USNIC Joins U.S. Delegation for 2nd Japan-U.S. Fukushima Recovery Mission

The U.S. Nuclear Infrastructure Council (USNIC) was tapped for a 17-company U.S. delegation to the Second Japan-U.S. Decommissioning and Remediation Fukushima Recovery Forum held in Tokyo on April 9-10, 2015.

The U.S. Department of Commerce’s International Trade Administration (ITA), with the support of the U.S. Department of Energy, organized the mission with the cooperation of its Japanese counterpart JETRO, the Japan External Trade Organization.

Building on the first Fukushima Recovery Forum held in February 2014, the Fukushima Recovery Forum’s goal is to develop U.S.-Japan cooperation on Fukushima recovery efforts. The event allowed U.S. firms to hear from Japanese Ministries, utilities, and commissioning entities on the status of Fukushima recovery. The Forum provided networking opportunities for U.S. and Japanese firms while sharing experiences, expertise, and lessons learned in remediation and decommissioning, including work underway at Fukushima Dai-ichi Plant, and the neighboring community. The event also addressed interest in cooperation in areas related to nuclear energy as Japan moves forward with its plan for restarting its fleet and decommissioning some of its reactors.

More than 120 U.S. and Japanese officials and senior business executives participated in the two-day summit. The Forum featured presentations by officials from the Ministries of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and Energy (MOE) as well as the Nuclear Damage Compensation and Decommissioning Facilitation Corporation and the International Research Institute for Nuclear Decommissioning (IRID). Commercial presentations included Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO); Toshiba Corporation; ATOX Co., LTD; and Marubeni Utility Services along with the 17 U.S. company participants.
Recent USNIC Fukushima recovery related activities include co-hosting three briefings by the IRID in the U.S. and a Fukushima briefing in conjunction with the Japan Embassy Washington under the auspices of the Council’s Diplomatic Series on Nuclear Energy as well as participation in the inaugural Fukushima recovery mission in 2014 in Tokyo.

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**About the USNIC**

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The U.S. Nuclear Infrastructure Council (USNIC) is comprised of more than 60 companies and organizations representing the “Who’s Who” of the U.S. and global nuclear supply chain community. USNIC is the leading U.S. business consortium advocate for new nuclear in the U.S. and engagement of the American supply chain globally.

The Council’s portfolio of issues encompasses critical new nuclear infrastructure building blocks, including key mover deployment, regulatory surety, supply-chain readiness, technology advancement, sustainable fuel cycle, and a constructive international nuclear commerce paradigm. The Council’s assets include an Environmental Management Task Force as well as a Tokyo-based Japan representative. NIC members have extensive world-class global experience in environmental management, decommissioning and decontamination, and spent fuel management, including technology and services. This experience includes a sweeping range of integrated planning, cleanup, site remediation, and closure at government and commercial facilities worldwide, as well as spent fuel management and global transportation for commercial and government clients internationally.