



For more than 40 years CASTOR[®] casks by GNS have been a reliable solution for the safe transport and storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High Level Waste from reprocessing. Today more than 1450 CASTOR[®] casks are in operation worldwide.

CASTOR[®] geo is the newly developed modular system featuring different cask dimensions and basket designs. Based on well-proven components and state-of-the-art processes this system easily meets the individual requirements of customers worldwide for storage and transport of both PWR- and BWR-fuel assemblies.

CHARACTERISTICS

CASTOR[®] geo casks are able to accommodate up to 37 PWR-FA or 69 BWR-FA respectively with a maximum initial enrichment of approx. 5 wt-% ²³⁵U, up to 74 GWd/MTU average burn-up and more than 40 kW heat load. Options for the dry storage of MOX fuel are also available.

The cask weight in handling configuration is optimized in accordance with internationally established crane capacities and can be further customized to individual needs. A high degree of standardization allows for savings for instance related to handling equipment and training measures as well as licensing procedures.

DESCRIPTION

A monolithic cask body [6] made of ductile cast iron with machined cooling fins to improve the heat removal and deep-drilled bore holes filled with polyethylene as neutron moderator [5].

A bolted double lid system – the primary lid [2] and the secondary lid [1] – with metal seals and a permanent pressure monitoring of the interspace for proof of leak tightness.

Trunnions (2/4 at lid- and bottom-end) for handling and lifting [3, 7].

The high capacity basket inside the cask cavity accommodates the fuel assemblies and supports heat dissipation and subcriticality [4].

The cask cavity is dried and filled with helium.