

## **JNFL Begins Preparations to Construct MOX Fuel Fabrication Plant**

**On October 15, Japan Nuclear Fuel Limited (JNFL) began work to prepare for the construction of its mixed uranium-plutonium oxide (MOX) fuel fabrication plant.**

Although the plant is currently undergoing safety checks by the Nuclear Safety Commission of Japan (NSC), the step is being carried out in consideration of enhanced plant safety and efficiency, given that the location of the site – Rokkasho Village in Aomori Prefecture – is soon to enter its full-fledged snowy season.

Work is being promoted to lay a temporary road over which heavy equipment such as 200-ton cranes can pass, for use in the excavation work for the foundation once construction begins in earnest. In addition, temporary storage space has been organized for the steel materials to be used in the excavation work, with the materials also to be brought in sequentially. The period for the preparatory work is scheduled to last about two months.

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