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EURATOM SIGNS CONTRACT WITH  
REACTOR CENTRUM NEDERLAND

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19 -- The European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) has concluded with the Reactor Centrum Nederland a two-year contract for research on transplutonium elements, it was announced in Brussels.

The research will be conducted in six fields and will include study of methods used for the separation of transplutonium elements such as americium and curium from reactor fission products, procedures for the identification of the elements, the nuclear properties of certain transplutonium elements and their technical and scientific applications. The RCN will be assisted by the Nuclear Physics Research Institute (Instituut voor Kernfysisch Onderzoek), which will give technical advice.

Euratom has signed three other contracts in this category -- two with the Belgian Nuclear Studies Center (CEN) and one with the University of Liege. The Community is also engaged in concluding a further contract with the French Atomic Energy Commission (CEA).