

## **Nuclear agency to spend \$520 million on cleaning up old sites**

*That's what happens if you leave these jobs all to be done at once.*

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The federal government says it will spend \$520 million over five years to deal with radioactive waste at nuclear facilities managed by Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.

The corporation says some buildings dating to the 1940s will be dismantled and new facilities built to process and store radioactive wastes.

The plan does not deal with spent fuel from Candu reactors, which is managed by a different agency.

AECL's facilities include the Nuclear Laboratories at Chalk River, Ont., the Whiteshell Laboratories at Pinawa, Man., and three prototype reactors in Quebec and Ontario.

Some of the waste was generated before the formation of AECL and other material comes from universities, medical facilities and industry.

It is estimated that AECL's bill for decommissioning old facilities and handling radioactive wastes over the next 70 years will total \$2.7 billion.