

The Canadian project will be implemented by the Federal State Unitary Enterprise Engineering Plant (FSUEEP)—known as the “Zvezdochka” shipyard—at Severodvinsk in the Arkangelsk Oblast. The Russian Federal Agency for Atomic Energy (Rosatom) has confirmed that the submarines to be dismantled through this project include 11 Victor Class and one Yankee Pod Class general purpose attack submarines.



Chris Westdal (center), Canadian Ambassador to Russia, with Mr. N. Kalistratov (right), Director General of the Zvezdochka Shipyard

An implementation arrangement was negotiated in 2004 to cover the first year of work. Under the terms of the arrangement, Canada agreed to provide up to \$24.4 million to cover defuelling and dismantlement of the first three submarines. Nuclear defuelling commenced in October, following an environmental assessment. As of April 2005, all three submarines had been defuelled, one was completely dismantled, and another over 50 percent dismantled. A second implementation arrangement, signed in March 2005, provides for an additional four submarines to be defuelled and three to be dismantled.

“Cooperation with Canada in NPS dismantlement is an excellent example of a harmonious combination of the political will to achieve a clearly defined goal and the pragmatic approach towards its practical implementation.”

—S.V. Antipov, Deputy Director, Rosatom, Remarks, March 2005.



Foreign Affairs Canada Merit Award Winner Michael Washer, Senior Project Manager Nuclear Submarine Dismantlement Project, receiving his award from Marie-Lucie Morin, Associate Deputy Minister and Robert Fonberg, Deputy Minister of International Trade

Canada leading by example: From agreement to implementation

“... to show interest is one thing, and to move from intentions to concrete projects and financing is quite another thing. Canada persevered and is currently funding the dismantlement of three Victor Class Multi-Purpose Nuclear Powered Submarines at ‘Zvezdochka’.

... I would like to note specifically the record-breaking time period ... from the date of signing the document on funding the contract to the start of its implementation. This proves that very professional and interested people work on the Canadian side. ... We truly hope that our experience of fruitful cooperation with Canada will encourage other countries to take concrete steps in implementation of international agreements against the spread of weapons of mass destruction, and we will acquire new allies and partners.”

—N. Kalistratov, Director General, FSUEEP, Remarks, March 2005.