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Tohoku Elec. to cancel plan for new nuclear power plant in Fukushima

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Tohoku Electric Power Co. said Thursday it has decided to cancel its plan to build a new nuclear power station in Fukushima Prefecture, where antinuclear sentiment gained ground in the aftermath of the nuclear disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant.

Tohoku Electric had been preparing to build the Namie-Odaka nuclear power plant on a tract of land straddling the city of Minamisoma and the town of Namie, both in Fukushima Prefecture, on the Pacific coast.

This is the first cancellation by a Japanese utility firm of a plan to build a new nuclear power plant following the onset of the March 2011 nuclear disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant operated by Tokyo Electric Power Co.

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