

Japan: Deal On Plutonium Resources

The reporter who wrote this piece actually used the word 'waste' instead of 'resources.' He's either ignorant or personally biased.

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Japan Nuclear Fuel Ltd., operator of the \$18.6 billion Rokkasho nuclear fuel reprocessing plant, has reached an agreement with the government of Japan's Aomori prefecture to begin extracting plutonium resources from used nuclear fuel, the government said March 29. The extraction would be the first step in an experimental program to manufacture plutonium-uranium mixed-oxide fuel (MOX). There are 18 reactors in Japan that can use MOX. The first full commercial use of MOX is expected to begin in 2012.