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Report submitted by Japan Atomic Energy Agency in response to the order of Director General of NISA issued on July 20	

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NISA/METI

On 31 July, NISA received a report from Japan Atomic Energy Agency following the order issued by the Director General of NISA on July 20. The report contains 1) the results of checking on the fire fighting system, 2) the results of checking on incident reporting system and 3) the measures to be implemented.

1. Background

- (1) On the event of the Niigataken Chuetsu-oki Earthquake in 2007 on July 16, Tokyo Electric Power Company failed to mobilize its fire fighting team at early stage and also failed to report the radioactive materials release within a reasonable delay at Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Plant.
- (2) On July 20, the Director General of NISA issued an order to Japan Atomic Energy Agency (hereafter called "JAEA"), which requires to confirm 1) fire fighting system and 2) the incident reporting system. The order also requires to report the checking results by July 31.
- (3) On 31 July, JAEA submitted the report to the Director General of NISA.

2. Contents of the Report

Based on the checking results on the fire fighting system and the incident reporting system of accident such as radioactivity release, and in order to improve the on-site fire fighting team and to strengthen of the incident reporting system to ensure rapid and accurate reporting, JAEA will examine and report on the specific plan to introduce the following measures:

- 1) Strengthening of the system to mobilize enough initial response personnel in nighttime and holiday
- 2) Preparation of fire engines with tank as well as chemical fire engines
- 3) Establishment and maintenance of direct line between local fire department and JAEA

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- 4) Implementation and enhancement of the firefighting drills in close coordination with the local fire department
3. NISA will closely follow the implementation process of the licensees' measures to strengthen the on-site fire fighting system and the incident reporting system

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