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Good Morning Jon,

Yesterday the IAEA Director General released statement #22 on the situation in Ukraine:
https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/pressreleases/update-22-iaea-director-general-statement-on-situation-in-ukraine

Of note are the following statements (highlights added):

- Ukraine informed the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) today that the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant (ChNPP) had been re-connected to the national electricity grid and no longer relied on emergency diesel generators for power.
- It remains unclear whether it will be possible to repair the second high-voltage power line.
- The regulator said for the first time today that information it received regarding Chornobyl was "controlled by the Russian military forces" and therefore it could not "always provide detailed answers to all" of the IAEA's questions. This was also the case regarding the Zaporizhzhya NPP, controlled by Russian forces since 4 March.
- The regulatory authority said staff at the Zaporizhzhya NPP confirmed reports that the Russian military had detonated unexploded munitions left on the site following events on 4 March.
- In the north-eastern city of Kharkiv, shelling in the area forced staff to temporarily leave a new nuclear research facility (Neutron Source at KIPT) that has previously been hit, the regulator said, adding that they later returned and restored power supplies to safety systems. The IAEA has assessed that the reported damage would not have had any radiological consequence.
- On the status of Ukraine's four operational nuclear power plants, the regulator said eight of the country's 15 reactors remained operating, including two at the Zaporizhzhya NPP, three at Rivne, one at Khmelnytskyy, and two at South Ukraine. The radiation levels at all NPPs are in the normal range, it said.
- The Agency was still not receiving remote data transmission from its monitoring systems installed at the Chornobyl NPP, but such data was being transferred to IAEA headquarters from the other NPPs in Ukraine.

If you have any questions, let me know.

V/R,

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