Official approval on Modification of Safety Measures for the Reprocessing Business at the Japan Nuclear Fuel Limited's Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant

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Today, Japan Nuclear Fuel Limited received permission from the Nuclear Regulatory Authority on its application for the modification of safety measures for its reprocessing business at the Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant.

Japan Nuclear Fuel Limited has been undergoing Nuclear Regulatory Authority's review process to verify compliance with the new regulatory standards since it submitted the application to the Nuclear Regulatory Authority on January 7, 2014. Given this history, we see today's announcement to be a meaningful event and a major milestone in the path to the completion of the Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant.

Given the energy situation in resource-poor Japan, nuclear power generation will need to serve its part as an important baseload power source. We believe the nuclear fuel cycle to be critical in effectively utilizing uranium, and reducing the volume and toxicity of waste.

We believe that Japan Nuclear Fuel Limited will continue to do its utmost in the review to receive approval of the design and construction plan of the reprocessing facility and in safety measures work for the completion of the Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant, which serves as the premise for establishing a nuclear fuel cycle. We nuclear power operators will continue to fully support Japan Nuclear Fuel Limited in this endeavor as an industry.

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