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Horizon Nuclear Power statement on recent events in Japan

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Alan Raymant, COO of Horizon said:

Following the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan, our heart-felt sympathy goes out to all those who have been affected.

The nuclear incidents which are currently taking place in Japan are still unfolding and it would not be appropriate for us to comment given that we do not have first hand involvement.

However we welcome the announcement by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Chris Huhne, that the Chief Nuclear Inspector, Dr Mike Weightman, will prepare a report on the implications and lessons learned from the situation in Japan.

We consider the Weightman report of the utmost importance. It is essential that the right time is taken to validate safety standards for existing and future nuclear stations and learn lessons from events in Japan. We will continue to develop our proposals but we will take full account of the results to help guide our ongoing work.

UK nuclear installations are built with a wealth of safety measures in place to ensure that they can withstand a range of natural disasters and avoid causing harm to the public or to the environment. These installations are assessed extremely thoroughly by the regulators to ensure that containment remains effective even in the most extreme circumstances, and the design that Horizon selects for its proposed installations will also go through this thorough assessment.

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