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Request to Securely Implement Protective Measures Against Tsunami at Hamaoka Nuclear Power Station and to Shut Down its Reactors Until Then

On March 30, 2011, I directed your company to implement emergency safety measures, and upon receiving a report on the implementation status of these measures, I ascertained the contents, and as a result of it, evaluated that appropriate measures are in place.

However, Hamaoka Nuclear Power Station (NPS) is located close to the hypocentral region of the anticipated Tokai Earthquake, which is considered an imminent danger as indicated by the projection of the Headquarters for Earthquake Research Promotion of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology that the anticipated Tokai Earthquake of about magnitude 8 will occur within 30 years at a probability of 87 percent. Given the high likelihood of Hamaoka NPS being hit by major tsunami in this earthquake, I request that your company duly put the plans stated in its report into practice—taking precautions against tsunami, securing spare seawater pumps and installing air-cooled emergency generators and so on.

In addition, until these measures are completed and are ascertained and evaluated by the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency, I request that your company shut down all the reactors at Hamaoka NPS.