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To President of Tokyo Electric Power Company

Thorough Implementation of Occupational Accident Prevention Measures

The number of occupational accidents at your Fukushima Daiichi NPP increased significantly last year and included one fatal accident. In light of these circumstances, the Director of the Fukushima Labour Bureau demanded thorough implementation of occupational accident prevention measures on January 16, 2015.

However, two fatal accidents have occurred at Fukushima Daiichi NPP in 2015: on January 19 and at Fukushima Daini NPP the following day. The fact that successive fatal accidents occurred immediately after issuance of the Director's demand is truly regrettable.

Ensuring occupational safety and health is an indispensable component of the work at the nuclear power stations and of the decommissioning work crucial for the reconstruction of Fukushima.

Please ensure that the following points are observed when taking occupational accident prevention measures at your nuclear power plants.

Note

1. A number of subcontractors are currently engaged in a complicated variety of work and are subject to high radiation dosage rates resulting from the nuclear accident. TEPCO should make its utmost efforts to prevent occupational accidents, as it is responsible for the nuclear facilities not as a mere contractee but as owner of the nuclear facilities and as the party responsible for the nuclear accident.
2. TEPCO headquarters should share its risk awareness and take the initiative as the company's overall supervisory organ in taking occupational accident prevention measures, rather than delegating responsibility for such measures to power plant personnel, subcontractors, and workers.
3. Tokyo Electric Power Company should ensure effective communications and adjustments among the various operations at the respective workplaces and provide necessary guidance on occupational accident prevention measures to be taken by subcontractors. Furthermore, the company should carefully manage radiation exposure and enhance its emergency medical systems.

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