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### EDUCATION & TRAINING

The Nuclear News interview-Bob Holland: Introducing young people to the nuclear industry.

## SECURITY

NRC moves to close gaps in materials licensing after GAO sting reveals weaknesses. U.S. and Hong Kong sign deal for pilot seaport scanning program. Bush sends international terrorism suppression treaty to Senate.

### INTERNATIONAL

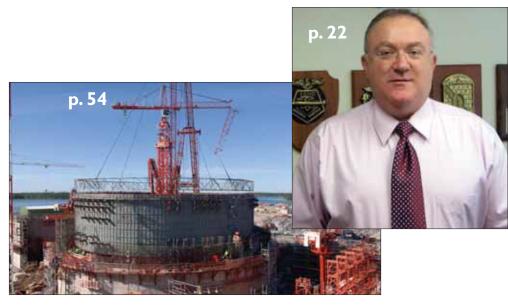
Negotiations complete for U.S.-India nuclear trade agreement. Final contracts signed for four AP1000 reactors in China. Investors sought for construction of Cernavoda-3 and -4 in Romania. Olkiluoto-3 progresses despite construction delays. Argentina negotiates with AECL for new power reactor. Second reactor for Point Lepreau in Canada studied.

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#### WASTE MANAGEMENT

DOE and NRC sign memorandum of understanding to cooperate on GNEP. Cleaned-up Rocky Flats site turned over to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. K-1401 building demolition at Oak Ridge almost finished. Candidates sought for ACNWM vacancy. Inhofe challenges Clinton on Yucca Mountain hearings. NRC seeks more info on Shieldalloy decommissioning plan.

#### RESEARCH

Russia, India ratify ITER agreement.

#### INDUSTRY

Westinghouse to acquire IST Nuclear; other business developments. Curtiss-Wright to make reactor coolant pumps for China AP1000s; other contracts.

#### FUEL

NRC issues withheld documents on 2006 NFS-Erwin spill. Cameco reports on dewatering of Cigar Lake U mine. NNSA starts MOX fabrication plant construction. LES picks Washington Group for National Enrichment Facility services. USEC's Welch calls for focus on nuclear professional.

#### ISOTOPES & RADIATION

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