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A new directive from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is requiring all of the nation's nuclear stations, including Oconee Nuclear Station, to provide details of how they would handle "extreme events."

The directive comes on the heels of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami that triggered a nuclear meltdown at the Fukushima Daiichi plant in Japan.

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The bulletin is in addition to earlier NRC inspections at all nuclear plants following the incident in Japan.

It requires that all plants provide information about all of their mitigation strategies regardless of the cause of an event.

Oconee Nuclear spokesperson Sandra Magee told The Greenville News that the three-reactor plant has been "reverifying its ability to withstand extreme events" since the March 11 earthquake. She envisions Oconee Nuclear having no problem providing the NRC with requested information by the June 10 response deadline.