

Shipment of intermediate-level waste to Australia departs UK

News story

The Pacific Grebe has successfully departed with a return of vitrified intermediate level waste to Australia.



Transport flask leaves the Residue Export Facility at Sellafield in preparation for intermediate level waste returns to Australia

Following successful loading operations, the specialist nuclear vessel Pacific Grebe departed its home port of Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, on 20 January carrying a single flask of vitrified intermediate level waste (ILW) from the Sellafield site in West Cumbria.

The vessel will travel to an Australian port, from where the ILW will be transported to an interim waste store at the Lucas Heights facility.

The shipment is being carried out in full compliance with all UK, Australian and international regulations, and subject to issue of all relevant permits and licences.

Sellafield Ltd and Nuclear Transport Solutions will provide further information on the shipment in due course.

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