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NuGen welcomes Weightman report

NuGen welcomes the publication of the full report by the UK's Chief Nuclear Inspector, Dr Mike Weightman, on the implications of Japan's Fukushima accident for the UK's nuclear programme.

This independent report, commissioned by the government underlines the important role of the nuclear inspectorate as part of the governance and regulatory control of the UK's nuclear industry.

The report revealed no fundamental weaknesses in the UK nuclear industry. In it, Dr Weightman suggests recommendations or learning points from the incident which will further underpin the industry's focus on safety as the number one priority.

NuGen robustly supports strong, expert, independent regulation of the industry. We are pleased that the final report re-confirms that subject to implementing the recommendations, there are no safety issues for new nuclear build in the UK. The report explicitly finds no reason to curtail new nuclear development and no need to change the siting strategies for new nuclear power stations in the UK.

As NuGen continues to progress plans to develop a nuclear power station in West Cumbria the company is committed to incorporating the lessons learned from Fukushima.

Safety is the overriding priority in the nuclear sector and NuGen will continue to work with the regulators to ensure the UK continues to have a world-leading and internationally-respected nuclear safety culture.

Dr Weightman's full report is available at www.decc.gsi.gov.uk

