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Setup of "Subcommittee for Investigation and Response to the Nuclear Facilities affected by Chuetsu-oki Earthquake (provisional name) "	

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Nuclear and Industry Safety Agency organizes "Subcommittee for Investigation and Response to the Nuclear Facilities affected by Chuetsu-oki Earthquake (provisional name) " under Nuclear and Industrial Safety Subcommittee, the Advisory Committee for Natural Resources and Energy as shown on the attached paper.

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Attachment

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1. Objective

"Subcommittee for Investigation and Response to the Nuclear Facilities affected by the Chuetsu-oki Earthquake (provisional name)" is to be set up under the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Subcommittee, the Advisory Committee for Natural Resources and Energy. The objective of the subcommittee is 1) to conduct investigations on specific effects and their interrelation observed at Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station, Tokyo Electric Power Company, on the event of the "Niigataken Chuetsu-oki Earthquake in 2007"; and 2) to identify the future issues and actions for the central government and the licensees of nuclear power generation, based on the findings obtained by the earthquake. The Subcommittee will conduct a deliberation in close cooperation with the Seismic and Structural Design Subcommittee and the Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee.

2. Items of Deliberation

- Organization of the systems established and operated by the licensee, which must be operational in the case of earthquake. There are three systems of focus: 1) the in-house fire fighting system, 2) the information communication system and 3) the information provision system serving the local community,
- Seismic safety evaluation based on the findings obtained by the "Niigataken Chuetsu-oki Earthquake in 2007",
- Possible relevance between the status of operation maintenance of the reactor at the time of the "Niigataken Chuetsu-oki Earthquake in 2007" and the integrity of the facilities, and future actions,
- Miscellaneous items

3. Chairperson and Schedule

Chairman: Professor Haruki Madarame, Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo

The First meeting of the Subcommittee will be held on July 31, 2007.