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NOTIFICATION OF ISSUANCE OF INFORMATION NOTICE 2011-05 "TOHOKU-TAIHEIYOU-OKI EARTHQUAKE EFFECTS ON JAPANESE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS" AND AVAILABILITY OF SEISMIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE NRC WEBSITE (FSME-11-026)

Purpose: To provide recipients with a copy of Information Notice (IN) 2011-05 and NRC website link for Seismic Questions and Answers for their information and awareness.

Background: The NRC has been monitoring the response to the earthquake and associated tsunami which struck Japan on March 11, 2011.

Discussion: The NRC continues to respond as appropriate and necessary to the earthquake/ tsunami. The NRC has issued IN 2011-05 to its reactor licensees, to inform addressees of effects of the Tohoku-Taiheiyu-Oki Earthquake on nuclear power plants in Japan, and to inform addressees of measures, current as of the issuance date of the IN, which NRC has taken in view of the known consequences of the Japan earthquake/ tsunami disaster. The NRC is providing a copy of IN 2011-05 to the State Liaison Officers and Radiation Control Program Directors for their information and awareness. No action or response is required.

In addition, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has posted a series of updated seismic and tsunami questions and answers on its website. The Q&A provides basic information on earthquakes and tsunamis, details on U.S. nuclear power plant seismic design and an explanation of NRC's recent study on earthquake risk. The document is available at <http://www.nrc.gov/japan/fags-related-to-japan.pdf>, and other NRC information related to the March 11 earthquake and tsunami is available at <http://www.nrc.gov/japan/japan-info.html>.

For questions regarding the issues and suggestions raised in IN 2011-05, please contact the individual listed as the technical contact in IN 2011-05. For questions about this FSME letter, please contact the individual listed below.

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