Press Release

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Nuclear Regulation Authority

Regarding the implementation status of the safety assessment of the impact of seismic ground motion and tsunami at Higashidori Nuclear Power Station, Tohoku Electric Power Co., Inc.

The Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA) has received today a report from Tohoku Electric Power Co., Inc. on the implementation status of the safety assessment of the impact of seismic ground motion and tsunami on the nuclear facilities of Higashidori Nuclear Power Station.

1. Summary
   The now-defunct NISA directed the licensees on November 11, 2011 to reexamine seismic safety (called “seismic back check”) and conduct the safety assessment on the impact of seismic ground motion and tsunami on the nuclear facilities since it was necessary to review some items for verifying the validity based on the knowledge learned from the Tohoku District Off the Pacific Ocean Earthquake in 2011 (Already announced on November 1, 2011).

   In the direction, the licensees are required in the direction to submit periodic reports on the implementation status with the periods of every two months or less. Today, the NRA has received a periodic report regarding the implementation status from Tohoku Electric Power Co., Inc.

2. Future development
   The NRA will strictly verify the validity of the results of the safety assessment regarding the impact of ground motion and tsunami that will be submitted from Tohoku Electric Power Co., Inc.

Appendix:
Higashidori Nuclear Power Station: Regarding the implementation status of the safety assessment of the impact of seismic ground motion and tsunami on nuclear facilities based on the knowledge learned from the Tohoku District Off the Pacific Ocean Earthquake in 2011. (Available only in Japanese)