



Sellafield Ltd

# Sellafield News

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## First ever Vitrified Residue Return to Japan is completed safely



The first shipment of highly active waste (HAW) from Sellafield Ltd has arrived safely in Japan.

The waste arises from the reprocessing of used nuclear fuel at Sellafield for the NDA's Japanese customers.

A single 113te flask, containing 28 stainless steel containers of solid HAW, was transported in January from the Sellafield site, on a specially constructed rail wagon, to the port of Barrow-in-Furness.

It was then transferred on to a Pacific Nuclear Transport Ltd (PNTL) vessel the Pacific Sandpiper for Japan.

Mike Johnson, Director of Waste and Effluent Disposition for Sellafield Ltd, said: "This work, known in the UK as Vitrified Residue Returns programme, delivers on the Government's policy and contractual obligations for return of waste to overseas customers.

"It demonstrates the ability of our workforce to safely prepare and deliver this material for transport, while meeting the most stringent national, international, and customer requirements."

All of the transports of HAW to Japan will be delivered by International Nuclear Services and its subsidiary, PNTL. PNTL has operated ships that travelled for more than five million miles without any incident involving the release of radioactivity.

In 2007 PNTL completed a programme of 12 similar HAW transports to Japan for the French nuclear industry.

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# Energize in the running for yet another award

Sellafield Ltd's Stakeholder Relations team are celebrating this week, having been short-listed for a CiB North West award for their internal newspaper, Energize.

The CiB awards are the largest and most prestigious showcase for internal communication in the UK and beyond.

The awards cover all aspects of internal communication activity and reflect the growing complexity and rapid changes in the world of communications.

Energize, a monthly twelve page broadsheet paper, is produced by the employee comms team with contributions from across Sellafield Ltd. The paper is then laid out, printed and distributed by Cumbria Newsgroup in Carlisle.

Employee communications manager, Julie Berry, said: "It's great to feature in a category which is always particularly hard fought.

"To be recognised by experts in the field of internal communications as one of the top three company newspapers in the north is a real credit to the team involved in the production of Energize."

Having made the short-list stage consistently in recent years, the team are hoping for success when the winners are announced at the presentation evening on Friday 26 March.

In November the team were finalists in the Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR) PRide awards, also held in Manchester.



Repeating their success: The Energize team celebrate being finalist at the CIPR awards in November, can they go one better this time?

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Mark Jervis, Managing Director of INS, said: "The transport by sea is a tried and tested method that is safe and secure, highly regulated and internationally approved.

"Since leaving Barrow on 21 January the Pacific Sandpiper and her crew have performed flawlessly concluding with a safe, on-time delivery to Rokkasho-mura. This voyage builds on our exemplary 40-year record and confirms our position as the world's leading global shipper of radioactive materials."

Ian Hudson, the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's Sellafield Programme Director said: "The commencement of this first return of high level waste to overseas customers is a significant milestone in meeting our contractual commitments and delivering on Government policy. The delivery of this programme is a prime example of high quality team working across the NDA estate."

## VIP Visits to Sellafield

3.3.10 Flask Champion Visit

4.3.10: Mr Tajima and Party

4.3.10 & 5.3.10 Legal Department, DECC

5.3.10: Bolton School familiarisation visit.

9.3.10: HSE Visit

9.3.10: Sellafield Technical Information Exchange Project (STIEP)

9.3.10 & 10.3.10: Euratom director visit

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