Press Release

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Nuclear Regulation Authority

Regarding receipt of a report on the revision of the implementation plan with an additional geographical investigation of the faults in the site of Higashidori NPS, Tohoku Electric Power Co., Ltd.

Today, the Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA) has received a report on the revision of the implementation plan from Tohoku Electric Power Co., Ltd. on an additional field survey of the faults in the site of Higashidori NPS.

1. Summary
   The defunct Nuclear Industry and Safety Agency (NISA) had taken advice from experts on the validity of the evaluation on the fracture zones in the sites of nuclear power stations all over Japan as part of the seismic “back-check” at the “Expert Hearing on Earthquakes and Tsunamis” (hereinafter referred to as “Hearing”).

   In March 2012, NISA received a report from Tohoku Electric Power Co., Inc. on its evaluation results of the activity, etc. of the faults in the NPS site. However, in May 2012, some experts of the “Expert Hearing” expressed that the investigation data of the evaluation results were insufficient and much wider investigation would be needed.

   Tohoku Electric Power Co., Inc. had initially stated that it would conduct an additional geological investigation in light of experts’ opinions and was scheduled to submit the results to the NRA by March 2013. However, today, the NRA received a report from Tohoku Electric Power Co., Inc. that it would conduct an additional field survey for the activity of the faults in the NPS site and change the time of the final report submission to the NRA to December 2013.

2. Future Development
   The NRA will confirm the implementation status of the operator's additional investigation, and if new knowledge is found, the NRA will hold the experts’ meetings for evaluation as needed.
Appendix:
Tohoku Electric Power Co., Inc. “Additional geological investigation for the evaluation of the activity of faults in the site of Higasidori Nuclear Power Station” (Available only in Japanese)

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