UN atomic agency chief visits Fukushima nuclear plant, supports wastewater release

- The head of the United Nations' atomic agency, Rafael Mariano Grossi, conducted a tour of Japan's Fukushima nuclear power plant on Wednesday and expressed satisfaction with a controversial plan to release treated radioactive wastewater into the Pacific Ocean.
- Grossi observed the facilities where the water will be treated and diluted with seawater before being released 1 kilometer offshore through an undersea tunnel.
- UN leader assured residents that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) would oversee the discharge to ensure safety and address concerns.

The head of the U.N. atomic agency toured Japan's tsunami-wrecked Fukushima nuclear power plant on Wednesday and said he is satisfied with still-contentious plans to release treated radioactive wastewater into the Pacific Ocean.

International Atomic Energy Agency chief Rafael Mariano Grossi observed where the treated water will be sent through a pipeline to a coastal facility, where it will be highly diluted with seawater and receive a final test sampling. It will then be released 1,000 yards offshore through an undersea tunnel.

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