

U.S. National Academy of Sciences Meeting on Nuclear Safety 26-28 Nov. in Tokyo

The U.S. National Academy of Sciences committee conducting the study "Lessons Learned From the Fukushima Nuclear Accident for Improving Safety and Security of U.S. Nuclear Plants" will hold a meeting 26-28 Nov. 2012 in Tokyo, Japan.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information for a report that can be used to improve nuclear plant safety and security in the United States. The meeting is not an investigation of the events that unfolded at Fukushima, and the committee will not provide advice to the Japanese government, nuclear regulators, or plant operators.

The committee will hear from the experts who have knowledge of the events surrounding the Fukushima incident, and it will engage in discussions with them to better understand what occurred at the nuclear plants following the earthquake and tsunami. For more information on the study and the meeting agenda, visit <http://nationalacademies.org/fukushima>.

The public and media are invited to attend the meeting. However, the meeting is not a public debate or a press conference. Video cameras will not be permitted in the plenary or breakout sessions. Neither the public nor the press will be allowed to provide verbal comments nor ask questions of the speakers or committee during these sessions.

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DETAILS

All sessions are open to reporters and members of the public, but video cameras are not permitted in any of the meeting rooms. Seating for reporters and the public is limited, and seating will be provided to those reporters and members of the public who arrive first. Please plan to arrive early. Reporters and members of the public who wish to attend must register with the NAS Office of News and Public Information before 21 Nov. 2012. To register or to find out more information, e-mail jwalsh@nas.edu.

Location:

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)
7-22-1 Roppongi Minato, Tokyo 106-0032

Agenda:

Monday, Nov. 26

1:30 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

Plenary Session

The presentations and discussions will be primarily in English.

Tuesday, Nov. 27

8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Plenary Session

The presentations and discussions will be primarily in English.

2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions on Technical Issues

Discussions will be in English and Japanese. Simultaneous translation will not be available for reporters or the public.

Wednesday, Nov. 28

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions on Technical Issues

Discussions will be in English and Japanese. Simultaneous translation will not be available for reporters or the public.