

## **J-Power Receives Permit from METI to Install Reactor at Ohma NPS**

**On April 23, the Electric Power Development Corporation (EPDC, commonly known as “J-Power”), a wholesale electric utility in Japan, received a permit from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) to install a nuclear reactor at its Ohma Nuclear Power Station (ABWR, 1,383MW), located in Ohma Town (Aomori Prefecture) in northern Honshu. The unit is the world’s first full-MOX light water reactor.**

On the same day, J-Power Pres. Yoshihiko Nakagaki formally received the documents for the permit from METI Minister Akira Amari at the Ministry’s offices in Tokyo. The Minister told Nakagaki that he expected that the utility would take all possible measures to ensure safety in the plant’s construction and operation, adding that he hoped the reactor would play an important role in the country’s nuclear energy policy.

In the near future, J-Power will present its first application to the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA) for a permit for its plan to construct the Ohma NPS. Construction will begin once that permit is granted. Once that finally happens, it will mark more than three decades since the Ohma Town Chamber of Commerce and Industry originally made its request in 1976 for a nuclear power plant to be located in the town.

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