Press Release

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Nuclear Regulation Authority

Regarding reviewing the process and postponing the submission of the final report for the additional investigation plan on fracture zones in the site of Mihama NPS, Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc.

The Nuclear Regulation Authority has received a report from Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc. (KEPCO) on reviewing the process and postponing the submission of the final report on the additional investigation plan on fracture zones in the site of Mihama 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”).

Then NISA directed on August 29, 2012, KEPCO to develop an additional investigation plan on the fracture zones in the site of Mihama NPS. NISA received a report of the plan from the licensee on September 5, 2012 (Already announced on August 29 and September 5, 2012).

As for this plan, the final report was primarily scheduled to submit by the end of March, 2013, however, today, KEPCO submitted the NRA a revised plan with more investigation items added and with delay of the submission date to May of this year.

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 Expert Meetings for evaluation as needed.

Appendix:

Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc. “Reviewing the process of an additional investigation for fracture zones in the site of Mihama Nuclear Power Station” (Available only in Japanese)
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