

Japanese Earthquake and Tsunami: Implications for the UK Nuclear Industry

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RP – Radiological Protection;

EP&R – Emergency Preparedness and Response

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About ONR

- ONR became an agency of the Health and Safety Executive on 01 April 2011
- The new body brings together the regulation of nuclear safety, security, safeguards and safe transport of radioactive materials.
- ONR's mission is to secure the protection of people and society from the hazards of the nuclear industry

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ONR Chief Inspector's Reports

- Secretary of State's Request:
 - Identify lessons to be learnt by the UK nuclear industry
 - Co-operate and co-ordinate with international colleagues, to include EC 'stress test' requirements
- Interim report published May 2011
www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/fukushima/interim-report
- Final report published October 2011 :
www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/fukushima
- 17 conclusions and 36 recommendations

ONR Chief Inspector's Reports

Key Conclusions / Recommendations

- Interim report conclusion 1

No reason for curtailing operation of NPP or other nuclear facilities in the UK.

- Interim Report Recommendation 2

UK Government to consider reviewing the Japanese response.

- Interim Report Recommendation 3

Nuclear Emergency Planning Liaison Group to review UK's national nuclear emergency arrangements.

Key Issues:

- Radiation monitoring
- Central Government Response
- Emergency Services' Capacity and Capability
- Extendibility

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Key Conclusions / Recommendations

- Interim Report Recommendation 6

ONR to consider ... programme of emergency exercises overseen by the regulator.

- Key issues:
- Prolonged event (including Recovery)
 - Extendibility
 - Security
 - Central Government Response

- Interim Report Recommendation 7

ONR to review regulatory response arrangements.

- Final Report Recommendation 7

Government to review .. environmental dose measurements and means for predicting dispersion and public doses and environmental impacts.

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Radiological Protection (RP) Specific Lessons Learned 1

- Event Mitigation and Recovery
- Doses to Intervention Personnel
- Vulnerability of RP Equipment
- Public Protection Countermeasure Zone
- Distribution of Potassium Iodate Tablets

Radiological Protection (RP)

Specific Lessons Learned 2

- Monitoring, Decontamination & Medical Assistance of Evacuees, Casualties and Intervention Personnel
- Countermeasures Against Ingestion
- Longer Term Protective Actions

The Way Forward

- UK Government, nuclear industry and regulators will continue to support international efforts to improve the process of review and implementation of IAEA and other relevant nuclear safety standards in the light of the Fukushima Dai-ichi accident.
- Further Weightman Report in the Autumn

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