Court Rules on Requested Injunction against Restarts at Sendai Nuclear Power Station (Kyushu Electric Power Prevails in Court)

At 10 a.m. today, Kagoshima District Court handed down its decision on a request for an injunction against the restart of nuclear facilities belonging to Kyushu Electric Power.

Seeking to halt the restart of Sendai Nuclear Power Station Units No. 1 and 2, the plaintiffs filed their case on May 30, 2014.

Kyushu Electric Power had asked the court to deny the injunction. We argued that the reactor facilities at Sendai Nuclear Power Station were safe against such phenomena as earthquakes and that more safety measures had been taken following the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station. We further argued that the standard seismic motion that had been established, including the method of evaluating it, is appropriate, and that even if an accident were to happen, sufficient safety measures are in place. We therefore asserted that there is no concrete danger of release of large amounts of radioactive material.

The Kagoshima District Court investigated the plaintiffs' assertion that operating these reactor facilities presented a concrete danger. The court, saying it did not find that the plaintiffs' personal rights would be violated or in danger of violation, denied the injunction.

The decision means the court recognizes Kyushu Electric Power's assertion that the Sendai Nuclear Power Station is safe. We believe the court made the correct decision.

Kyushu Electric Power will continue our voluntary initiatives to further enhance safety and reliability and will make every effort to ensure the safety of Sendai Nuclear Power Station.