

Horizon Nuclear Power response to the Interim Weightman Report

Today, Horizon Nuclear Power confirmed it has responded to the interim report of Dr Mike Weightman, the Chief Nuclear Inspector, which looked into lessons learned from the events at the Fukushima Da'ichi nuclear power station.

Alan Raymant, COO of Horizon said:

"It is essential that we take stock of our safety standards and arrangements, re-validate them, and apply any lessons that can be learned from all serious incidents like those that took place in Japan. Safety will always be our number one priority.

"We welcome Dr Weightman's interim report and support the recommendations. We believe the best outcome for safety will be achieved by embedding the learnings at the development stage of our project.

"We believe that the Generic Design Assessment (GDA) process can take on board the lessons learned without undue impact on our project development.

"We welcome the interim conclusions that there is no need to change the present strategies for new nuclear and look forward to Government's response in relation to the National Policy Statements".

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Notes to editors:

Horizon Nuclear Power is a UK energy company developing a new generation of nuclear power stations. A joint venture between E.ON UK and RWE npower, we plan to deliver around 6,000 MW of new nuclear power station capacity in the UK by 2025. The programme is likely to involve more than £15bn of investment. We have the resources, skills and experience to deliver safe low-carbon, baseload power for the UK, while creating thousands of jobs at each of our new power stations.