

IAEA Mission to Make Third Inspection Visit of Kashiwazaki Kariwa NPS in December

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has scheduled a follow-up inspection of the Kashiwazaki Kariwa NPS (Niigata Prefecture, Japan), to be carried out from December 1 to 5, 2008. The visit to Japan of the IAEA mission will be the third for that purpose, on the heels of earlier visits made in August 2007 and January 2008.

Antonio R. Godoy, Deputy Team Leader of the engineering safety section of IAEA's Division of Nuclear Installation Safety, will lead the upcoming mission to Japan, which will be composed of around ten experts in the fields of seismic safety and others. They will carry out local inspections and hearings, including the inspection and evaluation of the soundness of the NPS's machinery and buildings, and exchange of opinions with officials of the Japanese Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA), part of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), on active faults and standard earthquake motion in the vicinity of the site.

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