

Japan's Total Plutonium Holdings Stand at 31.2 Tons, with Domestic Holdings Up 6 Tons, While Overseas Storage Unchanged

On September 9, the Secretariat of the Atomic Energy Commission reported to the Commission on the management of fissile separated plutonium in Japan as of the end of 2007. There was no change in the amount of plutonium stored overseas, but the amount stored domestically was 6,019 kilograms, up 26% from the same figure the year before.

The office compiled the results of information obtained from related organizations and companies. The total fissile separated plutonium storage (both in Japan and overseas) came to 31.2 tons, up 1.1 tons year-on-year. Of that, 25.2 tons was recovered and is stored overseas, 11.3 tons of which is in England and 13.9 tons in France. Those amounts remained basically unchanged (other than by nuclear decay) throughout 2007.

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