

UT MEDIA ADVISORY – UPDATED

March 28, 2011

UT to Host Expert Panel Discussion on Japan Nuclear Reactor Accident

WHO: A panel of nuclear experts from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), industry and radiological emergency response.

Panelists will include:

- Jeff Chapman, President of Knoxville Chapter of the American Nuclear Society
- Russell “Rusty” West, VP of Nuclear Operations, TVA
- Lawrence Townsend, Robert M. Condra Professor of Nuclear Engineering, UTK
- Al Wiley, Director of the Oak Ridge Institute of Science and Education (ORISE) Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site (REAC/TS)
- Tom Rucker, President of the East Tennessee Health Physics Society
- Daniel Hollenbach, SpectraTech
- Howard Hall, Professor and UTK/ORNL Governor’s Chair in Nuclear Security

WHEN:

- 6–8 p.m., Tuesday, March 29, 2011 – Public panel discussion;
- 8–9 p.m. – Panelist media availability for one-on-one interviews.

WHAT: A panel of experts will discuss the earthquake and tsunami-caused nuclear reactor accidents at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant near Sendai, Japan. The panel will be moderated by Professor of Nuclear Engineering and UTK-ORNL Governor's Chair Howard Hall.

The event is free and open to the public.

WHERE: The auditorium in the Carolyn P. Brown Memorial University Center on the UT Knoxville campus. Parking is available for a fee in the University Center garage.

This event will also be webcast live. The URL for the webcast is:
<http://160.36.161.128/UTK/Viewer/?peid=125414c34db64c9ab995a592f4fd5fa0>

Questions from our webcast audience will be presented to the panel by the moderator at his discretion. To submit a question during the panel session, please email your question to howard.hall@utk.edu -- be sure to provide your name and affiliation in the email.

BACKGROUND: On March 11, 2011, a magnitude 9.0 earthquake struck the northeast coast of Japan, followed by a roughly 10-meter tsunami that inundated the coast. Following the initial events, multiple-loss-of cooling incidents at the nuclear reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant have caused an ongoing crisis. A panel of nuclear experts will discuss the events at Fukushima and field questions.

This event is sponsored by the Knoxville chapter of the American Nuclear Society and the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy.

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