

EVENT REPORT



Site	Sellafield
Description of Event	Co-ordination of equipment transfer to Japan
Date of Incident	26th March 2011
INES Scale	N/A

REPORTING AREAS	DETAILS
Brief Description of Event	Following the Fukushima event Sellafield were requested by the NDA to co-ordinate the UK nuclear industry response to the provision of monitoring and safety equipment to Japan.
Positive outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good response by staff from all sites who were called in over the weekend to assist. • Almost £1million worth of equipment identified, packaged and mobilised from the length and breadth of the country, and ready for shipment within 48hours. • The team exceeded the expectations and scope of the request from the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) to the NDA, which was to provide a response as to what we could send to Japan.
Negative outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some out-of-hours contact numbers for departments and organisations were either out of date or unavailable. • The shipping supplier used by International Nuclear Services (INS) is a very small company and was overwhelmed by the task.

Learning Points

- Sellafield's current transport insurance policy to be reviewed with regard to variance for emergencies.
- Romar are used to supply all NDA sites, which may potentially cause problems if their services are called upon during more than one simultaneous emergency situation.