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**RESEARCH**

Battelle Energy Alliance chosen to operate INL. ITER siting talks collapse; EU considers building fusion device alone.

**ISOTOPES & RADIATION**

$44,000 fine proposed for exposure incident at irradiation facility. Agreement state group petitions NRC for specific training hours for nuclear pharmacists.

**FUEL**

Cameco reports on its U production this year. Spent fuel discharges, 1968–2002. USEC awards contracts to Boeing, Honeywell for enrichment plant component manufacture.

**EDUCATION**

DOE, Pittsburgh school develop nuclear science and technology curriculum. NSF funds Nuclear Pathways Web sites. Dominion expands online education opportunities for workers.

**STANDARDS**

Comments requested, standards revised. Inquiry on administrative controls answered.