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We have been reporting a status of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station by summarizing news aired by NHK, which is Japanese national broadcasting company. We regard it as most credible news among many news sources and we are happy to say that NHK's English website has gotten enriched and now you can see movies and English scripts at <http://www3.nhk.or.jp/daily/english/society.html>. Given this situation, we decide to simply place these scripts as it is for the record in case that it will be deleted from the website later, rather than summarizing news as we did.

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NHK news regarding status of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station yesterday and today.

(Fukushima NPP Site)

(Other news)

- **Reserve fund for nuclear plant sites sitting idle**
- **Construction of seawall begins at nuclear plant**

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●Reserve fund for nuclear plant sites sitting idle

Japan's Board of Audit has asked the trade and industry ministry to review unused reserve funds earmarked for municipalities where construction of sites of nuclear power plants are planned. The ministry is holding some 860 million dollars' worth of unused grants, which the board of audit says are unnecessary.

The grants are part of a program that started some 40 years ago designed to help develop municipalities where nuclear power plants are to be built. Such municipalities can use the money to build roads, social welfare facilities and sports facilities.

A Board of Audit survey showed that about 1.6 billion dollars are being held in reserve for 14 planned reactors across Japan as of the end of March this year.

Construction has begun at only 3 of the 14 reactors and plans for the other 11 have been scrapped or delayed due to opposition from local residents.

The Board of Audit has found the money in reserve for these 11 reactors totals about 864 million dollars.

The trade and industry ministry says it will determine how to deal with the unused reserve funds after obtaining the results of an on-going review of Japan's basic energy policies, including the future of nuclear power generation.

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●Construction of seawall begins at nuclear plant

A Japanese electric power company has begun building an anti-tsunami embankment at a nuclear power plant on the Sea of Japan coast.

Hokuriku Electric Power Company on Wednesday started construction of a reinforced concrete seawall at the plant in Shika Town, Ishikawa Prefecture. The wall is 4 meters high, 700 meters long, and sits 11 meters above the sea level.

A 15-meter-high tsunami caused flood damage at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant following the March 11th earthquake. After the disaster, the government instructed utilities to take anti-tsunami measures.

Hokuriku Electric plans to install a new drainage gate to minimize damage to plant facilities in case seawater manages to climb over the wall and flood the plant.

Other emergency safety measures to be taken by the utility include installing an extra pump to cool reactors with seawater and a power source to operate a valve for venting steam out of reactors.

The company intends to complete construction by the end of March 2013.

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