

## **Parties Conclude Agreement with DOE on GNEP**

**On November 21, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI), Japan Nuclear Fuel Ltd. (JNFL) and the French company AREVA jointly concluded an agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on participation in the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP).**

In July, the three companies were selected as possible parties to be part of an agreement on making technical proposals to the project.

In their joint proposal, MHI will be responsible for the Advanced Recycling Reactor (a sodium-cooled loop fast reactor), and AREVA and JNFL will be in charge of the Nuclear Fuel Recycling Center (a reprocessing facility). The Washington Group International, BWX Technologies, Inc., and Battelle Memorial Institute -- all from the United States -- will also participate. MHI will continue to receive assistance from the Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA), the French Commissariat a l'Energie Atomique (CEA), and others.

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