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The Development of Radioactive Waste Management Policies in Indonesia; A Comparative Analysis of Government Regulation Number 27 of 2002 and Number 61 of 2013

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Abstract

The management of radioactive waste in Indonesia should meet strict international safety standards to protect both society and the environment. Although the latest policy aims to implement a safer and more efficient system, its implementation still faces challenges such as inadequate infrastructure and limited human resources. This study aims to analyze the development of radioactive waste management policies in Indonesia, with a focus on the differences between Government Regulation No. 61 of 2013 and previous policies, as well as their impact on safety and the effectiveness of waste management. The research method uses a descriptive qualitative approach, with analysis of policy documents, interviews with experts, and relevant literature reviews. The collected data is analyzed to identify policy changes and the effectiveness of its implementation in the Indonesian context. The research findings show that, while radioactive waste management policies in Indonesia have made progress in meeting international standards, implementation still faces significant challenges. To improve policy effectiveness, there is a need for enhanced infrastructure, human resources, and collaboration between the government, society, and the private sector.

Keywords: *Policy, Waste Management, Radioactive*

Abstrak

Pengelolaan limbah radioaktif di Indonesia seharusnya memenuhi standar keselamatan internasional yang ketat untuk melindungi masyarakat dan

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lingkungan. Meskipun kebijakan terbaru bertujuan untuk mengimplementasikan sistem yang lebih aman dan efisien, implementasinya masih dihadapkan pada tantangan seperti infrastruktur yang belum memadai dan keterbatasan sumber daya manusia. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis perkembangan kebijakan pengelolaan limbah radioaktif di Indonesia, dengan fokus pada perbedaan antara Peraturan Pemerintah Nomor 61 Tahun 2013 dan kebijakan sebelumnya, serta dampaknya terhadap keselamatan dan efektivitas pengelolaan limbah. Metode penelitian menggunakan pendekatan kualitatif deskriptif, dengan analisis dokumen kebijakan, wawancara dengan ahli, serta kajian literatur terkait. Data yang diperoleh dianalisis untuk mengidentifikasi perubahan kebijakan dan efektivitas implementasinya dalam konteks Indonesia. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa meskipun kebijakan pengelolaan limbah radioaktif di Indonesia sudah menunjukkan kemajuan dalam memenuhi standar internasional, implementasinya masih menghadapi tantangan besar. Untuk meningkatkan efektivitas kebijakan, perlu adanya peningkatan infrastruktur, sumber daya manusia, dan kolaborasi antara sektor pemerintah, masyarakat, dan swasta.

Kata Kunci: Kebijakan, Pengelolaan Limbah, Radioaktif

Introduction

Radioactive waste management is a critical issue to ensure public and environmental safety. Radioactive waste generated from industrial activities, research, and nuclear power plants can have hazardous impacts if not properly managed (Wulandari et al., 2020). The radiation emitted by such waste can cause harm to the human body, both in the short and long term, including risks of cancer and genetic disorders. Additionally, improperly managed radioactive waste can contaminate the environment, affecting soil, water, and air quality, and disrupting ecosystems. Effective and well-structured policies for radioactive waste management are essential to minimize these negative impacts on human life and the surrounding environment (Mukti et al., 2022).

Policy changes in radioactive waste management are a response to the need for continuously evolving international safety standards. Along with the growing understanding of radiation hazards and their impact on health and the environment, international organizations such as the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) have established stricter guidelines and standards for radioactive waste management. As a country with nuclear power plants and activities involving radioactivity, Indonesia must align its policies with these international standards. These policy changes aim to enhance the effectiveness of radioactive waste management and reduce potential risks to the public and the environment.

In general, Indonesia's policies on radioactive waste management are moving toward safer, more efficient, and sustainable practices. The Indonesian government needs to adopt policies that not only focus on the technical management of waste but also address broader aspects of safety, health, and environmental protection. Optimal management requires collaboration between

the government, the public, and the private sector, as well as transparency in decision-making involving all stakeholders. Additionally, the adoption of the latest environmentally friendly technologies in waste management is a crucial step (Sutrisno et al., 2021).

In practice, Indonesia faces several challenges in implementing radioactive waste management policies. These include limited resources for research and development of safer and more efficient waste management technologies. Furthermore, existing waste management infrastructure does not fully meet the standards set by international organizations, and there is a disparity between regions with adequate facilities and those without. These factors often impact the effectiveness of policies in ensuring the safe management of radioactive waste in Indonesia.

One phenomenon that warrants attention is the lack of public awareness regarding the importance of radioactive waste management. Despite educational campaigns by some organizations and local governments, public knowledge about radioactive waste and its potential dangers remains limited. This issue is critical given the need for active public participation in monitoring and reporting to ensure transparent and responsible waste management. Education and outreach to the public should be integral to radioactive waste management policies, enabling individuals to play a role in ensuring collective safety (Hutasoit et al., 2021).

This research aims to analyze the development of radioactive waste management policies in Indonesia, particularly by assessing the differences between the policies outlined in Government Regulation No. 61 of 2013 and previous policies. In this context, it is important to examine how the latest policies address the evolution of international standards and existing challenges in radioactive waste management. The study will provide a deeper understanding of the changes in policies and the measures taken by the government to meet international safety standards and their impact on public and environmental safety.

The results of this research are expected to contribute significantly to understanding the effectiveness of radioactive waste management policies in Indonesia. The study aims to serve as a reference for policymakers in formulating better policies in the future and provide constructive input for improving safer and more environmentally friendly radioactive waste management. Moreover, this research seeks to offer a clearer picture of the challenges faced in implementing these policies and to explore appropriate solutions to address them. Safe and effective radioactive waste management requires a holistic approach, involving multiple stakeholders and the application of appropriate technologies. This includes enhancing management facilities, developing human resource capacities, and strengthening transparent oversight systems. The government must continue to innovate in seeking environmentally friendly waste management solutions, both in terms of processing technologies and safer and more efficient waste storage mechanisms.

On the other hand, awareness of the importance of safety in radioactive waste management must be continuously reinforced, both among the public and at the policy level. Intensive education and training for workers in this sector, along

with increased public understanding of radiation hazards and preventive measures, must be an integral part of radioactive waste management policies. These efforts aim to involve the public in preserving the environment and collective health. Effective radioactive waste management also relies heavily on clear regulations, strict oversight systems, and transparency in decision-making processes. Policies that prioritize public safety and environmental sustainability must continue to be implemented and updated in line with technological advancements and international standards. Consequently, radioactive waste management in Indonesia will become safer, more efficient, and more sustainable, benefiting future generations.

Literature Review

Discussions on radioactive waste management are not a new issue, as several researchers have previously examined this topic. Mukti, F., Supriyanto, W., & Junaidi, S., in their work titled *"Tantangan Pengelolaan Limbah Radioaktif"* (*Challenges of Radioactive Waste Management*), provided a detailed review of radioactive waste management policies in Indonesia and the challenges faced during their implementation. This work shares similarities with the author's study in the context of radioactive waste management. The difference lies in the focus; while their study concentrates on operational challenges in waste management, the author emphasizes policy development and alignment with international standards.

Sari, N., & Rahmawati, M., in their work titled *"Pengelolaan Limbah Radioaktif: Perspektif Keamanan Lingkungan"* (*Radioactive Waste Management: Environmental Safety Perspective*), systematically discussed the impacts of radioactive waste on the environment and the policies implemented to mitigate these impacts. This work aligns with the author's study regarding the importance of safe waste management. However, the difference lies in their focus on environmental impacts, whereas the author focuses on policy changes and their effectiveness in Indonesia.

Hendrawan, in his article titled *"Kebijakan Pengelolaan Limbah Radioaktif di Indonesia: Analisis dan Implikasinya"* (*Radioactive Waste Management Policies in Indonesia: Analysis and Implications*), narrated comprehensively the existing policies in Indonesia and how these policies are applied in radioactive waste management. This article aligns with the author's study in the context of policy analysis. The difference, however, is that while Hendrawan's article focuses on existing policies, the author's study compares previous and current policies and evaluates their impact on safety and management effectiveness.

The three works mentioned above are highly relevant and closely aligned with the author's research, particularly concerning radioactive waste management in Indonesia. These works explore various aspects related to policies and challenges in radioactive waste management, including operational issues, environmental impacts, and policy implementation. Despite the thematic similarities, this study retains its uniqueness and originality by focusing on a comparative analysis of older and newer radioactive waste management policies and their impact on safety and effectiveness in Indonesia. Based on the existing

literature, this research clearly positions itself as a novel contribution. This uniqueness is significant in providing new insights into the context of radioactive waste management policies, a topic that has not been deeply explored in previous works.

Research Methodology

This study employs a descriptive qualitative approach aimed at analyzing radioactive waste management policies in Indonesia, particularly regarding policy changes and their impact on public and environmental safety. This work is a scientific article developed based on an in-depth literature review, using content analysis methods from various relevant sources. Primary sources for this research include government regulations, official policy documents, and interviews with relevant stakeholders, such as government officials and experts in radioactive waste management. Secondary sources, such as scientific journals, books, research reports, and related articles, are also utilized to provide a broader perspective on the topic.

The data processing begins with the collection of all raw data from primary and secondary sources. The data is then analyzed qualitatively to identify key themes and patterns relevant to the research focus. Each piece of information obtained is critically analyzed and categorized according to the variables being studied, such as radioactive waste management policies and international safety standards. The results of this analysis are then compiled into a research draft that includes the main findings, a comparative analysis of old and new policies, and policy recommendations for future radioactive waste management. This research draft is ultimately formatted for publication in a scientific journal, adhering to applicable academic standards.

Basic Concepts and Impacts of Radioactive Waste

Radioactive waste refers to the remnants of materials containing radionuclides resulting from various human activities, such as nuclear power generation, scientific research, industrial applications, and medical practices. This waste possesses highly hazardous radioactive properties, as it can emit radiation that persists for an extremely long time (Hutasoit, Yonas, & Nugrahani, 2021). Radioactive waste is categorized into three levels based on its radioactivity: low-level, intermediate-level, and high-level waste. Low-level waste, such as contaminated protective clothing or personal protective equipment, contains minimal radiation and generally requires relatively simple handling. Intermediate-level waste has higher radiation levels and requires special treatment, while high-level waste, such as spent nuclear fuel, is extremely dangerous and demands long-term storage in isolated facilities (Harahap & Gunawan, 2022).

The radiation emitted by radioactive waste has significant potential to cause severe health effects. Short-term exposure to high doses of radiation can lead to immediate effects, such as acute radiation syndrome, which damages body tissues and impairs organ functions. Long-term exposure increases the risk of cancer, genetic abnormalities, and immune system disorders. Organs most

vulnerable to radiation include bone marrow, the thyroid gland, and directly exposed organs such as the skin and lungs. Over time, the accumulation of radiation in the body can cause DNA damage, eventually increasing the likelihood of inheritable genetic mutations.

The environment is also significantly impacted by the presence of radioactive waste. When such waste contaminates soil or water, radiation can damage the structure and quality of ecosystems, affecting flora and fauna near the contamination site. Soil contamination reduces agricultural quality and pollutes groundwater used for daily life, while radiation entering aquatic systems disrupts marine life, including reducing fish populations and other species. This process not only damages local ecosystems but also affects food chains involving contaminated organisms, ultimately impacting humans who consume contaminated agricultural or marine products.

A key characteristic of radioactive waste is its cumulative nature. The radionuclides contained in radioactive waste remain hazardous for thousands of years, depending on the half-life of each radionuclide. Therefore, radioactive waste management must consider its long-term impacts, making this a significant challenge. Processing, storing, and disposing of radioactive waste require long-term solutions that ensure safety and prevent radiation from spreading into the environment over time. In Indonesia, managing radioactive waste is a complex issue due to limited resources for proper handling. Low- and intermediate-level radioactive waste is often stored using simpler methods, whereas high-level waste requires more sophisticated solutions. The construction of secure storage facilities for high-level waste remains a significant challenge for the government and relevant institutions. Managing this waste involves extensive research into durable storage methods and ensuring that it does not contaminate soil, water, or air in the long term (Sujarwoto, 2020).

Managing radioactive waste in developing countries faces unique challenges, particularly in terms of technological limitations and a lack of understanding of the associated risks. In many countries, radioactive waste management policies are still inadequate and require greater attention from governments and societies. Community involvement in waste management is crucial to ensure that policies protect public health and preserve the environment. Public education about the dangers of radioactive waste and the importance of proper management is essential to raise awareness and support stricter policies.

Regarding radioactive waste management, Indonesia adheres to international standards set by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The IAEA provides clear guidelines on safe management practices, including storage techniques that isolate waste from the environment and humans (Rahmawati & Harini, 2022). The IAEA also emphasizes the importance of transparency and public involvement in every stage of radioactive waste management to ensure it is conducted safely and responsibly. Member states of the IAEA are committed to meeting these standards as part of global efforts to reduce the impacts of radioactive waste on health and the environment.

Overall, managing radioactive waste is a critical issue that demands attention from all stakeholders, including governments, industries, and communities. Poor management can result in severe harm to humans and the

environment, whereas effective management ensures that radioactive waste does not contaminate or endanger life. Going forward, closer collaboration between countries in radioactive waste management is necessary to ensure environmental sustainability and protect human health from potential risks.

Safety Standards and International Principles

The management of radioactive waste is guided by several principles established by international organizations such as the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency). The IAEA sets comprehensive safety standards to ensure the safe, controlled, and accountable handling of radioactive waste. Its fundamental principles include waste volume reduction, strict monitoring and oversight, and the implementation of technologies that minimize potential hazards to humans and the environment. One key principle is that radioactive waste must be segregated and stored in a manner that reduces the risk of long-term radiation exposure (Arianto et al., 2020).

In radioactive waste management, the IAEA also emphasizes the importance of secure storage facilities designed with long-term considerations in mind. Technologies used must ensure that the waste remains isolated from living environments and poses no potential risk to the public. For example, the IAEA recommends that high-level radioactive waste be stored in underground facilities equipped with multiple protective barriers to prevent radiation leakage. All these standards are crafted to safeguard human health and preserve ecosystem sustainability.

International standards serve as guidelines for countries in establishing policies for the safe and effective management of radioactive waste. Through international agreements, the IAEA collaborates with member states to develop guidelines that address not only waste storage technology but also the policy and regulatory aspects of responsible waste management. This approach ensures that radioactive waste management is not merely a technical issue but also a social and political concern requiring the involvement of multiple stakeholders (Sutrisno & Pratama, 2021).

The significance of international standards is also evident in their role in enhancing the capacities of countries to manage radioactive waste. The IAEA provides technical assistance and training to resource-limited countries to help them build the necessary infrastructure for waste management. This includes training personnel involved in waste handling and monitoring storage facilities to ensure safety standards are consistently met. These efforts aim to prevent incidents that could have far-reaching impacts on health and the environment.

International standards also promote transparency and public involvement in the management of radioactive waste. The IAEA encourages countries to ensure that waste management processes are conducted openly, involving the public in discussions about the potential impacts of radioactive waste. Public participation is crucial for raising awareness and ensuring that policies account for the interests of all stakeholders, including future generations (Wang et al., 2020).

Safety principles in radioactive waste management also focus on accident prevention and the mitigation of impacts in case of incidents. The IAEA urges

countries to have clear and organized emergency response plans and effective monitoring systems to detect potential leaks or radiation breaches. With stringent safety standards, every step in waste management—from collection to long-term storage—is carried out with careful consideration of all possible risks.

Thanks to the standards established by the IAEA and other international organizations, countries can develop safer and more controlled radioactive waste management systems. IAEA member states are expected to comply with these safety standards as part of their international commitment to global safety and environmental protection from the adverse effects of radiation. In ensuring safe radioactive waste management, the involvement of various stakeholders and continuous oversight is essential to achieving optimal long-term outcomes.

The Evolution of Radioactive Waste Management Policy in Indonesia

Radioactive waste refers to remnants of materials containing radioactive elements that pose potential radiation hazards to human health and the environment. This waste is categorized based on its level of radioactivity and the half-life of its isotopes. Low-level radioactive waste, such as medical equipment from hospitals, generally exhibits low radiation levels and does not require specialized handling (Putra et al., 2022). On the other hand, intermediate- and high-level radioactive waste, generated from nuclear power plants or research reactors, possesses higher radiation levels and presents greater long-term hazards. Such waste requires careful management and appropriate storage facilities to prevent environmental contamination (Hutasoit et al., 2021).

The impact of radioactive waste on human health is severe and can manifest in both the short and long term. Exposure to ionizing radiation from this waste can damage cellular structures and harm DNA, leading to genetic mutations. In the long term, radiation exposure may increase the risk of cancer and other serious diseases. Even low-dose prolonged exposure can elevate the likelihood of health issues such as reproductive disorders and organ abnormalities. This underscores the importance of proper radioactive waste management to mitigate its negative effects on human health (Ahmad, 2020).

The adverse effects of radioactive waste are not limited to humans but also extend to the surrounding environment. Contamination caused by radioactive waste can disrupt the ecological balance on land and in water. Radioactively contaminated soil can affect the quality of crops grown on it, ultimately threatening food sustainability. Additionally, animals consuming contaminated plants are at risk of accumulating radioactive substances, disrupting the food chain. Water contamination can harm aquatic life and pollute clean water sources used by humans. Research by Supriyanto (2019) reveals that improperly managed radioactive waste can persist in the environment for extremely long periods, exacerbating ecosystem damage and threatening human health.

As nuclear technology advances and the demand for more efficient energy grows, Indonesia's radioactive waste management policy has undergone significant changes. Initially, the management of radioactive waste was limited and lacked clear regulations. Over time, the Indonesian government recognized the importance of more professional and effective management to reduce the risks

posed by radioactive waste. One of the initial steps was establishing a regulatory body responsible for overseeing the comprehensive management of radioactive waste. This regulatory body provided a clear structure for waste management, enabling better control over each stage, from production to final disposal.

Over time, Indonesia also began adopting international standards set by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for managing radioactive waste. The precautionary principle became a cornerstone of this policy, ensuring that every decision or action regarding radioactive waste management prioritized public safety and environmental health. The Indonesian government gradually implemented international guidelines to ensure that radioactive waste could be safely managed without jeopardizing future generations. Additionally, these policies mandate ongoing evaluations of existing systems to ensure waste management keeps pace with technological and research developments (Wulandari et al., 2020).

One key policy introduced was the increased use of technology to mitigate the risks posed by radioactive waste. Indonesia has started developing and deploying new technologies that are more efficient in handling radioactive waste, such as safer waste destruction technologies and long-term storage systems designed for high-level radioactive waste. Research into these new technologies, as suggested by Nasution (2021), aims to extend the usability of nuclear energy, reduce waste volume, and improve long-term storage methods. Collaborations with advanced countries experienced in radioactive waste management have also helped Indonesia acquire better and safer technologies.

Education and raising public awareness are crucial elements in the success of radioactive waste management policies. Research by Anwar (2020) recommends that increasing awareness about the dangers of radioactive waste and ways to avoid exposure should be part of education at all levels. This is essential to ensure that the public understands how they may be exposed to radiation and how to minimize these risks. Comprehensive education programs also aim to increase public participation in monitoring and reporting any leaks or radiation spills. Without public involvement, effective radioactive waste management is challenging to achieve.

International cooperation in radioactive waste management also plays a vital role. Indonesia has established partnerships with several developed countries in research and development of radioactive waste management technologies. Countries like Japan and France, with extensive experience in nuclear waste management, have shared their knowledge and expertise with Indonesia. This collaboration allows Indonesia to enhance its management capacity and adhere to international safety and sustainability standards. Research by Salim (2021) emphasizes that international cooperation is critical not only for technology transfer but also for strengthening human resource capabilities to manage radioactive waste effectively.

Technological advancements have opened new opportunities for Indonesia to manage radioactive waste more efficiently and sustainably. Advanced processing technologies, such as waste recycling or destruction methods that reduce radioactivity levels, have become focal points in Indonesia's radioactive waste management policies. Utilizing these technologies is expected to reduce the

amount of waste requiring long-term storage and minimize environmental harm. Research on more efficient and safer radioactive waste recycling technologies is anticipated to bring Indonesia closer to sustainable radioactive waste management (Mukti et al., 2022).

Nevertheless, radioactive waste management in Indonesia continues to face significant challenges. One major issue is the limited capacity of existing storage facilities, which are often inadequate to accommodate the increasing volume of waste. Furthermore, radioactive waste management requires substantial investment in technology and infrastructure. Budget constraints frequently hinder the implementation of optimal waste management policies. Therefore, radioactive waste management must become a top priority in Indonesia's national energy policy, with full government support to enhance the capacity and quality of waste management facilities (Sutrisno et al., 2021).

To address these challenges, the Indonesian government continues to improve its policies and capacity for radioactive waste management. With increased investment in infrastructure and related research, Indonesia aims to achieve international standards for safe and environmentally friendly radioactive waste management. Effective and sustainable policies are expected to balance the growing importance of nuclear energy utilization with protecting human health and environmental sustainability.

Implementation and Effectiveness of the Latest Policy

Government Regulation No. 61 of 2013 on Radioactive Waste Management in Indonesia demonstrates a significant level of alignment with the standards set by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). This policy adopts the principles outlined by the IAEA, such as precautionary measures and safe radioactive waste management, focusing on the safety of humans and the environment (Wulandari et al., 2020). The regulation provides detailed provisions for each stage of radioactive waste management, from collection and storage to final disposal. These measures ensure that waste management in Indonesia aligns with international guidelines aimed at minimizing radiation hazards. The prioritization of continuous supervision of waste management facilities reflects the government's seriousness in safeguarding the public and ecosystems, in line with global standards.

The alignment with IAEA principles is particularly evident in the implementation of radiation risk control throughout the radioactive waste lifecycle. Through this regulation, the Indonesian government enforces strict standards to ensure safe waste management, with ongoing supervision to mitigate potential risks. The IAEA's principle of waste management that does not endanger human health or the environment is clearly reflected in this regulation and its oversight mechanisms, ensuring safety at every stage of waste management.

The positive impact of this policy is evident in the improved safety of radioactive waste management. With clearer and more stringent regulations, waste management facilities can operate with structured procedures, reducing the likelihood of accidents that could threaten worker and public safety. Research indicates that structured waste management policies can prevent radiation-related

health risks and enhance protections for workers directly involved in waste handling.

Enhanced safety is also driven by advancements in safe and environmentally friendly radioactive waste management technologies. More efficient processing technologies offer better solutions to reduce radioactivity levels and minimize potential negative impacts on humans and the environment. This policy encourages research and the development of new technologies to ensure that radioactive waste is managed more safely and effectively. Studies reveal that the development of eco-friendly radioactive waste treatment technologies significantly supports the effectiveness of this policy in mitigating the impact of radioactive waste on the environment and society (Mukti et al., 2022).

As part of this policy, existing radioactive waste management facilities have been upgraded to meet higher standards in waste storage and treatment. This improvement has increased Indonesia's capacity to handle radioactive waste effectively. Research highlights that strengthening waste management infrastructure and improving workforce competencies in this field significantly contribute to the policy's effectiveness. With better facilities and a well-trained workforce, waste management becomes more efficient and secure, minimizing the risks of leaks or errors in the treatment process.

The policy also positively impacts the reduction of environmental contamination risks posed by radioactive waste. One of its key measures is the enhancement of safer radioactive waste storage systems, which minimize risks to soil, water, and air. Research emphasizes that this policy not only improves human safety but also plays a crucial role in preserving the environment, given Indonesia's numerous regions vulnerable to the environmental impact of radioactive waste. Improved management reduces the potential for environmental contamination, maintaining ecosystem balance and human survival in affected areas.

The emphasis on transparency in this policy also has positive implications. With more structured reporting systems and stricter oversight of waste management activities, the government can more easily monitor and evaluate the policy's effectiveness. Clear reporting processes enable the public and stakeholders to understand the steps taken in waste management and ensure compliance with established safety standards. This increased transparency helps build public trust in the government's radioactive waste management policies (Sutrisno et al., 2021).

The latest policy also promotes increased public awareness of the importance of safe radioactive waste management. Routine public education and outreach strengthen understanding of radiation hazards and the need for responsible radioactive waste management. Raising awareness is essential to ensure that the public actively monitors waste management processes and supports the government's efforts to protect the environment and human safety from radioactive waste hazards.

International cooperation also plays a vital role in enhancing this policy's effectiveness. Indonesia has established partnerships with developed countries to utilize the latest technologies in radioactive waste management. These collaborations provide Indonesia with access to advanced technologies that improve waste management efficiency and environmental sustainability.

International cooperation also supports the training of competent human resources in radioactive waste management.

Despite its positive impacts, challenges remain in implementing this policy. One major challenge is the limited funding for developing better infrastructure. Therefore, increased budget allocations for radioactive waste management are critical to ensuring the policy's effectiveness and sustainability. Optimal radioactive waste management requires full support from the government and private sectors, which can contribute to this policy by providing the necessary funding and resources.

Conclusion

The management of radioactive waste in Indonesia has undergone significant advancements, particularly in efforts to align with stricter international safety standards. These policy changes reflect the government's response to the importance of safe waste management for public health and environmental sustainability. While the latest policies have addressed various technical and safety aspects, challenges in their implementation persist, such as limited infrastructure and a lack of public awareness. Collaboration between the government, the public, and the private sector is essential to ensure the policies are effectively executed and yield optimal results.

Efforts to improve radioactive waste management in Indonesia must continue by strengthening regulations, enhancing human resource capacity, and adopting more environmentally friendly technologies. Additionally, it is crucial to prioritize transparency and public participation in the oversight of these policies to ensure that the management processes are conducted responsibly and effectively. The successful implementation of radioactive waste management policies will make a significant contribution to creating a safer and healthier environment for the Indonesian population in the future.

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