Nuclear Safety Construct Post-Fukushima

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First Principles Have Not Changed

Prevent fuel damage

Mitigate fuel damage

Maintain containment integrity



Key Lessons

- Preparedness for multiple unit impacts
- Preparedness for beyond design basis events
 - Knowledge of external hazards and potential cliff edge effects
- Need for clear command and control
 - Integration of emergency procedures



U.S. Approach

- Reevaluating external hazards
 - Address any cliff edge effects and enhance safety margins
- FLEX Diverse, Flexible Coping Capability
 - Provides operators with additional options for power and water to support key safety functions
 - Includes off-site response capability



Conclusions

- The new nuclear safety construct should enhance the robustness of the current framework and principles
 - Considers and provides consistent treatment of beyond design basis events
 - Properly screens and evaluates new information for potential adverse impacts

