

## **Status of Nuclear Power Generation in Japan in November 2008**

According to the Japan Atomic Industrial Forum (JAIF), the overall capacity factor for Japan's nuclear power plants (NPPs) in November 2008 was 58.1%, slightly up from 56.9% the previous month. Total generated electricity was 20.625 billion kWh (up 2.4% year-on-year). Four reactors were shut down in November for periodic inspections (three BWRs and one PWR), while five units resumed operation (one BWR and four PWRs). The respective capacity factors by reactor type were 48.2% for BWRs and 73.4% for PWRs – the difference between them widening.

If one excludes from the calculations the ten reactors shut down for extended periods, however, the average capacity factor for Japan's NPPs in November would have reached as high as 73.1%.

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