

Chugoku Electric Establishes Task Force Headquarters for Kaminoseki NPS

On September 20, Chugoku Electric Power Co. announced that it had established a task force headquarters to deal with problems related to detailed investigations at its planned Kaminoseki-1 and -2 NPSs (ABWRs, 1,373MW each, commissionings scheduled for FY2014 and FY2017, respectively).

The headquarters was established following the revelation that part of a boring investigation had been carried out in a manner different from the description in the Environmental Preservation Plan submitted to Yamaguchi Prefecture last January. The company began a detailed investigation on April 13, but suspended all investigations on September 16, having been instructed by the prefecture to do so after the matter came to light.

The power company immediately began considering ways to swiftly prevent the occurrence of similar difficulties. The headquarters, consisting of 12 people and headed by Executive Vice President Takashi Yamashita (also the general manager of the Power Generation Division), was established on September 20, as mentioned above. It soon began the consideration of a comprehensive inspection of implementation of detailed investigations, preventive measures, and other necessary measures.

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