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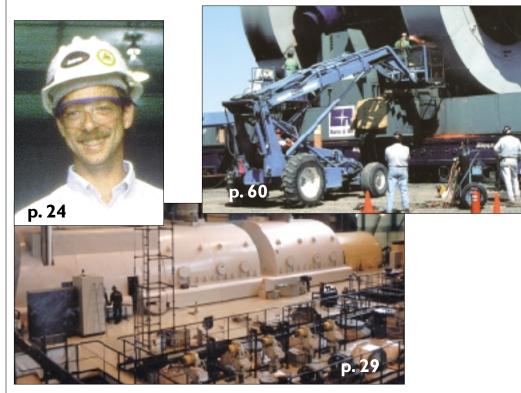
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### INTERNATIONAL

Japan Atomic Power Co. provides Tsuruga-2 leak findings to Nuclear Safety Commission. Spent fuel transport to Rokkasho resumes. Shika-2 nuclear power plant now under construction. No environmental problems seen for a fifth nuclear power plant in Finland. French government promises debate on nuclear renewal. Mixed views on nuclear at European Union confirmation hearings. Transport of spent fuel from Switzerland for reprocessing resumes. Merger would create largest electric utility in Germany. Early 2000 closure of Chernobyl-3 not possible. IAEA report: Radiation protection for the environment.

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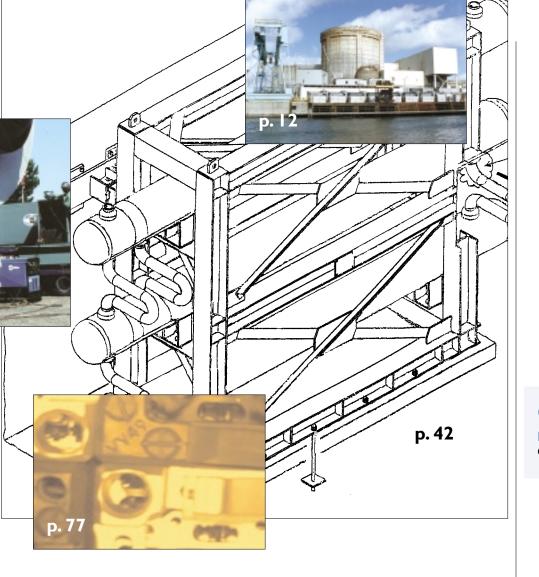
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DOE's draft EIS on Yucca Mountain an important milestone. EPA issues draft standards for Yucca Mountain. Wisconsin Electric files spent fuel suit against DOE, asks for stay. Transportation impacts considered in amended NRC rule. Chem-Nuclear for sale; Bechtel/NAS pact; other business developments. Rollin' up the river: Trojan's last voyage.

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#### **FUEL**

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