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NDRRMC UPDATE

Emergency Response Bulletin No. 7 Re: Nuclear Emergency in Japan

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Source: DOST-PNRI Information Bulletin No. 7, update as of 9:00AM, 18 March 2011

1. OVERVIEW

- The DOST-PNRI is continues to monitor the status of the Fukushima-Daiichi nuclear power plants;
- Japanese authorities have informed the IAEA that engineers tried to restore electrical power to unit 2 by laying external grid power lines. The cable laying was completed at 4:30 PM (Philippine time), March 17, 2011.
- The current situations of the damaged reactor cores of units 1, 2, and 3 appear to be under control. The core of unit 4 did not contain any fuel at the time of the earthquake. The undamaged reactor cores of units 5 and 6 are being closely monitored.
- Spent fuels under storage remain a safety concern. Japanese authorities are attempting to replenish water in the spent fuel storage pools.
- Evacuation within the 20-km radius around the Fukushima-Daiichi Nuclear Power Plants has been completed while sheltering remains at the 30-km radius from the Fukushima-Daiichi Nuclear Power Plants.
- Japanese authorities have informed the IAEA that the radiation levels in Tokyo and in nearby cities have dropped slightly. The levels remain not harmful to human health.
- IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano has flown to Tokyo to discuss with Japanese authorities the nature of assistance the IAEA can deliver to the Japanese Government and to further discuss the means to coordinate the flow of information.

- For further advisories, please call the PNRI trunklines with Tel Nos. 926-6010 to 19 or visit the following websites
 - DOST (www.dost.gov.ph)
 - PNRI (www.pnri.dost.gov.ph); and
 - STIII (www.still.dost.gov.ph)
- For the latest information on on-site and off-site radiological situations about the Fukushima accident, please access the following websites:
 - International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) website (www.iaea.org)
 - Nuclear and Industrial Safety Administration (NISA) of Japan (www.nisa.meti.go.jp/english/index.html)
- Daily modelling studies are being conducted by PNRI. Based on PNRI calculations, **there is no risk of Philippines being affected by the radiological plume. The public is advised therefore not to be unduly alarmed about exposure to radiation arising from the Fukushima accident.**
- Latest DOST PNRI RADIATION LEVEL CHECK as of 3:00 PM, March 17, 2011: 97-107 nSv (nanoSievert) per hour.
- **STATUS: NORMAL**

2. ACTIONS TAKEN:

- NDRRMC Advisory - Emergency Response Bulletin No. 7 on the Nuclear Emergency in Japan was disseminated to all regions through facsimile and website for further dissemination to their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs) from the provincial down to the municipal levels.
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