

## **JAEA Prepares Report on Possible Troubles during Monju's Upgrade**

On November 25, the Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA) published a report describing in detail the possible cases of accidents or troubles that may occur during the upgrading work being done on the fast breeder reactor (FBR) Monju, as well as the responses to be made to each. The report serves as a proposal on ways to ensure Monju's safety.

The report represents the first part of a comprehensive case study of around 120 accidents and incidences of trouble, the publication of which is slated for the end of the financial year (i.e., March 31, 2006). The purpose of the recent report is to give local residents and related parties a broad awareness of what accidents and troubles may occur in the refurbishing and operation of Monju, as well as what would happen in case they do occur. In the event of such an incident actually occurring, indications have been given as to the extent of the trouble and the particular responses to be made.

Specifically speaking, the report outlines a general description and plan of the refurbishing work to take place, along with safety-assurance efforts. It also presents a description showing the site publicly. Beyond that, it lists specific examples of what might happen during the work, including: (1) incidents during the work to upgrade the sodium piping, (2) the possibility of fires, (3) possible injuries to workers on the site, and (4) other examples during the refurbishing work and reactor operation.



**JAEA's FBR Monju**

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