Purpose
This policy provides a framework for managing ANSTO's radioactive waste.

Policy
ANSTO will manage its radioactive waste in a manner that protects human health and the environment, both now and in the future by:

- complying with all relevant legislative and regulatory requirements, in particular, ensuring that all discharges are within authorised limits;
- ensuring that radiation exposures will be kept as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA), taking into account economic and social factors;
- disposing of wastes where appropriate options are available;
- operating in accord with international best practice.

Implementation
This policy will be supported by:

- documentation which:
  - is in accordance with Commonwealth legislation, regulations and policies,
  - takes account of NSW regulations on health, safety and the environment,
  - is consistent with ANSTO's Health, Safety and Environment Policy;
- training to ensure staff understand and implement this Radioactive Waste Management Policy.

Commitment
ANSTO is committed to:

- providing verifiable evidence of the fulfilment of this policy, through a program of monitoring and audit
- on-going review of this policy and its implementation.

The objectives of this commitment are:

- safe treatment and storage of radioactive wastes, taking into account the need to minimise dose uptake to operators with consideration of economic factors,
- minimisation of radioactive waste generated and stored,
- maintenance of inventories of waste from source to disposal, and
- broad public understanding of ANSTO policy and practices.

Responsibility and Authority

- All staff are responsible for undertaking their duties in compliance with this policy and within the framework of ANSTO's management system.
- Senior Managers have the responsibility and authority to implement this policy and monitor its implementation in the activities of their areas of responsibility.
- The General Manager, Safety & Radiation Services is responsible for providing systems, processes, management development, advice, expertise and support to ensure that line managers have the resources and skills to enable the implementation of ANSTO radioactive waste management principles.
- Responsibility for the achievement of this policy rests with the Executive Director, Senior Managers and all staff.