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FANR asks ENEC to evaluate Japan nuclear accident

31 March 2011, Abu Dhabi – The Federal Authority for Nuclear Regulation (FANR) has asked the Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation (ENEC) to provide a plan explaining how the company would apply any lessons learned from Japan’s Fukushima nuclear accident, which was caused by an earthquake and tsunami.

In a letter sent yesterday, FANR requested that ENEC provide, by 30 April 2011, a description of its plans to review the events and to include any lessons learned into the siting, design and operation of its proposed Braka nuclear facility.

“We understand that ENEC has been following the developments since the tsunami struck Japan and is considering whether there are any implications for their planned units,” said FANR Director General Dr William D. Travers.

“We are also evaluating these developments to see if FANR’s existing requirements should be enhanced.”

The UAE’s independent nuclear safety regulator has been reviewing ENEC’s construction licence application for two nuclear power plants at the Braka site since 27 December 2010. This review, planned to take approximately 18 months, will include any supplemental issues raised by the events in Japan.

Requesting additional information or clarification is a normal practice used by nuclear regulators around the world to ensure that the most up-to-date information is available and used to enhance safety.

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