

## **JNFL Announces New Schedule for Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant**

**On November 18, Japan Nuclear Fuel Ltd. (JNFL) announced a revised schedule for the commencement of operations at its Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant. Originally, the schedule had called for operations to begin in May 2007, but that has been pushed back two months to July 2007.**

Owing to the impact of the modification work being done on the vitrified package storage facilities, which began in October, the final stage of the uranium testing – general confirmation testing – which was scheduled to begin in December 2005, will not be finished until January 2006. (See the October 18 article entitled “JNFL Begins Modification of Vitrified Package Storage Facilities.”)

For that reason, JNFL moved back the commencement of active testing, which requires some 17 months, by one month, from January to February 2006. Simultaneously, it postponed the completion date of the reprocessing facilities from the original May 2007 to July 2007, as mentioned above.

JNFL is now making a close examination of the financial impact that the postponement of the construction schedule will have on construction costs.

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