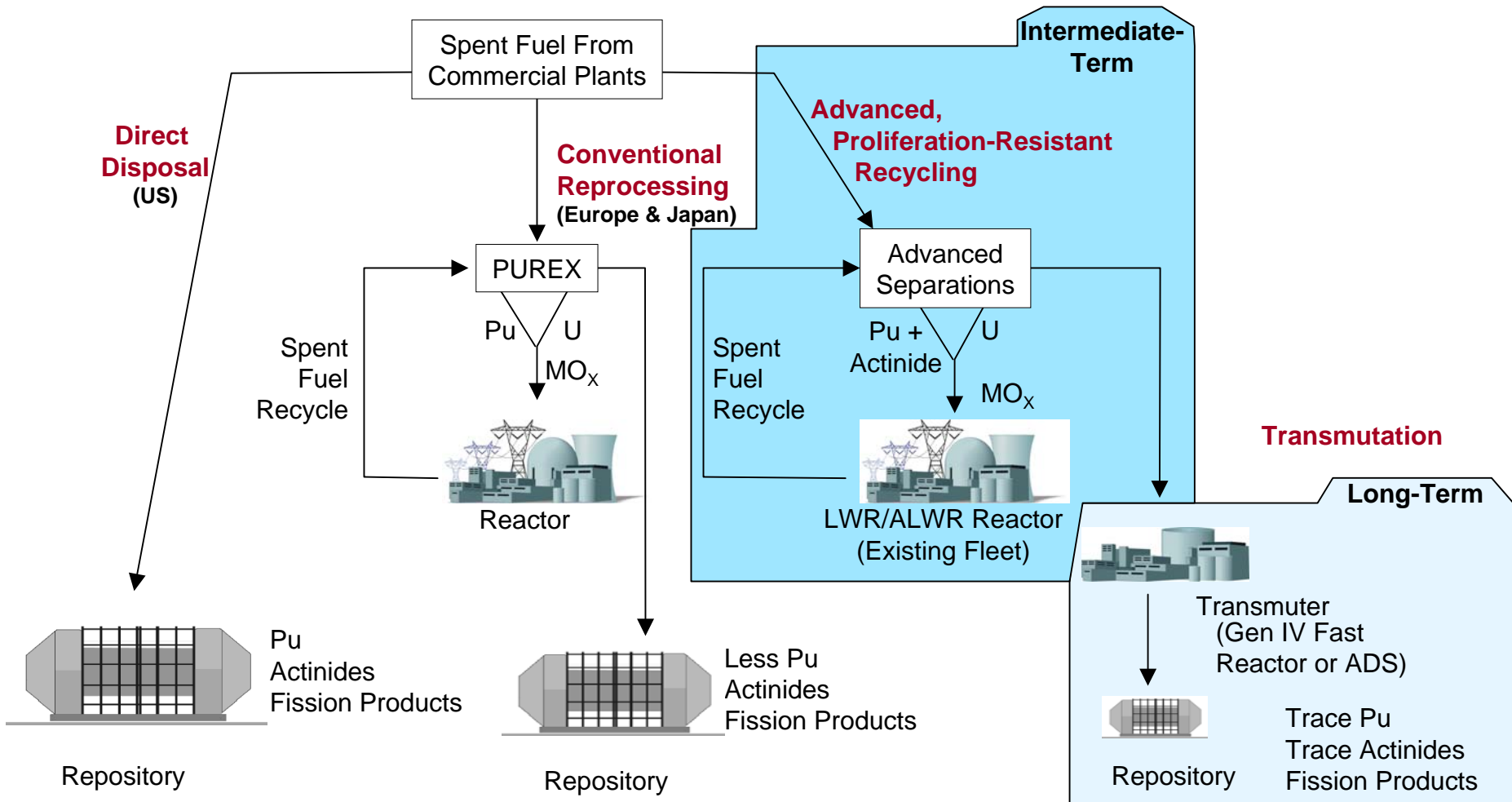
# Nuclear Power Deployment Issues

- 1) Safety
- 2) Proliferation Control
- 3) Waste Management
- 4) Investment Economics



Source: 2003 MIT study, *The Future of Nuclear Power*

# Advanced Fuel Cycle Initiative



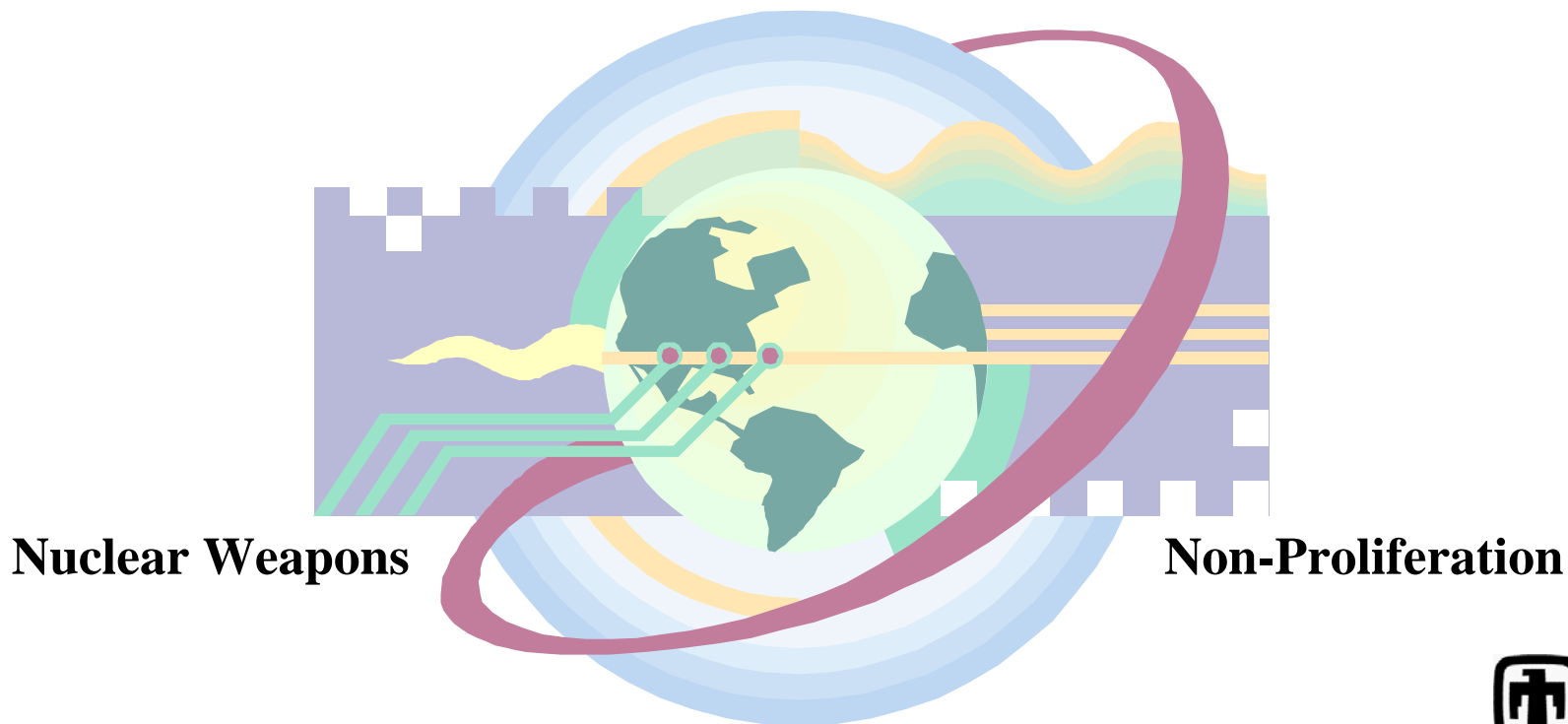


# The Global Nuclear Futures (GNF) Initiative Now Unites 7 DOE Labs

## GNF Vision:

The US has a unified policy for all aspects of nuclear weapons, energy, proliferation, and waste disposition and has re-established international leadership in nuclear policy and technology.

Energy





# Nuclear Energy Action Plan

## A Technology Leap to Power for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

In July 2002, six National Lab Directors wrote Secretary Abraham urging the DOE to implement a plan to develop nuclear energy and manage nuclear materials. The six Lab Action Plan sets three goals:

- **Goal #1: Reduce air pollution and global climate risk and improve energy security by meeting an increasing fraction of future US and world energy needs through safe and economic nuclear energy solutions.**



Demonstrate hydrogen production in an advanced reactor by 2010-2012

Provide incentives to encourage industry to order a new nuclear power plant by 2008



One pound of nuclear fuel =  
250,000 gallons hydrogen  
equivalent

# Reduce Waste by 90%

- **Goal #2: Achieve a 90% reduction of reactor waste requiring repository disposal by 2050 by significantly reducing the amount of uranium, plutonium, and minor actinides in disposed waste.**



**Construct pilot recycle and waste form facilities by 2010 to reduce waste**



**Construct a fast-spectrum reactor prototype by 2020 for electricity production and nuclear materials management**



# Reduce Proliferation Risk

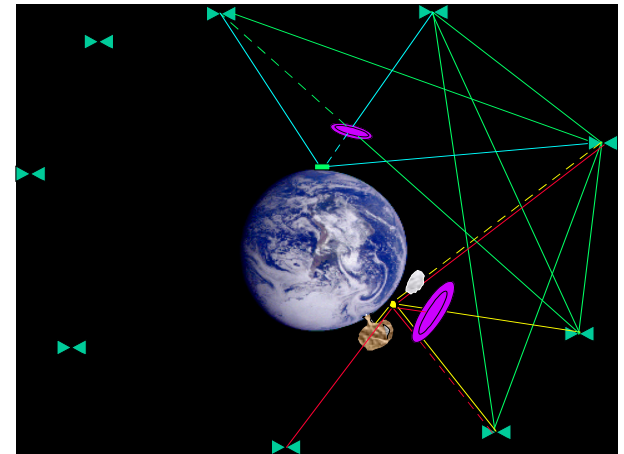
- **Goal #3: While expanding the use of nuclear technology world wide, reduce the threat of nuclear weapons proliferation.**

**Enable cradle-to-grave services through advanced materials management and very efficient exportable reactors**



**Demonstrate nuclear fuel  
recycle in an advanced  
reactor by 2020**

**Demonstrate a global  
nuclear materials  
management system by  
2020**





# National Lab Directors Support a Strong U.S. Nuclear Energy Program

**Enabling A Global Nuclear Future**

Energy is vital to human civilization. It underpins national security, economic prosperity, and global stability.

Accelerating growth in worldwide energy demands, coupled with increasingly stringent environmental constraints, requires significant use of nuclear energy now and well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. To serve humanity, nuclear energy must be safe, proliferation-resistant, economically viable, abundant, clean, and reliable.

Now is the time to implement a comprehensive and integrated plan to further the development and deployment of nuclear energy and the management of nuclear materials that will meet these challenges. This plan will be an essential ingredient in enabling nuclear power to play its appropriate, significant role in the world's energy mix. This vision can be accomplished while at the same time diminishing the risks of nuclear weapons proliferation, nuclear terrorism, or adverse environmental and public health impacts.

A future is possible where the world can achieve global prosperity and stability. Nuclear energy is key to this future; the Department of Energy and its national scientific laboratories stand in a unique position to provide the leadership for implementing this vision.

**Principles**

- At the global level, energy security and national security are strongly linked. Energy supply impacts international relations, the environment, and global prosperity. Advanced nuclear systems can provide energy to significantly mitigate the impact of carbon energy sources on the environment and to enable important industrial processes (e.g., hydrogen production, water desalination).
- An integrated, comprehensive systems approach is essential to a global architecture that incorporates a diversity of reactor designs, fuel cycles, reprocessing, and waste management with appropriate safeguards and proliferation-resistant features.
- Multi-government cooperation and partnerships with industry, national laboratories, and universities are required.
- The US and Russia as the founders of the nuclear era have a special responsibility for nuclear materials management and nonproliferation. Advanced fuel cycle approaches and already separated weapons-capable nuclear materials can be secured and managed to reduce the dangers of nuclear proliferation.

## Senators Craig and Domenici discussed these recommendations with Vice President Cheney





# President Bush Announces New Measures to Counter the Threat of Weapons of Mass Destruction—National Defense Univ., February 11, 2004

- **Key Points:**
  - **Proliferation Security Initiative (Interdiction of Illegal Trade)**
  - **Expand “Nunn-Lugar” to Other Parts of the World**
  - **Cradle-to-Grave Nuclear Supply Concept Implemented Between Receiving and Supplying Nations**
  - **Implement the IAEA’s Additional Protocol**



# Proliferation Resistance & Transparency Through Intelligent Fuel Cycles

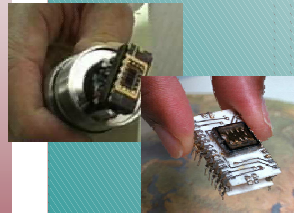
## Proliferation Resistance

- **Advanced Manufacturing through SMART Process Controls**
  - Fuel Fab
  - Reactors
  - Storage – Transport
  - Fast Reactors
  - Reprocessing
  - Repository

## Enabling Technologies



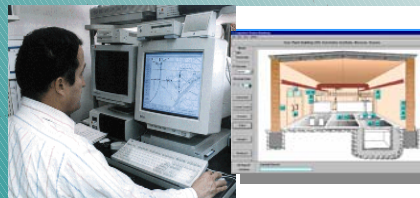
Microsystems and Engineering Sciences Applications



**RMSEL**  
Robotic Manufacturing Science & Engineering Laboratory



Cooperative Monitoring Center



**Systems Analysis and Integration**

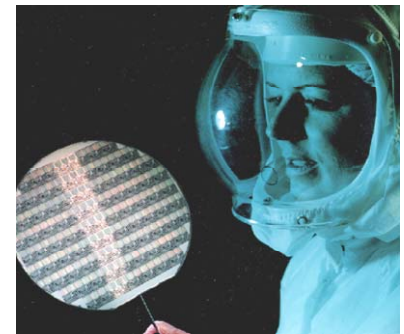
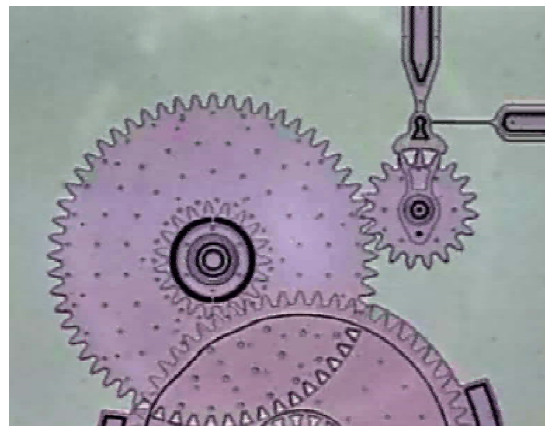
## Transparency

- **Real-Time Interrogation**
  - Redundant Sensors
  - Data Mining
  - Augmented Cognition
  - Knowledge Generation
  - Satellite Communication
  - Etc.



# Enabling Technology: Microsystems and Engineering Sciences Application (MESA) Complex

- The MESA Complex will accelerate the scientific investigation and application of integrated microsystem technologies.
- Integrated microsystems will be used to minimize the number of weapons components and fault points.
- Advanced energy systems can apply the same technology.
- The MESA Complex will be completed in 2008 and will house 648 researchers in 391,000 square feet of space.





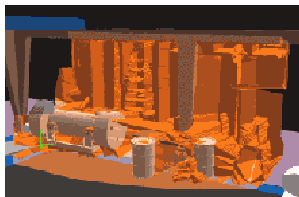
# Enabling Technology: Robotic Manufacturing Science & Engineering Laboratory (RMSEL)

Sandia's Intelligent Systems and Robotics Center designs, develops, & delivers complex micro- to macro-sized automated systems to ensure the national security.

## RMSEL



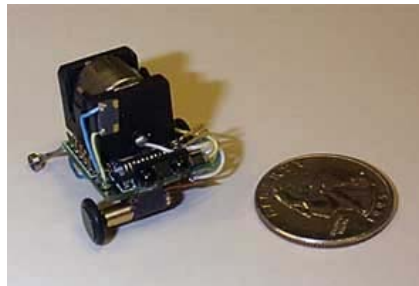
### Large Complex Systems Analysis



### Rapid World Modeling

Solutions for site characterization, automated handling, waste cleanup, and other environmental problems

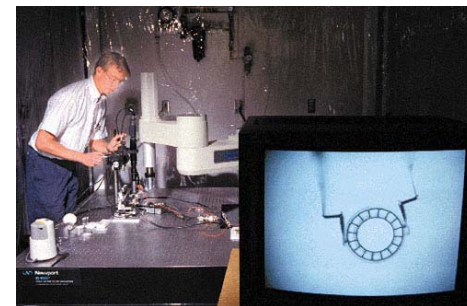
### Collectives/Distributed Systems



### Small Smart Machine

Hazard impact reduction in a variety of dangerous civil and military environments

### TechWorks



### Micro Assembly Laboratory

Technology for designing robotic workcells to assemble MEMS parts into tiny machines for use in weapons components & surveillance devices

### Mechatronics



### Automated Gas Generator Disassembly System (AGGDIS):

Dismantlement of nuclear weapons faster, safer

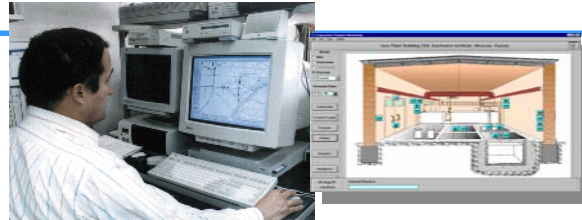
# Enabling Technology: Cooperative Monitoring Center

Technology integration,  
testing, demonstration,  
and operation



Technical collaborations  
and experiments

System analysis, modeling, and simulation  
for design and evaluation



*The CMC Averages 100  
Tours Per Year  
From 121 Countries*



Visiting scholars program,  
research, and analysis

Technology training  
courses and workshops



International business  
infrastructure



# Suggested Action Plan

## 1) Safety

Charter the NRC, in cooperation with the international regulatory and scientific community, to develop standards for licensing a new generation of nuclear power plants.

## 2) Proliferation Control

Work with the IAEA and other countries to implement advanced-technology safeguards and to develop policy regimes against the diversion of materials.

## 3) Waste Management

Investigate and deploy domestic and/or international technologies to reduce the volume and risks associated with fuel and high-level waste destined for Yucca Mountain.

## 4) Investment Economics

Create tax incentives or loan guarantees to ensure short-term, corporate market forces alone don't shape our energy future by defaulting to fossil fuels.



# Effective International Collaboration Is Essential to a Robust Global Nuclear Future

## Global Goal:

- Provide a basis for world peace and prosperity
- Reduce tension over access to finite resources
- Improve developing world health and well being
- International participation in converting “swords to plowshares”
- Proliferation resistance through partnerships and transparency

