

PURPOSE

In the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa area, residents have no choice but to live beside the nuclear power station. All residents want the station to operate safely, regardless of their individual opinions or demands.

Chiiki-No-Kai (Committee for Securing Transparency of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station) was established in May 2003 for the purpose of confirming the safety status of the nuclear power station based on the necessary and sufficient information provided by operators and administrative authorities concerning safe operation. The Committee conducts monitoring activities from the straightforward perspective of local residents and make necessary proposals, while putting aside the debate over the pros and cons of the nuclear power station itself. Since its founding, the Committee has been engaged in various activities aligned this purpose.

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Greeting

On the occasion of The 20th anniversary of the Committee

Committee for Securing Transparency of
the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station

Chairperson Noriyasu Sangu



I would like to offer a few words to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of “Committee for Securing Transparency of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station”.

The Committee was founded in May 2003 in response to issues surrounding the fraudulent records of self-inspections at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station of Tokyo Electric Power Co., Inc (TEPCO), which were brought to light in August 2002.

The purpose of the Committee is to ensure safety based on the confirmation and monitoring of the measures taken by TEPCO to ensure safety and transparency of the nuclear power station. Through the participation of local residents, we continuously confirm and monitor these efforts, including the actions of both national and local governments.

In the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa area, residents have no choice but to live beside the nuclear power station. The safe and stable operation of the station is the firm desire of all residents, regardless of individual opinions or demands. Setting aside the debate over nuclear power, we focus on confirming the plant’s safety through necessary and sufficient information provided by the operators and authorities, monitoring the situation from the perspective of local residents, and necessary recommendations.

We hold regular meetings once a month, and have held 244 meetings as of October 2023. The Committee is composed of a maximum of 109 residents recommended by various organizations in Kashiwazaki City and Kariwa Village, with each term lasting two years and a maximum of ten years. This is currently our 11th term and our committee is composed of 19 members.

In the 20 years since its founding, there have been a variety of problems, including the Chuetsu-oki Earthquake and the Great East Japan Earthquake, the increasing number of meteorological disasters caused by global warming, and conflicts over energy resources. The situation surrounding both Japan and the world has changed more than we ever imagined.

Over the past 20 years, we have selected topics based on current social conditions, and each committee member has seriously discussed how to address the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station and what is important and necessary for us. While we have made progress, we have also encountered difficulties along the way. Looking back, I think the safety and transparency of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station have certainly improved.

I am the third chairperson of the Committee. Thanks to the efforts of previous chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and committee members, we have been able to continue our activities where residents with different opinions can calmly discuss issues at the same table, which is not the case in other areas where nuclear power plants are located.

I hope that the discussions and the very existence of this group will continue to have a positive impact on the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station and Japan's energy policy, while maintaining vigilance and contributing to Japan's bright and prosperous society.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the Nuclear Regulation Authority, Natural Resources and Energy Agency, Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village, and Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings for their great support and cooperation in supporting this committee in various situations such as regular meetings and site visits. I would also like to thank all former committee members and local residents for their similar support. We ask for your continued support, cooperation, and understanding as we move forward with our mission.

◆ ACTIVITY RECORD ◆

6th Term (2013-2015)

May 8, 2013	6th term begins with 20 committee members, five fewer than the previous term
September 29-30, 2013	Visit to the Fukushima Daiichi and Daini Nuclear Power Stations
February 2014	Creation of "Chiiki-No-Kai's 10 Years," a record of the committee's 10 years of activities since its establishment
October 5-6, 2014	Visit to the Onagawa Nuclear Power Station
April 8, 2015	Submission of a written opinion regarding further enhancing nuclear power station safety as a culmination of the 6th term's activities

Detailed Activity Report

Date	Event	Details
2013		
May 8	119th regular meeting	Presentation of letters of appointment, committee member self-introductions, officer elections (chairperson and vice chairperson), observer greetings
May 26	Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station	Visit to Unit 6 (watertight doors, emergency batteries, emergency generators, etc.), station grounds (seawalls, flood barriers, power and fire trucks, etc.), and the seismically isolated building (watertight shutters, emergency generators, emergency response rooms, etc.)
June 5	120th regular meeting	Overview of proposed new regulatory standards (Nuclear Regulation Authority), response to proposed new regulatory standards (Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City)
June 17	9th extraordinary meeting	Overview of the establishment and development of Chiiki-No-Kai Opinion exchange (reading of regulations, the committee's future operation and agenda, etc.)
June 26	Educational meeting regarding technical communication (Nagaoka University of Technology)	Participated in practical activities during a Nuclear System Safety Engineering lecture on "Technical Communication Theory" (hosted by Nagaoka University of Technology)
July 3	121st regular meeting	Q&A regarding new regulatory standards
August 7	122nd regular meeting	Basic concept of the new regulatory standards (Nuclear Regulation Authority), memo regarding the application for an inspection for compliance with the new regulatory standards and ventilation equipment (TEPCO)
August 20	Participation in TiPEEZ (disaster management system) demonstration	Participated in a demonstration of a disaster management system (TiPEEZ) designed for responding to earthquakes and tsunamis in the area around nuclear facilities (hosted by the Nuclear Seismic and Structural Research Center, Niigata Institute of Technology)
September 4	123rd regular meeting	Status of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, leakage of contaminated water from aboveground tanks and groundwater, outline of the visit to the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (TEPCO), opinion exchange by committee members
September 29-30	Visit to the Fukushima Daiichi and Daini Nuclear Power Station	Discussion with residents (Iwaki City, 9/29), visit to the Fukushima Daiichi and Daini Nuclear Power Plants (9/30)
October 2	124th regular meeting	Report on the Fukushima visit, opinions, comments, questions, etc.

Date	Event	Details
October 23	TiPEEZ (disaster management system) information session	Participated in an information session for a disaster management system (TiPEEZ) designed for responding to earthquakes and tsunamis in the area around nuclear facilities (hosted by the Nuclear Seismic and Structural Research Center, Niigata Institute of Technology)
November 6	125th regular meeting and 10th anniversary project: "Open Study Session"	10th anniversary project: "Open Study Session" Keynote Speech: Finding a way to discuss nuclear power –Looking to the future of Chiiki-No-Kai – Lecturer: Dr. Masaharu Kitamura, Professor Emeritus, Tohoku University Panel discussion
November 12	Editorial board of the 10th anniversary publication (1st meeting)	Discussion regarding composition and specifications
November 20	Editorial board of the 10th anniversary publication (2nd meeting)	Discussion regarding the flatplan and layout proposal
December 4	126th regular meeting	Overview of vents (TEPCO), summary report on the nuclear emergency drill (Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village, Niigata Prefecture)
December 17	Editorial board of the 10th anniversary publication (3rd meeting)	Discussion regarding the flatplan and layout proposal

2014

January 8	127th regular meeting	Discussion regarding the proposed draft of the Strategic Energy Plan (Agency for Natural Resources and Energy), committee member remarks on the draft of the Strategic Energy Plan, emergency preparedness, the previous meeting's summary report on the nuclear emergency drill, etc.
January 8	Editorial board of the 10th anniversary publication (4th meeting)	Discussion regarding the flatplan, layout proposal, and recipients
January 28	Discussion with media representatives	Discussion between committee members and media representatives
February 5	128th regular meeting (information sharing)	Committee member remarks (what the world needs to hear right now) Observer remarks (opinions, thoughts regarding member remarks)
March 5	129th regular meeting	Discussion regarding nuclear emergency preparedness (Nuclear Regulation Authority, TEPCO, Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)
March 29	Opinion exchange	Opinion exchange on issues for the next 10 years, topics to be addressed this year, etc.
April 9	130th regular meeting	Supplement to the previous regular meeting's discussion regarding nuclear emergency preparedness and answers to questions (Nuclear Regulation Authority, Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)
May 14	131st regular meeting	Outline of the Strategic Energy Plan (Agency for Natural Resources and Energy) answers to questions from the last regular meeting and discussion regarding emergency preparedness plans (mainly informational) (Nuclear Regulation Authority), information flow in emergency preparedness plans (Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)

Date	Event	Details
June 4	132nd regular meeting	Q&A on the previous regular meeting's discussion regarding the Strategic Energy Plan and Emergency Preparedness Plan (Information Transmission)
June 4	Submission of a written statement to the prefectural government	Statement regarding the failure to procure stabilized iodine tablets Submitted to: Governor of Niigata Prefecture
June 21	Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station	Viewed the Unit 6 filter vent, on-site geological survey points, seawalls, reservoir, emergency safety vehicles, flood barriers, etc.
July 2	133rd regular meeting	Discussed emergency preparedness and evacuation plans (Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City), Q&A regarding the emergency preparedness plan from the 131st regular meeting
July 9	Meeting on educational content regarding technical communication (Nagaoka University of Technology)	Participated in practical activities during a Nuclear System Safety Engineering lecture on "Technical Communication Theory" (hosted by Nagaoka University of Technology)
August 6	134th regular meeting	Opinion exchange and Q&A on emergency preparedness plans (emergency evacuation)
September 3	135th regular meeting	Response from TEPCO, the Nuclear Regulation Authority, and Niigata Prefecture on the state of the dissemination of emergency preparedness information
October 1	136th regular meeting	Efforts to improve safety at the Onagawa Nuclear Power Station (TohokuEPCO) Overview of nuclear emergency drills (Niigata Prefecture)
October 5-6	Visit to the Onagawa Nuclear Power Station (TohokuEPCO)	Visit to the Onagawa Information Exchange Center and surrounding area (10/5), Onagawa Nuclear Power Station (10/6)
November 5	137th regular meeting	The Onagawa Nuclear Power Station visit and training report (committee members), committee member remarks
December 3	138th regular meeting	Post-event response, report on nuclear emergency drills

2015

January 14	139th regular meeting	SPEEDI (Nuclear Regulation Authority), presentation of each committee member's topic for the February information sharing meeting
February 4	140th regular meeting (information sharing)	Committee member remarks (what the world needs to hear right now) Observer remarks (opinions, thoughts regarding member remarks)
March 4	141st Regular Session	Final disposal of high-level radioactive waste (Agency for Natural Resources and Energy), what people need and want to know in normal times
March 12	Discussion with media representatives	Discussion between committee members and media representatives
April 8	142nd regular meeting	Comments on the end of a two-year term

Date	Event	Details
April 8	Written opinion submission	Submission of a written opinion aimed at further improving nuclear power station safety. Submitted to: Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Minister of State for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness, Chairman of the Nuclear Regulation Authority, Secretary-General of the Nuclear Regulation Authority, Commissioner of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Governor of Niigata Prefecture; Mayor of Kashiwazaki City, Mayor of Kariwa Village, Tokyo Electric Power Co., Inc.

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Developments related to nuclear power stations

June 20, 2013	A sea embankment standing 15 meters above sea level is completed at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station
July 2, 2013	TEPCO decides to promptly apply for a regulatory review of Units 6 and 7 after the implementation of the new regulatory standards
August 9, 2013	Installation of monitoring posts is completed in all 30 municipalities in Niigata Prefecture
November 4, 2013	TEPCO establishes Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Area Emergency Preparedness Support Project Team at its head office
December 18, 2013	TEPCO officially decides to decommission the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station Units 5 and 6
March 1, 2014	JNES (Japan Nuclear Energy Safety Organization) is dissolved and integrated into the Nuclear Regulation Authority
April 1, 2014	TEPCO establishes the Fukushima Daiichi Decontamination & Decommissioning Engineering Company
March 20, 2015	Cabinet Office establishes regional nuclear emergency preparedness committees in 13 regions where nuclear power plants are located
April 1, 2015	TEPCO establishes Niigata Headquarters

6th Term Activity Snapshots



Opinion exchange meeting



Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station



Observational study in Fukushima Prefecture



Observational study in Fukushima Prefecture



125th regular meeting "Open Study Session"



Visit to the Onagawa Nuclear Power Station



Visit to the Onagawa Nuclear Power Station



142nd regular meeting

6th Term Proposals, Opinions, and Requests

Mr. Yoichi Miyazawa, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry
Mr. Hakubun Shimomura, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
Mr. Yoshio Mochizuki, Minister of State for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness
Mr. Shunichi Tanaka, Chairman of the Nuclear Regulation Authority
Mr. Katsuhiko Ikeda, Secretary-General of the Nuclear Regulation Authority
Mr. Takayuki Ueda, Commissioner of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy
Mr. Hirohiko Izumida, Governor of Niigata Prefecture
Mr. Hiroshi Aida, Mayor of Kashiwazaki City
Mr. Hiroo Shinada, Mayor of Kariwa Village
Mr. Naomi Hirose, Tokyo Electric Power Co., Inc.

1 To the national government

National nuclear energy policy to date has entailed explanations to the public that are often conclusory or incomplete and are generally unconvincing. Moving forward, in order to increase public trust, it will be necessary to present the government's vision and a complete picture of national policy while providing detailed explanations that include what progress has been made.

Regarding nuclear energy policy in general, we request that responsibilities are explicitly stated, the role and authority of local governments are clarified, and that the national government, while cooperating with related organizations, take ultimate responsibility.

2 To the Nuclear Regulation Authority (Secretariat of the Nuclear Regulation Authority)

New regulatory standards have been formulated, and conformity inspections are underway. After the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, the concept of the new regulatory standards was drastically changed, but the committee chairman has repeatedly stated that the new regulatory standards only examine the conformity of regulatory standards and do not guarantee safety. Additionally, the prime minister has stated that the new standards are the "world's best safety standards."

This will not be understood by the general public or local residents, nor will it deepen their trust. We request that you fully explain the nature and concept of the new regulations.

3 To local governments

We believe that the governments of Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, and Kariwa Village are the closest entities to their residents as well as their bastions of safety. The role of local governments is just as important in managing nuclear emergencies as it is in dealing with other types of disasters. We request that local governments fulfill their responsibilities to help residents understand nuclear emergency preparedness.

4 To Tokyo Electric Power Co., Inc.

TEPCO caused the Fukushima nuclear accident and carries a heavy responsibility for it.

We have been discussing the manner in which information has been disclosed from your company for quite some time. It is extremely regrettable that even after the Fukushima accident you have repeatedly undermined local residents' trust, and we strongly urge that the company undertake

radical reforms.

Request regarding the failure to procure stable iodine tablets

Statement by the Governor of Niigata Prefecture, Mr. Hirohiko Izumida

This incident is a serious matter that shows contempt for the safety of the residents of the area around the nuclear power plant, caused them to question Niigata Prefecture's stance on ensuring the safety of the residents of the area, and greatly undermined their trust in Niigata Prefecture. We, the members of Chiiki-No-Kai, are outraged.

We strongly urge you to take thorough measures to prevent such an incident from happening again.

6th Term Chiiki-No-Kai Committee Members (Term of office: May 1, 2013 - April 30, 2015)

Chiyo Asaga	Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Citizens' Network Considering Plutonium Use in Thermal Reactors
Yoshiko Arano	Kashiwazaki Citizens' Council on Promoting Gender Equality
Yasuo Ishizaka	Kashiwazaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Masayuki Kano	Kariwa Village Chamber of Commerce and Industry Term of office: from April 15, 2014
Hiroshi Kawaguchi	Kashiwazaki Energy Forum
Yasuyoshi Kuwabara	Matsuhama Area Neighborhood Association
Masayuki Sato	Takahama Area Neighborhood Association
Masakuni Sangu	Kariwa Energy Forum
Chie Takakuwa	Association to Protect Kariwa Village Against Nuclear Power Station
Takeshi Takahashi	Kashiwazaki City
Masakazu Takahashi	Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Community Liaison Center for Nuclear Power Station Issues
Kazumasa Takeuchi	Junior Chamber International Kashiwazaki
Kazuyuki Takemoto	Three Local Organizations Against the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station
Masayuki Takemoto	Rengo Niigata, Kashiwazaki Regional Council
Kenji Chihara	Arahama 21 Forum
Hisayuki Tokunaga	Kashiwazaki City
Toshinari Naito	Kariwa-Nishiyama Residents' Association for Nuclear Power Station Issues
Setsuko Nakahara	Kurashi wo Mitsumeru · · · Hakutou-No-Wa
Hiromi Maeda	New Energy Research Cooperative
Shinya Yoshino	Association of Medical Professionals Considering Plutonium Use in Thermal Reactors
Naoto Watanabe	Kariwa Village Chamber of Commerce and Industry Term of office: until April 14, 2014

7th Term (2015-2017)

May 13, 2015	7th term begins with 20 committee members A chairperson and vice chairperson were not elected at the first regular meeting of the 7th period. They were instead elected at the next (144th) regular meeting.
July 12, 2015	Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station
October 6, 2016	Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station
February 1, 2017	The Governor of Niigata Prefecture and TEPCO HD President Hirose attends a Chiiki-No-Kai information sharing meeting for the first time since the committee's establishment
April 12, 2017	Submission of a written opinion regarding further enhancing nuclear power station safety as a culmination of the 7th term's activities

Detailed Activity Report

Date	Event	Details
2015		
May 13	143rd regular meeting	Presentation of letters of request to committee members, committee member self-introductions, greeting from the Representative Director, rules and administration of the association (including election of chairperson and vice chairperson)
June 3	144th regular meeting	Nuclear emergency preparedness plan (Kashiwazaki City), chairperson and vice chairperson election
July 1	Dialogue between Chiiki-No-Kai members and Nagaoka University of Technology students (Nagaoka University of Technology)	Participated in practical activities during a Nuclear System Safety Engineering lecture on "Technical Communication Theory" (hosted by Nagaoka University of Technology)
July 1	145th regular meeting	The future operational structure of Chiiki-No-Kai
July 12	Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station	Observed the sea embankment, reservoir, Unit 6 interior, emergency safety vehicles, and seawalls.
August 5	146th regular meeting	Niigata Prefecture's emergency preparedness plan (Niigata Prefecture)
September 2	147th regular meeting	Evacuation plan (explanation from Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, and Kariwa Village)
October 7	148th regular meeting	About filtered venting (TEPCO)
November 4	149th regular meeting	Study Session: "Risk Communication in Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Plans" Lecturer: Associate Professor Yuichi Otsuka, Nagaoka University of Technology
December 2	150th regular meeting	About the Niigata Technical Committee (Niigata Prefecture)
2016		
January 13	151st regular meeting	Radioactive material dispersion simulation results (Niigata Prefecture, TEPCO)
February 3	152nd regular meeting (information sharing)	Committee member remarks (what the world needs to hear right now) Observer remarks (opinions, thoughts regarding member remarks)
March 2	153rd regular meeting	IAEA report on the results of the review of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station and the raising of expected tsunami height (TEPCO)
April 13	154th regular meeting	About monitoring posts (Niigata Prefecture)

Date	Event	Details
May 11	155th regular meeting	Open discussion (impressions of the last year, state of the committee, etc.)
June 1	156th regular meeting	Regarding the Kumamoto Earthquake (Nuclear Regulation Authority, TEPCO HD, Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)
July 6	Dialogue between Chiiki-No-Kai members and Nagaoka University of Technology students (Nagaoka University of Technology)	Participated in practical activities during a Nuclear System Safety Engineering lecture on "Technical Communication Theory" (hosted by Nagaoka University of Technology)
July 6	157th regular meeting	Opinion exchange on nuclear emergency preparedness (from the emergency preparedness guidebooks of Kashiwazaki City and Kariwa Village)
August 3	158th regular meeting	Report on the results of the third-party verification committee on the meltdown at the Fukushima reactor (TEPCO HD)
September 7	159th regular meeting	Conditional approval of the application for a regulatory conformity assessment of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station. (Niigata Prefecture)
October 5	160th regular meeting	Issues and developments in emergency preparedness and evacuation plans (Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)
October 6	Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station	Observed nuclear emergency drills at the site simulator and emergency operations center, the seismically isolated building, Unit 6 interior, and firefighting drills by the in-house fire brigade.
November 2	161st regular meeting	Chiiki-No-Kai's operation
December 7	162nd regular meeting	Study Session: "Renewable Energy: Types and Issues" Lecturer: Director, Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Regional Office, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy

2017

January 11	163rd regular meeting	The role of Niigata Prefecture in nuclear energy administration (Niigata Prefecture)
February 1	164th regular meeting (information sharing)	Committee member remarks (what the world needs to hear right now) Observer representative greetings and remarks (opinions, thoughts regarding member remarks) Opinion exchange
March 1	165th regular meeting	Operator training at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station (TEPCO HD)
April 12	166th regular meeting	Reflections on completing a 2-year term as a committee member (committee member remarks), open discussion
April 12	Written opinion submission	Submission of a written opinion aimed at further improving nuclear power station safety. Submitted to: Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Minister of State for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness, Chairman of the Nuclear Regulation Authority, Secretary-General of the Nuclear Regulation Authority, Commissioner of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Governor of Niigata Prefecture, Mayor of Kashiwazaki City, Mayor of Kariwa Village, Representative Executive Officer and President of Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Inc.

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Developments related to nuclear power stations

February 24,2016	TEPCO found that the core meltdown could have been determined three days after the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Staion in light of the manuals in use at the time
April 1,2016	TEPCO transitions to a holding company structure
August 25, 2016	TEPCO HD meets with the Governor of Niigata Prefecture and apologizes for the delayed disclosure of the core meltdown
February 1, 2017	The governor of Niigata Prefecture and the mayors of Kashiwazaki City and Kariwa Village held a tripartite meeting. It has been 7 years since the previous such meeting was held on April 21, 2010.
February 14, 2017	Niigata Prefecture announced a new verification system (three verifications and the establishment of a verification supervisory committee) for the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station accident

7th Term Activity Snapshots



Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station



Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station



Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station



Forum for Nuclear Cooperation in Asia



148th regular meeting



Town hall meeting with Nagaoka University of Technology



Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station to observe training, etc.



Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station to observe training, etc.

7th Term Proposals, Opinions, and Requests

Mr. Hiroshige Seko, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry
Mr. Koichi Yamamoto, Minister of State for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness
Mr. Shunichi Tanaka, Chairman of the Nuclear Regulation Authority
Mr. Masaya Yasui, Secretary-General of the Nuclear Regulation Authority
Mr. Satoshi Kusakabe, Commissioner of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy
Mr. Ryuichi Yoneyama, Governor of Niigata Prefecture
Mr. Masahiro Sakurai, Mayor of Kashiwazaki City
Mr. Hiroo Shinada, Mayor of Kariwa Village
Mr. Naomi Hirose, Representative Executive Officer and President, Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Inc.

1 To the national government

- ① Learn from the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station and clearly indicate that while municipalities where nuclear power plants are located have roles and authority related to ensuring that such a severe accident is never repeated, ultimate responsibility lies with the national government.
- ② Give clear explanations to local residents regarding the disposal of high-level waste and the handling of spent nuclear fuel, as those will have a significant impact on their daily lives in the future.

2 To Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, and Kariwa Village

- ① Clearly explain the cooperation and division of roles among Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, and Kariwa Village with regard to the formulation of a nuclear emergency preparedness plan, on-site control and chain of command during evacuations, and other related matters.
- ② The governor and mayors should hold regular tripartite meetings to develop an effective nuclear emergency preparedness plan.

3 To Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Inc.

Even after the severe accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, issues such as the meltdown and problems with the seismically isolated building have continued to undermine the trust of the communities near nuclear power plants and society as a whole, resulting in a significant departure from our committee's objective of ensuring transparency. This is an extremely disappointing outcome for not only the local residents but all of Niigata Prefecture.

While there are differing causes for each issue, we take seriously the fact that the trust of local residents has been repeatedly undermined as a result and urge a change in mindset and organizational reform.

7th Term Chiiki-No-Kai Committee Members (Term of office: May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2017)

Satomi Ikeno	Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Citizens' Network Considering Plutonium Use in Thermal Reactors
Mariko Ishikawa	Association of Medical Professionals Considering Plutonium Use in Thermal Reactors
Yasuo Ishizaka	Kashiwazaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Eihisa Ishida	Southern Community Council
Yasuyoshi Kuwabara	Matsuhama Area Neighborhood Association
Noriyasu Sangu	Kariwa Energy Forum
Seiko Suda	Kurashi wo Mitsumeru . . . Hakutou-no-Wa
Toshimi Suda	Kashiwazaki Citizens' Council on Promoting Gender Equality
Chie Takakuwa	Association to Protect Kariwa Village Against Nuclear Power
Shinichi Takahashi	Three Local Organizations Against the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station
Takeshi Takahashi	Kashiwazaki Construction Industry Cooperative
Masakazu Takahashi	Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Community Liaison Center for Nuclear Power Station Issues
Kazumasa Takeuchi	Junior Chamber International Kashiwazaki
Masayuki Takemoto	Rengo Niigata, Kashiwazaki Regional Council
Kenji Chihara	Arahama 21 Forum
Toshinari Naito	Kariwa-Nishiyama Residents' Association for Nuclear Power Station Issues
Masahiro Nakagawa	Takahama Area Neighborhood Association
Akiomi Nakamura	New Energy Research Cooperative Term of office: until July 14, 2016
Shinya Nakamura	Kariwa Village Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Yoshihiko Machida	New Energy Research Cooperative Term of office: from July 15, 2016
Hiroki Miida	Kashiwazaki Energy Forum

8th Term (2017-2019)

May 10, 2017	8th period begins with 19 committee members, one fewer than the previous term
July 22, 2017	Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station
September 26-27, 2018	Study tour of Fukui Prefecture. Visited the Ohi Power Station of Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc. and exchanged opinions with Ohi Town and Ohi Town Assembly
November 21, 2018	Information sharing meeting changed from being held in February to November
April 10, 2019	Submission of a written request regarding further enhancing nuclear power station safety as a culmination of the 8th term's activities

Detailed Activity Report

Date	Event	Details
2017		
May 10	167th regular meeting	Presentation of letters of request to committee members, self-introductions, election of chairperson and vice chairperson, Open discussion (committee members only)
June 7	168th regular meeting	About the seismically isolated building, etc. (TEPCO HD)
July 5	Dialogue between Chiiki-No-Kai members and Nagaoka University of Technology students (Nagaoka University of Technology)	Participated in practical activities during a Nuclear System Safety Engineering lecture on "Technical Communication Theory" (hosted by Nagaoka University of Technology)
July 5	169th regular meeting	Report on the dialogue with Nagaoka University of Technology students
July 22	Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station	Observed on-site safety measures, Units 6 and 7 buildings (Unit 6 gallery, central control room, Unit 7 controlled area), etc.
August 2	170th regular meeting	Emergency preparedness (progress on wide-area evacuation plans, etc.)
September 6	171st regular meeting	Opinion exchange on the written opinion and responses
October 4	172nd regular meeting	Opinion exchange on wide-area evacuation plans (1st of 2 meetings)
November 1	173rd regular meeting	Opinion exchange on wide-area evacuation plans (2nd of 2 meetings)
December 6	174th regular meeting	Study Session: "Risk Communication" Lecturer: Associate Professor Yuichi Otsuka, Nagaoka University of Technology Opinion exchange
2018		
January 10	175th regular meeting	Open discussion by committee members (Chiiki-No-Kai's operation, etc.)
February 7	176th regular meeting (Information sharing)	Committee member remarks (what the world needs to hear right now) Observer representative greetings and remarks (opinions, thoughts regarding member remarks) Opinion exchange
March 7	177th regular meeting	Open discussion (impressions regarding the information sharing meeting, etc.) ※After the regular report, TEPCO HD gave an explanation regarding "some media reports on ground improvement"

Date	Event	Details
April 11	178th regular meeting	Three verification committees (Technology, Health & Lifestyle, Evacuation) (Niigata Prefecture)
May 9	179th regular meeting	Policy on considering the effects of liquefaction on Unit 6 and 7 reactors at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station. (TEPCO HD)
June 6	180th regular meeting	The flow of assessment of conformity to the new regulatory standards (Nuclear Regulation Authority)
July 4	Dialogue between Chiiki-No-Kai members and Nagaoka University of Technology students (Nagaoka University of Technology)	Following the keynote speech by the chairperson, committee members and students discussed four topics
July 4	181st regular meeting	Open discussion by committee members (theme: Chiiki-No-Kai's operation and nature, etc.)
August 1	182nd regular meeting	Strategic Energy Plan (1st of 2 meetings) ※Explanation only (Agency for Natural Resources and Energy)
September 5	183rd regular meeting	Strategic Energy Plan (2nd of 2 meetings) *Questions only (Agency for Natural Resources and Energy)
September 26-27	Study tour in Fukui Prefecture	Visit to KEPCO's Ohi Power Station (9/26) and opinion exchange with Ohi Town and Ohi Town Assembly (9/27)
October 3	184th regular meeting	Open discussion (report from the visit to the Ohi Power Station)
November 21	185th regular meeting (Information sharing)	Committee member remarks (what the world needs to hear right now) Observer representative greetings and comments (opinions, thoughts regarding member remarks) Opinion exchange
December 5	186th regular meeting	Open discussion by committee members (regarding the information sharing meeting)

2019

January 9	187th regular meeting	Status of the application for assessment of conformity to the new regulatory standards (TEPCO HD)
February 6	188th regular meeting	Study Session: "Why Things Break: The Basic Concept of Prevention" Lecturer: Associate Professor Yuichi Otsuka, Nagaoka University of Technology
March 6	189th regular meeting	Developments since the last regular meeting *Questions include those from February (TEPCO HD, Nuclear Regulation Authority, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)
April 10	190th regular meeting	Developments since the last regular meeting *Questions include those from March (TEPCO HD, Nuclear Regulation Authority, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)

Date	Event	Details
April 10	Written request submission	Submitted a written request aimed at further improving nuclear power station safety. Submitted to: Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Minister of State for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness, Chairman of the Nuclear Regulation Authority, Secretary-General of the Nuclear Regulation Authority, Commissioner of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Governor of Niigata Prefecture, Mayor of Kashiwazaki City, Mayor of Kariwa Village, Representative Executive Officer and President of Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Inc.

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Developments related to nuclear power stations

- July 25, 2017 The Mayor of Kashiwazaki formally requests that TEPCO HD develop a decommissioning plan for Units 1-5 within two years as a condition for restarting Units 6 and 7 in a meeting with the President of TEPCO HD
- September 13, 2017 The Nuclear Regulation Authority conditionally approves TEPCO HD's eligibility as a nuclear energy provider
- November 7, 2017 The Governor of Niigata Prefecture, the Mayor of Kashiwazaki, and the Mayor of Kariwa Village hold a tripartite meeting.
- December 27, 2017 The Nuclear Regulation Authority officially decides that Units 6 and 7 meet the new regulatory standards in its report
- March 22, 2018 The mayor of Kashiwazaki makes the first formal request to TEPCO HD to introduce a progressive taxation system for spent nuclear fuel

8th Term Activity Snapshots



Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station



Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station



Dialogue with Nagaoka University of Technology students



Dialogue with Nagaoka University of Technology students



Fukui Prefecture observation (Ohi Nuclear Power Station)



Fukui Prefecture observation (Ohi Town, Fukui Prefecture)



167th regular meeting



184th regular meeting

8th Term Proposals, Opinions, and Requests

Mr. Hiroshige Seko, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry
Mr. Yoshiaki Harada, Minister of State for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness
Mr. Toyoshi Fuketa, Chairman of the Nuclear Regulation Authority
Mr. Masaya Yasui, Secretary-General of the Nuclear Regulation Authority
Mr. Taizo Takahashi, Commissioner of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy
Mr. Hideyo Hanazumi, Governor of Niigata Prefecture
Mr. Masahiro Sakurai, Mayor of Kashiwazaki City
Mr. Hiroo Shinada, Mayor of Kariwa Village
Mr. Tomoaki Kobayakawa, Representative Executive Officer and President, Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Inc.

1 To the national government

- ① The 5th Strategic Energy Plan was formulated in July 2008, but awareness-spreading activities and explanations are lacking. In particular, we request that the areas where nuclear power plants are located continue to receive thorough explanations and that the opinions of local residents are reflected in future editions. Also, we request that you make your projections clear regarding "drastic reinforcement of measures for the final disposal of high-level radioactive waste," as touted in the plan. In addition, regarding "building a relationship of trust with local communities where nuclear power stations are located," we ask that you steadily implement support for those local communities in accordance with their current conditions.
- ② Permission for changes to reactor installation for Units 6 and 7 at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station has been granted, but the plan for construction works and changes to the operational safety program are still under review. We request that a strict review be conducted to ensure that there will not be another serious accident and that the national government takes responsibility for thoroughly communicating the review's results to residents of the communities surrounding the power station.

2 To Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City and Kariwa Village

- ① In March of this year, Niigata Prefecture formulated a wide-area evacuation plan for nuclear emergencies, meaning there is finally such a plan for Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village, and Niigata Prefecture. We have also heard that a live evacuation drill will be conducted this fall. However, there are still many issues to be addressed, and it cannot be said to be an effective wide-area evacuation plan. Therefore, we request a prompt revision to the plan in order to make it more effective. The three parties should work together to resolve issues such as distributing stable iodine tablets, building a wide-area evacuation system, securing evacuation routes, and clarifying the roles of each of the three parties. We also request that the plan be thoroughly explained to the citizens of Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, and Kariwa Village and that their opinions be heard.

- ② Regarding Niigata Prefecture's three verifications for the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station accident, we ask that you ensure that the verification work is carried out faithfully and that careful explanations are provided to prefectural residents, especially in the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa area.

3 To Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Inc.

It is extremely regrettable that problems at TEPCO HD's nuclear power plants, such as the severe accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station and more than 100 problems, including minor incidents, at the Kashiwazaki Kariwa Nuclear Power Station since the Unit 1 reactor started operation, continue to undermine the trust and security of local residents. Therefore, we ask that you not only take measures such as implementing organizational reform, awareness training, and improved communication, but also that you follow through with thorough reforms that lead to increased safety.

8th Term Chiiki-No-Kai Committee Members (Term of office: May 1, 2017 - April 30, 2019)

Shinichiro Aizawa	Kariwa-Nishiyama Residents' Association for Nuclear Power Station Issues
Mariko Ishikawa	Association of Medical Professionals Considering Plutonium Use in Thermal Reactors
Yasuo Ishizaka	Kashiwazaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Yoshiko Ishida	Kurashi wo Mitsumeru . . . Hakutou-no-Wa
Daisuke Irisawa	Kariwa Village Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Yasuyoshi Kuwabara	Matsuhama Area Neighborhood Association
Noriyasu Sangu	Kariwa Energy Forum
Toshimi Suda	Kashiwazaki Citizens' Council on Promoting Gender Equality
Chie Takakuwa	Association to Protect Kariwa Village Against the Nuclear Power Station
Shinichi Takahashi	Three Local Organizations Against the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station
Eiko Takeuchi	Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Citizens' Network Considering Plutonium Use in Thermal Reactors
Yuto Tanaka	Junior Chamber International Kashiwazaki
Kenji Chihara	Arahama 21 Forum
Junichi Nishimaki	Rengo Niigata, Kashiwazaki Regional Council
Yoshihiko Machida	New Energy Research Cooperative
Hiroki Miida	Kashiwazaki Energy Forum
Takashi Miyazaki	Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Community Liaison Center for Nuclear Power Station Issues
Masatoshi Yamazaki	Southern Community Council
Ryusuke Yoshida	Takahama Area Neighborhood Association

9th Term (2019-2021)

May 8, 2019	9th period begins with 18 committee members, one fewer than the previous term
February 5, 2020	Chiiki-No-Kai holds its 200th regular meeting
March-May 2020	Regular meetings are unavoidably canceled to prevent the spread of COVID-19
September 2020	A study tour to Aomori Prefecture was planned, but was cancelled to prevent the spread of COVID-19
April 14, 2021	Submission of a written request regarding further enhancing nuclear power station safety as a culmination of the 9th term's activities

Detailed Activity Report

Date	Event	Details
2019		
May 8	191st regular meeting	Commissioner request letter presentation ceremony and overview of Chiiki-No-kai
June 5	192nd regular meeting	Niigata Prefecture wide-area evacuation plan for nuclear emergencies (Niigata Prefecture)
June 19	Dialogue between committee members and Nagaoka University of Technology students (Nagaoka University of Technology)	Following the keynote speech by the Chairperson, committee members and students discussed four topics
July 3	193rd regular meeting	Open discussion (Q&A regarding responses to the written request, etc.)
August 7	194th regular meeting	Report and impressions regarding the dialogue with Nagaoka University of Technology students (held 6/19), study session on the nuclear fuel cycle and final disposal of high-level radioactive waste (Q&A)
August 31	Visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station	Observed on-site safety measures, Unit 6 and 7 buildings (Unit 6 gallery, central control room, Unit 7 controlled area), etc.
September 4	195th regular meeting	Open discussion ① Opinions, impressions, and questions regarding the study session on the nuclear fuel cycle, etc. ② Opinions and impressions regarding the visit to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station
October 2	196th regular meeting	2019 Niigata Prefecture nuclear emergency drill (Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)
November 11	Opinion exchange with domestic and international opinion leaders living in areas where nuclear facilities are located	Opinion exchange with overseas opinion leaders. The chairperson and both vice chairpersons attended as representatives of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa region, explained Chiiki-No-Kai's activities, and exchanged opinions.
November 19	197th regular meeting (Information sharing)	Committee member remarks (what the world needs to hear right now) Observer representative greetings and remarks (opinions, thoughts regarding member remarks) Opinion exchange
December 4	198th regular meeting	Overview of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Local Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Council and Task Force (Cabinet Office)

Date	Event	Details
2020		
January 8	199th regular meeting	Enforcement of the new nuclear regulatory requirements (Nuclear Regulation Authority)
February 5	200th regular meeting	2019 Niigata Prefecture nuclear emergency drill (Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)
March 4	201st regular meeting	Cancelled to prevent the spread of COVID-19
April 22	202nd regular meeting	Cancelled to prevent the spread of COVID-19
May 13	203rd regular meeting	Cancelled to prevent the spread of COVID-19
June 3	204th regular meeting	Developments since the last regular meeting, Q&A (TEPCO HD, Nuclear Regulation Authority, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)
July 1	205th regular meeting	Status of the review of the plan for construction works (TEPCO HD)
August 5	206th regular meeting	About the geological disposal of high-level radioactive waste (Agency for Natural Resources and Energy)
September 2	207th regular meeting	About the nuclear fuel cycle (Agency for Natural Resources and Energy)
October 7	208th regular meeting	Open discussion *Including impressions of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy's agenda from August and September
November 5	209th regular meeting (information sharing)	Committee member remarks (what the world needs to hear right now) Observer representative greetings and remarks (opinions, thoughts regarding member remarks) Opinion exchange
December 2	210th regular meeting	Open discussion (Looking back on the information sharing meeting)
2021		
January 20	211th regular meeting	About the 2020 Niigata Prefecture nuclear emergency drill (Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)
February 3	212th regular meeting	The new nuclear regulatory requirements (Nuclear Regulation Authority)
March 3	213th regular meeting	Q&A on the discussion regarding the FY2020 Niigata Prefecture nuclear emergency drill from the January regular meeting
April 14	214th regular meeting	Open discussion (looking back on the 9th term)
April 14	Written request submission	Submitted a written request aimed at further improving nuclear power station safety. Submitted to: Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Minister of State for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness, Commissioner of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Chairman of the Nuclear Regulation Authority, Secretary-General of the Nuclear Regulation Authority, Governor of Niigata Prefecture, Mayor of Kashiwazaki City, Mayor of Kariwa Village, Representative Executive Officer and President of Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Inc.

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Developments related to nuclear power stations

July 30, 2019	TEPCO HD officially decides to decommission all four reactors at the Fukushima Daini Nuclear Power Station
August 26, 2019	TEPCO HD submits "Basic Approach to the Resumption of Operation and Decommissioning of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station," a document regarding the decommissioning plan for Units 1-5
March 19, 2020	Kashiwazaki City and TEPCO HD reach a basic agreement on making the Kashiwazaki City Spent Nuclear Fuel Tax Ordinance into a progressive taxation structure
October 15, 2020	The government decides to release treated water that continues to accumulate at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant into the ocean
October 30, 2020	The Nuclear Regulation Authority approves the operational safety program for the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station, Unit 7 completes all three reviews required for restart
January 12, 2021	TEPCO HD reports the completion of safety countermeasure work for Unit 7 based on the new regulatory requirements
January 23, 2021	TEPCO HD announces that in late September 2020, a TEPCO HD employee used another person's ID card to enter the central control room in the power plant building.
January 27, 2021	TEPCO HD announces that some safety countermeasure work for Unit 7 has not been completed.
February 15, 2021	TEPCO HD announces that during a general inspection of the Unit 7 reactor carried out after discovering partially incomplete safety countermeasure work, it was determined that the installation of new fire detectors was partially incomplete
February 19, 2021	TEPCO HD makes an announcement concerning the physical protection of nuclear materials at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station
March 23, 2021	The Nuclear Regulation Authority determines the results of the materiality assessment of the inspection findings related to the partial loss of function of nuclear material protection equipment at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station. (Result: Importance level "red")
April 14, 2021	The Nuclear Regulation Authority orders TEPCO HD to take measures to prohibit the transfer of specified nuclear fuel materials to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station
April 14, 2021	The Nuclear Regulation Authority decides to conduct additional inspections of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station

9th Term Activity Snapshots



191st regular meeting



Dialogue with Nagaoka University of Technology students



Opinion exchange with opinion leaders from Japan and abroad on nuclear energy



Opinion exchange with opinion leaders from Japan and abroad on nuclear energy



197th regular meeting (Information sharing)



197th regular meeting (Information sharing)



200th regular meeting



204th regular meeting

9th Term Proposals, Opinions, and Requests

Mr. Hiroshi Kajiyama, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry
Mr. Shin Hosaka, Commissioner of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy
Mr. Shinjiro Koizumi, Minister of State for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness
Mr. Toyoshi Fuketa, Chairman of the Nuclear Regulation Authority
Mr. Toru Ogino, Secretary-General of the Nuclear Regulation Authority
Mr. Hideyo Hanazumi, Governor of Niigata Prefecture
Mr. Masahiro Sakurai, Mayor of Kashiwazaki City
Mr. Hiroo Shinada, Mayor of Kariwa Village
Mr. Tomoaki Kobayakawa, Representative Executive Officer and President, Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Inc.

1 To the national government

(1) Publicity for nuclear energy policy (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy)

The Japanese government has been publicizing, disseminating information, and hearing opinions regarding nuclear energy policy in a variety of ways. However, residents in areas where nuclear power plants are located receive only snippets of information, and we cannot say that their opinions are being reflected in policy.

Regarding this issue, we make the following requests.

- ① Implement a system for publicity and dissemination of information regarding nuclear energy policy.
- ② The national government should take the initiative to thoroughly explain important policies and current situations.
- ③ Take into account the various opinions of local residents in the areas where nuclear power stations are located and ensure they are reflected in policies such as the Strategic Energy Plan.

(2) Final disposal of high-level radioactive waste (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy)

Although the national government has touted "drastic reinforcement of measures for final disposal of high-level radioactive waste," concrete steps to achieve this remain unclear.

Regarding this issue, we make the following request.

- ① Clearly indicate the national government's outlook regarding realistic measures in this area.

(3) Further tightening of regulations for nuclear operators (Nuclear Regulation Authority, Secretariat of the Nuclear Regulation Authority)

In October of last year, the Nuclear Regulation Authority completed its safety review of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station Unit 7.

However, there were incidents of unauthorized ID card use by TEPCO HD employees and the partial loss of function of nuclear material protection equipment at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station, which are violations of the provisions for the physical security of nuclear materials.

Regarding this issue, we make the following requests.

- ① Thoroughly explain to the local residents in the areas surrounding the power station what measures were taken in relation to these incidents and their relationship with the safety review.
- ② Regulations on nuclear operators and the Secretariat of the Nuclear Regulation Authority's organization should be further strengthened to prevent such incidents from happening again.

(4) Support for the formulation of an effective wide-area evacuation plan (Cabinet Office)

Municipalities with nuclear power plants have developed wide-area evacuation plans under the guidance of the national government. However, the plan still faces a number of challenges, including new problems brought to light by this winter's heavy snowfall. Moreover, we consider it difficult for the municipalities that have formulated these plans to resolve these issues alone.

Regarding this issue, we make the following request.

- ① We ask for the full support and strong leadership of the national government to resolve these issues.

2 To Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City and Kariwa Village

(1) Formulation of an effective evacuation plan (Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)

Various issues came to light when a comprehensive drill for the wide-area evacuation plan hosted by Niigata Prefecture was held for the second consecutive year. In addition, the heavy snowfall this winter has made securing evacuation roads a major issue.

Regarding this issue, we make the following request.

- ① An effective wide-area evacuation plan should be made based on current and past issues and the opinions of local residents, with strong cooperation between Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, and Kariwa Village.

(2) Revision of the safety agreement (Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)

Local residents were not initially informed regarding the unauthorized use of ID cards at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station because it was related to nuclear security. They learned about it through media reports.

Regarding this issue, we make the following request.

- ① Revise the safety agreement that was concluded with TEPCO HD so that even in events like the one in question, information related to nuclear security can be disclosed within the scope of the law.

(3) Three verifications regarding the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station accident (Niigata

Prefecture)

Niigata Prefecture's three verifications regarding the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station accident are underway. We understand that the results of the three verifications will be compiled by the verification supervisory committee in the future.

Regarding this issue, we make the following request.

- ① Conduct healthy discourse at the verification supervisory committee and thoroughly explain the compiled results of the three verifications to the local residents in the area surrounding the nuclear power plant.

3 To Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Inc.

We consider the events at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station, including the unauthorized use of ID cards, the partial loss of functionality of nuclear material protection equipment, and the incomplete construction of safety measures, to be truly regrettable events that cast doubt on your company's "eligibility." These events are also a great disappointment to our committee, which has been working to ensure the safety and transparency of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station, and they could destroy the relationship of trust that we have gradually built up over the past 18 years of discussions.

Regarding this situation, we strongly request the following.

- ① In addition to measures to prevent the recurrence of the above events, implement a fundamental and continual review of your company's overall awareness and structure.
- ② Thoroughly explain the results of the investigation into the cause of these incidents and your measures to prevent their recurrence to local residents in the areas surrounding the power station.
- ③ Revise the safety agreement concluded with Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, and Kariwa Village so that even in events involving nuclear security, such as this one, information can be publicly disclosed within the extent of the law.

9th Term Chiiki-No-Kai Committee Members (Term of office: May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2021)

Shinichiro Aizawa	Kariwa-Nishiyama Residents' Community for Nuclear Power Station Issues
Mariko Ishikawa	Association of Medical Professionals Considering Plutonium Use in Thermal Reactors
Yasuo Ishizaka	Kashiwazaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Osamu Ishizuka	New Energy Research Cooperative
Hitoshi Kanbayashi	Junior Chamber International Kashiwazaki
Masataka Kimura	Kariwa Village Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Yasuyoshi Kuwabara	Matsuhama Area Neighborhood Association
Noriyasu Sangu	Kariwa Energy Forum
Zenji Shinada	Arahama 21 Forum
	Term of office: from May 1, 2020
Toshimi Suda	Kashiwazaki Citizens' Council on Promoting Gender Equality
Noriaki Takaki	Takahama Area Neighborhood Association
Chie Takakuwa	Association to Protect Kariwa Village Against Nuclear Power Station
Shinichi Takahashi	Three Local Organizations Against the Kashiwazaki Kariwa Nuclear Power Station
Eiko Takeuchi	Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Citizens' Network Considering Plutonium Use in Thermal Reactors
Kenji Chihara	Arahama 21 Forum
	Term of office: until April 30, 2020
Junichi Nishimaki	Rengo Niigata, Kashiwazaki Regional Council
Hiroki Miida	Kashiwazaki Energy Forum
Norito Miura	Southern Community Council
Takashi Miyazaki	Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Community Liaison Center for Nuclear Power Station Issues

10th Term (2021-2023)

May 12, 2021	10th term begins with 16 committee members, two fewer than the previous term
September 2021	Regular meetings are unavoidably canceled to prevent the spread of COVID-19
February and March 2022	Regular meetings are unavoidably canceled to prevent the spread of COVID-19
September 2022	Study tour of Aomori Prefecture. Visit to the Recycled-Fuel Storage Center of The Recyclable-Fuel Storage Company and the nuclear fuel cycle facility of Japan Nuclear Fuel Limited
April 12, 2023	Submission of a written request regarding further enhancing nuclear power station safety as a culmination of the 10th term's activities

Detailed Activity Report

Date	Event	Details
2021		
May 12	215th regular meeting	Commissioner request letter presentation ceremony and overview of Chiiki-No-kai
June 2	216th regular meeting	Open discussion about the response to the written request
July 7	217th regular meeting	Changes to the evacuation manual and evacuation plan (Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)
August 4	218th regular meeting	Q&A about the evacuation manual, evacuation plan, etc.
September 1	219th regular meeting	Cancelled to prevent the spread of COVID-19
October 6	220th regular meeting	Q&A regarding the evacuation manual, evacuation plan, etc. (2nd Q&A session)
November 10	221st regular meeting (information sharing)	Committee member remarks (what the world needs to hear right now) Observer representative greetings and comments (opinions, thoughts regarding member remarks) Opinion exchange
December 1	222nd regular meeting	Looking back on the information sharing meeting
2022		
January 12	223rd regular meeting	Report on TEPCO HD's improvement action report (TEPCO HD and the Secretariat of the Nuclear Regulation Authority)
February 2	224th regular meeting	Cancelled to prevent the spread of COVID-19
March 2	225th regular meeting	Cancelled to prevent the spread of COVID-19
April 13	226th regular meeting	General explanation regarding the regional nuclear emergency preparedness councils and task forces (Cabinet Office)
May 11	227th regular meeting	Strategic Energy Plan (Agency for Natural Resources and Energy)
June 1	228th regular meeting	Survey of factors hindering evacuation routes in the event of a nuclear emergency in Niigata Prefecture (Niigata Prefecture)
July 6	229th regular meeting	Nuclear fuel policy (Agency for Natural Resources and Energy)
August 3	230th regular meeting	General explanation regarding the facilities to be visited (TEPCO HD)
September 4-5	Aomori Prefecture study tour	Visit to the recycled-fuel storage center of The Recyclable-Fuel Storage Company (9/4) Visit to the nuclear fuel cycle facility of Japan Nuclear Fuel Limited (9/5)

Date	Event	Details
September 7	231st regular meeting	Open discussion (impressions of the study tour)
October 5	232nd regular meeting	Decommissioning initiatives at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (TEPCO HD)
November 2	233rd regular meeting (Information sharing)	Committee member remarks (what the world needs to hear right now) Observer representative greetings and remarks (opinions, thoughts regarding member remarks) Opinion exchange
December 7	234th regular meeting	Open discussion regarding the information sharing meeting

2023

January 11	235th regular meeting	Briefing and opinion exchange on the three verifications regarding the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station accident (Niigata Prefecture)
February 1	236th regular meeting	FY2022 Niigata Prefecture nuclear emergency drill (Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)
March 1	237th regular meeting	Answers to Committee members' questions regarding the briefing and opinion exchange on the three verifications regarding the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station accident from the January regular meeting (Niigata Prefecture), and the discussion regarding the FY2022 Niigata Prefecture nuclear emergency drill (Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, and Kariwa Village) from the February regular meeting
April 12	238th regular meeting	Looking back on the 10th term (open discussion)
April 12	Written request submission	Submitted a written request aimed at further improving nuclear power station safety. Submitted to: Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Minister of State for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness, Commissioner of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Chairman of the Nuclear Regulation Authority, Secretary-General of the Nuclear Regulation Authority, Governor of Niigata Prefecture, Mayor of Kashiwazaki City, Mayor of Kariwa Village, Representative Executive Officer and President of Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Inc.

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Developments related to power stations

November 27-28, 2021	Niigata Prefecture holds meetings to give explanations and exchange opinions regarding the three verifications of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station accident (Kashiwazaki City Industrial Culture Hall on 11/27, Kariwa Village Hall on 11/28)
March 30, 2022	TEPCO HD announces the relocation of part of its nuclear division from the company's headquarters to Kashiwazaki City
April 27, 2022	The Nuclear Regulation Authority releases an interim report on the additional inspections it is conducting on TEPCO HD. They determined that the series of problems were unique to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station.
August 24, 2022	The prime minister announces his policy of aiming to restart seven nuclear power stations that have passed a review using the new regulatory requirements, including Units 6 and 7 at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station, after the summer of 2023
November 5-23, 2022	Niigata Prefecture holds meetings to give explanations and exchange opinions regarding the three verifications of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station accident (Nagaoka Municipal Auditorium on 11/5, Kashiwazaki City Industrial Culture Hall on 11/11, Joetsu City Education Plaza on 11/12, and Niigata Unison Plaza on 11/23)
February 10, 2023	Cabinet approves the government's basic policy for the realization of GX (Green Transformation), which includes a change in nuclear energy policy

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215th regular meeting



215th regular meeting



221st regular meeting (Information sharing)



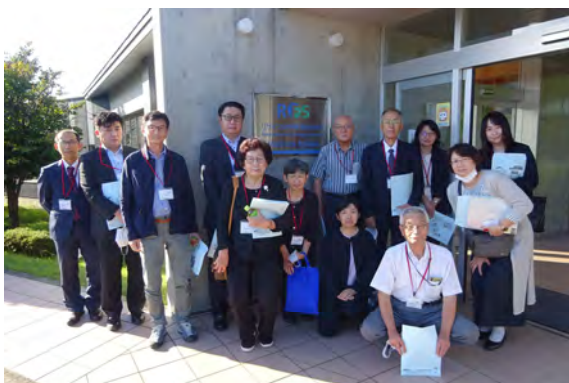
228th regular meeting



233rd regular meeting (Information sharing)



Visit with the Governor of Niigata Prefecture



Aomori Prefecture study tour (Mutsu City)



Aomori Prefecture study tour (Rokkasho Village)

10th Term Proposals, Opinions, and Requests

Mr. Yasutoshi Nishimura, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry
Mr. Shin Hosaka, Commissioner of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy
Mr. Akihiro Nishimura, Minister of State for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness
Mr. Shinsuke Yamanaka, Chairman of the Nuclear Regulation Authority
Mr. Hiromu Katayama, Secretary-General of the Nuclear Regulation Authority
Mr. Hideyo Hanazumi, Governor of Niigata Prefecture
Mr. Masahiro Sakurai, Mayor of Kashiwazaki City
Mr. Hiroo Shinada, Mayor of Kariwa Village
Mr. Tomoaki Kobayakawa, Representative Executive Officer and President, Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Inc.

1 To the national government

(1) Nuclear energy policy for energy security (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy)

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has deepened the turmoil in the global economy, and soaring energy prices and commodity prices, as well as electricity shortages, have become major issues.

Regarding nuclear energy policy, the government has clearly stated that it will promote the use of nuclear power plants and that it will stand at the forefront promoting this policy. However, residents in the areas where nuclear power plants are located have not seen any concrete moves by the government, and we must say that the government has not made clear their seriousness on the matter.

Regarding this issue, we make the following requests.

- ① Specific policies for stable energy supply should be explained and communicated to the public.
- ② Take actions toward deepening national understanding regarding "S+3E," the premise of the government's energy policy.
- ③ The government should take responsibility and explain more thoroughly the safety of extending the operation period of nuclear power plants to residents in the regions where they are located.

(2) Support for the formulation of effective wide-area evacuation plans and the development of related facilities (Cabinet Office, Nuclear Regulation Authority)

In the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa area, heavy snowfall causes traffic congestion and power outages every year. This winter, the Hokuriku Expressway and National Route 8 were closed to traffic for as long as 50 hours, and there was a large-scale power outage lasting approximately four days. Safely evacuating residents in the event of a combined natural and nuclear disaster is a major issue, and we believe that it is necessary for the government to take the lead in presenting measures for the formulation of more effective evacuation plans.

Regarding this issue, we make the following requests.

- ① The national government should offer its full cooperation to Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, and Kariwa Village to further improve nuclear emergency response guidelines and

develop more effective evacuation plans.

- ② Roads and snow removal infrastructure should be improved to make them more appropriate for wide-area evacuation.
- ③ The government should improve and expand radiation protection facilities and equipment.

(3) Tighter regulations for nuclear operators (Nuclear Regulation Authority, Secretariat of the Nuclear Regulation Authority)

In April 2021, the Nuclear Regulation Authority issued a corrective action order prohibiting the transfer of nuclear fuel to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station due to a series of deficiencies in the station's anti-terrorism measures.

Additional inspections are currently underway, and it is uncertain when the order will be lifted.

Regarding this issue, we make the following requests.

- ① Provide clear explanations and information in a timely and appropriate manner to residents regarding the status of your careful and thorough examination.
- ② In order to enhance the safety of nuclear power plants, strengthen your organizational structure, such as by increasing the number of personnel at local offices.
- ③ To prevent a recurrence of this series of scandals, strengthen regulations against nuclear operators.

(4) The nuclear fuel cycle and final disposal of high-level radioactive waste (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy)

In February of this year, the national government announced that it would revise its basic policy on the final disposal of high-level radioactive waste. The proposed revision states that the government will work as one and take responsibility for the realization of final disposal, and it will include the government's intent to inform relevant groups in areas that are interested in a literature survey, even before the local government decides whether to approve the survey.

Regarding this issue, we make the following request.

- ① Clearly indicate the government's outlook for specific efforts to be taken toward final disposal.

2 To Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, and Kariwa Village

(1) Formulation of an effective evacuation plan (Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village)

Whenever there is heavy snowfall in our region, important evacuation routes such as the Hokuriku Expressway, National Route 8, and other arterial roads are repeatedly congested or closed. However, during the winter nuclear emergency drill held by Niigata Prefecture in February 2023, elements such as evacuation checks during power outages were conducted when there was no snow, revealing various issues in the conditions and content of the drill.

Regarding this issue, we make the following requests.

- ① Ensure that drills are conducted under varying conditions to improve the effectiveness of resident evacuation.
- ② Based on the issues identified through the drills and the opinions of residents, Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, and Kariwa Village should formulate a more effective wide-area evacuation plan through strong cooperation among the three parties.
- ③ Consider safer evacuation methods for residents in the event of a combined natural and nuclear disaster, such as heavy snowfall, wind and flood damage, and extreme heat.

(2) Three verifications of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station accident (Niigata Prefecture)

The report of the Health Subcommittee of the Health and Life Committee, one of the three verifications regarding the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station accident, has been compiled, and all three verification reports are now available.

Regarding this topic, we make the following requests.

- ① The verification supervisory committee should fully discuss the results and give a thorough explanation.
- ② We would like to ask Governor Hanazumi to respect the results produced by each of the review committees and the technical committee when he makes his final decision.

3 To Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Inc.

(1) Efforts to restore confidence

Chiiki-No-Kai was established in response to the misconduct revealed in 2002, such as the intentional falsification of self-inspection work records and cover-up at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station.

Since then, there have been numerous other instances of misconduct, including the unauthorized use of ID cards, partial loss of functions of nuclear material protection equipment, incomplete safety measure work, and, more recently, the misappropriation of examination documents.

While there have been some commendable actions, such as the relocation of the nuclear division of the head office to this region, we must say that overall efforts have been extremely inadequate.

As the Chiiki-No-Kai marks the 20th anniversary of its founding and the organization's 10th term in April of this year, we strongly request the following.

- ① Thoroughly investigate the causes of these instances of misconduct and clarify responsibility. Also, in addition to implementing measures to prevent recurrence, implement fundamental reforms to the entire company's awareness and structure as well as a continual review process.
- ② Make every effort to provide prompt and accurate information to local residents, Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village, and other surrounding municipalities, and work diligently to restore trust through further cooperation.
- ③ Instill in your employees and corporate culture an awareness of the critical responsibility of operating a nuclear power plant, a strong respect for rules and standards, and self-care.

10th Term Chiiki-No-Kai Committee Members (Term of office: May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2023)

Shinichiro Aizawa	Kariwa-Nishiyama Residents' Association for Nuclear Power Station Issues
Shuichi Oda	Kashiwazaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Michiyuki Ona	Southern Community Council
Toshio Ono	Matsuhama Area Neighborhood Association
Yasufumi Kawaguchi	Kashiwazaki Junior Chamber of Commerce Term of office: from May 1, 2022
Hitoshi Kanbayashi	Junior Chamber International Kashiwazaki Term of office: until April 30, 2022
Kei Sakamoto	Kariwa Village Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Noriyasu Sangu	Kariwa Energy Forum
Zenji Shinada	Arahama 21 Forum
Toshimi Suda	Kashiwazaki Citizens' Council on Promoting Gender Equality
Noriaki Takaki	Takahama Area Neighborhood Association
Shinichi Takahashi	Three Local Organizations Against the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station
Eiko Takeuchi	Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Citizens' Network Considering Plutonium Use in Thermal Reactors
Tamotsu Honma	Association of Medical Professionals Considering Plutonium Use in Thermal Reactors
Jun Miida	Association to Protect Kariwa Village Against the Nuclear Power Station
Hiroki Miida	Kashiwazaki Energy Forum
Takashi Miyazaki	Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Community Liaison Center for Nuclear Power Station Issues

Looking back on the 1st to 5th Term Topics

1st Term	<p>◆ 2003~2004</p> <p>In 2002, after the revelation of TEPCO's fraudulent activities, the Committee was established after three preparatory meetings with 24 members who were for, against, or neutral toward nuclear power station.</p> <p>In 2003, a preliminary meeting was held in April and the first regular meeting in May. The chairperson could not be decided, and Shinada, Director of the Civic Life Department of the City of Kashiwazaki, facilitated the meeting for a while. In March, Yoshiko Arano was elected chairperson and Choji Imai was elected vicechairperson.</p> <p>◆ 2004~2005</p> <p>October 23 Chuetsu Earthquake</p>
2nd Term	<p>◆ 2005~2006</p> <p>August 26 "Opinion on the Draft Framework of the Nuclear Energy Policy Consideration Paper" submitted to Japan Atomic Energy Commission</p>
3rd Term	<p>◆ 2007~2008</p> <p>July 16 Chuetsu-oki Earthquake occurs. The power station was damaged and all units were shut down.</p> <p>◆ 2008~2009</p> <p>June 19-21 IAEA holds IAEA international workshop on seismic safety</p> <p>In the region, briefings and opinion-exchange meetings were held in the wake of the Chuetsu-oki Earthquake.</p> <p>Technical committee meetings were held frequently throughout the prefecture.</p>
4th Term	<p>◆ 2009~2010</p> <p>November 8 Unit 7 restarts (Power generation starts on the 10th)</p> <p>◆ 2010~2011</p> <p>March 11 The Tohoku-Pacific Ocean Earthquake occurs. TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Power Station suffers a nuclear accident.</p> <p>March 24 In response to the Tohoku-Pacific Ocean Earthquake, we submitted an "Opinion Paper" to the Prime Minister, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of Japan Atomic Energy Commission, the Chairman of the Nuclear Safety Commission, Commissioner of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, the Director-General of the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency, the Governor of Niigata Prefecture Hirohiko Izumida, the Mayor of Kashiwazaki Hiroshi Aida, the Mayor of Kariwa Village Hiroo Shinada, and the Representative Director and President of Tokyo Electric Power Co., Inc. Masataka Shimizu.</p>
5th Term	<p>◆ 2011~2012</p> <p>October 5 100th regular meeting, presentation of committee members' opinion statement "Talking about the Past, Present, and Future from the Resident's Perspective"</p> <p>◆ 2012~2013</p> <p>July 18 Visit to Tomioka Town Livelihood Recovery Support Center (Koriyama City) and Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters (Fukushima City)</p>

“Committee for Securing Transparency of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station” Charter

[Purpose]

Article 1. Committee for Transparency

at the Kashiwazaki Nuclear Power Station (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”). The purpose of the Committee is to ensure the safe operation of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station through the participation of residents of the region where the plant is located, by continuously confirming and monitoring the operator’s efforts ensure the plant’s safety and transparency, the activities of the national and relevant local governments, and by making proposals and taking other actions.

[Committee Members]

Article 2. The Committee consists of up to 25 committee members who reside in Kashiwazaki City and Kariwa Village and are recommended by various organizations recognized by the Committee.

- 2 Committee members serve two-year terms.
- 3 Committee members may be reappointed.
- 4 Committee members may resign in the event of an accident or other unavoidable circumstances.
- 5 A vacancy on the Committee may be filled. In such a case, the term of office of the replaced committee member shall be the same as the remaining term of office of the other committee members.

[Observers, etc.]

Article 3. The Committee may invite the following persons (hereinafter referred to as "businesses, etc.") to attend the meeting as observers or educators.

- (1) Tokyo Electric Power Holdings, Inc.
 - (2) Niigata Prefecture, Kashiwazaki City, Kariwa Village
 - (3) Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
 - (4) The Nuclear Regulation Authority
 - (5) Any other party deemed necessary by the Committee.
- 2 The Committee may invite advisors to attend meetings as necessary.

[Duties]

Article 4. The Committee shall perform the following duties

- (1) Confirm and monitor the operation of the nuclear power plant and its effect, etc.
- (2) Make recommendations to operators, etc.
- (3) Provide residents with information on the discussions and activities of the Committee
- (4) Educate committee members
- (5) Other matters deemed necessary to achieve the objectives of the Committee.

[Rights and Responsibilities of the Committee and Committee Members]

Article 5. Committee members may freely state their opinions at the meetings.

- 2 The committee members shall respect each other's opinions and shall be responsible for their own opinions.
- 3 The Committee may make recommendations to businesses, etc. concerning the safety of the power plant.
- 4 The Committee shall not make any demands that bind the businesses, etc. beyond the matters pertaining to the responsibility and authority of the government and matters beyond the provisions of laws and regulations.
- 5 The committee members, through the Committee, may request businesses, etc. to disclose materials,

provide information, or conduct on-site inspections. In such cases, the committee members shall report the details of such activities to the Committee for the purpose of information sharing.

- 6 If the committee members observe or hear undisclosed information about a business or other entity in the course of their activities, they shall keep such information confidential.

[Cooperation of Businesses, etc.]

Article 6. Businesses, etc. shall understand the purpose of the Committee and endeavor to actively disclose information, and shall devise explanations to the committee members in a manner that is easy for them to understand.

- 2 Businesses, etc. shall fully respect the opinions and proposals of the committee members at the meetings.

[The Committee's Public Accessibility]

Article 7. All meetings shall be open to the public. However, the meetings may be closed to the public by agreement of the committee members.

[Chairperson and Vice Chairperson]

Article 8. The Committee shall have a chairperson and vice chairperson.

- 2 The chairperson and vice chairperson are elected by the committee members from among themselves.
- 3 The chairperson presides over the affairs of the Committee.
- 4 If the chairman is unable to perform, the vice chairperson will function in their place.

[Management Committee]

Article 9. The Committee shall have a management committee.

- 2 The management committee shall consist of the chairperson, the vice chairperson, and a few management committee members appointed by the chairperson.
- 3 The management committee shall deliberate on matters raised by the chairperson or the Committee, make recommendations for the smooth operation of the Committee, and plan and edit the Committee's information magazine.

[Meetings]

Article 10. Meetings shall consist of regular and special meetings.

- 2 Generally, regular meetings shall convene once a month.
- 3 At least once a year, a meeting attended by businesses, etc. (referred to as the "Power Station Information Sharing Meeting") shall be held among the regular meetings.
- 4 Special meetings shall convene when the chairperson deems it necessary, at the request of one-fifth or more of the members or at the request of the secretariat.
- 5 The chairperson shall conduct the meeting. If the chairperson is unable to attend, or if the chairperson so directs, the vice chairperson or a person designated in advance by the chairperson shall act as the chairperson.

[Meetings]

Article 11. The Kashiwazaki Nuclear Public Information Center shall serve as the secretariat of the Committee.

- 2 The relevant local governments shall assist the secretariat.

Supplementary Provisions

This regulation shall come into effect as of March 1, 2003.

Supplementary Provisions

This constitution shall come into effect as of March 15, 2004.

Supplementary Provision

This regulation shall come into effect as of July 6, 2005.

Supplementary Provision

This regulation shall come into effect as of May 9, 2007.

Supplementary Provision

This regulation shall come into effect as of September 19, 2012.

Supplementary Provision

This regulation shall come into effect as of December 7, 2016.

In relation to Article 2, the total term of office of committee members shall not exceed 10 years.

In connection with Article 10, the number of regular meetings may be changed by agreement of the committee members.

Committee member recommended organizations (including previous recommended organizations)

As of May 1, 2023

Arahama 21 Forum, Junior Chamber International Kashiwazaki., Kashiwazaki Energy Forum, Three Local Organizations Against the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station, Kashiwazaki Builders, Kashiwazaki City, Kashiwazaki City (formerly Nishiyama Town), Kashiwazaki City Community Promotion Council, Kashiwazaki City Elementary and Middle School PTA Federation, Kashiwazaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kashiwazaki Citizens' Council on Promoting Gender Equality, Kashiwazaki Area Ready-mixed Concrete Cooperative Association, Kashiwazaki Agricultural Cooperative Association, Kariwa Energy Forum, Kariwa Village Mayors Liaison Council, Kariwa Village Chamber of Commerce and Industry, New Energy Research Cooperative, Kurashi wo Mitsumeru . . . Hakutou-No-Wa, Association to Protect Kariwa Village Against Nuclear Power Station, Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Community Liaison Center for Nuclear Power Station Issues, Kariwa-Nishiyama Residents' Association for Nuclear Power Station Issues, Soroptimist International of Kashiwazaki, Takahama Area Neighborhood Association, Southern Community Council, Niigata Fishermen's Cooperative Kashiwazaki Branch, Association of Medical Professionals Considering Plutonium Use in Thermal Reactors, Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Citizens' Network Considering Plutonium Use in Thermal Reactors, Matsuhama Area Neighborhood Association, Rengo Niigata, Kashiwazaki Regional Council

In no particular order