

Perspective on Public Opinion

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Public Prefers Permanent Nuclear Fuel Disposal Facility by 3-to-1 Margin

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The American public attaches very high importance to a clear plan of action for high-level radioactive waste from the nation's 103

nuclear power plants. And, the public supports by a 3-to-1 margin the concept of central disposal over leaving the material at these plant sites. These are

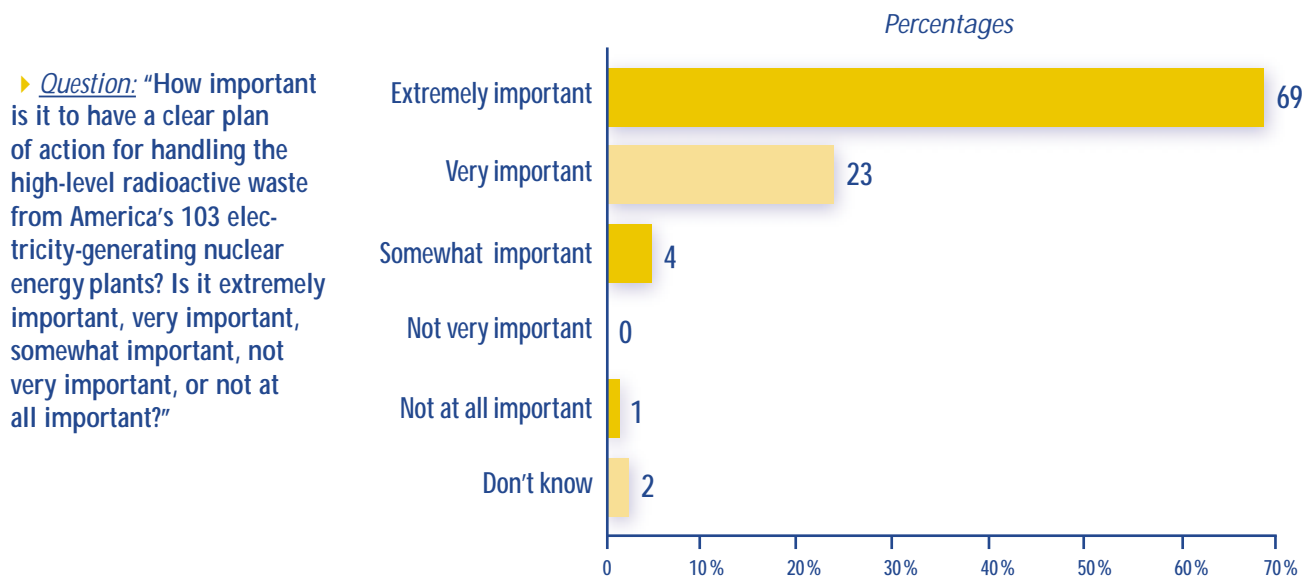
findings of a national public opinion survey May 31 to June 2, 2002, by Bisconti Research with RoperASW.¹

America Wants a Clear Nuclear Waste Disposal Plan

Almost all Americans (92 percent) believe it is extremely or very important to have a clear plan of action for handling

the high-level radioactive waste from nuclear power plants. Sixty-nine percent believe a clear plan is extremely important.

Importance of Having a Clear Plan of Action for Handling High-Level Radioactive Waste



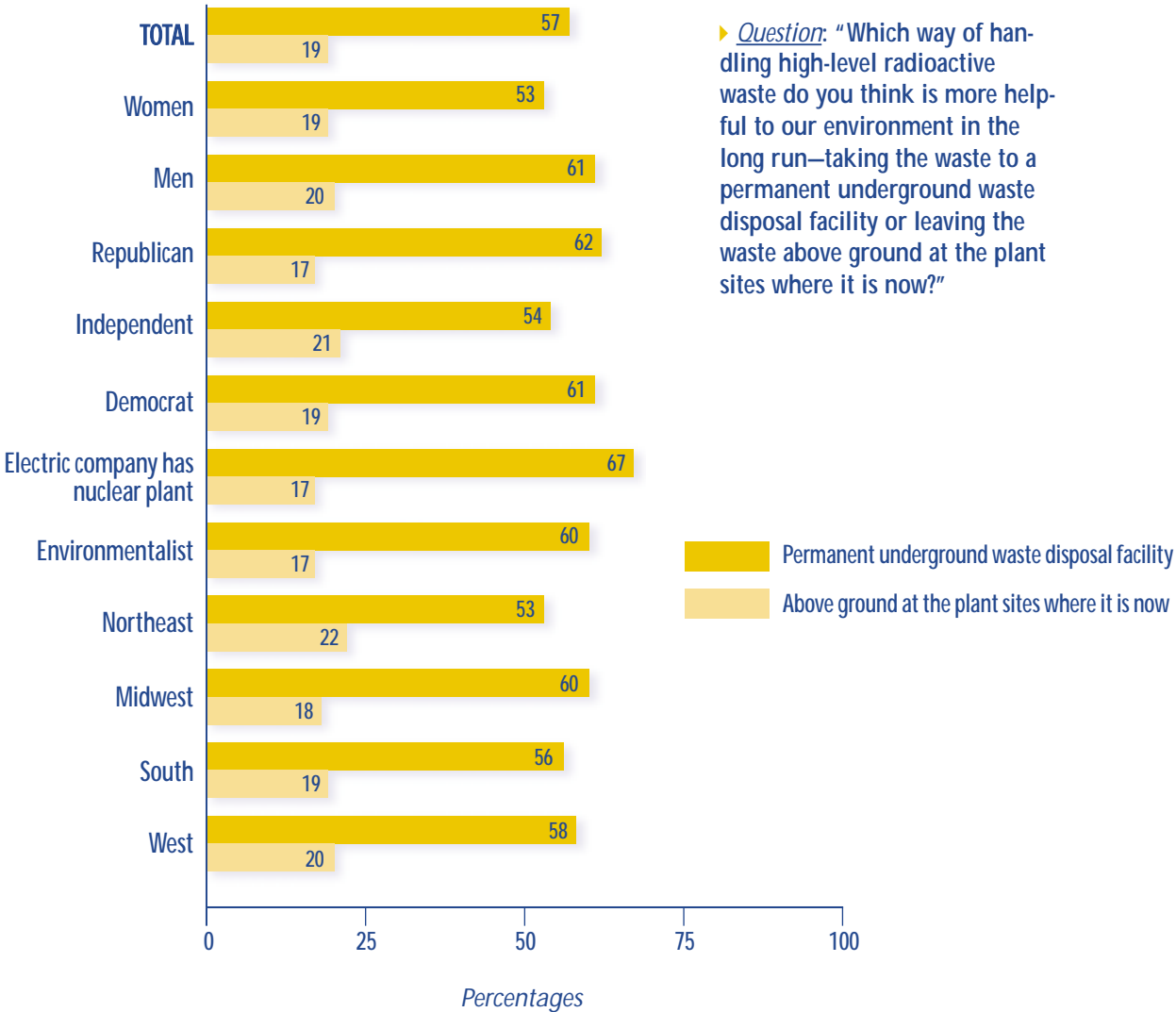
¹Telephone interviews were conducted May 31-June 2, 2002 with a nationally representative sample of 1,000 U.S. adults. The margin of error is plus or minus three percentage points. The survey was by Bisconti Research, Inc. with RoperASW. The full questionnaire and answers can be accessed at www.nei.org.

Centralizing Nuclear Waste Helpful To Our Environment

The predominant view of the public—in virtually every demographic group—is that taking high-level radioactive waste to a permanent underground disposal facility is more helpful to

the environment than leaving the waste above ground at the nuclear power plant sites where it is now. One-fourth of the public is uncertain.

Public Thinks Permanent Nuclear Waste Disposal Facility Is More Helpful to Our Environment



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