

## **Construction of Shimane-3 Officially Commenced**

On December 22, the Chugoku Electric Power Co. received approval, under the Electric Utility Industry Law, from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of its plan to build its Shimane-3 NPS (ABWR, 1,373 MW). The power company considers the date of such permission to be the start of construction; thus, construction of Shimane-3 has been officially launched toward expected commercial operation of the unit in December 2011.

An Application for Permission to Change a Reactor Installation for the Shimane-3 was approved in April 2005, and the company applied for approval of the construction plan in May. Excavation for the foundation of the reactor building is scheduled to start in December 2006. Meanwhile, preparatory work continues.

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