

# Development of Fission-Based $^{99}\text{Mo}$ Production Process and Facility in Korea



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# Kijang New Research Reactor Project

- **Insecurity of Medical Radioisotopes (Mo-99) Supply in Korea → Major issue (Now 100% imported)**

- Self-sufficiency of RI demand became an issue for health care
- Require to secure the medical welfare.



## New Research Reactor Project in Korea

- Launched in 2012.
- Location: Kijang, Busan.
- Phase: PSAR review for C.L.
- Aiming for 1<sup>st</sup> Criticality: March of **2019**.
- Fission Mo Production Capacity: 2,000Ci/w
- NTD, Ir-192, I-125, Lu-177 etc.



# KJRR Location

City of Busan  
(2<sup>nd</sup>, 3.5 M)

City of Ulsan  
(7<sup>th</sup>, 1.2 M)



Furthest from North Korea



Korea Atomic Energy  
Research Institute

HANARO



# KJRR Location



# Plot Plan: KJRR



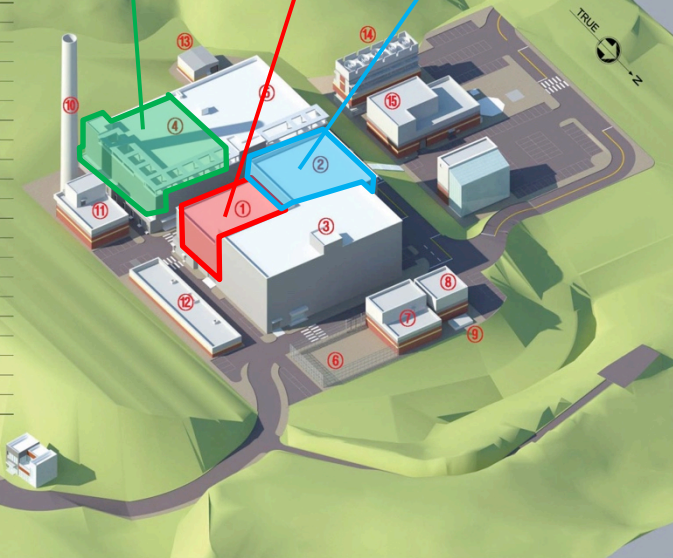
# BIRD'S EYE VIEW

**RIPF** (Radioisotope Production Facility) **FMPF** (Fission Molybdenum Production Facility) **Reactor**

## LEGEND

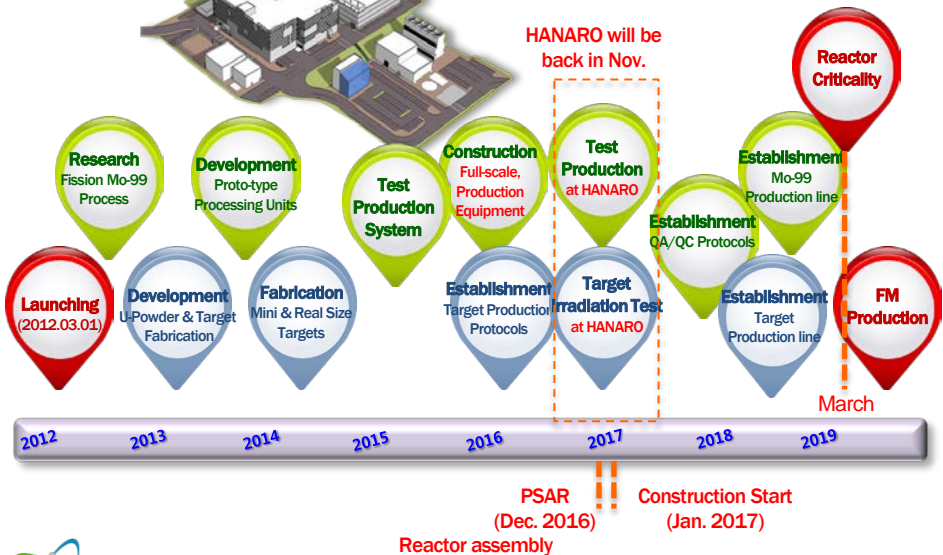
### BUILDING AND STRUCTURE LIST

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	FISSION MOLYBDENUM PRODUCTION FACILITY BUILDING (FMPF 생산 건물)
2	REACTOR BUILDING (원자로 건물)
3	UTILITY BUILDING (공용설비 건물)
4	RADIOISOTOPE PRODUCTION FACILITY BUILDING (RIPF 생산 건물)
5	RADIOACTIVE WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY BUILDING (방사성폐기물 처리 건물)
6	154KV GIS & TRANSFORMER (154KV 기차 변전소)
7	ELECTRIC BUILDING (전기 생산 건물)
8	DQ BUILDING (디젤 발전기 건물)
9	FUEL OIL TANK (연유 저장 탱크)
10	STACK (굴뚝)
11	HVAC FACILITY (공조 시설)
12	FIRE WATER TANK AND FACILITY (소방탱크 및 시설)
13	RWTF WAREHOUSE (방사성폐기물 처리 시설 창고)
14	COOLING TOWER / BASIN (냉각탑 / 우물)
15	DEMI. SYSTEM & PUMP BUILDING (순환계통 및 펌프 건물)
16	PH ADJUSTMENT BASIN & DISCHARGE POND (pH 조정조)
17	RAW WATER STORAGE TANK (원수 저장 탱크)
18	SEWAGE LIFTING STATION (하수 이송 시설)
19	NATURAL EVAPORATION BUILDING (자연 증발조)
20	GUARD HOUSE (경비실)





# Schedule

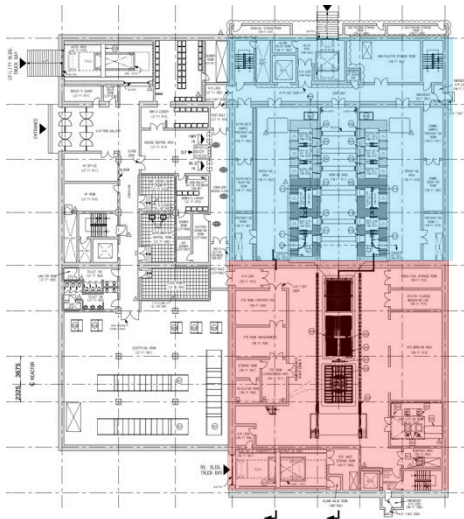
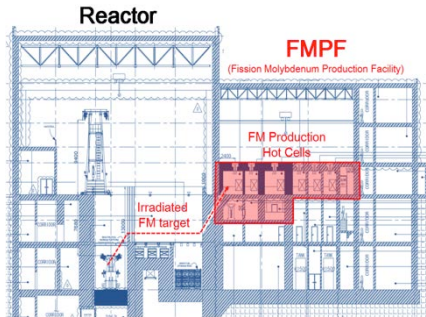




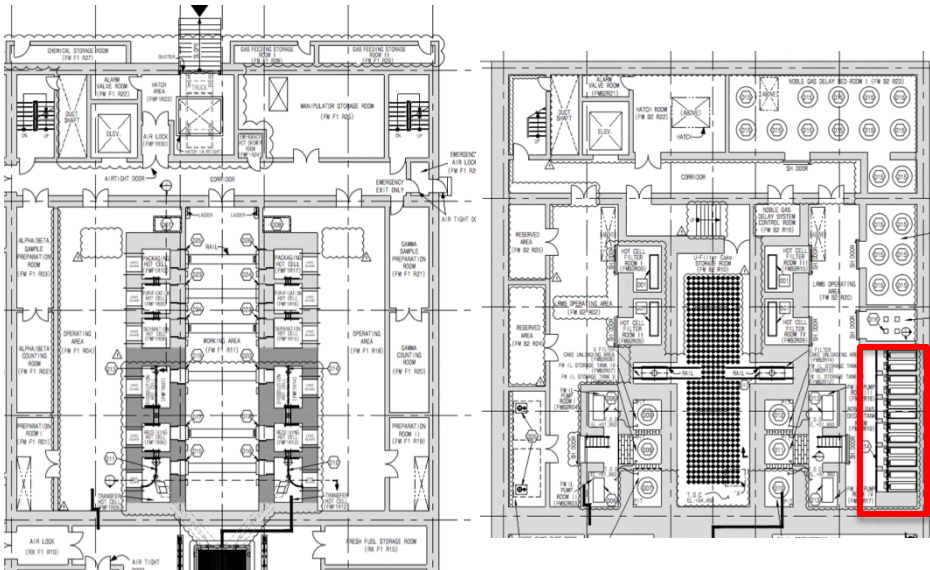
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# Arrangement of Reactor and FMPF

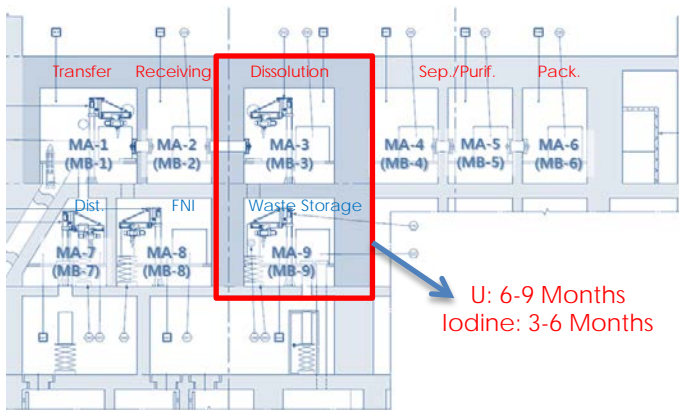


# FMPF General Arrangement



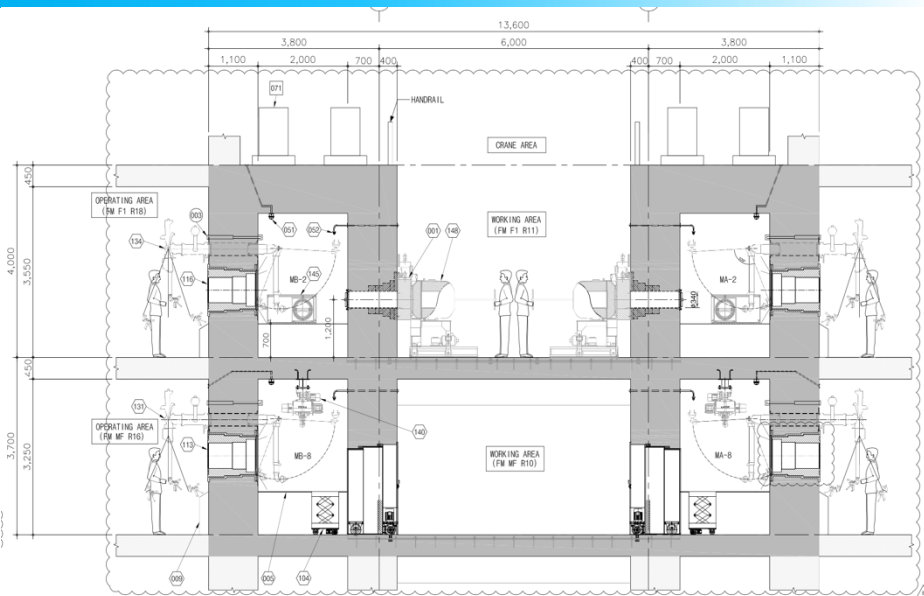


# Hot Cell for Fission Mo-99 Production (Two hot cell banks for back-up)

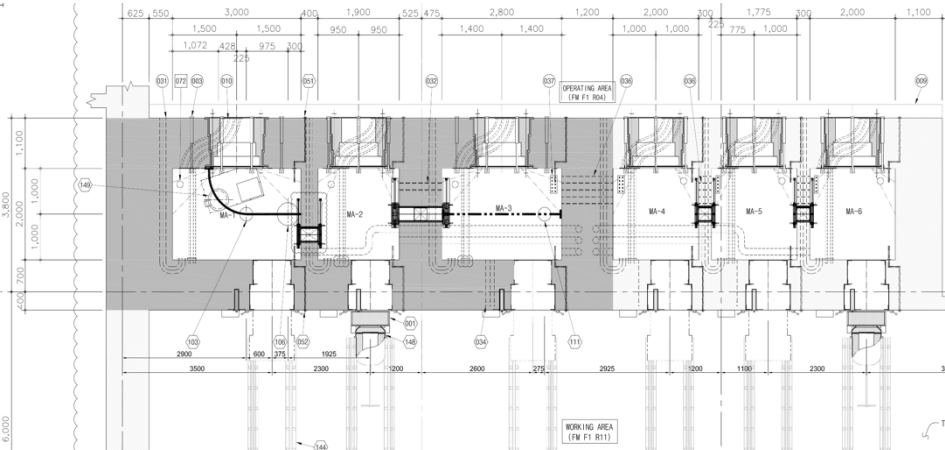


Hot Cell No.	Name	Function	Hot Cell No.	Name	Function
MA-2	Receiving	Isolation of FMPF from Rx	MA-6	Packaging	Packaging Mo-99 Solution
MA-3	Dissolution	Target Dissolution	MA-7	Distribution	RI Target Transfer
MA-4/MA-5	Separation/Purification	Mo-99 Separation/Purification	MA-9	Waste Storage	Temporary Storage for Solid Radwastes

# Hot Cell Cross Section



# Hot Cell Arrangement (Fl. 1)



## PLANT

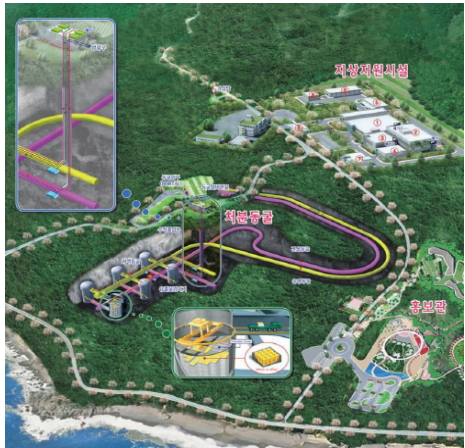




# Disposal of ISW and LSW (other than U residues)



KORAD LILW disposal facility in Gyeongju (2014)



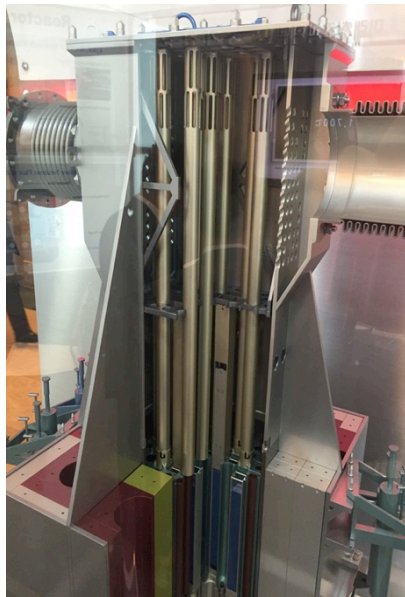
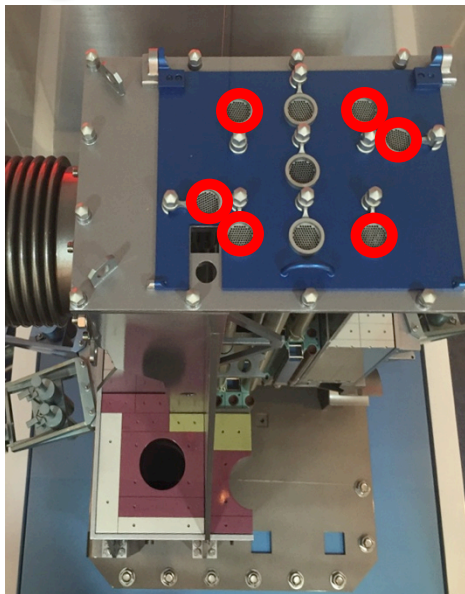
Current plan: Cementation of ILW from FM production (Disposal experience)



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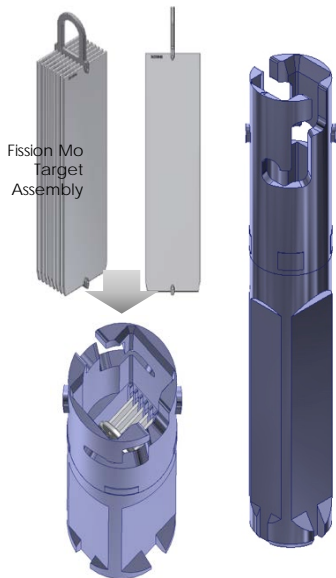


# FM Target and KJRR Reactor Model

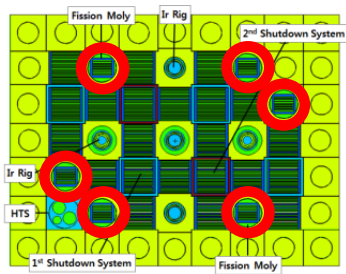




# FM Target Irradiation



## KJRR Reactor Core





## FM Target Assembly (8 Plates with Combs)

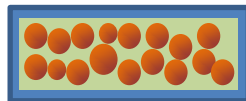




## II. FMPF: FM Target Specification



- Weight: 53 g
- Total U: 15 g
- Total U-235: 3 g
- U density: 2.6 g-U/cc

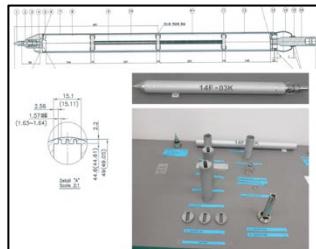


- Al 6061 T6 @cladding
- Al 1050 @ meat (matrix)
- UAlx powder @ meat

### ➤ **Green light for the HANARO irradiation test**

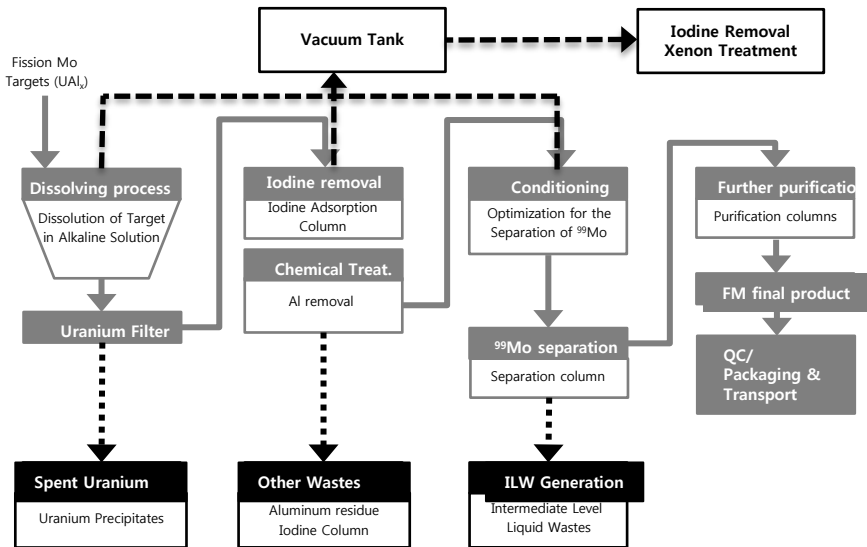
60-days ex-core test

- Flow rate & pressure drop: **satisfied**
- Vibration test: **satisfied**



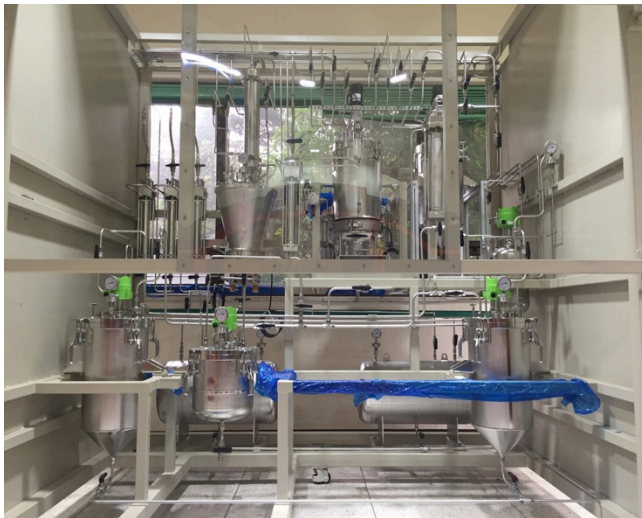


# Process Scheme





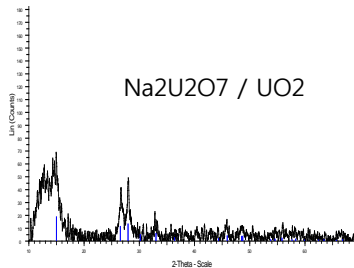
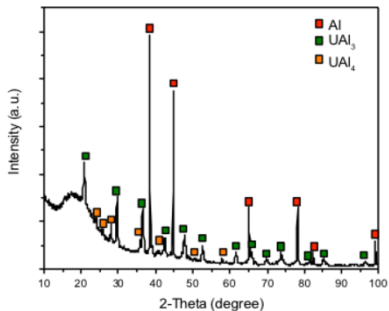
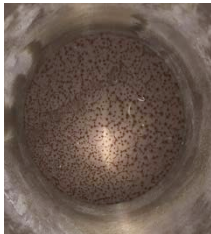
# Full-scale Prototype (cold test)





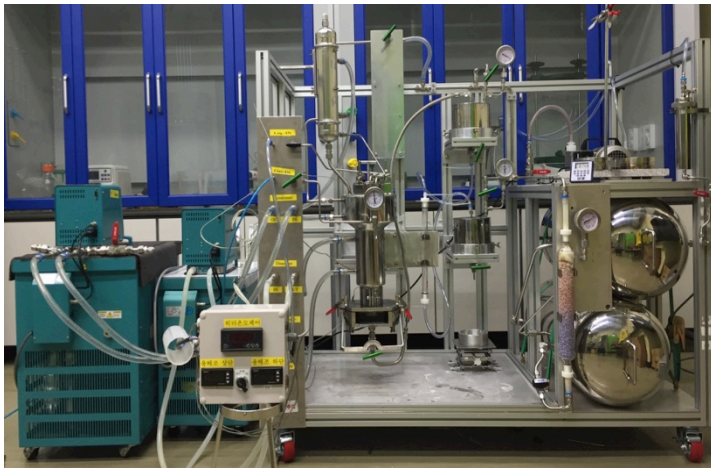


# Dissolution





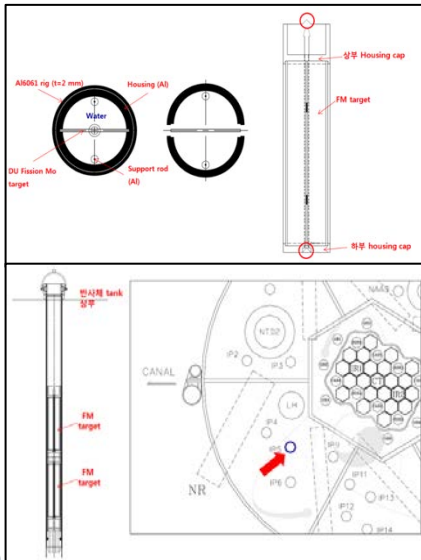
# Fission Mo Production: Hot Test Module (1/8 scale)





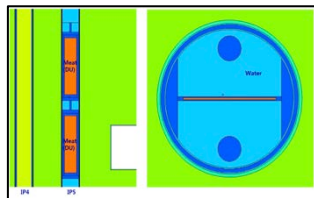
# Fission Mo Production: Hot Test

## Fission Mo Target Capsule / Rig and Irradiation Hole



## Irradiation in HANARO

### Fission Mo Target (DU) Combustion Analysis



Tool	MCNP6
Result	<b>1 hr Irradiation – 0.1390 Ci</b>
(from	<b>6 hr Irradiation – 0.8317 Ci</b>
2 target	<b>1 day Irradiation – 3.025 Ci</b>
plates)	<b>7 day Irradiation –10.84 Ci</b>



# Compact Xenon Treatment System (Cryogenic)



Experimental Setup Mark1



Experimental Setup Mark2



- Single column retains 7 batches
- Integrated column now testing (TSA operation)
- Continuous operation



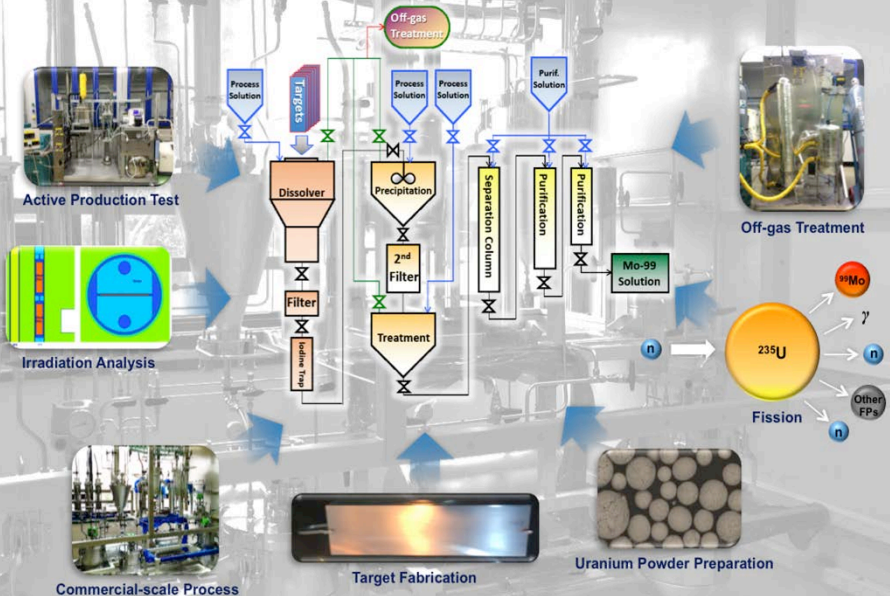
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## Fission $^{99}\text{Mo}$ Production Process





# Summary

1. Mo-99 facility and process development is in progress
2. KJRR project is moving forward in spite of some obstacles: budget / licensing
3. Requesting hands from Mo-99 society (ILW disposal)



*Thank You !!!*