

● Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Company (KHNP) announced on Dec. 10, 2017, that it plans to ramp up the development of decontamination and decommissioning technologies. The South Korean company said that given changing policies both in South Korea and abroad that are leading to the early closure of nuclear power plants, the company is hoping to enter the global nuclear D&D market.

Citing industry sources and data, the company said that the global nuclear D&D market is expected to be worth more than \$366 billion in the future. KHNP is currently overseeing the decommissioning of South Korea's Kori-1 nuclear reactor, which was shut down in June 2017 after 40 years of commercial operation. The company said that it has secured 39 of the 56 decommissioning technologies required to dismantle the reactor and is on track to develop the rest. KHNP has been forming partnerships with companies outside of South Korea to acquire decommissioning capabilities.



A nonradiological site restoration fund for the closed Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant was created as part of a settlement agreement with the state of Vermont.

## Vermont Yankee

A Vermont Yankee site restoration fund created as part of a 2013 settlement agreement between Entergy and the state of Vermont is now worth approximately \$31 million, following Entergy's final deposit of \$5 million into the fund on Dec. 21, 2017. Separate from the plant's decommissioning trust fund, the site restoration fund was established for the nonradiological clean-up of the Vermont Yankee site. Plant owner Entergy permanently

ceased operation of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant, a single-unit boiling water reactor, in December 2014.

The settlement agreement resolved ongoing litigation between the state and Entergy following the company's announcement in August 2013 that it was closing the plant because of economic factors. In exchange for the state dropping its lawsuits and supporting the plant's operation through 2014, Entergy agreed to



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