



## Fact sheet: Interim storage

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Interim storage facility for radioactive waste at Würenlingen. Source: ZWILAG

**Today in Switzerland, all radioactive waste is kept in interim storage. For the storage of radioactive waste until it can be transferred to a deep geological repository, decentralised facilities are available at the individual nuclear power plants, and there are also two central interim storage facilities (ZWILAG and the facility operated by the federal State - Swiss Confederation). The ZWILAG interim storage facility was established by the nuclear power plant operators and can accept all categories of radioactive waste.**

**High-level waste** is kept in secure halls at nuclear power plants or in the ZWILAG central interim storage facility.



Fuel elements are also kept in interim storage at nuclear power plants (photo: underwater storage facility at Gösgen nuclear power plant). Source: Nuclear power plant Gösgen

**Low and intermediate level waste** from nuclear power plants is also kept at the ZWILAG interim storage facility. The capacity at the ZWILAG and various storage facilities at the nuclear power plants is sufficient for the waste from the existing nuclear power plants.

**Low and intermediate level radioactive waste from the healthcare sector, industry and research** is kept at the facility operated by the Swiss Confederation.