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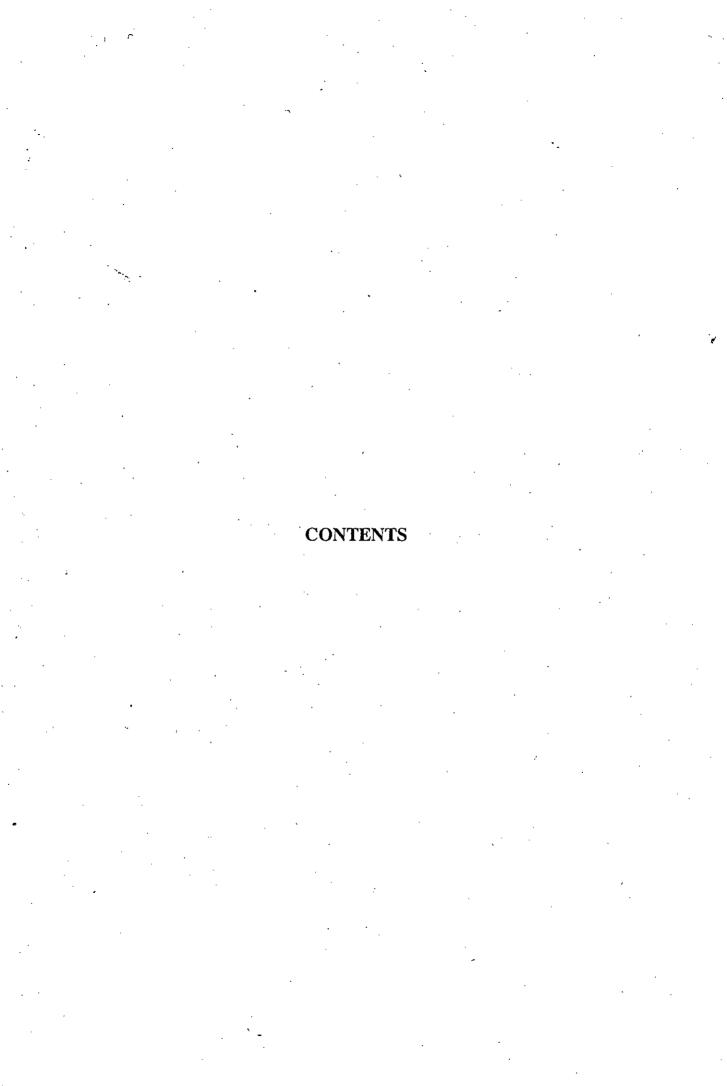
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## CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

#### INTRODUCTION

The demand for energy is continually growing, both in the developed and the developing countries. Traditional sources of energy such as oil and gas will probably be exhausted within a few decades. The new sources, nuclear energy, is the most significant single reliable source available for closing the energy gap.

One of the major issues associated with nuclear power is the long term management of radioactive waste for the protection of man. Radioactive materials that are no longer useful to man become wastes that must be kept isolated from the human environment as long as potentially harmful levels of radioactivity exist. The radioactivity and thus the radiotoxicity of these wastes decay to lower levels with time, at rates depending upon the half-lives of the sepicific radionuclides and their daughter products. For most radionuclides of importance waste disposal, the half-lives vary from about one year to thousands of years or more. Thus radiation protection of man is needed for long time period, to limit radionuclide release into the human environment to levels that are compatible with requirements of radiation protection.

There are many categories of waste <sup>(1)</sup>, these may be defined by the concentration, the radioactivity and radiotoxicity levels, the physical form and the half-lives of the radionuclides involved. These wastes may have to be immobilized and packaged in different