Rearranging restricted areas, areas to which evacuation orders have been issued, and other areas

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Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters

1. Following “Basic concept and issues to be challenged for rearranging the restricted areas and areas to which evacuation orders have been issued where step 2 has been completed” (Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, December 26, 2011), the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters has decided to rearrange the restricted areas and areas to which evacuation orders have been issued, including deliberate evacuation areas, designated due to the accident at Tokyo Electric Power Company’s Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant. The restricted areas and areas to which evacuation orders have been issued to the following local governments have hereby been rearranged. Details can be found in a public notice in Appendix 1, and our orders to the heads of these local governments are disclosed in Appendix 2.

1) Kawauchi Village
   a. Lifting the restricted areas in the village;
   b. Designating the areas to which evacuation orders have been issued in the village as “Area 2” in which the residents are not permitted to live and “Area 1” to which evacuation orders are ready to be lifted, as is disclosed in Appendix 1; and
   c. The order of rearranging the restricted areas and areas to which evacuation orders have been issued in (a.) and (b.) above will become effective at twelve o'clock midnight on April 1, 2012.

2) Tamura City
   a. Lifting the restricted areas in the city;
   b. Designating the areas to which evacuation orders have been issued in the city as “Area 1” to which evacuation orders are ready to be lifted, as is disclosed in Appendix 1; and
   c. The order of rearranging restricted areas and areas to which evacuation orders have been issued in (a.) and (b.) above will become effective at twelve o'clock midnight on April 1, 2012.

3) Minamisoma City
   a. Lifting the restricted areas in the city;
   b. Designating the areas to which evacuation orders have been issued in the city as rearranged “Area 3” where it is expected that residents will face difficulties in returning for a long time, “Area 2” in which the residents are not permitted to live and “Area 1,” to which evacuation orders are ready to be lifted, as is disclosed in Appendix 1; and
c. The order of rearranging restricted areas and areas to which evacuation orders have been issued in (a.) and (b.) above will become effective at twelve o'clock midnight on April 16, 2012, considering the wide range of the areas and the large population in the areas, which requires considerable preparation time.

2. We continue to talk thoroughly with parties concerned such as prefectural and local governments and residents to coordinate their opinions and aim to smoothly reach agreement with them.

3. Designation of the specific spots recommended for evacuation, where an annual integral dose of radiation per year after the accident is expected to be 20mSv or more, will be lifted when it is expected that the dose will decrease to 20mSv or less within one year after lifting the designation.