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OPERATOR: Welcome, you have reached the audio conferencing system. This call maybe recorded.

After the tone enter your conference security code followed by the pound key. Thank you.

After the tone please state your name and organization followed by the pound key.

BRUCE WATSON: Bruce Watson, NRC Operations Center.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Did you receive that information as well?

MALE PARTICIPANT: No, I'm not sure what the French are doing exactly to tell you the truth.

MALE PARTICIPANT: No.

BRUCE WATSON: Hi, this is Bruce Watson joining your call from the NRC.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Hi, Bruce.

BRUCE WATSON: The operations center.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Hi. I guess we're still waiting for France.

BRUCE WATSON: Yes, just so you know this is a recorded call here.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, we should record it too.

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1 (Off the record comments.)

2 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, I think we should
3 start.

4 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

5 MALE PARTICIPANT: So from an RP point of
6 view I don't think much has changed on the ground. I
7 think monitoring continues. Other than the incident
8 that happened this morning in the turbine room of Unit
9 3, I don't think those dose rates have changed very much.

10 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: No.

11 MALE PARTICIPANT: No. No (inaudible) much
12 at all.

13 MALE PARTICIPANT: And as far as I understand,
14 correct me if I'm wrong, UK is not doing anything to
15 modify source term, to account for relief to the sea.

16 MALE PARTICIPANT: That's correct.

17 MALE PARTICIPANT: And I am assuming U.S.
18 NRC is not doing modification of the source term to account
19 to release to the sea?

20 BRUCE WATSON: No, we're trying to apply
21 everything to the actual meteorology.

22 MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, so the pathway to
23 the ocean and to the ground is not even being considered?

24 BRUCE WATSON: Excuse me, say that again?

25 MALE PARTICIPANT: The way to the ocean,

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1 release pathway to the ocean is not being considered?

2 BRUCE WATSON: No, not at this time.

3 MALE PARTICIPANT: All right, thank you.
4 Do you know if it will be at any point or you don't think
5 that's something you'll consider?

6 BRUCE WATSON: I don't think it was something
7 we'll get into.

8 MALE PARTICIPANT: All right, thanks.

9 MALE PARTICIPANT: To be honest, we've done
10 the calculation for what we call our worse case scenario,
11 because of the evacuation planning. And so clearly the
12 (inaudible) release in the atmosphere is going to be
13 far worse to individuals on land than what is this ongoing
14 release. So I don't think we're likely to look at that
15 either.

16 MALE PARTICIPANT: I'm very happy to hear
17 that because that's what I'm going to tell my higher
18 ups. Because this business of calculating a source term
19 to the sea doesn't make any sense to me, so thank you.

20 BRUCE WATSON: All right, maybe some ships
21 that wander through, but they shouldn't be there anyway,
22 so.

23 MALE PARTICIPANT: The issues that surrounds
24 all this is contamination of marine foodstuffs that maybe
25 imported into this country or export from Japan. And

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1 the best way to do that, and I talked to my RT specialist,
2 is just to simply monitor the situation directly through
3 measurements.

4 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: And so --

5 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, we totally agree,
6 I think.

7 BRUCE WATSON: Absolutely.

8 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Perfect. Actually,
9 this is a little bit on the side and I'm sure if you
10 guys are the right people to ask but I'll just throw
11 it out there.

12 Do you know if for the UK and the U.S. you
13 have, I mean obviously you have drinking water guidelines,
14 do you know if you have guideline for air for radionuclides?
15 Radionuclides in the air, like a federal guideline?

16 BRUCE WATSON: I think we have some
17 inhalation numbers, but they're mostly related to, oh
18 gosh --

19 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: I know I'm putting you
20 --

21 BRUCE WATSON: It's been to many days now.
22 I think we, most of ours is related to dose.

23 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay. And yes, that's
24 --

25 BRUCE WATSON: And deposition --

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1 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

2 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

3 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

4 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: That's the same with
5 us as well. Is it the same with the UK?

6 MALE PARTICIPANT: That's right.

7 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

8 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, so I'm just going
9 to expand on that a little bit and again, I realize you
10 guys might not be the exact people, but for Canada, for
11 example, at least from the Canadian Nuclear Safety
12 Commission, we have guidelines for our licensees with
13 regards to what they can release to air.

14 BRUCE WATSON: Yes.

15 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

16 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

17 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: But that's pretty much
18 as far as it goes.

19 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

20 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Is that the same?

21 BRUCE WATSON: Yes.

22 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, that's great.
23 Thank you very much.

24 MALE PARTICIPANT: We have something similar
25 but it's a different Government body that deals with

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1 our --

2 MALE PARTICIPANT: The Environmental Agency
3 deals with plant releases normal operations.

4 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, and what's the
5 exact name of the agency?

6 MALE PARTICIPANT: Environmental Agency.

7 MALE PARTICIPANT: Environmental Agency.

8 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Oh, okay then.

9 Thanks.

10 MALE PARTICIPANT: In London.

11 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, that's great.

12 MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay.

13 BRUCE WATSON: So I think there's nothing
14 else to add.

15 MALE PARTICIPANT: Would we expect to the
16 weekend, we're going to have a limited number of staff
17 here but we will be back to full compliments on Monday,
18 subject to get to any change.

19 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes same goes for us here
20 in Canada. Unless something happens over the weekend,
21 we'll have minimum manning in our Emergency Operation
22 Center.

23 BRUCE WATSON: We're going to be the same,
24 we're gearing down here in the U.S., but we'll still
25 have some people here around the clock.

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1 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay.

2 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, well we'll have
3 people on call. On the basis of that then the suggestion
4 is that we amalgamate this meeting with the plant meeting
5 and call in again on Monday at the normal time?

6 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, I would agree with
7 that.

8 BRUCE WATSON: So the next call would be
9 Monday at 2 o'clock.

10 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

11 BRUCE WATSON: Okay.

12 MALE PARTICIPANT: For radiation (inaudible)
13 for a joint meeting I thought Steve.

14 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, so you want to bring
15 the health physics and the plant meeting, currently we're
16 having two meetings.

17 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

18 MALE PARTICIPANT: One for plant and one
19 for health physics. So I think the proposal is to join
20 them and just have a single meeting on Monday. You think
21 is possible?

22 BRUCE WATSON: Yes.

23 MALE PARTICIPANT: It's possible at our
24 time.

25 BRUCE WATSON: Okay.

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1 MALE PARTICIPANT: We'll it's safe to say
2 it's 6 o'clock our time at the moment.

3 MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, well that would
4 be 9:30 Eastern.

5 BRUCE WATSON: Okay. Just say it is 9:30,
6 that's the one we held with our Reactor Safety Team.

7 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, so if we combine
8 the two --

9 BRUCE WATSON: Okay.

10 MALE PARTICIPANT: -- it would be ideal I
11 suppose.

12 BRUCE WATSON: Yes, okay, we got it. We
13 had one other question that we have outstanding from,
14 we got asked. Are there any issues about any additional
15 countries joining our call? I think there was a request
16 maybe from, no, never mind.

17 MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay.

18 BRUCE WATSON: Okay.

19 MALE PARTICIPANT: Well I'm sure if it's
20 another national regulator I don't think we'd have any
21 problems with that.

22 BRUCE WATSON: Okay.

23 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, no.

24 MALE PARTICIPANT: I don't think Canada
25 would have any issue either.

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1 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: I'm of the mind, the
2 more the merrier actually.

3 BRUCE WATSON: Okay, well I'll give that
4 feedback to our people, to the few that we thought may
5 have requested it, we weren't sure.

6 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, sounds good.
7 So we're going to reconvene --

8 MALE PARTICIPANT: Monday morning at 9:30.

9 BRUCE WATSON: Monday at 9:30, great.

10 MALE PARTICIPANT: And then 1:30 UK time.

11 BRUCE WATSON: Yes.

12 MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, thank you very
13 much.

14 MALE PARTICIPANT: All right, have a good
15 weekend.

16 BRUCE WATSON: You too.

17 MALE PARTICIPANT: Thank you, bye.

18 BRUCE WATSON: Bye.
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