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We would like to have your opinion on the attached “the outline of the draft Ministerial Ordinance for partial revision of exemption in the Ordinance on Prevention of Ionizing Radiation Hazards in response to the situation resulting from Tohoku Pacific Ocean Earthquake in 2011” pursuant to Para.1, Act. 9 of the Act of Establishment of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan.

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The outline of the draft Ministerial Ordinance for partial revision of exemption in the Ordinance on Prevention of Ionizing Radiation Hazards in response to the situation resulting from the Tohoku - Pacific Ocean Earthquake in 2011

Section 1. Limiting the case for applying exemption concerning the radiation exposure limit during emergency work

The exemptions shall be applied to any unavoidable emergency case that the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare establishes, where emergency works are conducted at the emergency response measure implementation areas pursuant to Para. 8, Art of 8 of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness due to the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 during the period from the date of the declaration of the nuclear emergency situation to the date of the declaration ending the emergency situation pursuant to Para. 2 and Para. 4 respectively of Art. 1 of the Act during which exposure dose limit of “250 mSv” is applied instead of “100 mSv” pursuant to Item 1, Para. 2, Art. 7 of the Ordinance on Prevention of Ionizing Radiation Hazards.

- * The cases established by the Minister shall be those where any of the work categories in the following are conducted in the areas of reactor facilities, steam turbines and their accessories or those surrounding areas belonging to the TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant where the radiation dose rate may be in excess of 0.1 mSv/h.
 1. Work to restore the cooling functions of reactors or spent fuel storage facilities when the functions are significantly compromised or lost.
 2. In addition to the work described above, any work to restore functions to suppress or prevent the potential release of large quantities of radioactive materials due to the malfunction, damage etc. of reactor facilities when such functions are significantly compromised or lost.

Section 2. Transitional measures

The pre-revised ordinance shall apply to radiation workers who have already been engaged in emergency work when this ordinance comes into effect, pursuant to Para. 1, Art. 7 of the Ordinance on Prevention of Ionizing Radiation Hazards at the emergency response measure implementation area pursuant to Para. 8, Art. 17 of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness, regardless of the exemption in the Ordinance on Prevention of Ionizing Radiation Hazards in response to the situation resulting from the Tohoku - Pacific Ocean Earthquake in 2011, which will be revised by this Ministerial ordinance.

Section 3. Other

This ordinance shall come into effect on the date of promulgation.