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Update on Recovery at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

The Government of Japan has provided an update on recovery operations at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS) to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) as of May 2017, which can be viewed, together with the IAEA's own assessment, at the following link:

https://www.iaea.org/sites/default/files/events_and_highlights_may_2017.pdf

Highlights from the IAEA's Assessment in the Latest Report:

- Multiple initiatives including groundwater bypass, sub-drains, land-side impermeable walls and waterproof pavement have reduced groundwater inflow.
- Continuous progress in the investigation of damaged fuel and fuel debris in Primary Containment Vessel Units 1 and 2 has been made, and no changes in radiation levels at the site boundaries during the investigations have been observed.
- Significant progress has been made with decontamination efforts, including at the Special Contamination Area.
- Levels of radioactivity in the marine environment are low and relatively stable.
- The situation with regard to the safety of food, fishery and agricultural products continues to be stable. Measures taken to monitor and respond to the contamination of food are appropriate and the food supply chain is effectively under control.

The same information is also available from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet at the following websites:

-Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

http://www.mofa.go.jp/dns/inec/page18e_000038.html

-Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet:

http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/96_abe/decisions/2014/osensui_e.html

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