

Concerning the Report Entitled “Evaluation of the Basic Concepts of Approaches  
to the Fusion Research and Development, Specified in the Framework  
for Nuclear Energy Policy, Etc.”

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On January 22, 2009, the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) received from the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Fusion a report entitled “Evaluation of the Basic Concepts of Approaches to the Fusion Research and Development, Specified in the Framework for Nuclear Energy Policy, Etc.” The committee collected information from the concerned administrative bodies and other organizations on the efforts they have been promoting for the approaches to the fusion research and development, in accordance with the basic policies specified in the Framework for Nuclear Energy Policy and “Future Fusion Research and Development Strategy (hereinafter referred to as the “Fusion R&D Strategy”)” that was determined by the AEC’s Advisory Committee on Nuclear Fusion on October 26, 2005, and evaluated the relevance of these basic policies based on the information thus collected, taking into account the comments obtained from the public and the experts on important issues in this area. The report concluded that it is appropriate for the concerned administrative bodies and other organizations to continue to respect the basic policies specified in these documents in promoting their efforts, taking into consideration of various proposals for achieving the objectives of the basic policies more reliably.

The AEC considers that this report is reasonable and suggests the concerned administrative bodies and other organizations to continue to promote their efforts for the fusion research and development, respecting the basic policies and keeping in mind the proposals made in the report.

The AEC will check the efforts of the concerned administrative bodies and other organizations based on the above understanding, taking the opportunity of deliberating annual estimation of the budget necessary for promoting research, development and utilization of nuclear energy, and ask them to take necessary actions as appropriate.