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Higashidori Nuclear Power Station's Unit No. 1 Undergoes Its Second Regular Inspection

Unit No. 1 of the Higashidori Nuclear Power Station will undergo its second regular inspection from Saturday, March 22, 2008. The inspection is scheduled to last approximately five months.

Regular inspections are carried out pursuant to the requirements of the Electricity Business Act to ensure that the nuclear reactor and its associated facilities are sound and conform to the technical criteria defined in the applicable national laws and regulations. The inspection, known as a Periodic Operator's Inspection, will be carried out and assessed according to the Regular Safety Management Inspection mechanism.

As part of the inspection the nuclear fuel assembly and power range monitor will be replaced and the control rod drive mechanism and condenser tubes, among others, will be checked.

Overview of Unit No. 1, Higashidori Nuclear Power Station

- Location: Higashidori-mura, Shimokita-gun, Aomori Prefecture
- Unit rated capacity: 1,100 MW
- Reactor type: Boiling Water Reactor (BWR)
- Start of commercial operation: December 8, 2005