

Principal Opinions of the Kyushu Electric Power Environmental Advisory Council

The 6th Kyushu Electric Power Environmental Advisory Council meeting was held on Tuesday May 16, 2005. The council members discussed and presented various views on the environmental activities of Kyushu Electric Power and its group companies and the “2006 Kyushu Electric Power Environment Action Report”.

The following are some of the principal opinions of the Council.

1 Environmental Activities

Global warming issues

- The first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol is about to begin. Electric power companies have an obligation to provide a stable supply of power so minimizing the absolute amount of CO₂ emissions is not easy, but the council urges Kyushu Electric Power to continue its efforts to reduce its CO₂ emission intensity.
- In addition to frequency stability, CO₂ emission intensity is an important factor in the quality of electricity. Therefore, electricity companies and consumers alike must endeavor to revise their attitudes towards quality of electricity.

Promotion of nuclear power generation

- The environmental superiority of nuclear power stations is clear, and the intensive promotion of nuclear power is necessary in reducing CO₂ emissions. To that end, efforts should be made to provide detailed information in response to each view and opinion.
- This year is the 20th year since the Chernobyl disaster; Kyushu Electric Power should promote its nuclear power station operation safety measures and track record more aggressively.

Environmental communication

- One method of effectively communicating about environmental issues with the general public would be to plant commemorative trees at Kyushu Electric Power facilities such as on dam-top promenades and on the premises of thermal power stations.

Environmental education

- The council would like Kyushu Electric Power to continue to send its employees into the community to give lectures about energy and the environment, and feels that the employees who give the lectures also benefit from the experience.
- The council urges Kyushu Electric Power to further boost its environmental education support program by making more use of company facilities such as the Yamashita Ike Dam and Onagohata Recreation Forest to contribute to further improvements in environmental education.

Increasing employee awareness

- The response rate in the survey of employees' environmental awareness was a somewhat low 59%. Kyushu Electric Power needs to work to further improve employee awareness in this area.

EMS in the Kyushu Electric Power Group companies

- Eco Action 21 is a vital aspect of compiling and publishing environment action reports, and it is likely a more advanced effort than levels 1 and 2 of the Kyushu Electric Power Group EMS framework. EMS is becoming a prerequisite for trading in some quarters and the council urges Kyushu Electric Power to make a concerted Eco Action 21 effort.
- The Ministry of the Environment is also recommending Eco Action 21 for small and medium-sized businesses, and the council believes Kyushu Electric Power should consider implementing the plan for some group companies of appropriate size.

Others

- To promote deeper understanding of Kyushu Electric Power's environmental activities, the council feels the company should consider holding council meetings on the same day and at the same location as Kyushu Homeland Forestation Project events.

2 Environment Action Report

- To relieve fears about nuclear power generation, it is necessary for Kyushu Electric Power to provide information on how it goes about risk communication.
- Kyushu Electric Power should publish its ongoing actions in relation to the shipper's obligations under the revised Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy.
- Kyushu Electric Power should publish its opinions exchanged with local university students.
- Kyushu Electric Power should publish its international activities, such as wind power generation in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

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