Overview of Actions to Reinforce Hamaoka Nuclear Power Station Tsunami Countermeasures

1. Assessment of the Current Status of Tsunami Countermeasures in Light of Published Results from the Cabinet Office

(1) Regarding Tsunami Simulation Using the Cabinet Office Tsunami Fault Model

Chubu Electric Power Co., Inc. has used the tsunami fault model from the Cabinet Office to conduct a tsunami simulation in light of data related to estimates of tsunami height and other such matters provided in connection with the second report by the Committee for Modeling a Nankai Trough Megaquake of the Cabinet Office, published in August 2012.

The water level reached by the tsunami in this simulation was from 14.7 to 20.7 m higher than Tokyo Bay mean sea level (T.P.) at the front of the sea wall.

(2) Distribution of flooding in power station grounds

The tsunami overflows the sea wall on the east side of the grounds that is T.P.+18 m in height, but the sea wall serves to limit the amount of flooding within the grounds. (The duration of the sea wall overflow is about 1 minute.)

Flooding in the area of Units No. 3 and 4 due to overflow from the sea wall and overflow from the water intake chambers and other such facilities is to an approximate depth of from 1 to 3 m (equivalent to T.P.+7 to 9 m), and in the area of Unit No. 5, from 1 to 6 m (equivalent to T.P.+9 to 14 m). About 30 minutes after inundation, the water recedes to a level of about 20 cm or less due to drainage from water intake chambers and other such facilities.

(Depth of flooding = Water level (T.P.) – Elevation of grounds: 6 m at Units No. 3 and 4; 8 m at Unit No. 5)

(3) Assessment of Impact on Hamaoka Nuclear Power Station Tsunami Countermeasures

Overflow of the sea wall and overflow from intake chambers and other such facilities cause flooding of seawater intake pumps that are necessary for cooling of reactor equipment. However, it was confirmed that cold shutdown of the reactor can be achieved promptly due to measures to prevent flooding inside buildings by strengthening the pressure resistance and waterproofing of doors in outside walls of buildings, etc., together with measures to assure seawater cooling function by means of pumps inside waterproofed buildings (emergency seawater intake system (EWS)), even when Hamaoka Nuclear Power Station Units No. 3 to 5 are in operation.

(4) Planar distribution

The tsunami fault model used in the simulation can be seen in the plan view diagram. The water levels at points A and B are also indicated.

(5) Distribution at Front of Sea Wall

The water levels at points A and B are shown in the diagram. The water level time history in vicinity of Unit No. 5 water outlet is also provided.

(6) Distribution of Maximum Flooding Depth Within Grounds*

* Levels indicate maximum values at each location and do not show distribution at any specific time.
2. Regarding the Reinforcement of Tsunami Countermeasures

Chubu Electric Power is also committed to even more thoroughgoing pursuit of our approach to countermeasures for tsunami under the Cabinet Office tsunami fault model, which are the largest type of giant tsunami (hereafter "tsunami on the Cabinet Office model"). We are implementing reinforced Flooding Prevention Measures (1) and Flooding Prevention Measures (2) in order to further increase tsunami safety.

(1) Reinforcement of Flooding Prevention Measures (1)

<1> Regarding the increase in height of sea wall and east-west embankment

In order to heighten the effect of preventing flooding within the power station grounds to the greatest possible extent, the height of the sea wall will be increased from the present T.P.+18 m to T.P.+22 m. The height of the east-west embankments will also be raised from T.P.+18 to 20 m to T.P.+22 to 24 m.

<2> Regarding the change in sea wall height

The depth of flooding in the area around the seawater intake pumps will be about 1.3 m at most. In order to be certain of reinforcing the function of preventing flooding of seawater intake pumps that are necessary for cooling reactor equipment, the height of the sea wall in the seawater intake pump area will be raised from the present 1.5 m to 3 m. As the sea wall is made higher, work to reinforce its structure will also be carried out.

(2) Reinforcement of Flooding Prevention Measures (2)

Preparations will be made against the eventuality of increased flooding within the power station grounds by a tsunami that overflows the sea wall and by overflow from intake chambers and other such facilities. When the tsunami in the recent simulation overflowed the sea wall and flooded the power station grounds, the maximum flood level in the vicinity of Unit No. 5 was about 5 m higher than in the vicinity of Units No. 3 and 4. Therefore, the building opening located high up on Unit No. 5 will be equipped with a new automatic closing device that has been under consideration for practical application.