

Concerning Authorization for the Installation of the Ohma Nuclear Power Plant Nuclear Reactor

J-POWER applied to the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry for authorization to install a nuclear reactor on March 18, 2004 in accordance with the Nuclear Reactor Regulation Law. The safety inspection was conducted by national authorities, and notification is hereby given that authorization for installation of the nuclear reactor was received today.

J-POWER will hereafter proceed with various preparations for the start of construction in May of this year.

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Reference: Outline of the Project and Important Sequence of Events

1. Outline of the Project

Location:	Ohma-machi Shimokita-gun, Aomori Prefecture
Power Generating Capacity:	1,383 MW
Type of Reactor:	Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR)
Type of Fuel:	Low enriched uranium and mixed oxide of uranium and plutonium (MOX*)
	*MOX: <u>M</u> ixed <u>O</u> xide Fuel

2. Important Sequence of Events

April 1976	The Ohma Chamber of Commerce and Industry petitioned the Ohma Town Council for the implementation of environmental research relative to building of a nuclear power plant (the Ohma Town Council adopted the petition in June)
December 1984	The Ohma Town Council decided to solicit a nuclear power station
August 1995	The Atomic Energy Commission suspends the ATR (Advanced Thermal Reactor) demonstration plant that was the main constituent of J-POWER's operations, and the full MOX ABWR is decided upon as an alternative plan.
September 1998	Submission of the environmental impact assessment to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry
December 1999	First public hearing held (organized by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry)
August 1999	Acknowledgement of the basic plan for the development of electrical power resource at the 141st Electric Power Development Coordination Council
September 2004	Application for a license to install a nuclear reactor (withdrawn in March 2004 due to a review of the power plant layout plan)
March 2004	Application for a license to install a nuclear reactor
June 2005	Query from the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry to the Nuclear Safety Commission and the Atomic Energy Commission
October 2008	Second public hearing held (organized by the Nuclear Safety Commission)
April 2008	Report from the Nuclear Safety Commission and Atomic Energy Commission to the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry
April 2008	Authorization for a license to install a nuclear reactor