Press Release

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Nuclear Regulation Authority

Regarding receipt of report (Interim Report) from Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc. on the additional investigation of the fracture zone in the site of Ohi Nuclear Power Station

The Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA) has received today a report on the additional investigation results of the fracture zone (Interim Report) in the site of Ohi Nuclear Power Station, Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc. (KEPCO).

1. Summary

   The now-defunct Nuclear Industry and Safety Agency (NISA) had heard experts' opinion on the validity of evaluation on the fracture zones in the sites of all nuclear power plants in Japan as part of the seismic “back check” in the expert hearings on earthquakes and tsunamis.

   In the hearings, some experts insisted that regarding the F-6 fracture zone in KEPCO's Ohi Nuclear Power Station, the existing data and documents were not enough to deny the probability of its activity, and the direct confirmation on the site would be needed to make it sure.

   The NISA directed KEPCO to conduct an additional investigation on July 18, 2012, based on the experts' opinion mentioned above, and received a report of the plan on July 25, 2012 (Already announced on July 18 and 25, 2012).

   This is to announce to the public that the NRA has received today a report (Interim report) from KEPCO on the additional investigation results.

2. Future development

   The NRA will strictly verify the validity of the additional investigation results (Interim report).

Reference:
Appendix: Regarding Interim Report of Additional Investigation of the F-6 fracture zone in the site of Ohi Nuclear Power Station. (Available only in Japanese)
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