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Phase II construction begins at India’s Kundankulam nuclear plant. France’s Autorité de Sûreté Nucléaire releases opinion on Flamanville reactor pressure vessel anomalies. New political leaders in France and South Korea challenged on policies to reduce the role of nuclear power. Sweden’s Oskarshamn-1 retired after 45 years of operation. U.K. government pledges to continue funding for the Joint European Torus project. U.K.’s Nuclear AMRC launches modular manufacturing R&D center.

Waste Management

Canada’s Nuclear Waste Management Organization narrows focus on potential geologic repository sites. Testing continues prior to startup of Integrated Waste Treatment Unit at Idaho Site. Last of Kewaunee’s spent nuclear fuel transferred to dry storage. Sizewell B’s new dry spent fuel storage facility enters operation. Petitions filed against sale of shutdown Vermont Yankee nuclear plant.

Fuel

Westinghouse announces launch of accident-tolerant EnCore fuel. Western Australia bans mine leases; other mining developments. NRC issues notice of violation to Cameco Resources for transport container leak. Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission grants 10-year license renewal to Mclean Lake Operation.

Education, Training & Workforce

2017 ANS Annual Meeting: Transitioning to the workforce. NRC announces FY 2017 university grant awardees.

Industry

Court throws out Westinghouse’s $2-billion claim against CB&I; other business developments. Areva signs D&D, new fuel contracts; other pacts. Wrong component used in emergency diesel generator set; other 10 CFR Part 21 reports.

Standards & Documentation

Comments requested on four reaffirmed standards. NRC issues four NUREGs, one regulatory guide.