

Outline of Amendment of Basic Disaster Management Plan (January 2014)

Background

Amendment of Disaster Countermeasures Basic Act (June 2013)

Enactment of Act on Reconstruction from Large-Scale Disasters (June 2013)

Deliberation by Nuclear Regulation Authority

Main amendments

Strengthening countermeasures against large-scale disasters

1 Clarification of the disaster management basic principles

- Definition of the ideas on "disaster risk reduction" to minimize damage and recover quickly
- Promotion of disaster countermeasures with a joint effort by the national government, local governments, private sectors and citizens

2 Improvement of immediate response to large-scale disasters affecting over wide areas

- Developing Basic Guidelines to promote disaster response measures and maintaining national economic order by concerted effort by whole government in time of Declaration of Disaster Emergency Situation
- Enhancement of support system by national government's efforts including providing assistance and coverage of emergency response efforts for affected local governments when their administrative functions are paralyzed

3 Ensuring smooth and safe evacuation of residents

- Ensuring safety of residents in time of emergency by designation of Designated Emergency Evacuation Places
- Appropriate evacuation guiding and improvement of safety confirmation system by making and utilizing the lists of People Requiring Assistance in Evacuation, such as elderly and disabled people

4 Improvement of measures for protecting affected people

- Improving environment of shelters for affected people to stay for certain period of time by designating Designated Shelters
- Issuing certificate for affected people to receive appropriate support depending on the extent of damage
- Supporting affected people comprehensively and efficiently by developing database of affected people

5 Strengthening disaster preparedness in normal time

- Promotion of concluding partnership agreements between national/local governments and private companies that engage emergency response
- Promotion of disaster prevention activities in residential district by developing District Disaster Management Plans and joint implementation of disaster prevention drills with residents and private sectors

6 Smooth and quick reconstruction from large-scale disasters

- Clarification of the basic principles of reconstruction (respecting residents' opinions and supporting independent activities of local governments by the national government)
- Promotion and comprehensive coordination of measures implemented by the reconstruction headquarters established by the national government
- Systematic reconstruction based on municipalities' reconstruction plans

Improvement of Policies for Response to Nuclear Disaster

1 Implementation of protection measures in the Priority Area that performs Nuclear Disaster

- Implementation of protective measures such as sheltering and evacuation in Precautionary Action Zone (PAZ) and Urgent Protective Action Planning Zone (UPZ)

2 Setting emergency levels

- According to the situation on nuclear facilities, levels of emergency that Alert, Site Area Emergency and General Emergency will be set and measures including residents protection and radiological monitoring will be stipulated

3 Defining Operational Intervention Level (OIL)

- Defining the Operational Intervention Level according to results of radiological monitoring and implement emergency response measures such as evacuation and temporary relocation

4 Reviewing emergency monitoring system

- Establishment of Emergency Monitoring Center by the national government, local governments and nuclear businesses cooperatively and implementation of emergency monitoring

5 Developing the system of preventive taking of stable iodine tablet

- Developing the system of taking stable iodine in emergency and required measures of distributing in advance

Reviewing the structure of the Act

1 Organizing common countermeasures against various disasters

- Newly develop "Chapter 2: Common Matters in Various Disasters" summarizing the common matters in various disasters in the beginning of the chapters of "Countermeasures on Each Disaster"

2 Reviewing matters to be emphasized in Disaster Management Operation Plans and Local Disaster Management Plans

- Clarifying the matters to be particularly emphasized and summarize them in the Chapter 1 based on the recent deliberation on disaster countermeasures after the Great East Japan Earthquake

3 Review based on the lessons learned from recent disasters

- Defining the standards of issuing evacuation advisory and establishing measures to provide evacuation guidance for travelers from foreign countries