

UK Nuclear Academics Meeting



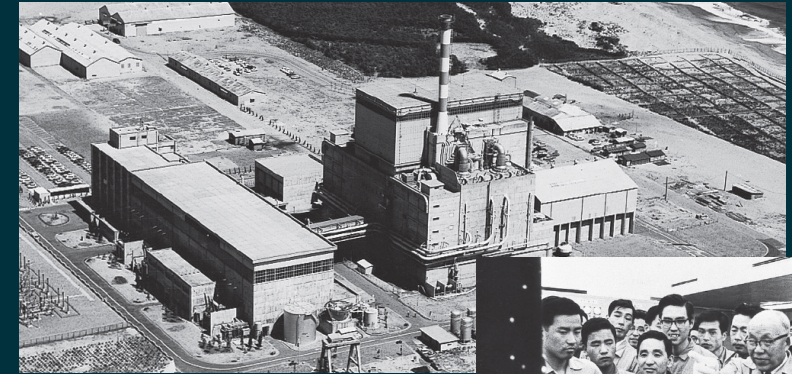
Collaboration with Japan

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Sellafield and Japan

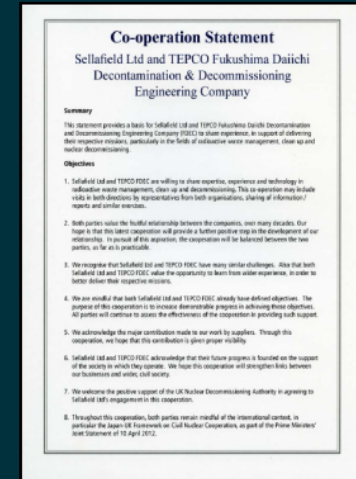
- 1950's and 1960'd
 - Tokai Unit 1 built using designs from UK Magnox reactors
 - Training of reactor operators at Sellafield
 - Fuel manufacture at Springfields
 - Spent fuel transport by James Fisher from Whitehaven, Workington and Barrow
- 1970s to 1990's
 - BNFL announces plans to build THORP
 - Significant Japanese investment behind the project based on their own domestic plans to expand nuclear power production
 - First overseas reprocessing contracts signed in 1978
 - Pacific Nuclear Transport Ltd (PNTL) develops to transport fuel around the world. This includes ships built in Japan.
- 1990's onwards
 - Reprocessing of Japanese fuel now carried out in THORP
 - Safe and secure storage of plutonium
 - Vitrification of high level waste and return to Japan's Rokkasho Mura facility
 - Evaporator technology delivery to Rokkasho Mura including significant deployment of Sellafield staff
 - Significant investment in the Sellafield MOX Plant (SMP) and MOX fuel contracts signed intending to supply to a number of reactor operators



Sellafield TEPCO Cooperation Agreement



- Non commercial agreement
 - Not intended to be a substitute for commercial arrangements between UK and Japanese organisations.
- First signed in May 2014, with formal contract in Sept 2014
- Topics covered by the Agreement
 - Site Management
 - Radiation Protection
 - Environmental Management
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Project Management
 - Design Engineering
- Seconded from TEPCO based at Sellafield
- Delivering real benefit to UK and Japan



Summary of Decommissioning and Contaminated Water Management

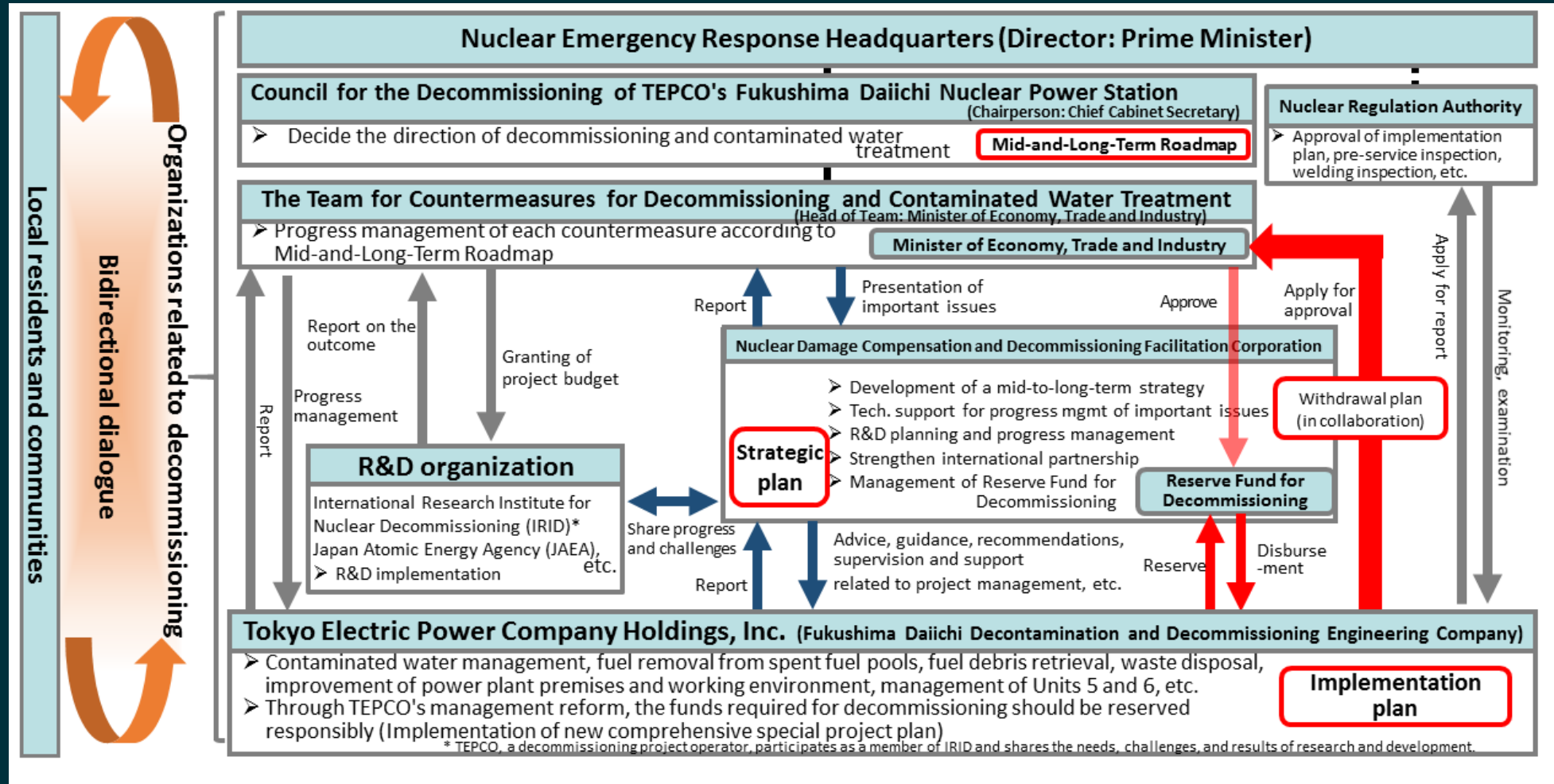
Secretariat of the Team for Countermeasures for Decommissioning and Contaminated Water Treatment

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Decommissioning elsewhere

- Other Utilities – normal decommissioning
 - 15 reactors in decommissioning or permanent shutdown (<https://www.jaif.or.jp/en/npps-in-japan/>)
 - This list will only get bigger (e.g. Fukushima Daini (4 units) and Kashiwasaki Kariwa (5 units))
- JAEA (<https://www.jaea.go.jp/english/>)
 - Over 35 facilities identified for decommissioning
 - Monju Fast Breeder Reactor
 - Team UK
 - Tokai HAS
 - NNL leading small assessment packages using skills and experience of UK SME's
 - Sellafield representation on the Advisory Panel for Tokai Reprocessing Plant

It is complicated



R&D successes and opportunities

- Avexis
 - Developed for initial use at Sellafield by University of Manchester and Forth Engineering.
- N-Visage/RISER
 - Developed by Createc and Blue Bear and trialled at Sellafield and in use at Fukushima Daiichi
- CLADS (Collaborative Laboratory Advancing Decommissioning Science) (<https://fukushima.jaea.go.jp/en/hairo/>)
 - Purpose built facility in Naraha (close to Fukushima Daiichi) (<https://naraha.jaea.go.jp/en/index.html>)
- National Institute for Technology, Fukushima College (<http://www.fukushima-nct.ac.jp/en/>)
- TEPCO have a challenges portal called CUUSOO – Open Innovation Programme (<https://tepcocuusoo.com/#about>)
- JNFL Rokkasho Mura



Closing comments

- Japan campaign group looking at business opportunities
- The Japanese business model is quite different to the UK model takes time to understand
- It takes time to build a strong relationship but once in place it lasts a long time
- Demonstrating delivery is much more powerful than talking in general terms

Other information

- What is Sellafield
 - https://youtu.be/1ZwKnYWo_nQ
- Inside Fukushima Daiichi
 - <https://www4.tepco.co.jp/en/insidefukushimadaiichi/index-e.html>
- TEPCO Treated Water Portal Site
 - <https://www4.tepco.co.jp/en/decommission/progress/watertreatment/index-e.html>
- TEPCO Latest progress video
 - https://www4.tepco.co.jp/en/news/library/archive-e.html?video_uuid=r0viqse1&catid=61795