Press Conference On Shaky Ground: Japan's Nuclear Power Policy and the Noto Peninsula

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Speakers' presentation & reference materials

Japan: Seismically Active + Nuclear Plants Japan alone has both high earthquake risk AND nuclear plants nationwide.

Seismic hazard

10% chance of an earthquake occuring in the next 50 years

Nuclear reactor
Very high
High
Moderate
Low

Graphic: Jenny Ridley, the *Guardian* Most reactors built in Japan from 1970 to 1985.





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CITIZENS: **"This is a plant** built on tofu."

Kashiwazaki-Kariwa is Vulnerable The largest nuclear plant in the world is under earthquake risk.

Kashiwazaki-Kariwa is, by net electricity power rating, the largest nuclear station in the world. Stored spent fuel: 2,370 tons/U Citizens have opposed its construction since 1968. Previous earthquakes: October 2004 Niigata Chūetsu Earthquake, M6.8; July 2007 Niigata Chūetsu-Oki Earthquake, M6.8



Niigata Chūetsu-oki Magnitude 6.8 Earthquake July 2007: Largest quake on record to hit an operating nuclear power plant in proximity. Seismic motion: 4X the design basis of the plant's structure.

"Above design basis": Earthquake caused a ground protuberance at the plant site.



"Last Warning"

"This is the last warning before a nuclear disaster brought on by an earthquake." Katsuhiko ISHIBASHI, seismologist

"The plant is built on tofu. We have opposed construction since 1968." Kazuyuki TAKEMOTO, Kariwa legislator

The warning was unheeded by the Japanese media, the government, and Tepco.

FCCJ press conference two days after Niigata Chūetsu-Oki Earthquake (July 2007)



Fukui, Wakasa Bay Earthquake Faults Half of Japan's currently operating reactors are in Fukui.

Noto Peninsula Earthquake, M7.5 January 1, 2024



Interim Summary of Evaluation on Active Faults (Draft) Source: Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA) August, 31, 2009

Tsuruga Peninsula Fault Lines Mihama and Tsuruga nuclear power plants, Monju, and Fugen (spent fuel)

"We are very worried about the ground rising from under at Mihama. Just like it did at Noto. January 1st shook so hard, I was thinking we were having a disaster at Mihama.

"Chūetsu-Oki showed the danger of ground motion. Fukushima made us realize nuclear power plants were not prepared for tsunamis. What we need to learn from Noto is protuberance (the ground rising). It's crustal movement, i.e. the ground goes up, or down. NPPs regulation does not take this into consideration."

Masaru ISHIJI February 2, 2024 petitioning the NRA in at the Diet Office Building, Tokyo



Ohi Nuclear Power Plant Earthquake Faults



Compiled by Mitsuhisa Watanabe, tectonic geomorphologist, professor, Toyo University (Tokyo, Japan)

Red lines: Kansai Electric's original earthquake fault study Blue line: emergency coolant pipe Purple figure: location of original trench dug by Kansai Electric



Osaka District Court Nullifies NRA Approval of Ohi Unit 3 and 4 Restart (Dec. 4, 2020) **Ruling Reveals Failure in NRA's Post-Fukushima Earthquake Safety Regime**



山中伸介委員長 能登半島地震を受けての地元住民からの要望書 1、国の地震本部などが、地震に関する新知見をまとめるまで、現在、再稼働に向け 1、国の地震や部などか、地震に関する新知見をまどのるまで、現在、1 て進めている新規制基準適合審査および使用前検査を凍結してください。

2、新知見に関する検討が続けられている間も、従来の想定を上回る地震被害の恐れ ム、和和元に例する快訳か祝けられている用も、此本の忠正を工回る地点 が払拭されません。今、稼働中の原発を動かさないようにしてください。 2024年2月2日

原発周辺に暮らす地元の声を伝える緊急行動 北野進(石川県珠洲市)

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Even After the Noto Peninsula Earthquake, Government Decides to Maintain the Status Quo with Risky Nuclear Power

Citizens living near Kashiwazaki-Kariwa, Shika, Mihama, Ohi, Takahama, Onagawa, and Tokai Daini petitioning NRA. ("Urgent Action: Giving Voice to the Local Communities Living Near Nuclear Power Plants" February 2, 2024, Lower House Number One Office Building)

Citizens petition NRA: **"Stop Reactors and Do Not Approve Restarts Until Noto Findings Are Finalized**"

February 2, 2024



"We expect that it will take a considerable number of years until the new findings are finalized."

Shinsuke Yamanaka Chair, Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA), January 10, 2024 press conference

While new findings from Noto earthquake are being investigated: NRA Chair states nuclear power operation and restart application approval reviews will continue to move forward as usual.





Government Inaction After the Noto Peninsula Earthquake: Ignoring Deficiencies in Emergency Planning

原子力防災に関するお知らせ

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災害などにより原子力発電所の状態が悪化した場合は、無理な避難による 無用な被ばく等のリスクを避けるため、行政の指示に従い、<u>放射性物質の</u> 放出に備えて「**屋内退避**」を開始してください。



"Basically, there are only two ways to protect against radiation exposure: evacuation and sheltering in place."

NRA committee member comment, February 14, 2024





Booklet issued to citizens — Sheltering during a nuclear accident.

"Nuts to restart Shimane."

Gregory Jaczko Former Chair, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)



Gregory Jaczko's response when asked about plans for restarting Shimane Nuclear Power Plant in light of the fact there are approximately 450,000 people living within 30km.

Speech on emergency preparedness. Chugoku Area Bar Association Annual Meeting, October 9, 2015. Populations within 30km (Evacuation Zone) of Nuclear Power Plants

Kashiwazaki-Kariwa **432,800** (PAZ: 19,300 UPZ: 413,500) 2021-4-1

Shika **163,547** (PAZ: 4,145 UPZ: 159,402) 2014-9-1

Mlhama **278,892** (PAZ : 848 UPZ : 278,044) 2020-4-1

Ohi **155,236** (PAZ : 984 UPZ : 154,252) 2019-4-1

Takahama **167,751** (PAZ : 8,197 UPZ : 159,554) 2019-4-1

Shimane **457,496** (PAZ: 9,487 UPZ: 448,009) 2020-12

Onawaga **188,556** (PAZ : 948 UPZ : 187,608) 2023-4-1

Tokai Daini **916,510** (PAZ : 64,451 UPZ : 852,059) 2020

Union of Kansai Governments' Nuclear Accident Evacuation Plan



Map: Based on work by Connormah, Wikipedia



Ohi Nuclear Site and Town Residents

If road is blocked by quake damage, the only remaining routes are by helicopter or sea.





Mihama Nuclear Site

Residents live so close they can hear on-site announcements. Limited exits off peninsula. Summer has additional tourists at Suisho Hama overlooking reactors.



大飯事故、放射性ヨウ素拡散予測

ある



京都府から情報開示を受けたグリーンピース・ジャパン の提供資料を基に作成

原発事故で放出される物質で に取り込まれると甲状腺に集まりやすく、 がん発生のリスクが高まる。京都府は累計50~100 ミリ紘で屋内退避、100~500ミリ紘でコンクリート屋内 退避、500転避難と定める。安定ヨウ素剤の 服用で被ばくを減らせるとされる

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Kansai Region **Vulnerable to Fukui** Reactors

Kyoto Prefectures 10 Cities and Towns –Indoor Evacuation (Sheltering)

Kyoto Shimbun (front page) May 26, 2012





Kansai Region **Vulnerable to Fukui** Reactors

Governor: "The radioactive plume would arrive in Kobe in 2 hours."

Kobe Shimbun, April 26, 2013

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素剤を全戸配布 を検討している。



Citizens from 49 countries petition Kyoto City:

"Save Japan's Cultural Treasures from Radiation"







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