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On the cover: Aqueous separation chemistry researchers Melissa Warner (in foreground), Amy Welty (back left), and Julia Tripp (back center) at Idaho National Laboratory's Hybrid Zirconium Extraction (ZIRCEX) Material Recovery Pilot Plant. (Photo: Chris Morgan/INL)



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Looking high and low for HALEU

TRISO fuel nears qualification
BY ERIC WILLIAMS

Safety and economic benefits of accident tolerant fuel
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BY SUSAN GALLIER

Accelerated testing in HFIR using miniature fuel samples BY CHRISTIAN M. PETRIE, JASON M. HARP, AND ANDREW T. NELSON

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission sign memorandum of cooperation on technical reviews of advanced reactor designs. Draft environmental impact statement issued for Peach Bottom-2 and -3 subsequent license renewals. Top performers recognized at Utility Working Conference. Browns Ferry power uprate project completed. Nuclear Energy Renewal Act introduced in Senate; Nuclear Energy Leadership Act passes out of committee. TerraPower's Molten Chloride Fast Reactor project reaches major milestone. Fuel ordered for Unit 3 as construction proceeds at Vogtle site. Opponents of Ohio's "nuclear bailout" seek referendum. (See also Call for Papers, pp. 45–47, for the 2020 ANS Annual Meeting, June 7–11, Phoenix, Ariz.)

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Reactor 4 at Hunterston B cleared to restart operations. Core catcher for Unit 1 arrives at Akkuyu construction site. Cooling tower at Germany's closed Mülheim-Kärlich nuclear power plant is demolished. Explosion at Russian military facility kills five Rosatom employees.





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Department of Energy to develop environmental impact statement for proposed Versatile Test Reactor. Fueling of multimission radioisotope thermoelectric generator for Mars 2020 rover begins.

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