2011 Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

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Vermont agencies are carefully watching the tragic events as they unfold in Japan, and the quickly evolving conditions at nuclear power plants there.

Harmful amounts of radiation from damaged nuclear power plants in Japan are not expected to reach as far as the U.S., and no health risks are expected for people in the U.S. However, as a precaution, Washington State and Oregon are monitoring air and water.

Federal agencies – including the Department of Health & Human Services, the Department of Energy, FEMA and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) – are coordinating any assistance the Japanese government requests.

Join in the Relief Efforts –

Vermonters can join in the relief effort by donating to support Japan Tsunami Response. Go to: http://www.interaction.org/

For more information –

- about radiation, public health and protective actions in a radiation emergency, go to the Vermont Department of Health
- about Vermont's KI (Potassium Iodide) distribution program
- about emergency preparedness and response plans, go to Vermont Emergency Management
- about regulating public utilities, go to Vermont Department of Public Service
- about radiation emergencies, go to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

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