

D41. THE DOE'S ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP EFFORTS

DOE's environmental cleanup efforts are reviewed in two recently released reports. *Improving the Environment: An Evaluation of the DOE's Environmental Management Program*, from the National Research Council, examines the scientific, technical, and institutional barriers to achieving cost-effective solutions to waste management problems. The report acknowledges the DOE's positive initiatives to date, and makes recommendations for further improvement. *Barriers to Science: Technical Management of the Department of Energy Environmental Remediation Program*, from a committee of the National Research Council's Board on Radioactive Waste Management, encourages a "fundamental rethinking" of the DOE's environmental management structure in light of a three-year review of buried and tank-contained wastes at various DOE sites undergoing cleanup and remediation.

For more, "The DOE's Environmental Cleanup Efforts are Reviewed," pg.41, Nuclear News, April 1996. For more information, contact Board of Radioactive Waste Management, 202/334-3066.