

Proposal on Clearance System Becomes Final

On December 13, the 14th meeting was held of the working committee on waste safety, which falls under the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee for Natural Resources and Energy. At the meeting, a final report on establishing a nuclear clearance level was approved.

A draft of the report was originally issued last September. At that time, the Special Committee on Radioactive Waste Disposal Safety and Decommissioning Safety of the Nuclear Safety Commission (NSC) was reevaluating clearance levels, in light of IAEA's Safety Guide (RS-G-1.7) of August 2004, and the report was to be finalized thereafter. The special committee issued a report last December 9 on the reevaluation, in which it concluded that it was appropriate to adopt the safety guide values from the point of view of international conformity, even though the reevaluated domestic clearance levels were not significantly different from those of the safety guide. Based on that conclusion, the working committee modified the report and finalized it.

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