

(2) Status of Solid Radioactive Waste Management

1) Commercial Nuclear Power Reactor Facilities

The amount of solid low-level radioactive waste generated at commercial nuclear power reactor facilities in FY2005 was equivalent to 67,200 200-liter drums. The cumulative amount of stored waste increased by only 27,700 drums, mainly due to transportation of waste to the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Burial Center and the volume-reducing effects of measures such as incineration. Accordingly, at the end of FY2005, the amount of waste in solid waste storage at commercial power reactor facilities was roughly equivalent to 567,500 200-liter drums, which is 64.5% of the total storage capacity of approximately 879,600 200-liter drums.

A steam generator storage is a storage facility designed specifically to store radioactive solid waste generated by the replacement of steam generators and the upper lids of the reactor in pressurized water reactor (PWR) power plants. In FY2005, a total of 216 m³ of storage containers was generated as a result of the replacement of structures within the reactor at Unit 2 of Shikoku Electric Power Co., Inc.'s Ikata Power Station and within the reactor at Unit 1 of Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc.'s Genkai Nuclear Power Station.

Spent control rods, channel boxes, spent resin and part of waste generated by the replacement of the shroud are stored in the spent fuel pool, storage bunker, tank, etc.

In a solid storage facility, radioactive solid waste is packed in drums and stored.

The amount of radioactive solid waste in drums is expressed as the equivalent number of 200-liter drums. Other types of radioactive solid waste are oversized equipment, etc., which do not fit in drum cans. The amount generated and amount of accumulated storage of waste of this kind are indicated by the equivalent number of 200-liter drums.

The "reduction within plant" amount is the sum of the amount of incinerated combustible waste, the amount of volume reduction by the compressed packaging of waste in the drums. The "reduction outside plant" amount is the amount of waste transported to the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Burial Center.

The amount of radioactive solid waste stored in steam generator storage facilities is shown by the number of stored steam generators and the volume of the storage containers that are removed.

2) Nuclear Power Reactor Facilities in a Research and Development Stage

The amount of low-level radioactive solid waste generated at the Fugen Nuclear Power Plant in FY2005 was equivalent to roughly 300 200-liter drums. The amount of cumulative storage was increased by only 100 drums due to volume-reducing efforts such as incineration. Accordingly, the amount in storage at the end of FY2005 was equivalent to roughly 19,400 200-liter drums compared to the approximate 21,500-drum capacity of the storage facility. Ion-exchange resins and filter sludge are stored in tanks, while spent control rods and neutron detectors are stored in spent fuel pools.

The amount of low-level radioactive solid waste generated at the Monju facility in FY2005 was equivalent to roughly 300 200-liter drums. Accordingly, the amount in storage at the end of FY2005 was equivalent to roughly 3,100 200-liter drums compared to the approximate 23,000-drum capacity of the storage facility.

3) Nuclear Fuel Fabrication Facilities

In FY2005, the total amount of low-level radioactive solid waste generated at six fuel fabrication facilities operated by five companies was equivalent to roughly 5,500 200-liter drums. The amount of cumulative storage was increased by only 3,600 drums due to volume-reducing efforts such as incineration. Accordingly, the amount of low-level radioactive solid waste stored at the end of

FY2005 was equivalent to roughly 41,800 200-liter drums compared with the approximate 53,560-drum total capacity of the storage facilities.

4) Reprocessing Facilities

The amount of low-level radioactive solid waste generated at the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Engineering Laboratories (reprocessing facility) of the Tokai Research and Development Center of the Japan Atomic Energy Agency in FY2005 was equivalent to roughly 700 200-liter drums. Accordingly, the amount of low-level radioactive solid waste stored at the end of FY2005 was equivalent to roughly 74,700 200-liter drums compared with the approximate 92,140-drum capacity of the storage facility. The amount of high-level radioactive solid waste generated was equivalent to 178 200-liter drums, and the amount of vitrified waste (120-liter containers) was 49 containers. Accordingly, the amount of high-level radioactive solid waste stored at the end of FY2005 was equivalent to roughly 6,300 200-liter drums compared with the approximate 10,320-drum capacity of the storage facility. The amount of vitrified waste (120-liter containers) was 218 containers compared to the 420-container capacity of the storage facility.

The amount of low-level radioactive solid waste generated at the reprocessing plant (reprocessing facilities) of the JNFL in FY2005 was equivalent to roughly 1,800 200-liter drums. Accordingly, the amount of low-level radioactive solid waste stored at the end of FY2005 was equivalent to roughly 10,000 200-liter drums compared with the approximate 66,350-drum capacity of the storage facility. High-level radioactive solid waste and vitrified waste have not been generated at the JNFL Reprocessing Center.

5) Radioactive Waste Disposal and Waste Management Facilities

At the end of FY2005, in the Enrichment and Burial Plant (waste burial facility) of JNFL, solidified waste equivalent to roughly 137,000 drums was buried at the No.1 waste burial facility (capacity: approx. 200,000 200-liter drums) and injected grout equivalent to roughly 48,000 drums was buried at the No. 2 waste burial facility (capacity: approx. 200,000 200-liter drums). No low-level radioactive solid waste was generated in association with burial activities.

Roughly 1,670 tons of solid waste associated with the dismantling of JPDR is already buried at the waste facility of the Japan Atomic Energy Agency. No low-level radioactive solid waste was generated in association with burial activities.

The amount of low-level radioactive solid waste generated in association with waste management activities at the waste management facility of the JNFL Reprocessing Plant in FY2005 was equivalent to roughly 70 200-liter drums. Accordingly, the amount of low-level radioactive solid waste stored at the end of FY2005 was equivalent to roughly 600 200-liter drums compared with the approximate 1,200-drum capacity of the storage facility. At the end of FY2005, roughly 1,200 containers of high-level radioactive solid waste (returned vitrified waste) was received and managed in the management storage facility, which has a capacity of roughly 1,440 containers.

At the end of FY2005, low-level radioactive waste equivalent to roughly 27,200 200-liter drums, which includes approximately 500 drums of low-level radioactive solid waste generated in association with its activities, is managed at the waste management facility of the Japan Atomic Energy Agency, which has a capacity equivalent to 42,800 drums.

Refer to reference documents 5 to 8, which list data for FY1996 to FY2005 on a fiscal year basis. The management status of solid waste is shown in reference document 5, and amounts of waste transported to the low-level radioactive waste burial center are shown in reference document 6. Trends in burial amounts of radioactive waste at the waste burial facility of the JNFL Enrichment and Burial Plant are shown in reference document 7. The management status of high-level radioactive waste (returned vitrified waste) at the management facility of the JNFL Reprocessing Plant is shown in reference document 8.