15,000 PROTEST NUCLEAR WASTE IN GERMANY

Nearly 15,000 people protest nuclear waste transport to storage site in Germany

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BERLIN (AP) _ Almost 15,000 anti-nuclear demonstrators protested Saturday against a shipment of reprocessed nuclear waste being transported to a storage site in northern Germany, police said.

German police were working to free three demonstrators who had chained themselves to railway tracks near the western city of Woerth, preventing the shipment from crossing from France into Germany.

Some 300 farmers used tractors to block the main road to the storage site in the town of Goerleben, where another 14,500 people protested, local police said.

Spent fuel from Germany's nuclear power plants is sent each year to France and Britain for reprocessing and then is returned to the Goerleben site - a traditional focus of anti-nuclear protests.