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To All Missions (Embassies, Consular posts and International Organizations in Japan)

General outline of the comprehensive risk review of all the possible risks which might have an impact outside the site boundary of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to inform all Missions about the information on the general outline of the comprehensive risk review of all the possible risks which might have an impact outside the site boundary of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS).

Following the detection of a puddle of highly contaminated water at the large carry-in entrance rooftop of the Unit 2 Reactor Building (on February 24th), which is a potential source of inlets to Drainage K, Senior Vice Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Mr. Takagi directed TEPCO to conduct a comprehensive review to identify all the possible risks that might have an impact outside the site boundary of Fukushima Daiichi NPS.

TEPCO is now implementing this review and as an interim report, TEPCO made available the detail of the reviewing process on April 9th. According to the TEPCO, in the reviewing process, TEPCO identifies risks that might involve leakage of water or scattering of dust. After risks are identified, risks will be classified into 5 categories as follows: 1. Need further examination, 2. Countermeasures necessary to be taken, 3. Countermeasures in practice, 4. Follow-up observation (after implementing countermeasures) in practice, 5. No need for additional measures. As for the risks classified as "Countermeasures necessary to be taken", suitable countermeasures will be considered and implementation of such countermeasures will start subsequently. In addition, risks will be regularly reviewed and the result of the review will be announced. For further information about the detail of this reviewing process, please see the attached document (The provisional translation of the document published by TEPCO is attached herewith).

Even though at this moment the result of the review is not available, when TEPCO finishes the initial review, the result will be made public.

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