



New Reefer building of the KCC inaugurated on Oct. 17, 2014

As shown in the photographs above, new reefer building in the KCC was inaugurated on 17 October 2014. The reefer has capacity of storing ca. 150 km of core, which is about 200,000 working and archive half core sections. This enhances the total core storage capacity of the KCC to ca. 250 km of the IODP core, including DSDP and ODP cores.

Unopened pallets of the cores from the IODP Expeditions 349, 350, and 351, and temporary racks storing about 1/3rd of the Expedition 346 cores have been moved into the new reefer. This has facilitated access to the cores that were blocked by storage of these cores into the other reefer aisles. Sampling of the cores for pending sample requests has begun, and the requests are being fulfilled after considering various priorities, e.g., number of samples, ease of sampling, staff availability, etc.