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AVILA BEACH — The nuclear power industry is well-known for benchmarking, sharing best practices and learning from one another in order to provide customers with safe, reliable and affordable nuclear power.

PG&E Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer Ed Halpin, right, met with Chubu Electric Chief Nuclear Officer Masatoshi Sakaguchi as part of a recent benchmarking visit.

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"Our team was honored and privileged to host the team from Chubu for their fourth benchmarking visit," said Halpin. "Diablo Canyon is considered to be an industry leader in applying the lessons learned from the events that took place at Tepco's Fukushima reactors and continuing this dialogue is vital to safety."

Chubu Electric Power Company is Japan's third largest power company and operates and maintains electric generation power stations across more than 200 sites in Japan, including at its Hamaoka Nuclear Power Station. Like Diablo Canyon, Hamaoka Nuclear Power Station is situated on the coast and in a seismically active geographic area.

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"We are committed to sharing best practices and nurturing an ongoing dialogue with the industry, including our colleagues from Japan," added Halpin. "We also will be learning from them on how they have 'coped' with their extended shutdown organizationally and continue to share lessons learned with post-Fukushima actions.