

The Nuclear Risk Research Center Current Status

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Mission and Vision

Mission Statement

To assist nuclear operators and nuclear industry to continually improve the safety of nuclear facilities by developing and employing modern methods of Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA), risk-informed decision making and risk communication.

Vision Statement

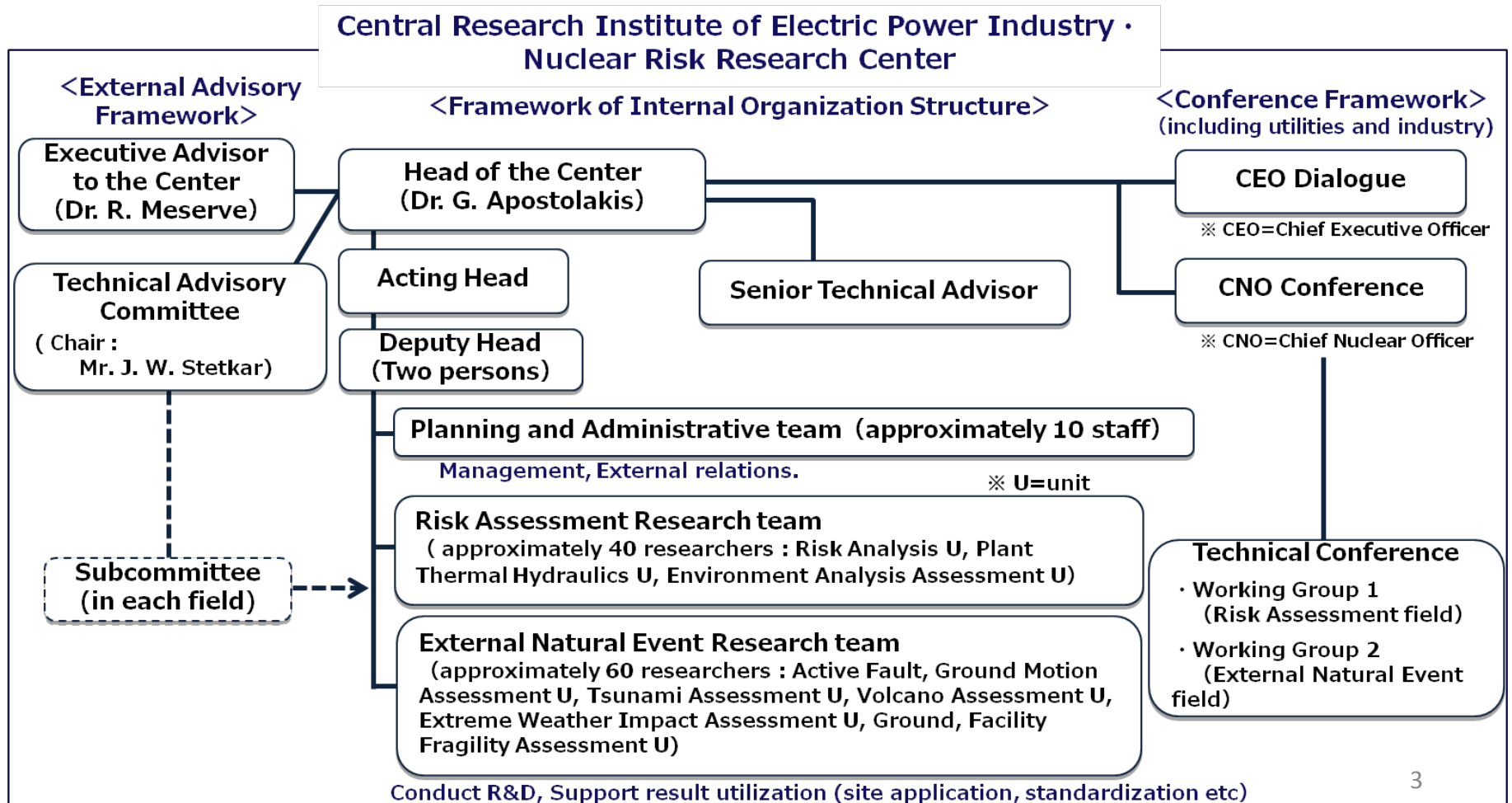
To become an international center of excellence in PRA methodology and risk management methods, thereby gaining the trust of all the stakeholders.

Establishment of NRRC

Date of Establishment: Oct 1, 2014

Location: Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry, Otemachi (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)
(Research activities are conducted mainly in Abiko and Komae)

The number of members : Approximately 110



International Collaboration

- Executives of NRRC have broad international experience.
- Members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) also have a variety of international experience.



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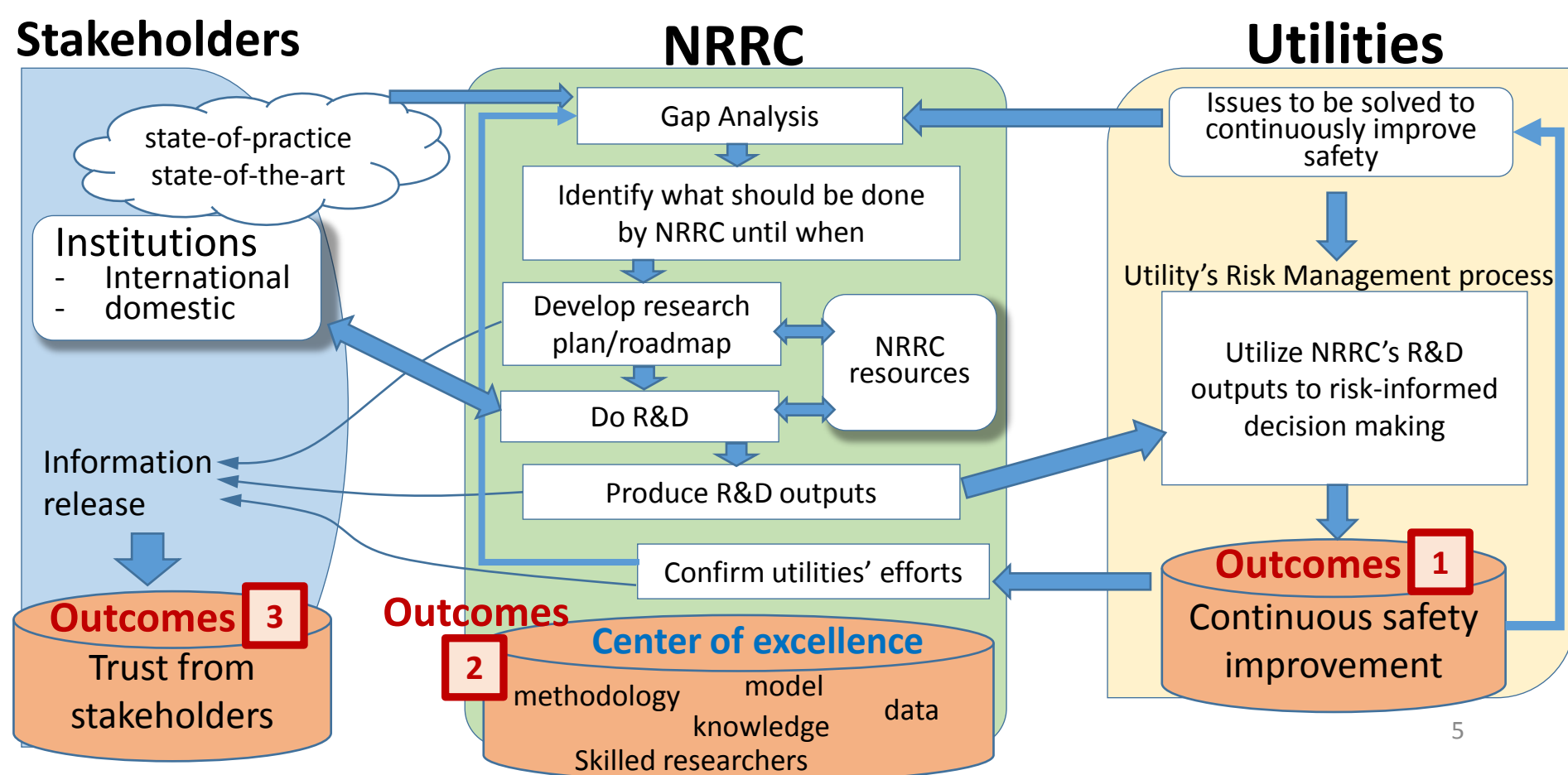
Technical Advisory Committee

Role of NRRC

To support utilities, NRRC will

- Develop modern PRA methodologies and infrastructure
- Investigate mechanism, frequency and consequences of external natural hazards
- Continuously be aware of and identify new risks

Production cycle of NRRC R&D outcomes



NRRC Management Policy

- To support utilities' efforts to continually improve the safety of nuclear facilities
- To produce research results that will help utilities' risk-informed decision making
- International collaboration
- Open and transparent operation to enhance public confidence

Open and Transparent Operation

- Information released on NRRC website in both English and Japanese
- Enhanced attendance and presentations at both domestic and international conferences
- Open communications between NRRC and TAC
- Publication of NRRC activities and R&D results available to the public

NRRC Website

The screenshot shows the English version of the NRRC website. The header includes the CRIEPI logo and the text 'Nuclear Risk Research Center'. A navigation menu on the left lists 'About NRRC', 'Our Mission and Vision', 'Organization', 'Research teams', 'Conference', and 'Locations'. The main content area features a world map with the title 'Nuclear Risk Research Center (NRRC)'. Below this is a 'What's new' section with a list of recent updates, each with a date and a 'New!' tag. At the bottom, there is a footer with the copyright notice: 'copyright © 2014 Nuclear Risk Research Center All Rights Reserved'.

<http://criepi.denken.or.jp/en/nrrc/index.html>

The screenshot shows the Japanese version of the NRRC website. The header includes the logo of the '電力中央研究所 原子力リスク研究センター' and navigation links for 'Sitemap', 'Contact Us', and 'JAPANESE'. The main content area features a world map with the title '原子力リスク研究センター Nuclear Risk Research Center (NRRC)'. Below this is a 'NRRCの紹介' section with a list of links for '組織理念', '組織概要', 'センター所長挨拶', and '組織体制図'. There is also a 'お知らせ' (News) section with a list of recent updates, each with a date and a 'New!' tag. At the bottom, there is a footer with the copyright notice: 'copyright © 2014 Nuclear Risk Research Center All Rights Reserved'.

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Open communications between NRRC and TAC

- Letter reports were released from the Chair of TAC to the Head of NRRC after 1st TAC meeting and those were posted on the TAC website.
- Response letters from the Head of NRRC to the Chair of TAC were also posted on the TAC website.
- A Response letter from the industry was submitted to the Head of NRRC and it was also treated the same way.

Technical Advisory Committee

- Organization
- Mission
- Members
- Activities
- Letter Reports**

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Technical Advisory Committee

Letter Reports

The 1st TAC Meeting Reports (Nov.1 2014)

- Suitability of Models for Ikata Site PRA
- Research on Human Reliability Analysis Methods
- Evaluation of Nuclear Risk Research Center Research Plan

Response Letters from the Head of NRRC

- Response to Suitability of Models for Ikata Site PRA
- Response to Research on Human Reliability Analysis Methods
- Response to Evaluation of Nuclear Risk Research Center Research Plan

Letter from the Federation of Electric Power Companies (FEPC) to the Head of NRRC

- FEPC Letter to Suitability of Models for Ikata Site PRA

Meeting Summaries

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Highlights of the NRRC Research Plan

	Near Term Goals	Mid/Long Term Goals
PRA improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General improvement of Level-1 and Level-2 PRA by Ikata Unit 3 pilot plant project - Seismic and Tsunami PRA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PRA for various hazards - Seismic induced event PRA - Fire and Flooding PRA - Multi-unit PRA - Level-3 PRA
Mechanism of External Natural Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tornado: preliminary realistic evaluation upon local topography - Volcano: preliminary realistic evaluation of ash precipitation - Fault displacement: preliminary realistic evaluation of the effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Effects of earthquake combined with Tsunami - Effects of various combinations of natural hazards
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human reliability analysis - Database for PRA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk communication - Industry safety goals

Initiative for Setting Industry Safety Goals for Multi-unit Sites

- Demonstrate that we undertake initiatives to establish our own objectives in accordance with the latest international activities, e.g., IAEA, CANDU Owners Group, *et al.*
- Establish performance metrics for multi-unit sites.
- Identify and resolve PRA methodological issues for multi-unit sites.
- This initiative can provide important information for communication with the public.

Communications with the Industry

- Direct Communications with utility Chief Nuclear Officers (CNOs) are maintained through the NRRC's CNO conference.



- Dialogue with utility Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) is also held to share and determine priority issues to be investigated by NRRC.



- Discussions with members of the industry PRA promotion task team.

Concluding Remarks

- The NRRC is only three months old
- We have developed our mission and vision statements
- We have a strong Technical Advisory Committee
- We are open and transparent
- We take initiatives in addition to more routine work
- We interact with industry and international organizations