

# Nuclear Industry Safety Charter

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## ◆ Introduction

Nuclear energy is essential to the realization of a prosperous, sustainable society, including the securing of a stable supply of energy and environmental protection, and will continue playing a major role in the future. At the same time, there are potential dangers, and securing safety is a fundamental premise for the use of nuclear power.

To that end, we who are part of the nuclear industry are required, among other things, to carry out activities based always on safety, and to do so with fairness, openness and sincerity. We must, similarly, through our daily practices -- with pride and a sense of responsibility for our important mission -- alleviate the concerns of the people about nuclear power, engender their trust, and rise to the challenge of making them feel safer and more secure.

We now, therefore, establish this new Nuclear Industry Safety Charter to serve as guidance for the actions of all individuals who are part of the nuclear industry.

The heads of organizations should take all necessary actions to ensure that the contents of this charter penetrate into the forefront of the consciousness of all people at every work site of each organization, to guide their voluntary and continuous practices and efforts, so that performance – safety – is realized and recognized now, as well as over the long term.

## ◆ Provisions

### Article 1

We shall make safety the top priority in every circumstance, with a sense of responsibility and a sense of mission.

### Article 2

We shall learn from past mistakes, accepting the lessons with humility, and sharing the information, understanding and wisdom acquired, whereby safety measures shall be thoroughly implemented.

### Article 3

We shall endeavor to establish an open environment at every workplace, enabling everyone to raise and discuss any matter related to safety.

#### Article 4

We shall maintain a questioning attitude, never feeling satisfied, even in the light of good safety performance.

#### Article 5

We shall affirmatively make even negative information available to the public, and shall listen sincerely to voices across the full spectrum of society.

### ◆ Explanation of the Provisions

#### Article 1

Nuclear use is possible only with the trust of society. In that respect, we must always aim to ensure the highest level of safety. It is of utmost importance in every endeavor that individuals are aware that they are individually responsible for ensuring safety, and, whenever there are choices or doubts as to a course of action, that safety be the priority. That is the only way that a record of safe performance can be accumulated.

#### Article 2

We must learn from past mistakes past and thoroughly implement safety measures with humility. In doing so, we should enhance the transparency of safety-related information, and share related information diligently among different industries and companies.

#### Article 3

Recognizing that safety starts at the workplace, we should perform all work in an atmosphere of “constructive tension” – the opposite of complacency – and thereby enhance our sense of safety. In that respect, we should establish an open environment at every workplace, in which anyone who feels something that may not be safe -- or has any doubts about safety -- can report it to a manager without hesitation.

#### Article 4

Knowing that overconfidence and conceit are major causes of accidents, we should always be ready to stop and think, making it our habit to continually question ourselves. As part of that, we must be alert for any sign that safety awareness in an organization or

at workplace is deteriorating, and nip the problem in the bud.

#### Article 5

We must listen to opinions from various segments of society and respond to them with sincerity. The more transparent the operation of an organization becomes, the deeper that safety awareness becomes rooted there. We shall endeavor to dispatch factual information in a timely and easy-to-understand manner, even if that information is not favorable to us.

#### Objectives of the Charter

Compared with other countries, Japan maintains a high level of the use of its nuclear technology for peaceful purposes. Yet the level of public trust in the nuclear industry in Japan is low, on account of various accidents, problems, and so on. In order to help gain the confidence of society and make people feel safer and more secure, each individual in the nuclear industry must -- with pride and a sense of responsibility -- increase his or her personal level of awareness and determination so as never to be the cause of an accident. It is through actions, not just words, that safety will take root. This charter was created to serve as a guide for such actions.