

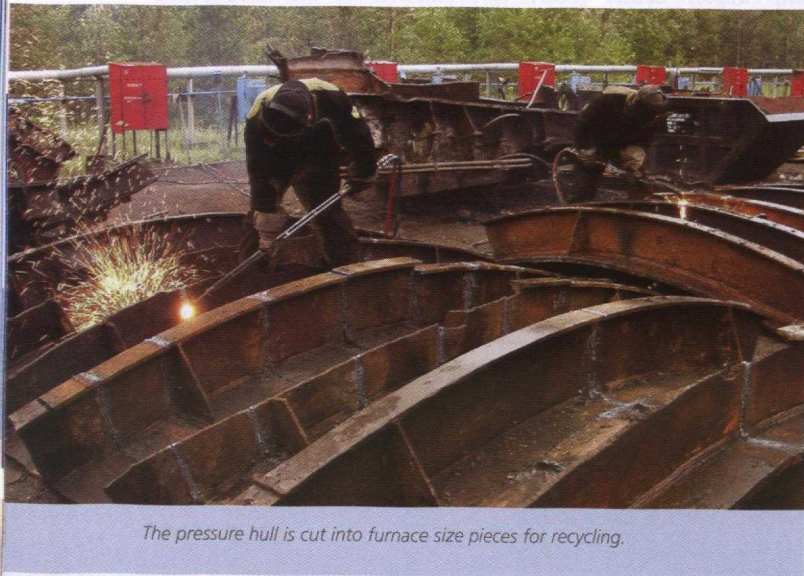
**The Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership**

**Support Fund:** The Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership (NDEP) Support Fund of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is addressing problems associated with the large quantities of SNF and radioactive wastes that were produced by the operation of Russia's northern fleet. Funds assigned to the "nuclear window" of the NDEP Support Fund are used for nuclear-related security and environmental projects in northwestern Russia. Canada contributed \$32 million to this program in March 2004 as a logical complement to the submarine dismantlement project.

The EBRD manages the NDEP Support Fund on behalf of donors (including Canada, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Sweden, the U.K. and the EU). Canada works with its international group of donors to review and approve projects and monitor progress.



*Victor I being dismantled in floating dock*



*The pressure hull is cut into furnace size pieces for recycling.*



*Reactor section*



**YAGRI ISLAND ORPHANAGE PROJECT:  
CANADIANS HELPING RUSSIAN CHILDREN**

In the last few years, during their monitoring visits to the shipyard, members of the Canadian team have devoted personal time to assisting the orphanage located nearby. The orphanage lacks funding. Through leveraging funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), new laundry equipment was installed in 2006, essential equipment for an orphanage hosting 254 children. The team successfully transported a large crate of dentistry equipment in 2006 from Canada to Severodvinsk using donated cargo space on a freight ship, including a new dental chair and sterilizing equipment, which will be installed by dental technicians from the Canadian Forces Dental Service in 2007. This project will have an important impact on the health and wellbeing of the children.