Regarding the Receipt of the Report in Connection with Nuclear Industrial Safety Agency’s Response to the Addition of the Nuclear Safety Commission’s Opinion on Seismic Back-Check Examinations, Taking into Account the 2011 Off the Pacific Coast of Tohoku Earthquake

This is to inform the public that the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA) received today from the nuclear operators reports based on the “Regarding the Response to the Addition of the Nuclear Safety Commission (NSC)’s Opinion, Taking into Account the 2011 Off the Pacific Coast of Tohoku Earthquake, on NISA’s Examination of Reported Evaluations on Seismic Safety of Existing Nuclear Power Reactor Facilities, etc. in Light of the Current Regulatory Guide for Reviewing Seismic Design (Direction)” issued by NISA to the nuclear operators, etc. dated April 28, 2011.

1. On April 28, 2011, the NSC decided the “Addition of NSC’s Opinion on NISA’s Examination of the Reported Evaluations on Seismic Safety of Existing Nuclear Power Reactor Facilities, etc. in Light of the Current Regulatory Guide for Reviewing Seismic Design,” and notified this decision to NISA.

2. In this decision, the NSC presented their opinion, taking into account the 2011 Off the Pacific Coast of Tohoku Earthquake, on the seismic safety evaluation, currently conducted by NISA, on existing nuclear power reactor facilities, etc. in light of the current regulatory guide for reviewing seismic design. NISA was requested by the NSC to respond to their opinion.

3. Based on this request, NISA directed the nuclear power operators on April 28 to report necessary information out of existing information from previous geological surveys, in order to find out whether some faults possibly fall under the requirement for seismic design considerations.
(Already announced on April 29, 2011)

4. This is to inform that in response to the above direction, NISA received examination reports from nuclear power operators, etc. today.

5. NISA will strictly review the submitted reports in the future, and will take any required action.

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