

JNFL Restarts Vitrification Tests

After a three-month hiatus, Japan Nuclear Fuel Limited (JNFL) restarted tests on October 10 on the facilities for high-level radioactive waste (HLW) vitrification at its Rokkasho Reprocessing Facility in Rokkasho Village (Aomori Prefecture).

By the morning of October 14, nine vitrified solids were manufactured. The operation is generally seen to have progressed smoothly, with their safety now being analyzed. Once the results of the analysis are in, they will be reported to the national government at a future date.

On October 8, JNFL presented the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA), part of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), with its final report on the analysis of the causes behind the earlier blockage of the glass flow in the vitrification process, as well as the measures that have been taken to resolve it. NISA accepted the report on the same day, regarding the contents as appropriate.

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