

Summary of Press Conference Comments Made by Nozomu Mori, FEPC  
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I am Nozomu Mori of the Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan. I appreciate the Energy Press Club and the media taking the time to participate in this press conference.

It has been a month since I took up the role of Chairman. During this time, Israel and the United States conducted a joint strike on Iran, leading to the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz. This is an example of an unstable international environment that caused geopolitical risk to materialize.

Then last week, the Public-Private Liaison Conference on Electricity and Gas Supply and Demand, and Fuel Procurement was held, where we affirmed that the public and private sectors would cooperate in securing stably supply of energy, especially in the short term. As utilities, we will remain vigilant in our efforts to maintain equipment and facilities, as well as secure fuel in order to maintain our supply capacity.

I also had the honor of being appointed the Chairman of Japan Nuclear Fuel Limited (JNFL) the other day. JNFL is facing a broad range of challenges with regards to the nuclear fuel cycle. All utilities have come together to support the completion of the Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant this year, and JNFL is cooperating with the government and NUMO in the selection of the final disposal site for high-level radioactive waste.

As FEPC Chairman, I will do my best to fulfill my responsibilities and cooperating with the Presidents of all utilities to resolve each of the various challenges facing the industry.

Going back to the main topic of today's press conference, I will be talking about "initiatives to improve nuclear safety."

March 11 marked the 15 year anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake, and the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station accident. I would like to once again sincerely apologize for the concern and burden we have caused the people

of Fukushima Prefecture and society at large.

Under a strong commitment to never let an accident like this occur again, we nuclear operators have been pursuing voluntary safety measures in addition to complying with new regulatory standards, keeping in mind the inherent risks associated with nuclear power generation.

As part of these initiatives, we have established a forum for the leaders of organizations that are committed to promoting continuous safety improvements in nuclear power to exchange opinions, as a mechanism to gather knowledge and insights from across the industry. This event is being held today, and I will briefly explain the topics covered.

Organizations participating in this event include the Atomic Energy Association (ATENA), which addresses technical challenges and engages in dialogue with the regulatory authority, the Japan Nuclear Safety Institute (JANSI), which evaluates and assesses nuclear safety from a third-party perspective, and the Nuclear Risk Research Center (NRRC) at CRIEPI, which develops probabilistic risk assessment methods.

These three organizations and the utilities discussed the roles we each need to fulfill and new initiatives to implement in pursuing voluntary safety improvement.

"Voluntary Safety Improvement Initiatives for the Long-term Use of Nuclear Power Stations" was the theme of the event, where utilities, learning from the misconduct related to developing design basis ground motion for the Chubu Electric Power's Hamaoka Nuclear Power Station, committed to voluntarily improving their initiatives to unendingly pursue safety. Participants also reaffirmed the importance of using risk information. It was a very meaningful event with active exchanges of opinions.

The FEPC gave a speech on "Future Initiatives to Voluntarily and Continuously Improve Safety for the Long-term Use of Nuclear Power Plants," where we talked about the activities being implemented by the Safety Management Reform Team looking towards the extension of the operating period of nuclear power plants, and our efforts to promote risk information decision making. Details are in the distributed materials for your later review.

Based on these discussions, we have prepared a statement summarizing the common understanding we have reached. The materials have also been distributed to you, so please take a look.

As described in the statement, we, the utilities, will pursue voluntary safety improvements, driven by our belief that establishing the nuclear fuel cycle is essential to being able to use nuclear power generation both now and in the future.

Nuclear power generation, of course, is a business that is founded upon the understanding of the siting area. We will keep this firmly in mind and will continue as utilities to communicate carefully and with sincerity.

This concludes my remarks for today.

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