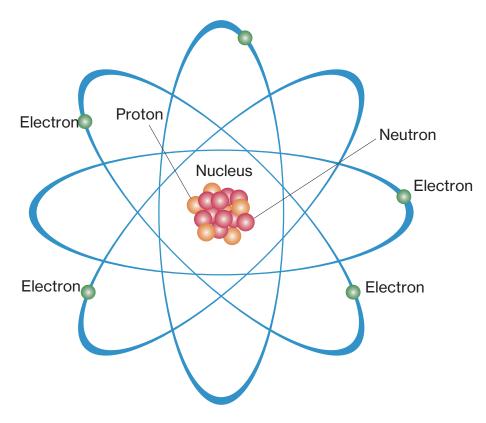
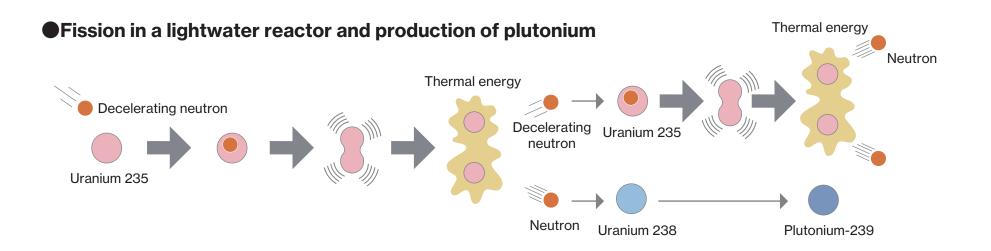
## **The Structure of Atoms**

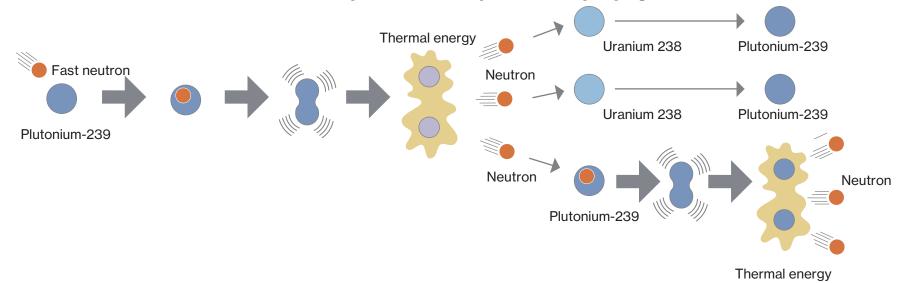


	No. of Protons	No. of Neutrons	Sum of Protons & Neutrons	Percent Naturally Occurring
Uranium 234	92	142	234	0.0055%
Uranium 235	92	143	235	0.7200%
Uranium 238	92	146	238	99.2745%

## Fission of Uranium, Production and Fission of Plutonium

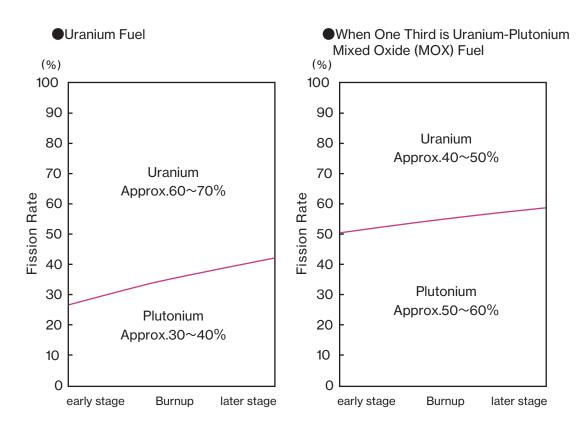


• Fission in a fast breeder reactor and production of plutonium (propagation)

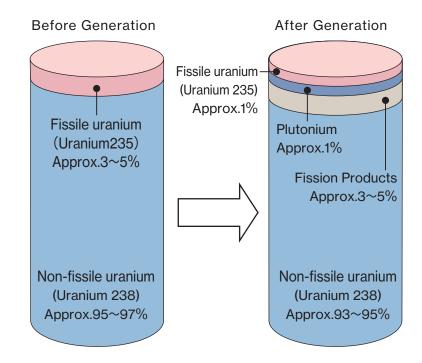


## **Nuclear Fission inside Light Water Reactors**

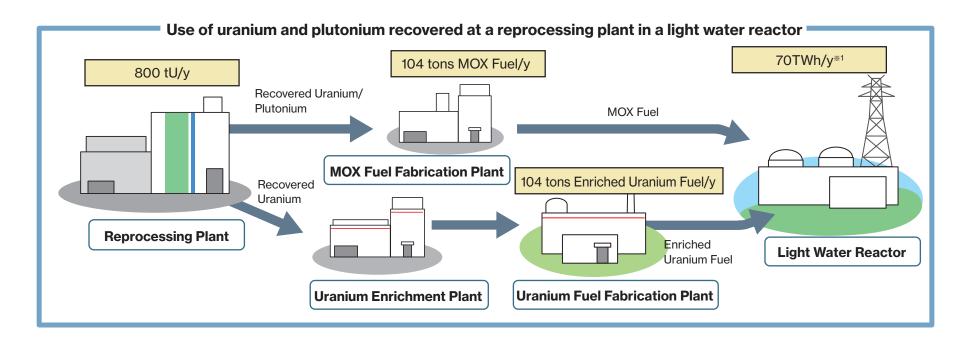
### 1) Fission rate of uranium and plutonium in reactor core (BWR equilibrium core)

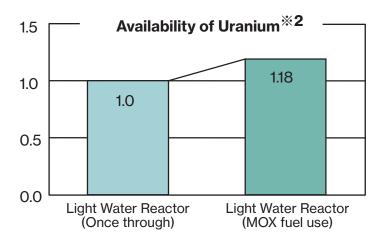


### 2 Example of composition change of uranium fuel through generation



### **Utilization of Uranium Resources**

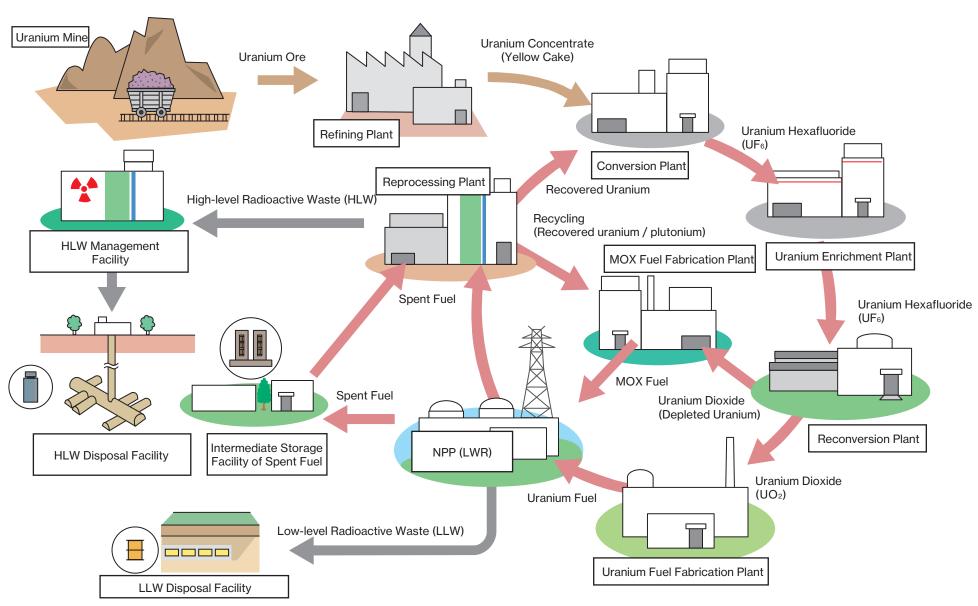




\$170TWh is equivalent to the annual output of ten 1GW capacity nuclear reactors. (1)

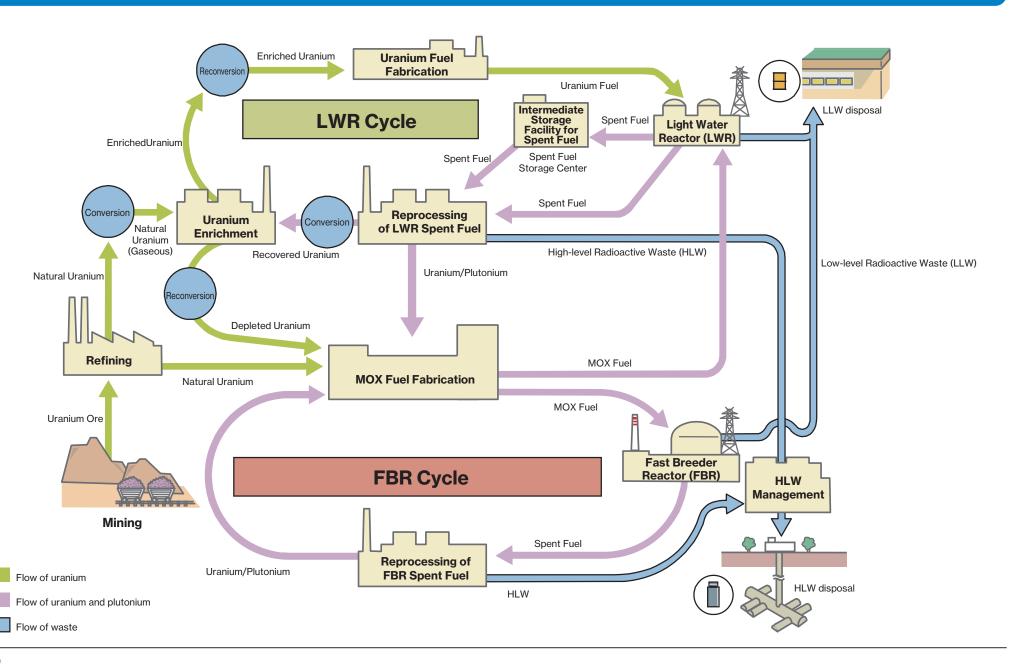
\*2 Usage of plutonium can improve the usage efficiency of uranium by about 30 times when the fast breeder reactor comes into practical use. (2)

## **Nuclear Fuel Cycle**



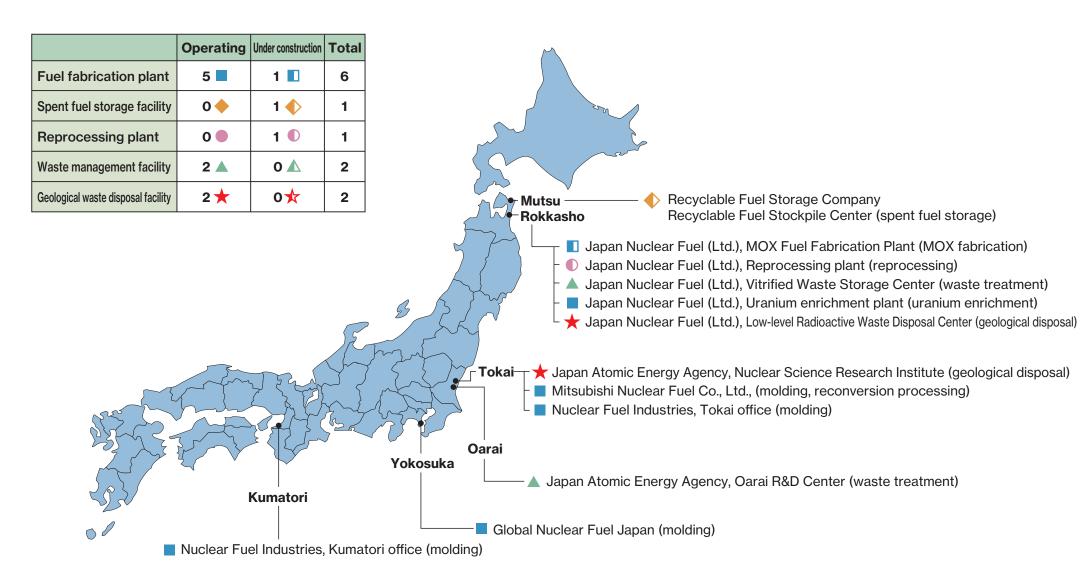
(Note) MOX Fuel: Uranium-Plutonium mixed oxide fuel

## **Nuclear Fuel Cycle (Including FBR)**



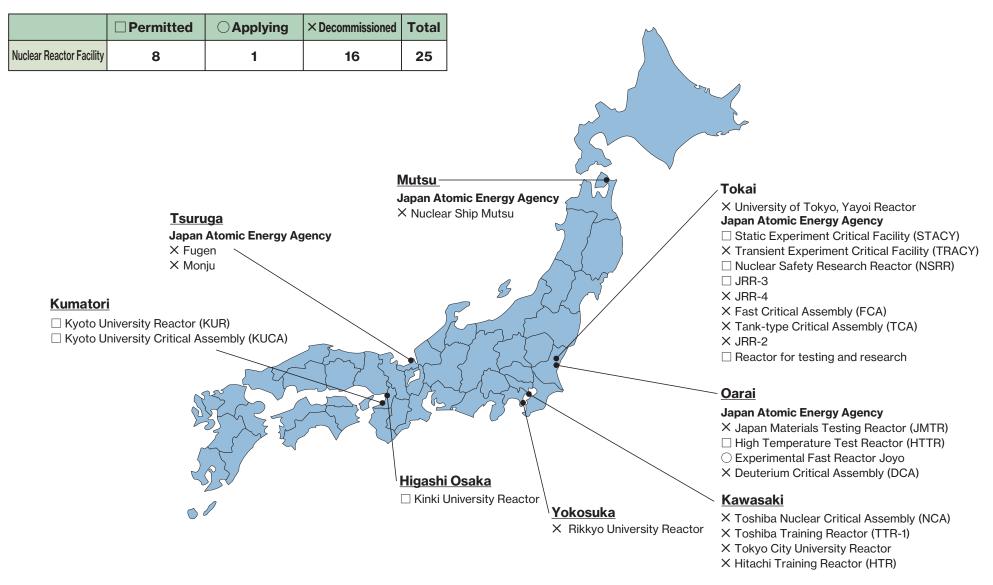
## **Locations of Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facilities**

(As of Aug. 2017)



## **Locations of Nuclear Reactor Facilities for Testing and Research or at the R&D Stage**

(As of Nov. 10, 2021)



## **Outline of JNFL's Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facilities**

(As of the end of Dec. 2023)

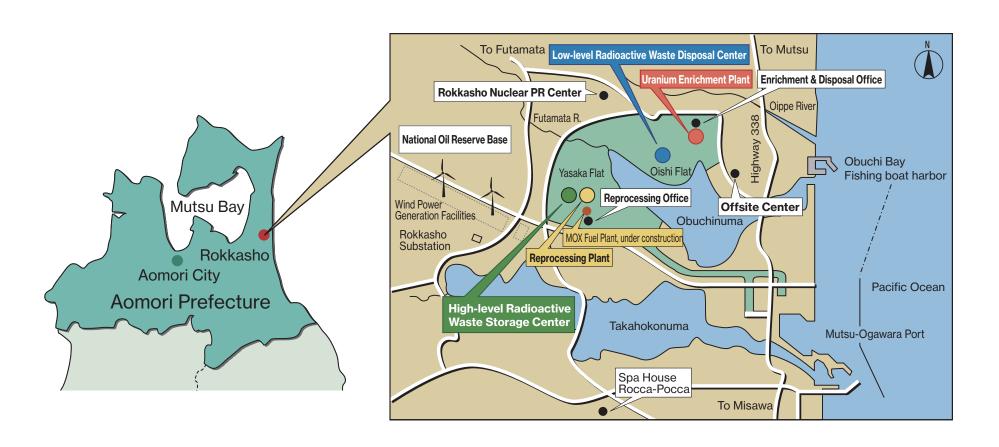
	Reprocessing Plant	Vitrified Waste Storage Center	MOX Fuel Fabrication Plant	Uranium Enrichment Plant	Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Center
Location		kizuke, Oaza-Obuchi, Rokkash Kamikita-gun, Aomori Prefecti	·		aza-Obuchi, Rokkasho-mura, -gun, Aomori Prefecture
	Area of site: appr	rox. 3.9 million m²		Area of	site: approx. 3.4 million m²
Capacity	Maximum yearly reprocessing capacity: 800 t-U*1/year  Maximum daily reprocessing capacity: 4.8 tU*1  Storage capacity for spent fuel: 3,000 t-U*1	Storage capacity for waste returned from oversea plants: 2,880 canistiers of vitrified waste	Maximum capacity: 130 t-HM*²/y  MOX fuel assemblies for domestic light water reactors (BWR and PWR)	450 t-SWU*³/year	[ Existing Facilities ]  Number one disposal facility: approx. 40,960 m³ (Equivalent to 204,800 200-liter drums)  Number two disposal facility: approx. 41,472 m³ (Equivalent to 207,360 200-liter drums)  [ Planned New Facilities ]  Number three disposal facility: approx. 42,240 m³ (Equivalent to 211,200 200-liter drums)  Planned to be expanded to 600,000 m³
Current Status	Under construction	Cumulative number of stored canisters: 1,830	Under construction	Operation stopped	Number one disposal facility: 151,803 drums Number two disposal facility: 198,824 drums
Schedule	Start of construction: 1993 Completion: First half of 2024	Start of construction: 1992 Business operation: 1995	Start of construction: 2010 Completion: First half of 2024	Start of construction: 1988 Business operation: 1992	Start of construction: 1990 Start of disposal: 1992

<sup>\*1</sup> U: The mass of uranium in the metal state.

<sup>\*2</sup> HM: The mass of the metal component of plutonium and uranium in MOX fuel.

<sup>\*3</sup> SWU: Separating work units when the natural uranium is separated from enriched uranium.

## **Locations of Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facilities**



## **Nuclear Fuel Cycle Costs**

#### **Reprocessing Model**

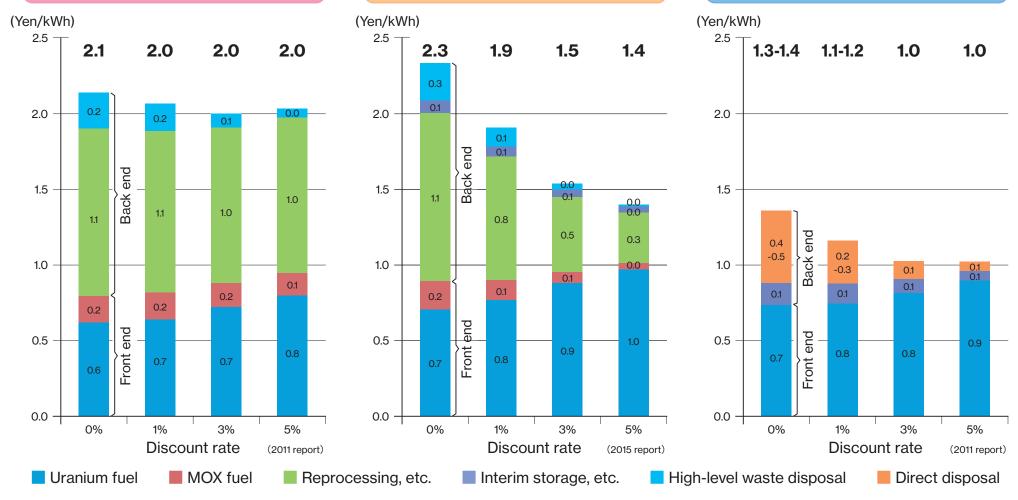
Reprocess all spent fuel and recycle

#### **Current Model**

Put all spent fuel into safe storage and reprocess

### **Direct Disposal Model**

Direct disposal after interim storage of all spent fuel



(Note) Totals may not add up due to rounding.

## **Major Uranium Conversion Plants Worldwide**

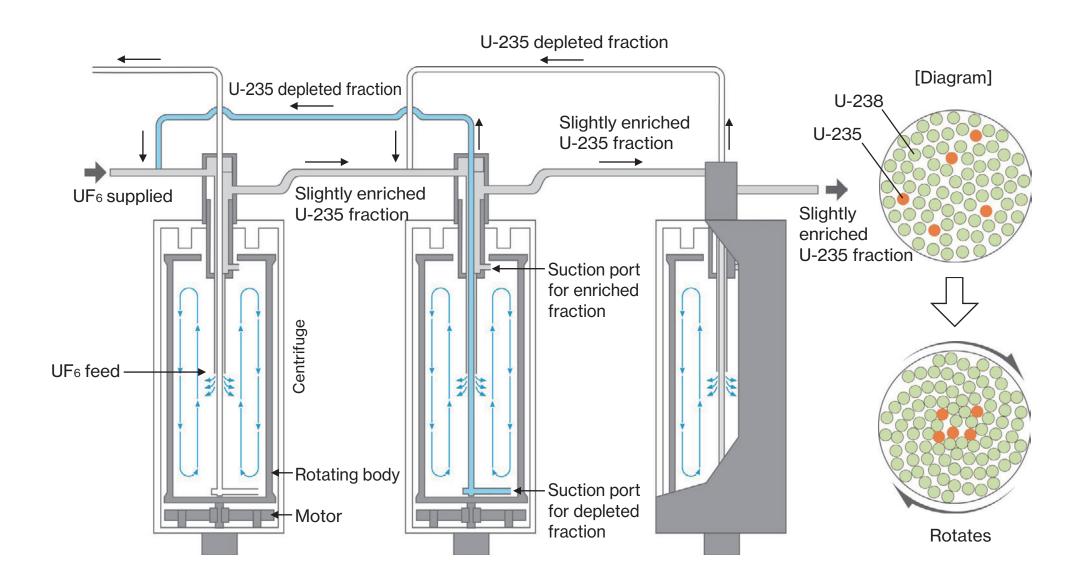
(As of Jan. 2023)

Country	Company Name	Location	Capacity (tU*/year)	Commercial Operation
Russia	TVEL, Fuel Company of Rosatom	Seversk		1953
U.S.A.	ConverDyn	Metropolis	7,000	1964
France	Orano CE Tricastin	Pierrelatte	14,000	2018
Canada	Cameco Corp.	Port Hope	12,500	1970
U.K.	Springfields Fuels Ltd.	Lancashire	6,000	1993
China	China Nuclear Energy Indaustry Corp.	Lanzhou, Gansu	3,000tHM	1980
China	hengyang Uranium Plant	Ziyang City, Hunan Province	3,000	2016

HM: The mass of metal component of plutonium and uranium in MOX fuel

<sup>\*</sup> U: The weight of uranium in its metal state HM:

## **How Centrifuges Work**



## **Major Uranium Enrichment Plants Worldwide**

(As of Jan. 2023)

Country	Company Name	Location	Enrichment Method	Capacity (tSWU*/year)	Commercial Operation
U.S.A.	Louisiana Energy Services LLC	New Mexico	Centrifugation	4,600	2010
France	Orano CE Tricastin	Pierrelatte	Centrifugation	7,500	2011
Netherlands	URENCO Nederland B.V.	Almelo	Centrifugation	5,200	1972
Germany	URENCO Deutschland GmbH	Gronau	Centrifugation	3,700	1985
		Seversk	Centrifugation	_	1953
	TVEL, Fuel Company of Rosatom	Angarsk	Centrifugation	_	1954
Russia		Novouralsk	Centrifugation	-	1949
		Zelenogorsk	Centrifugation	_	1964
U.K.	URENCO UK Ltd.	Capenhurst	Centrifugation	4,400	1972
Japan	Japan Nuclear Fuel Ltd. (JNFL)	Rokkasho, Aomori	Centrifugation	1,050	1992
Brazil	Indústrias Nucleares do Brasil (INB)	Resende	Centrifugation	120	2009
	China Nuclear Energy Indaustry Corp.(CNEIC)	Lanzhou, Gansu	Centrifugation	500	2005
China	Hanzhong Uranium Enrichment Plant	Hanzhong, Shaanxi	Centrifugation	1,000	1997

\*SWU: Unit that represents the amount of work involved in separating naturally occurring uranium into enriched uranium.

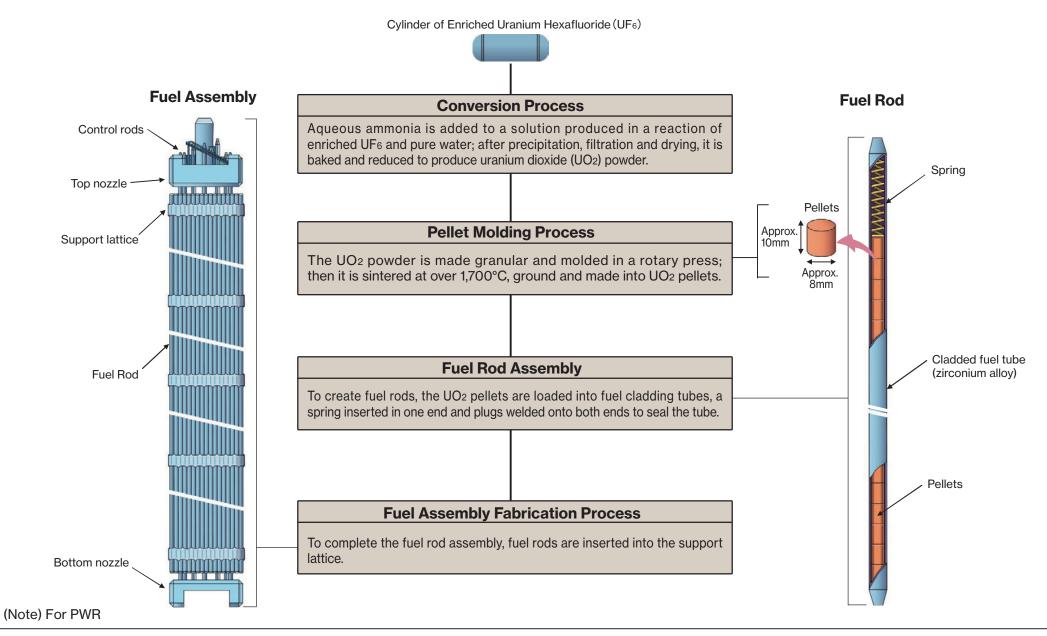
## **Major Uranium Reconversion Plants Worldwide**

(As of Jan. 2023)

Country	Company Name	Location	Capacity (tU*/year)	Commercial Operation
Canada	Cameco Corp.	Port Hope	2,800	1970
U.K.	U.K. Springfields Fuels Ltd.		900	1993
Japan	Japan Mitsubishi Nuclear Fuel Co., Ltd. (MNF)		450	1972
France	FBFC Romans	Romans sur Isère	1,200	1974
Germany	FRAMATOME GmbH	Lingen	400	1974
U.S.A.	FRAMATOME Inc.	Richland	1,200	1972
South Korea	KEPCO Nuclear Fuel Co.,Ltd. (KEPCO NF)	Daejeon	700	1990
Romania	Societatea Nationala Nuclearelectrica S.A.(SNN)	Brasov	300	1978
Kazakhstan	Ulba Metallurgical Plant (UMP)	Ust-kamenogorsk		

\*U: Weight of uranium in its metal state

## **Process of Fabricating Uranium Fuel**



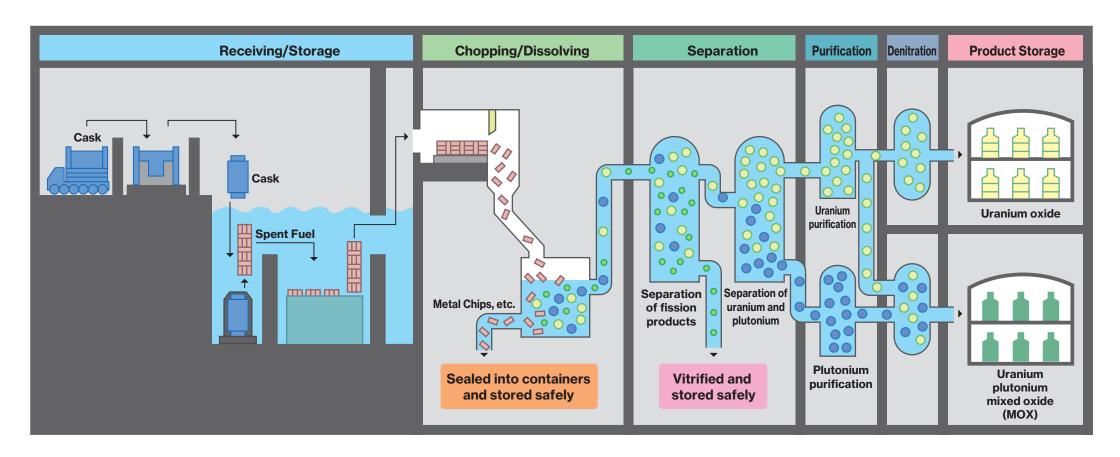
## Major Uranium Fuel (for Lightwater Reactors) Fabrication Plants Worldwide

(As of Jan. 2023)

Country	Company Name	Location	Fuel Type	Capacity (tU)	Commercial Operation
Brazil	Indústrias Nucleares do Brasil (INB)	Resende	PWR	240	1982
China	CNNC Jianzhong Nuclear Fuel Co.,Ltd.	Yibin City, Sichuan Province	PWR,VVER	800	1998
		<b>.</b> .	PWR	600	2012
	Bautou Nuclear Fuel Elment Plant	Baotou, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region	PHWR	200tHM	2003
		Illier Mongolia Autonomous Negion	HTGR	300,000Spheres	2016
France	FBFC Romans	Romans-sur-Isère	PWR	1000 fuel assemblies	1991
Germany	FRAMATOME GmbH	Lingen	PWR,BWR	650	1979
	Global Nuclear Fuel-Japan Co., Ltd. (GNF-J)	Yokosuka, Kanagawa	BWR	750	1970
lonon	Mitsubishi Nuclear Fuel Co., Ltd. (MNF)	Tōkai, Ibaraki	PWR	440	1972
Japan	Nuclear Fuel Industries Ltd. (NFI)	Kumatori, Osakai	PWR	284	1975
	Nuclear Fuer moustries Ltd. (NFI)	Tōkai, Ibarak	BWR,HTR	250	1980
South Korea	Korea Nuclear Fuel Co., Ltd. (KEPCO NF)	Daejeon	PWR	550	1989
South Korea	Rolea Nuclear Fuel Co., Ltd. (REFCO NF)	Daejeon	PHWR	550	1989
			FBR	_	1965
Russia	TVEL 5 10 (D)	Elektrostal	VVER,BWR,PWR	1100	1965
Russia	TVEL, Fuel Company of Rosatom		RBMK	460	1965
		Novosibirsk	VVER	1200	1979
Spain	ENUSA Industrias Avanzadas, S. A.	Juzbado	PWR,VVER,BWR	500	1985
Sweden	Westinghouse Electric Sweden AB	Västerås	BWR,PWR,VVER	600	1969
U.K.	Springfields Fuels Ltd.	Lancashire	PWR	200	1993
	FRAMATOME Inc.	Richland	PWR,BWR	700	1972
116.4	Westinghouse Electric Co. LLC	Hopkins	PWR,BWR	1350	1969
U.S.A.	Global Nuclear Foel	Wilmington	BWR	_	_
	BWXT Nuclear Operations Group,Inc	Lynchburg	TRISO fuel	_	_
Kazakhstan	Ulba Metallurgical Plant (UMP) JSC	Ust-kamenogorgk	VVER,RBMK,PWR	_	_

\*U: Weight of uranium in its metal state

## **Flow of Reprocessing**



## **Major Reprocessing Plants Worldwide**

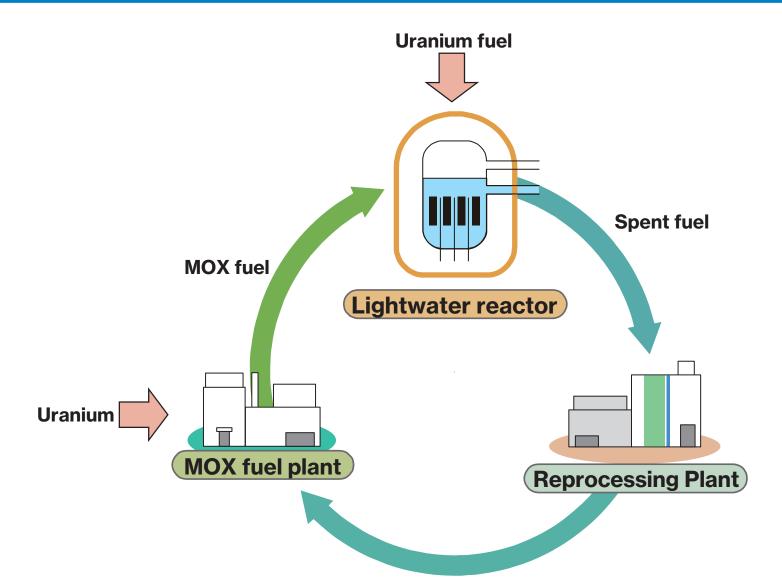
(As of Jan. 2023)

Country	Company Name	Location	Plant	Capacity (tU*/year)	Commercial Operation
France	Orano R La Hague	La Hague	La Hague Plant	1,700tHM	1966
U.K.	Sellafield Ltd.	Cumbria Seascale	Sellafield (Magnox Reprocessing Plant)	1,000	1964 (2022.7 Closed Down)
	PA Mayak	Ozersk	Joint Mayak Reprocessing Plant RT-1 Plant	400tHM	1977
Russia	Mining and Chemical Complex (MCC)	Zheleznogorsk	Pilot Demonstration Center	4.4tHM (PhaseI)	<b>2016</b> (PhaseI)
Hussia			(PDC)	220tHM (PhaseII)	Scheduled for 2024 (PhaseII)
			RT-2 Plant	800tHM	Scheduled for 2035
lanan	Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA)	Tokai, Ibaraki	Tokai Reprocessing Plant	120tHM	1981 (Decommissioning plan was Approved at June 2018)
Japan	Japan Nuclear Fuel Ltd. (JNFL)	Rokkasho, Aomori	Rokkasho Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facility	800	As early as possible in the first half of 2024
China	Lanzhou Nuclear Fuel Complex	Lanzhou, Gansu	Lanzhou Pilot Reprocessing Plant	O.1tHM	Construction started in 2006

<sup>\*</sup> U: The weight of uranium in its metal state HM: The mass of metal comp

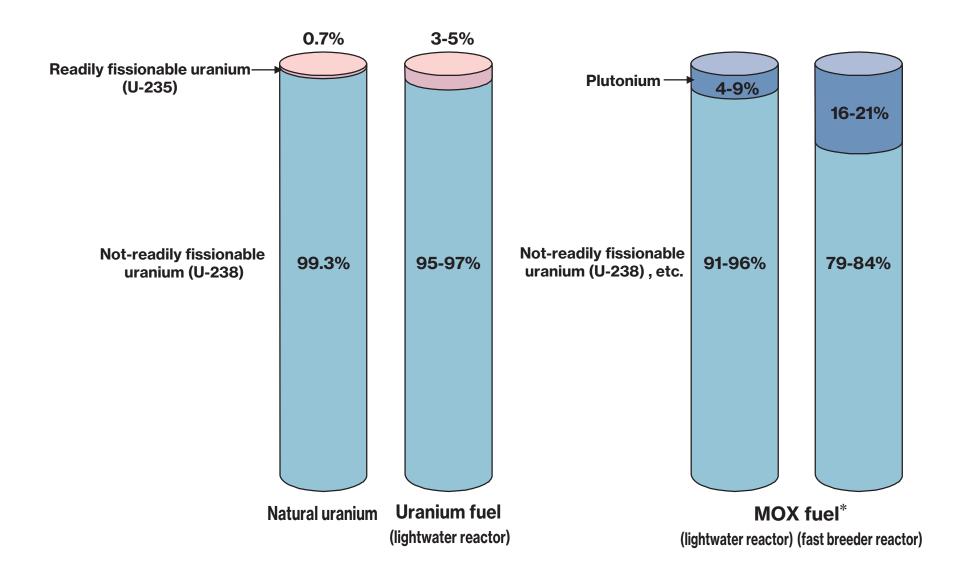
HM: The mass of metal component of plutonium and uranium in MOX fuel

## **MOX Fuel Use in a Thermal Reactor**



Recovered uranium, plutonium

## **MOX Fuel**

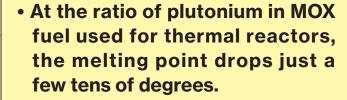


\*MOX (Mixed Oxide) fuel: a combined fuel made of plutonium and uranium, which is used in plutonium-thermal lightwater reactors and fast breeder reactors.

## **Effect of Plutonium on Fuel Properties**

### [Melting point]

Drops as plutonium mixing ratio increases.



## • The drop in heat conduction is also slight.

### [Heat conductivity]

Drops as plutonium mixing ratio increases.

 There is plenty of margin between the melting point and actual pellet temperatures.

### [Gas release rate]

The proportion of gas from nuclear fission that builds up in the cladding tubes increases somewhat.



 Increases the volume of space (gas reservoir) between fuel rods and inhibits an increase in internal pressure.

### **Effect of Plutonium on Fuel Nuclear Characteristics**

#### [Fuel Rod Heat Distribution]

Because plutonium reacts readily with neutrons, the output of MOX fuel rods is high.



### [Control Rod Efficacy]

Because plutonium readily absorbs neutrons, the number of neutrons absorbed by the control rods is reduced.



If fuel rods and assemblies are deployed properly, a sufficient margin to limits can be achieved, just as with a uranium reactor core.

### [Response to Disturbance]

If an anomaly occurs, causing an increase in pressure in the reactor, the output tends to be greater than traditional models.



## **Major MOX Fuel Fabrication Facilities Worldwide**

(As of Jan. 2023)

Country	Company Name	Location	Fuel Type	Capacity (tHM*/year)	Commercial Operation
France	Orano R Melox	Chusclan	PWR, BWR	195	1995
	Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA)	Tōkai, Ibaraki	FBR	4.5 tons HM	1988
Japan	Japan Nuclear Fuel Ltd. (JNFL)	Rokkasho, Aomori	PWR, BWR	130 (max.)	First half of 2024 (completion)

\*HM: The mass of the metal component of plutonium and uranium in MOX fuel.

## **MOX Use in the World**

Country	Plant Name	Reactor Type	Gross Output (MW)	Start of Loading	Cumulative Number o MOX Fuel Assemblies As of the End of 2022
Belgium	Tihange-2	PWR	1,055	1994*1	Unknown
	Doel-3	PWR	1,056	1994	Unknown
France	Phénix	FBR	140	1973	
	St.Laurent-Des-Eaux-B1	PWR	956	1987	
	St.Laurent-Des-Eaux-B2	PWR	956	1988	
	Gravelines-3	PWR	951	1989	
	Gravelines-4	PWR	951	1989	
	Dampierre-1	PWR	937	1990	
	Dampierre-2	PWR	937	1993	
	Le Blayais-2	PWR	951	1994	
	Tricastin-2	PWR	955	1996	
	Tricastin-3	PWR	955	1996	
	Tricastin-1	PWR	955	1997	
	Tricastin-4	PWR	955	1997	
	Gravelines-1	PWR	951	1997	
	Le Blayais-1	PWR	951	1997	
	Dampierre-3	PWR	937	1998	
	Gravelines-2	PWR	951	1998	
	Dampierre-4	PWR	937	1998	
	Chinon-B4	PWR	954	1998	
	Chinon-B2	PWR	954	1999	
	Chinon-B3	PWR	954	1999	
	Chinon-B1	PWR	954	2000	
	Gravelines-6	PWR	951	2008	
	Gravelines-5	PWR	951	2010	
Germany	Obrigheim*2	PWR	357	1972	78
	Necker-1*3	PWR	840	1982	32
	Unterweser*3	PWR	1,410	1984 to 2009	200
	Grafenrheinfeld*4	PWR	1,345	1985 to 2012	164
	Philippsburg-2*5	PWR	1,458	1989	228
	Grohnde*6	PWR	1,430	1988 to 2018	140
	Brokdorf*6	PWR	1,480	1989 to 2019	272
	Gundremmingen-C*6	BWR	1,344	1995	376
	Gundremmingen-B*4	BWR	1,344	1996	532
	Isar-2*7	PWR	1,485	1998 to 2019	212
	Necker-2	PWR	1,400	1998	96
	Emsland	PWR	1,406	2004	144

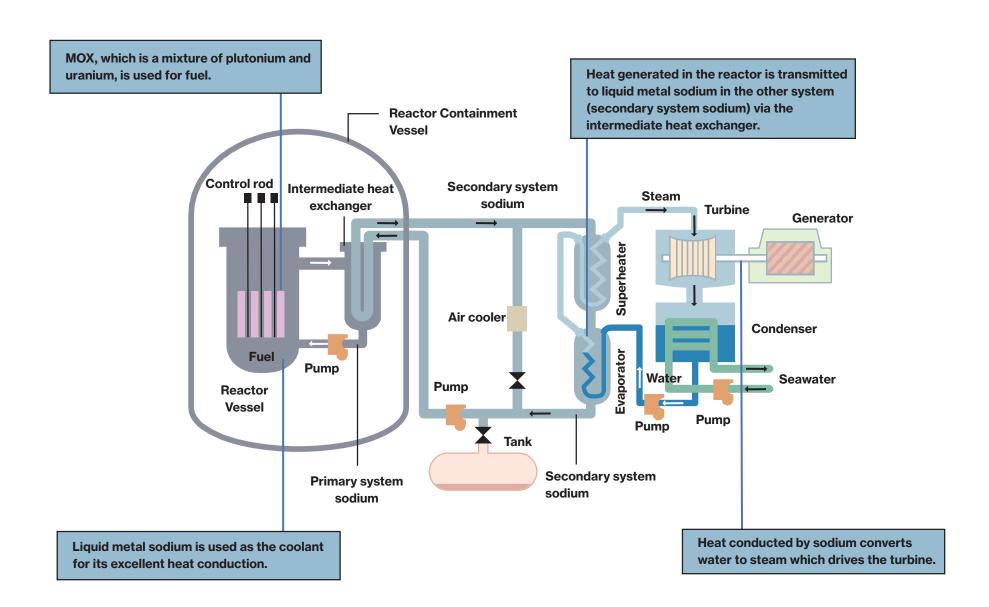
Country	Plant Name	Reactor Type	Gross Output (MW)	Start of Loading	Cumulative Number of MOX Fuel Assemblies As of the End of 2022
India	Kakrapar-1	PHWR	220	2003	
	Tarapur TAPS-1	BWR	160	1994	
	Tarapur TAPS-2	BWR	160	1995	
	PFBR	FBR	500		
Netherlands	Borssele	PWR	512	2014	48
Russia	Beloyarsk-3	FBR	600	2003	
	Beloyarsk-4	FBR	885	2020	18
Swizerland	Beznau-1	PWR	380	1978	124 }
	Beznau-2	PWR	380	1978	108 5232
	Gosgen	PWR	1,060	1997 to 2012	48
Sweden	Oskarshamn-1	BWR	492	Licensed	
	Oskarshamn-2	BWR	661	Licensed	
	Oskarshamn-3	BWR	1,450	Licensed	
U.S.A.	Catawba-1	PWR	1,216	2005*8	4
	Robert E. Ginna	PWR	608	1980*9 to 1985	4
Japan	Fugen*10	ATR	165	1981	772
	Monju*11	FBR	280	1993	
	Genkai-3	PWR	1,180	2009	36
	Ikata-3	PWR	890	2010	21
	Takahama-3	PWR	870	2010	28
	Takahama-4	PWR	870	2016*13	36
	Fukushima I-3*12	BWR	784	2010	32
	Kashiwazaki Kariwa-3	BWR	1,100	Licensed*15	
	Hamaoka-4	BWR	1,137	Licensed*15	
	Shimane-2	BWR	820	Licensed*15	
	Onagawa-3	BWR	825	Licensed*15	
	Tomari-3	PWR	912	Licensed*15	
	Ohma*14	ABWR	1,383	Licensed*15	

- \*1: End of MOX use in 2003
- \* 2 : May 11, 2005, closed
- \*3 : August 07, 2011, closed
- \* 4 : December 31, 2017, closed
- \*5: December 31, 2019, closed
- \* 6 : December 31, 2021, closed
- \*7: April 15, 2023, scheduled to closed
- \*8: 2005, 4 fuel assemblies loaded. Loaded for about 4 years.

- \*9:1980, 4 fuel assemblies loaded.
- \* 10 : March 29, 2003, closed
- \* 11 : December 21, 2016, decision to decommissioned
- \* 12 : April 19, 2012, decommissioned
- \*13: In 2016, four fuel assemblies were loaded and stopped after criticality. After that, start operating in 2017.
- \*14 : under construction
- $\ensuremath{\,^*\,15}$  : Licensed under the old regulatory standards
- (Note) Only the findings from the questionnaire are posted.

As of Jan. 1, 2023

## How a Fast Breeder Reactor (FBR Works)



# **A Comparison of Nuclear Reactors**

	Neutron that contributes to fission	Fuel	Moderator	Coolant	Conversion Ratio*
Fast breeder reactor (FBR)	Fast neutron	Fissile plutonium about 16 to 21%  Depleted uranium about 79-84%  (Blanket fuel is depleted uranium only.)		Sodium	Approx. 1.2
Lightwater reactor (BWR, PWR)	Vater tor Thermal neutron Uranium-235: 3-5%		Light water	Light water	Approx. 0.6

\*Conversion Ratio: Percentage of fuel generated relative to fuel consumed as 1.0.

## **Amount of Spent Fuel Stored at Nuclear Power Plants**

Dawer Camman	Power Plant	1 Reactor Core	1 Replacement	As of the end of	Dec. 2022
Power Company	Power Plant	(tU)	Worth (tU)	Spent Fuel in Storage (tU)	Facility Capacity (tU)
Hokkaido Electric Power	Tomari	170	50	400	1,020
Tohoku Electric Power	Onagawa	200	40	480	860
Ionoku Electric Power	Higashidōri	130	30	100	440
	Fukushima Daiichi	580	140	2,130	2,260
Tokyo Electric Power	Fukushima Daini	0	0	1,650	1,880
(TEPCO)	Kashiwazaki-Kariwa	960	230	2,370	2,910
Chubu Electric Power	Hamaoka	410	100	1,130	1,300
Hokuriku Electric Power	Shika	210	50	150	690
	Mihama	70	20	480	620
Kansai Electric Power	Takahama	290	100	1,380	1,730
	Ohi	180	60	1,820	2,100
Chugoku Electric Power	Shimane	100	20	460	680
Shikoku Electric Power	Ikata	70	20	720	930
Kunahu Flashia Dawar	Genkai	180	60	1,150	1,290
Kyushu Electric Power	Sendai	150	50	1,070	1,290
The James Atamia Daway Comment	Tsuruga	90	30	630	910
The Japan Atomic Power Company	Tokai Daini	130	30	370	440
Tot	al	3,920	1,030	16,480	21,350

<sup>(</sup>Note 1) As a general rule, the management capacity is the storage capacity minus the capacity for 1 reactor core and 1 replacement core. For plants that have ceased operation, it is assumed to be equivalent to the storage capacity. (Note 2) Because Reactor 1 and Reactor 2 of the Hamaoka plant and Reactor 1 of the lkata plant are being decommissioned, they are excluded from the management capacity.

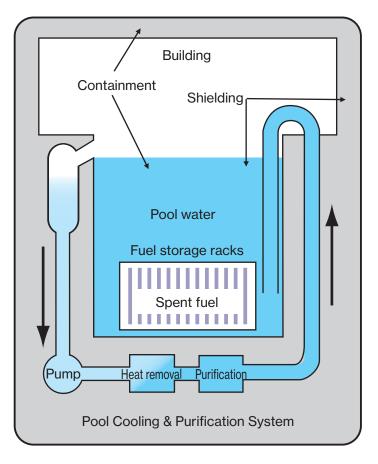
(Note 4) Due to rounding, the total value may not equal the sum of the individual items.

(Note 5) For 1 reactor core and 1 replacement worth, the portion for plants that have ceased operation is excluded.

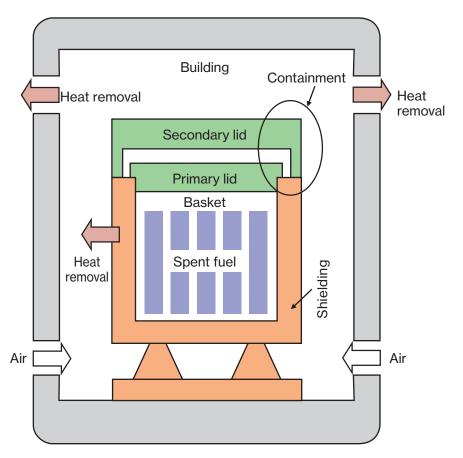
<sup>(</sup>Note 3) Because Fukushima Daiichi is being decommissioned, extension of the dry cask temporary storage facility is excluded due to the subsequent decommissioning work with reference to the value of the first promotion council (as of the end of September 2015) as a reference value.

## **Methods of Midterm Storage of Spent Fuel (Example)**

### **Wet Pool Storage System**



### **Dry Metal Cask Storage System**



## **Spent Fuel Interim Storage Facility**

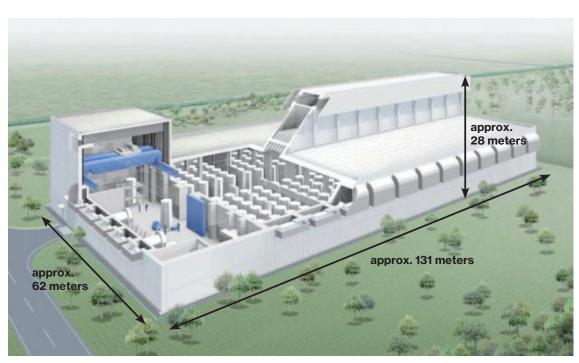
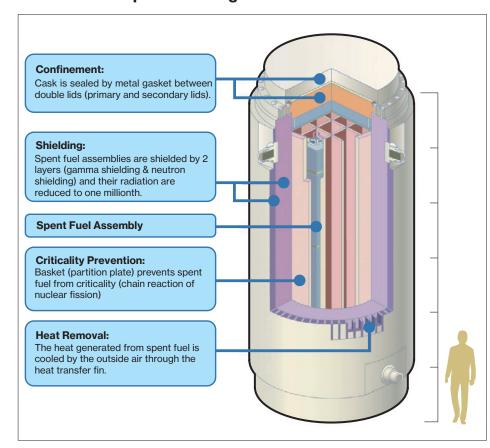


Image for the Recyclable Fuel Storage Center which is under construction in Mutsu City, Aomori Prefecture (storage capacity: 3,000tU)

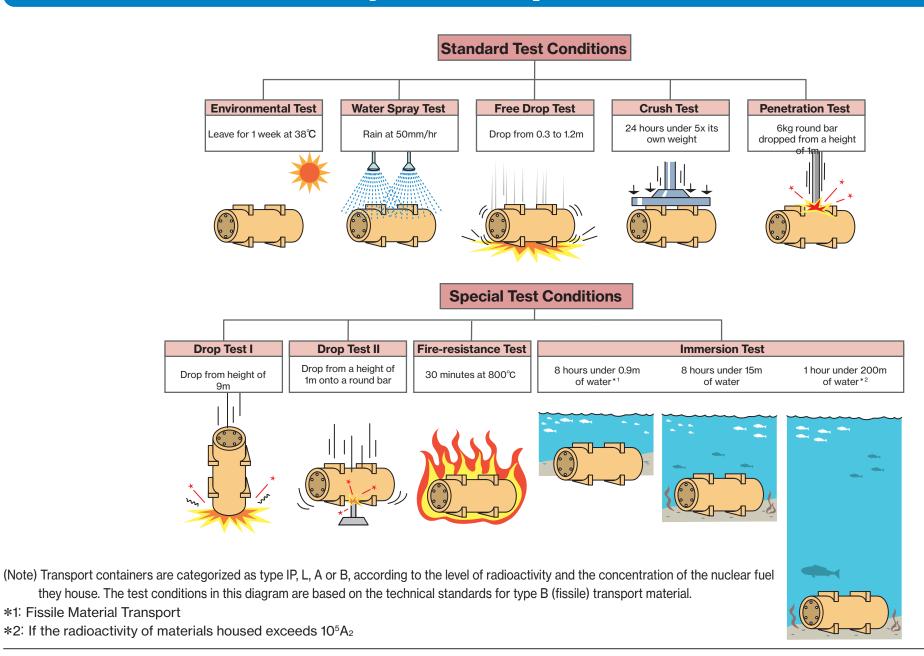
#### **Cask for Transport & Storage**



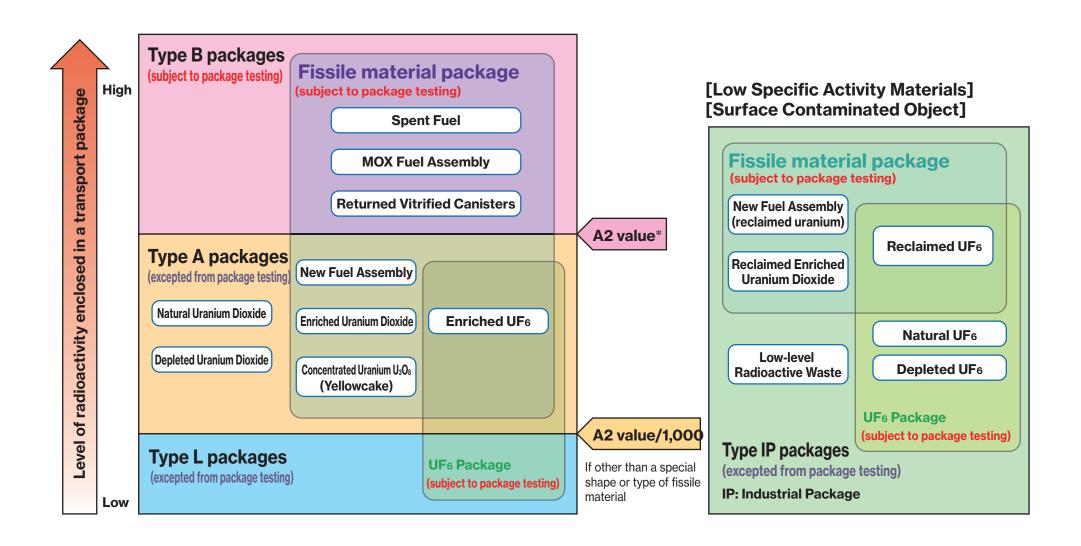
## Safety Regulation Flow of Nuclear Fuel Transport

#### Approval of designs of materials to be transported Authorities: **Design Stage** · Land transport included: Nuclear Regulation Authority or Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism • Marine transport only: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism **Approval of containers** Authorities: **Manufacturing** · Land transport included: Nuclear Regulation Authority or Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Stage • Marine transport only: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism **Inspection of materials** Inspection of **Notification of** Confirmation on to be transported transport methods transport agreement of nuclear materials Authorities: Authorities: Authorities: physical protection • Land transport included: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, • Land transport: **Before** Nuclear Regulation Authority or Transport and Tourism Public Safety Commission **Transportation** Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Marine transport: Authorities: Regional Coast Guard Nuclear Regulation Authority Transport and Tourism Stage Marine transport only: Headquarters of the Japan Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Coast Guard Transport and Tourism **Transportation** In case of land transport, a truck is accompanied with escort cars to lead or guard.

## **Safety of Transport Containers**



## **Types of Packages for Transport of Radioactive Materials**

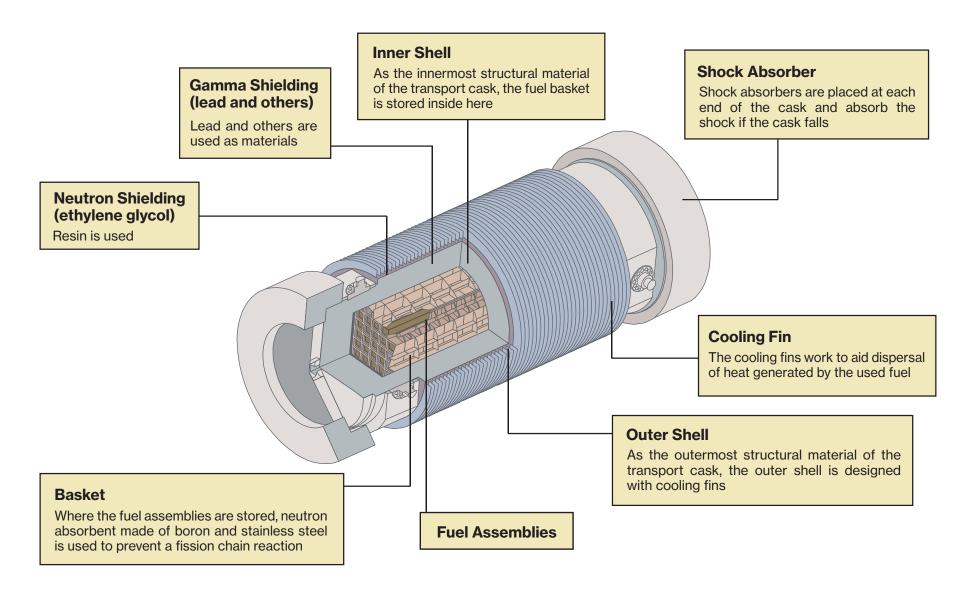


\*Refers to the regulated values applied to limits of packaged materials for transport.

## **Detailed Examples of Packages for Transport of Radioactive Materials**

Туре	Overview	Representative Example	Detailed Example
Type L package	Packages whose safe transport is ensured because the allowed radioactive content is restricted to such low levels that the potential hazards are insignificant.	Radio-pharmaceuticals	Packing standards  Can be handled easily and safely Cracking/damage will not occur during transport Easily decontaminated w/o unnecessary projections
Type A package	Packages whose safe transport is ensured because the radioactive materials contained is limited to a fixed level (mid-level) and it is strong enough to withstand normally expected accident conditions in transport.	New fuel assembly	Packing standards (In addition to packing standards of type L)  10cm or more on each side No possibility of cracking or damage in transit at temperatures of 40 to 70°C  No leakage at atmospheric pressures of 60kPa or lower
Type B package	As they contain highly radioactive materials, these packages must ensure safety by being extremely strong and able to withstand expected conditions from a serious accident during transport.	Spent fuel	
Type IP package	Packages whose safe transport is ensured because materials are limited to materials with relatively low risk, such as materials with low specific activity.	Low-level radioactive waste	

## **Transport Casks for Spent Fuel (Cask)**



(Note) Figure shown is NFT-38B(Dry Cask) used for domestic transport.

## **Transport Vessels for Spent Fuel**

