

## **No nuclear waste storage facility for Ukraine – Lytvyn**

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Ukraine will not build any storage facilities for spent nuclear fuel, not even for its own needs, the speaker of the Ukrainian parliament said Saturday.

"There will not be a single nuclear waste site," Volodymyr Lytvyn said.

Lytvyn said it was inappropriate to talk about any benefits from building such a facility in Ukraine which was still suffering from the effects of the Chernobyl nuclear accident.

In December 2005, Ukraine's National Nuclear Power Generating Company Energoatom and Holtec International, a U.S. corporation involved in some nuclear waste disposal projects in Ukraine, signed a contract for the construction of a dry nuclear waste storage facility in Ukraine. Energoatom spends \$40-80 million a year to send spent nuclear fuel to Russia.

Its own waste storage facility would enable the country to save an estimated \$1 billion on the operation.