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What Happens to Nuclear Waste, and Why Can't We Throw It Away?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. "I'd say it's like invisible poison that can hurt people if we don't store it safely."
2. "Yes, because it gives us clean power, but only if we manage the waste carefully."
3. "I would invent a way to break down the waste into something safe."
4. "They should think about safety, the environment, and how long the waste will last."