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>>> James Wiggins 7/16/2007 8:16 AM >>>

Sounds like we should go for the IFR on this. Clue in NRO since the site includes an ABWR.

>>> Lauren Casey 07/16/2007 8:14 AM >>>

**Strong Quake In Japan Triggers Kashiwazaki Plant Shutdown.** The AP

<<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/07/15/AR2007071501245.html>> (7/16, Watanabe) reports, "A strong earthquake jolted northwestern Japan on Monday morning, flattening dozens of wooden houses, and triggering small tsunamis. Media reports said at least 160 people were injured." The AP adds, "Flames and black smoke were seen pouring from the Kashiwazaki nuclear plant, which was automatically shut down in the quake. NHK reported the fire was in an electrical transformer, and that no radioactivity had been released. The reactor and two others in the region had shut down automatically." The BBC News <<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/rss/-/2/hi/asia-pacific/6900156.stm>> (7/16) notes the temblor had a "preliminary magnitude 6.6" and "struck off the coast of Niigata, some [160 miles] northwest of Tokyo, Japan's meteorological agency says. A number of houses were damaged, and a fire started at the Kashiwazaki nuclear plant. But officials said there was no risk of a radiation leak." The black smoke "was seen billowing from the Kashiwazaki nuclear power station, after a fire started at an electricity transformer building. But the reactor -- like several others -- shut down automatically, and there was said to be no risk of any radiation leak." Japan's Mainichi Daily News <<http://mdn.mainichi-msn.co.jp/national/news/20070716p2a00m0na006000c.html>> (7/16) notes, "Firefighters have the blaze under control, while the reactors remain shut down. TEPCO officials said no radiation leaked from the reactors. The Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Plant is located in the Niigata Prefecture city of Kashiwazaki, where the temblor registered upper 6 on the 7-point Japanese intensity scale." Bloomberg <<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601087&sid=a3b.jXWlumdE&refer=home>> (7/16, Yasu, Gibson) quotes Kiyoto Ishikawa, a TEPCO spokesman, who said, "The situation is not serious enough to cause a radioactive leak." Bloomberg notes, a "fourth reactor at the nuclear plant was not operational at the time of the quake, the company said."