

Towards the Enhancement of Nuclear Safety

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Independence

=Separate the functions for nuclear regulation and nuclear promotion.

Establish the Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA) as an independent regulatory body.

Integration

=Integrate nuclear regulation functions regarding safety, security, safeguards, radiation monitoring and radioisotopes regulation into the NRA.

Independent and Integrated



MOE MOE AEC METI **MEXT AEC** METI NRA Security NISA Safety, RR. RI. NSC Security, Commercial Safeguards, **MEXT** Safeguards, **Monitoring** facilities 2nd Check etc.

AEC : Atomic Energy Commission

METI: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

MOE: Ministry of the Environment

NISA: Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (abolished)

NSC: Nuclear Safety Commission (abolished)

Nuclear Regulation Authority



Commissioner, Kayoko Nakamura Kunihiko Shimazaki



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Chairman, Shunichi Tanaka



Commissioner, Toyoshi Fuketa



Commissioner, Kenzo Oshima

The Secretariat of the NRA (About 500 staffs)

JNES

JAEA

NIRS



Transparency

- NRA meetings are open to the public (streamed live on the Internet).
- Meeting records with licensees are open to the public.
- Criteria for appointing outside experts
- Three press conferences are held each week.









TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

Specification as Disaster-experienced Nuclear Power Plant (Nov. 7)
 Ensuring safety of the decommissioning of reactors

Continuing investigation of the accident cause

Full cooperation for IAEA report

 Experts groups on radiation emerger administration

To recommend measures to control radiation pollution and reduce long-term anxiety to human health.





New Safety Standards for Nuclear Power Plants

To be established by July next year

- New regulation on severe accidents
 Legally-requested measures to prevent and to mitigate severe accidents.
- Develop new regulatory standards and apply to existing nuclear facilities (backfitting).
- 40-years operational limit for NPPs
- Legally define the limit to 40 years.
- NRA can permit a less-than-20-years extension.



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- Safety measures against external event risks, including earthquakes, tsunamis, tornados, fires and terrorist attacks
- →Establishing new standards for Earthquake and Tsunami in particular



Emergency preparedness and response in off-site areas

- Nuclear emergency preparedness guidelines were developed(Oct. 31).
 Expanded evacuation preparing zone; area about within 5km radius designated as PAZ and area about within 30km radius as UPZ.
- Study on EAL and underway by experts' group.

Reflecting the Nuclear emergency preparedness guidelines in the emergency preparedness plans in supporting with local governments (by March 2013)



Field Surveys of Fracture Zones

- Started additional field surveys at three NPP sites (Oi, Tsuruga and Higashidori)
- NRA organized experts' team to conduct field surveys.





International collaborations in the field of Nuclear Safety Regulation

- International collaborations with IAEA, OECD/NEA, and other countries.
- Sharing of cutting-edge knowledge in the field of nuclear safety regulation
- Nuclear security
- Nuclear safeguards
- Development of human resources



We just began to move forward steadily.