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Taiwan Nuclear Surveillance Centre 'On Line'

A new National Nuclear Emergency Response Centre in Taiwan proved itself to be 'satisfactory and acceptable' after being put to the test as part of a recent annual drill.

The Atomic Energy Council (AEC) of Taiwan said the centre, which went into operation on 9th September, will help ensure "more effective and efficient" responses and decision-making in the event of a nuclear emergency.

State-of-the-art facilities at the centre include dedicated telephone lines to law enforcement officials and to an emergency planning executive committee based at the headquarters of power utility Taipower. Video links can also provide "face-to-face communications" with technical support centres at all three of Taiwan's nuclear power plants.

The AEC said: "A 24-hour nuclear safety office has also been launched at the centre to serve as a single reporting channel for any abnormal events related to a nuclear emergency, and as an inter-ministerial communication gateway within the framework of national disaster prevention, with telephone hotlines to the control rooms of all three plants and emergency planners."

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