SHIPMENT ALERT

6th Transportation of Japanese High-Level Radioactive Waste

On 6 Dec. 2000, the Japan Nuclear Fuel Ltd. and the Nuclear Fuel Transport Co., Ltd. announced that the 6th shipment of Japanese high level radioactive waste from Europe back to Japan will take place early next year. According to the Electric Newspaper, the companies plan to have the ship leave Europe by mid-January, and arrive in Rokkasho, Aomori Prefecture around February 2001. The short transport period involved in this plan most likely means that the route will be through Panama Canal. The high level waste was treated at UP3 Plant of COGEMA in La Hague, France and will be carried by Pacific Nuclear Transport Ltd. (PNTL) owned by British Nuclear Fuels plc. (BNFL), COGEMA, and the Federation of Electric Power Companies (FEPCO). JNFL applied to have 8 casks containing 192 canisters transported to its high level waste storage facility in Aomori Prefecture.

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