

The Nuclear Industry's View

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Fukushima Response Steering Committee (FRSC)

Industry FRSC made up of representatives from:

- Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)
- Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO)
- Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)
- Utility executives

“The Way Forward”

- Joint leadership model to integrate and coordinate U.S. nuclear industry’s response, identifying and incorporating lessons learned and supporting coordinated action

Goals of the FRSC – “The Way Forward”

1. The nuclear workforce remains focused on **safety and operational excellence** at all plants, particularly in light of the increased work that the response to the Fukushima event will represent.
2. Timelines for emergency response capability to ensure continued **core cooling, containment integrity** and **spent fuel storage pool cooling** are synchronized to preclude damage following station blackout or challenges to the ultimate heat sink.
3. The U.S. nuclear industry is capable of responding effectively to any significant event in the U.S. with the response being scalable to support **an international event**, as appropriate.
4. **Severe accident management guidelines**, security response strategies (B.5.b), and **external event response plans** are effectively integrated to ensure nuclear energy facilities are capable of symptom-based response to events that could impact multiple reactors at a single site.
5. **Margins for protection from external events** are sufficient based on the **latest hazards analyses and historical data**.
6. **Spent fuel cooling** and makeup functions are fully protective during periods of high heat load in the spent fuel pool and during extended station blackout conditions.
7. **Primary containment protective strategies** can effectively manage and mitigate post-accident conditions, including elevated pressure and hydrogen concentrations.
8. Accident response procedures provide **steps for controlling, monitoring, and assessing potential radiation and ingestion pathways** during and following an accident, including **timely communication** of accurate information.

Special Areas of Focus

Fuel Behavior During Extraordinary Events

- Dryout
- Hydrogen Production

Containment Systems Performance

- Limiting socioeconomic impacts for accidents at existing units

Used Fuel Management

- Used fuel response during accidents (both in-pool and in-canister)

Special Areas of Focus, continued

Advanced Cladding Materials

- Minimizes potential for post-accident explosions

Small Modular Reactor (SMR) Development

Others