

USNRC Emergency Operations Center Status Update

March 12, 2011
Earthquake / Tsunami Status Update
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USNRC Status

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On March 12, 2011, the NRC continues to operate in monitoring mode to monitor the unfolding events in Japan. The Headquarters Operations Center is staffed.

NRC staff are coordinating with several federal partners, including the White House, Congress, Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Department of State, Department of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Secret Service.

NRC is supporting USAID response efforts. Two senior experts from NRC are designated to be a part of an USAID delegation to Japan to assist in the response and recovery efforts as necessary.

NRC liaison to the NRCC has ended.

NRC will request assistance from FEMA REPP should the need arise.

NRC is also coordinating with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

NRC has issued 4 press releases related to the earthquake and tsunami. These press releases can be found online at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2011/>

Status of NRC Licensee and Agreement State Facilities

Diablo Canyon

Diablo Canyon Power Plant declared a Notice of Unusual Event at 0423 EST on March 11, 2011 based on receipt of a tsunami warning for the local coastal area.

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At 1130 EST, the licensee observed potential tsunami effects of 1 foot based on buoy information. The surge expanded to approximately three feet at its peak. This change was within the normal tidal range and did not impact plant operation. On March 12, 2011, both units continue to operate at full power.

San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS)

The effects of the tsunami at SONGS were negligible. SONGS was within the area of the tsunami advisory but did not reach any Emergency Action Level thresholds. On March 12, 2011, both units continue to operate at essentially full power.

Non-Power Reactors

Category 1 and 2 sources in the states of California, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska were not impacted by the earthquake or tsunami.

The decommissioned Humboldt Bay nuclear plant prepared for any tsunami effects but was not impacted by the earthquake or tsunami.

Status of Japanese Facilities (This information is compiled from available sources, including press releases by the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)).

Background:

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Situation:

A magnitude 8.9 earthquake struck 80 miles east of Onagawa, 110 miles east-northeast of Fukushima at 1246 EST on March 11, 2011.

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Current Understanding of Japanese Reactor Status

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Fukushima Daiichi

Japanese national government instructed evacuation for local residents within a 20km radius of the site boundary. Radiation levels at the site boundary exceeded limits.

Winds are directed out to sea.

Unit 1

- The reactor is shut down.
- Explosion occurred at Unit 1 following 0136 EST (March 12, 2011) earthquake. This explosion was due to hydrogen.
- At 0620 EST on March 12, 2011, operators began injection of sea water and boric acid into the reactor core. This combination acts to absorb neutrons in the reactor core, helping to stabilize the core.
- Sea water is also being used to provide external cooling to the torus.
- Indications of degrading core conditions are not occurring.

Unit 2

- The reactor and the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System are shut down.
- Reactor water level is lower than normal, but the water level is steady.
- TEPCO is working with the Japanese national government to reduce the pressure in the reactor containment.

Unit 3

- The reactor is shut down.
- Water continues to be injected by the High Pressure Core Injection System.
- TEPCO is working with the Japanese national government to reduce the pressure in the reactor containment.
- TEPCO does not believe that there is any reactor coolant leakage inside the reactor containment vessel.

Unit 4

- The reactor is shut down.
- A sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
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Unit 5

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Unit 6

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- The reactor was cold shut down at 2215 EST on March 11, 2011

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Unit 1

- The reactor is shut down.
- Explosion occurred at Unit 1 following 0136 EST (March 12, 2011) earthquake. This explosion was due to hydrogen.
- At 0620 EST on March 12, 2011, operators began injection of sea water and boric acid into the reactor core. This combination acts to absorb neutrons in the reactor core, helping to stabilize the core.
- Sea water is also being used to provide external cooling to the torus.
- The value of radioactive material (iodine, etc) is increasing according to the monitoring car at the site (outside of the site). One of the monitoring posts is also indicating higher than normal level.
- Radiation levels at the boundary of the site exceeds limits, clause 1 of the Article 15 of the Radiation Disaster Measure declared.

Unit 2

- The reactor and the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System are shut down.
- Reactor water level is lower than normal, but the water level is steady.
- TEPCO is working with the Japanese national government to reduce the pressure in the reactor containment.

Unit 3

- The reactor is shut down.
- TEPCO is working with the Japanese national government to reduce the pressure in the reactor containment.
- TEPCO does not believe that there is any reactor coolant leakage inside the reactor containment vessel.
- TEPCO informed Japanese Cabinet that Unit 3 water injection stopped and water level decreased exposing fuel.
- Efforts to restart the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System failed. Emergency Core Cooling System flow could not be confirmed. As such, at 5.10 AM, Mar 12, clause 1 of the Article 15 of the Radiation Disaster Measure
- Reactor containment is being vented to reduce pressure.

Unit 4

- The reactor is shut down.
- A sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
- TEPCO does not believe that there is any reactor coolant leakage inside the reactor containment vessel.

Unit 5

- The reactor is shut down.
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- TEPCO does not believe that there is any reactor coolant leakage inside the reactor containment vessel.

Unit 6

- The reactor is shut down.
- A sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
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Fukushima Daini

Japanese national government instructed evacuation for local residents within a 10km radius of the site boundary. Radiation levels at the site boundary have not exceeded limits. Preparations to reduce Units 1, 2 and 3 reactor containment pressures (partial discharge of air containing radioactive materials) are in progress. Unit 3 has been stopped and being "nuclear reactor cooling hot stop" at 12:15PM.

Unit 1

- The reactor is shut down.
- A sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
- TEPCO prepared to reduce pressure in the reactor containment vessel.

Unit 2

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The one of two senior experts supporting USAID response efforts from the NRC have arrived, the second is expected early this morning.

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Status of NRC Licensee and Agreement State Facilities

Diablo Canyon

As of 1528 3/11/11 Diablo Canyon Power Plant has exited its declared Notice of Unusual Event due to the tsunami warning; both units are operating at full power.

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Both units are operating at full power.

Non-Power Reactors

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.0630 EST

The decommissioned Humboldt Bay nuclear plant prepared for any tsunami effects but was not impacted by the earthquake or tsunami.

*At 5:26 PM Pacific Standard Time on March 12, an earthquake with preliminary magnitude 6.6 occurred off the east coast of Honshu, Japan. Based on the earthquake magnitude, location and historic tsunami records, a damaging tsunami **IS NOT** expected along the California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and Alaska coasts. **NO** tsunami warning, watch or advisory is in effect for these areas.*

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At 0136 EST on March 12, 2011, an explosion occurred at the Fukushima Daiichi Unit 1.

Current Understanding of Japanese Reactor Status

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Fukushima Daiichi

Japanese national government instructed evacuation for local residents within a 20km radius of the site boundary.

NISA press release (March 13, 2011 0830) stated four evacuees from Fatuaba – Machi have been found contaminated between 18000 and 40000 cpm.

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0630 EST

Winds continue to blow out to sea.

Units 1 to 3: shutdown due to earthquake

Units 4 to 6: shutdown due to outage

Unit 1

- The reactor is shut down. No offsite power, no emergency diesel generators working.
- Explosion occurred at Unit 1 following 0136 EST (March 11, 2011) earthquake. The containment remains intact.
- At 0620 EST on March 12, 2011, operators began injection of sea water and boric acid into the reactor core. This combination acts to absorb neutrons and cool the reactor core, helping to stabilize the core.
- Sea water is also being used to provide external cooling to the torus.
- The national government has instructed evacuation for those local residents within 20km radius of the site periphery in accordance with clause 1 of the Article 15 of the Radiation Disaster Measure declared.
- Radiation levels at the boundary of the site have been reported to be above background.

Unit 2

- The reactor is shut down and the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System is injecting water.
- Reactor water level is lower than normal, but above the top of active fuel and the water level is steady.
- TEPCO is working with the Japanese national government to reduce the pressure in the reactor containment.

Unit 3

- The reactor is shut down. No offsite power, no emergency diesel generators working.
- TEPCO is working with the Japanese national government to reduce the pressure in the reactor containment. Containment remains intact.
- TEPCO informed Japanese Cabinet that Unit 3 water injection stopped and water level decreased exposing fuel.
- Efforts to restart the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System failed. Emergency Core Cooling System flow could not be confirmed.
- The national government has instructed evacuation for those local residents within 20km radius of the site periphery in accordance with clause 1 of the Article 15 of the Radiation Disaster Measure declared.
- *Alternative methods to inject water into the core are being investigated.*
- *Containment sprays used to lower pressure within the reactor containment have been cancelled.*
- *A reactor pressure vessel manual safety valve was opened to lower the reactor pressure and immediately followed by injection of sea water and boric acid into the reactor core.*
- TEPCO does not believe that there is any reactor coolant leakage inside the reactor containment vessel.

Unit 4

- The reactor is shut down.
- Sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
- TEPCO does not believe that there is any reactor coolant leakage inside the reactor containment vessel.

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Unit 5

- The reactor is shut down.
- A sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
- TEPCO does not believe that there is any reactor coolant leakage inside the reactor containment vessel.

Unit 6

- The reactor is shut down.
- A sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
- TEPCO does not believe that there is any reactor coolant leakage inside the reactor containment vessel.

Fukushima Daini

Japanese national government instructed evacuation for local residents within a 10km radius of the site boundary. Radiation levels at the site boundary have not exceeded limits.

Unit 1

- The reactor is shut down.
- A sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
- TEPCO prepared to reduce pressure in the reactor containment vessel.

Unit 2

- The reactor is shut down.
- A sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
- TEPCO prepared to reduce pressure in the reactor containment vessel.

Unit 3

- The reactor is shut down.
- A sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
- TEPCO prepared to reduce pressure in the reactor containment vessel.
- The reactor was in cold shutdown at 2215 EST on March 11, 2011

Unit 4

- The reactor is shut down.
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Status of NRC Licensee and Agreement State Facilities

At this time, NRC is discontinuing reporting status of NRC licensee and Agreement State facilities. NRC will resume this reporting should any issues arise related to earthquake or tsunami effects.

Status of Japanese Facilities (This information is compiled from available sources, including press releases by the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) and information from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)).

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1400 EDT

Background:

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Current Understanding of Japanese Reactor Status

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Fukushima Daiichi

Japanese national government instructed evacuation for local residents within a 20km radius of the site boundary.

The site is at a level 4 "Accident with Local Consequences" on the International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale (INES).

A level 4 INES event can include or be characterized by:

- Minor release of radioactive material unlikely to result in implementation of planned countermeasures other than local food controls.*
- At least one death from radiation.*
- Fuel melt or damage to fuel resulting in more than 0.1% release of core inventory.*
- Release of significant quantities of radioactive material within an installation with a high probability of significant public exposure.*

Japan Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA) press release (March 13, 2011 0830 JST) stated four evacuees from Fatuaba – Machi have been found contaminated between 18000 and 40000 cpm.

All available information indicates that releases from the Fukushima site have been carried out to sea by the prevailing winds.

Units 1 to 3: shutdown due to earthquake

Units 4 to 6: shutdown due to outage

Unit 1

- The reactor is shut down. No offsite power, no emergency diesel generators working.
- Explosion occurred at Unit 1 following 0136 EST (March 12, 2011) earthquake. The secondary containment was damaged.
- At 0620 EST on March 12, 2011, operators began injection of sea water and boric acid into the reactor core. This combination acts to absorb neutrons and cool the reactor core, helping to stabilize the core.
- Sea water is also being used to provide external cooling to the torus.
- *Water level in the reactor is out of measuring range, but at least 170 cm below the top of the core.*
- The national government has instructed evacuation for those local residents within 20km radius of the site periphery in accordance with clause 1 of the Article 15 of the Radiation Disaster Measure declared. *As of 1510 EST (March 12, 2011), an estimated 170,000 people have been evacuated. Full evacuation is not complete.*

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- Radiation levels at the boundary of the site have been reported to be above background. *Radiation monitoring at 0020 EDT (March 13, 2011) indicates highest level is at measuring point MP4 of 47.1 uSv/hour (4.7 mrem/hour). NISA confirmed presence of cesium-137 and iodine-131 in the vicinity of the site.*
- *TEPCO is coordinating with Japanese authorities on how to cool down water in the spent fuel pool.*

Unit 2

- The reactor is shut down and the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System is injecting water.
- Reactor water level is lower than normal, but above the top of active fuel and the water level is steady. *Water level is approximately >375 cm above the top of the core.*
- Working with the Japanese national government, TEPCO is taking measures to lower the pressure in the reactor containment.

Unit 3

- The reactor is shut down. No offsite power, no emergency diesel generators working.
- TEPCO is working with the Japanese national government to reduce the pressure in the reactor containment. Containment remains intact.
- TEPCO informed Japanese Cabinet that Unit 3 water injection stopped and water level decreased exposing fuel. *Reactor water level decreased to -150 to -200 cm below the top of the core.*
- Efforts to restart the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System (*high pressure injection*) failed at 1510 EST (March 12, 2011). Emergency Core Cooling System flow could not be confirmed.
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- Alternative methods to inject water into the core are being investigated.
- Containment sprays used to lower pressure within the reactor containment have been cancelled.
- A reactor pressure vessel manual safety valve was opened to lower the reactor pressure. *The valve opening procedure ended at 1920 EST on March 12, 2011. This procedure was immediately followed at 1925 EST (March 12, 2011) by injection of sea water and boric acid into the reactor core.*
- TEPCO does not believe that there is any reactor coolant leakage inside the reactor containment vessel.

Unit 4

- The reactor is shut down.
- Sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
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Unit 5

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Unit 6

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Fukushima Daini

Japanese national government instructed evacuation for local residents within a 10km radius of the site boundary. Radiation levels at the site boundary have not exceeded limits. *As of 1510 EST (March 12, 2011), an estimated 30,000 people have been evacuated. Full evacuation is not complete.*

Unit 1

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- A sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
- TEPCO prepared to reduce pressure in the reactor containment vessel.

Unit 2

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Onagawa

At 0530 EDT (March 13, 2011), Tohoku Electric Power Company notified the Japanese national government of an increased level of radiation of 21 uSv/hour (2.1 mrem/hour) at the site boundary.

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- The reactor is shut down and the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System is injecting water.
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- Working with the Japanese national government, TEPCO is taking measures to lower the pressure in the reactor containment.

Unit 3

- The reactor is shut down. No offsite power, no emergency diesel generators working.
- TEPCO is working with the Japanese national government to reduce the pressure in the reactor containment. Containment remains intact.
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- TEPCO does not believe that there is any reactor coolant leakage inside the reactor containment vessel.

Unit 4

- The reactor is shut down.
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Unit 5

- The reactor is shut down.
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Unit 6

- The reactor is shut down.

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NRC Evaluation of Radiation Measurements from the USS Ronald Reagan

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speed of 3-5 mph and the calm 'Class D and E' weather stability for the 20-24 hour time period, a plume with low dose rates from the venting is credible at this location.

The NRC staff determined that the measurable radioactivity was consistent with the venting of the Fukushima Daiichi Unit 1 reactor. The Navy also collected air samples having activity above background from the "plume." The NRC staff determined that the "plume" was most likely a puff from the venting that contained long lived noble gases, Xe-133, Xe-135 and Kr-85.

The Navy is expediting the air samples to a base in Japan which can perform an isotopic analysis to determine the actual radio-nuclides. The NRC will be able to better determine the status of the reactor based on the nuclides found in the sample.

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- Working with the Japanese national government, TEPCO is taking measures to lower the pressure in the reactor containment.
- *DC Power is stable.*

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NRC SEES NO RADIATION AT HARMFUL LEVELS REACHING U.S. FROM DAMAGED JAPANESE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is coordinating with the Department of Energy and other federal agencies in providing whatever assistance the Japanese government requests as they respond to conditions at several nuclear power plant sites following the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. The NRC has sent two boiling-water reactor experts to Japan as part of a U.S. Agency for International Development team.

In response to nuclear emergencies, the NRC works with other U.S. agencies to monitor radioactive releases and predict their path. All the available information indicates weather conditions have taken the small releases from the Fukushima reactors out to sea away from the population. Given the thousands of miles between the two countries, Hawaii, Alaska, the U.S. Territories and the U.S. West Coast are not expected to experience any harmful levels of radioactivity.

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The NRC will not comment on hour-to-hour developments at the Japanese reactors. This is an ongoing crisis for the Japanese who have primary responsibility.

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Unit 4

- The reactor is shut down.
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Japanese national government instructed evacuation for local residents within a 10km radius of the site boundary. Radiation levels at the site boundary have not exceeded limits. As of 1510 EST (March 12, 2011), an estimated 30,000 people have been evacuated. Full evacuation is not complete.

Unit 1

- The reactor is shut down.
- A sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
- TEPCO prepared to reduce pressure in the reactor containment vessel.

Unit 2

- The reactor is shut down.
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- TEPCO prepared to reduce pressure in the reactor containment vessel.

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- The reactor is shut down.
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- TEPCO prepared to reduce pressure in the reactor containment vessel.
- The reactor was in cold shutdown at 2215 EST on March 11, 2011

Unit 4

- The reactor is shut down.
- A sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
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Onagawa

At 0530 EDT (March 13, 2011), Tohoku Electric Power Company notified the Japanese national government of an increased level of radiation of 21 uSv/hour (2.1 mrem/hour) at the site boundary.

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2230 EDT

NRC Evaluation of Radiation Measurements from the USS Ronald Reagan

On the morning of March 13, 2011, Naval Reactors notified the NRC that dose rates were being measured from the flight deck of the USS Reagan that was ~130 nautical miles off the Japanese coast. Dose rates from the overhead "plume" were approximately 0.6 mrem per hour gamma with no measurable activity on the ship surfaces. The NRC had received an IAEA report showing dose rates of 100 mrem/hr up wind at the site boundary measured ~ 20 hours earlier and press reports for the previous day of plant venting. Given the metrological conditions; wind speed of 3-5 mph and the calm 'Class D and E' weather stability for the 20-24 hour time period, a plume with low dose rates from the venting is credible at this location.

The NRC staff determined that the measurable radioactivity was consistent with the venting of the Fukushima Daiishi Unit 1 reactor. The Navy also collected air samples having activity above background from the "plume."

The Navy sent the contamination samples to a base in Japan to perform an isotopic analysis to determine the actual radio-nuclides. The principle radionuclides identified were iodine, cesium, and technetium, consistent with a release from a nuclear reactor.

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0430 EDT

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Fukushima Daiichi

Japanese national government instructed evacuation for local residents within a 20km radius of the site boundary and sheltering in place for residents who stayed behind.

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All available information indicates that releases from the Fukushima site have been carried out to sea by the prevailing winds.

Units 1, 2, and 3: shutdown due to earthquake

- At approximately 0230 EDT (March 14, 2011) received report from the NRC expert at the US Embassy in Tokyo that cooling capability has been lost to all three units for several hours. Units 1 and 3 have lost the ability to inject seawater into the reactor and containment. Unit 2 has lost the ability to maintain core cooling using the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System (RCIC).
- The reactor cores of all three units remain covered, but core cooling is currently unavailable.

Units 4, 5, and 6: shutdown due to outage

All Units: lost all diesel generator fuel tanks and all AC power on-site.

Unit 1

- The reactor is shut down. No offsite power, no emergency diesel generators working.
- Explosion occurred at Unit 1 following 0136 EST (March 12, 2011) earthquake. The secondary containment was damaged.

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- At 0620 EST on March 12, 2011, operators began injection of sea water and boric acid into the reactor core. This combination acts to absorb neutrons and cool the reactor core, helping to stabilize the core.
- Sea water was also being used to provide external cooling to the torus.
- At approximately 0230 EDT on March 14, 2011, NRC received information that Unit 1 has lost the ability to inject seawater into the reactor and containment.
- The reactor core remains covered, but seawater injection has been unavailable for several hours.
- The national government has instructed evacuation for those local residents within 20km radius of the site periphery in accordance with clause 1 of the Article 15 of the Radiation Disaster Measure declared. As of 1510 EST (March 12, 2011), an estimated 170,000 people have been evacuated. Full evacuation is not complete.
- Radiation levels at the boundary of the site have been reported to be above background. Radiation monitoring from 0825 local time (March 13, 2011) to 0338 local time (March 14, 2011) indicates highest level is at measuring point MP4 (Plant site, upwind of venting release points) of 1200 uSv/hour (120 mrem/hour) and a background of approximately 40 mr/hour with 120 mr/hour during venting. NISA confirmed presence of cesium-137 and iodine-131 in the vicinity of the site.
- TEPCO is coordinating with Japanese authorities on how to cool down water in the spent fuel pool.

Unit 2

- The reactor is shut down and the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System is injecting water.
- Reactor water level is lower than normal, but above the top of active fuel and decreasing. Working with the Japanese national government, TEPCO is taking measures to lower the pressure in the reactor containment by venting.
- DC Power is stable.
- At approximately 0230 EDT on March 14, 2011, the NRC senior expert reported that the core remains covered, but RCIC is unable to maintain level due to unreliable operation. RCIC has been unavailable for several hours.
- Japanese officials have informed the public of the possibility of a hydrogen explosion as a result of the loss of cooling.

Unit 3

- The reactor is shut down. No offsite power, no emergency diesel generators working.
- TEPCO is working with the Japanese national government to reduce the pressure in the reactor containment. Containment remains intact.
- TEPCO informed Japanese Cabinet that Unit 3 water injection stopped and water level decreased exposing fuel. Reactor water level decreased to -150 to -200 cm below the top of the core, but have since been raised above the top of active fuel.
- Efforts to restart the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System (high pressure injection) failed at 1510 EST (March 12, 2011). Emergency Core Cooling System flow could not be confirmed. Core damage likely.
- The national government has instructed evacuation for those local residents within 20km radius of the site periphery in accordance with clause 1 of the Article 15 of the Radiation Disaster Measure declared.
- Alternative methods to inject water into the core are being investigated.

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- Containment sprays used to lower pressure within the reactor containment have been cancelled.
- A reactor pressure vessel manual safety valve was opened to lower the reactor pressure. The valve opening procedure ended at 1920 EST on March 12, 2011. This procedure was immediately followed at 1925 EST (March 12, 2011) by injection of sea water and boric acid into the reactor core (uncertain of success).
- At approximately 0230 EDT on March 14, 2011, NRC received information that Unit 3 has lost the ability to inject seawater into the reactor and containment.
- The reactor core remains covered, but levels are decreasing.
- TEPCO does not believe that there is any reactor coolant leakage inside the reactor containment vessel.
- At approximately 2200 EDT (March 13, 2011) there was a hydrogen explosion at Unit 3 that damaged the secondary containment.

Unit 4

- The reactor is shut down.
- Sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
- TEPCO does not believe that there is any reactor coolant leakage inside the reactor containment vessel.

Unit 5

- The reactor is shut down.
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Unit 6

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Unit 3

- The reactor is shut down.
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- TEPCO prepared to reduce pressure in the reactor containment vessel.
- The reactor was in cold shutdown at 2215 EST on March 11, 2011

Unit 4

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Onagawa

At 2145 CET (March 13, 2011), IAEA reported that Japanese authorities had informed it that radioactivity levels at the site boundary of the Onagawa Nuclear Power Plant have returned to normal background levels.

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NRC staff believes that US Naval readings are not inconsistent based on reports and shine dose measurements received from Japanese officials during venting from Fukushima Daiichi Units 1, 2, and 3.

The Navy sent the contamination samples to a base in Japan to perform an isotopic analysis to determine the actual radio-nuclides. The principle radionuclides identified were iodine, cesium, and technetium, consistent with a release from a nuclear reactor.

The US 7th Fleet has repositioned its ships out of the downwind plume direction from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant after detecting low level contamination in the air and on its aircraft operating in the area.

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The two senior experts supporting USAID response efforts from the NRC have arrived in Japan. The experts have engaged with the US Ambassador's staff and have started coordinating transfer of information from Japanese authorities to the US government.

At 0550 EDT, the NRC experts in Japan reported that the Japanese have requested US technical assistance with cooling the Fukushima Daiichi Units 1, 2, and 3, which have been without cooling for approximately 18 hours. The effort is being coordinated by the US Ambassador.

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0600 EDT

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- The status of core coverage for all three units is highly uncertain.

Units 4, 5, and 6: shutdown due to outage

All Units: lost all diesel generator fuel tanks and all AC power on-site.

Unit 1

- The reactor is shut down. No offsite power, no emergency diesel generators working.
- Explosion occurred at Unit 1 following 0136 EST (March 12, 2011) earthquake. The secondary containment was damaged.

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- Sea water was also being used to provide external cooling to the torus.
- At approximately 0230 EDT on March 14, 2011, NRC received information that Unit 1 has lost the ability to inject seawater into the reactor and containment.
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Unit 2

- The reactor is shut down and the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System is injecting water.
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- DC Power is stable.
- The status of core coverage is highly uncertain.
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Unit 3

- The reactor is shut down. No offsite power, no emergency diesel generators working.
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- The status of core coverage is highly uncertain.
- TEPCO does not believe that there is any reactor coolant leakage inside the reactor containment vessel.
- At approximately 2200 EDT (March 13, 2011) there was a hydrogen explosion at Unit 3 that damaged the secondary containment.

Unit 4

- The reactor is shut down.
- Sufficient level of reactor coolant to ensure safety is maintained.
- TEPCO does not believe that there is any reactor coolant leakage inside the reactor containment vessel.

Unit 5

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- The reactor was in cold shutdown at 2215 EST on March 11, 2011

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At 0550 EDT, March 14, 2011, the NRC experts in Japan reported that the Japanese have requested US technical assistance with cooling the Fukushima Daiichi Units 1, 2, and 3, which have been without cooling for approximately 21 hours. The effort is being coordinated by the US Ambassador.

The President considers it the highest priority to respond quickly and comprehensively to any request from Japan. USFJ is providing equipment to pump water at a high pressure to assist TEPCO at its Fukushima nuclear plant.

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Units 1, 2, and 3: shutdown due to earthquake

- At approximately 2300, March 14, Japan, Unit 2 core was again uncovered.

Units 4, 5, and 6: shutdown due to outage, prior to earthquake

All Units: all AC power on-site lost.

Unit 1

- Partial core damage from exposed fuel.
- As of 2200 on March 14, Japan time, sea water is being injected.
- The reactor was described as "more stable."

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- Containment described as "functional."
- Hydrogen explosion has damaged reactor building roof.

Unit 2

- Hydrogen explosion possibility has been mitigated because a part of the reactor building roof has been removed.
- RCIC has failed.
- Coolant was stopped for quite some time so core damage is assumed. Core was most likely totally uncovered for some time.
- As of 2200 on March 14, Japan time, sea water is being injected.
- Unit 2 containment is described as "functioning."

Unit 3

- Condition described as essentially the same as Unit 1.
- As of 2200 on March 14, Japan time, sea water is being injected.
- Hydrogen explosion has damaged reactor building roof.
- Containment described as "functional."

Unit 4

- The reactor is shut down.
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- TEPCO does not believe that there is any reactor coolant leakage inside the reactor containment vessel.

Unit 5

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Unit 1

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Unit 2

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Unit 3

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2200 EDT

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Status of NRC Licensee and Agreement State Facilities

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Unit 1

- Partial core damage from exposed fuel.
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- The reactor was described as "more stable."
- Containment described as "functional."
- Hydrogen explosion has damaged reactor building roof.

Unit 2

- Hydrogen explosion possibility has been mitigated because a part of the reactor building roof has been removed.
- RCIC has failed.
- Coolant was stopped for quite some time so core damage is assumed. Core was most likely totally uncovered for some time.
- As of 2200 EDT on March 14, it is reported that sea water is being injected.
- Unit 2 containment is described as "functioning."

Unit 3

- Condition described as essentially the same as Unit 1.
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Unit 4

- The reactor is shut down.
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Unit 5

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Unit 2

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- The reactor was in cold shutdown at 2215 EST on March 11, 2011

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Unit 2

- Core damage occurred due to insufficient cooling water caused by loss of offsite power and onsite diesel generators following the tsunami
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- Core Cooling is NOT stable
- There are reports of a loud sound at Unit 2 in the vicinity of the suppression chamber – containment integrity is not assured.
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Unit 3

- Possible core damage due to insufficient cooling water caused by loss of offsite power and onsite diesel generators following the tsunami
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- Core cooling believed to be stable
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Unit 4

- Fire in the spent fuel building (Zirconium?) with IAEA reports that fire was put out at 2200 EDT, March 14
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Unit 5

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Unit 1-4

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All available information indicates that the majority of releases from the Fukushima site have been carried out to sea by the prevailing winds.

Units 1, 2, and 3: shutdown due to earthquake

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Units 4, 5, and 6: shutdown due to outage, prior to earthquake

All Units: all AC power on-site lost.

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Unit 1

- Core damage occurred due to insufficient cooling water caused by loss of offsite power and onsite diesel generators following the tsunami
- As of 2200 JST (0900 EDT) on March 14, it is reported that sea water is being injected.
- Containment described as "functional."
- Hydrogen explosion from overheated fuel-water reaction has damaged reactor building roof.
- There is stable core cooling
- The spent fuel pool level is unknown
- At 2000 ECT (March 14, 2011) IAEA reported dose rates at the Daiichi main gate of 11.9 mSv/hr (1190 mrem/hour), subsequent monitoring at 0200 EDT (March 15, 2011) showed dose rates at the Daiichi main gate of 0.6 mSv/hr (60 mrem/hr).

Unit 2

- Core damage occurred due to insufficient cooling water caused by loss of offsite power and onsite diesel generators following the tsunami
- RCIC has failed.
- Hydrogen explosion from overheated fuel-water reaction damaged the reactor building
- As of 2200 JST (0900 EDT) on March 14, it is reported that sea water is being injected.
- Core Cooling is NOT stable
- There are reports of a loud sound at Unit 2 in the vicinity of the suppression chamber – while containment integrity is not assured, all indication is that containment is intact.
- Radiation levels uncertain at this time
- The spent fuel pool level is unknown

Unit 3

- Core damage due to insufficient cooling water caused by loss of offsite power and onsite

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- Hydrogen explosion from overheated fuel-water reaction has damaged reactor building roof.
- Containment described as "functional."
- Core cooling believed to be stable
- There is no spent fuel pool information
- Radiation levels uncertain at this time

Unit 4

- Fire in the spent fuel building was a small generator lube oil fire. IAEA reports that fire was put out at 2200 EDT, March 14.
- There is a possible water loss from the spent fuel pool and operators are having difficulty providing adequate cooling and water level to the pool;
- There are reports of possible hydrogen burn from the spent fuel.
- High radiation dose rates measured between Units 3 and 4, source is suspected to be the partially uncovered Unit 4 spent fuel pool.

Unit 5

- The reactor is stable.
- There is no spent fuel pool information

Unit 6

- The reactor is stable.
- There is no spent fuel pool information

Fukushima Daini

Japanese national government instructed evacuation for local residents within a 10km radius of the site boundary. Radiation levels at the site boundary have not exceeded limits. As of 1510 EST (March 12, 2011), an estimated 30,000 people have been evacuated. Full evacuation is not complete. The Daini units have AC power, and were previously reported to have lost their ultimate heat sink.

Unit 1-4

- All units have stable offsite power
- All units are reported to be in cold shutdown with stable water level
- Latest TEPCO reports do not mention any problem with the ultimate heat sink

Onagawa

At 2145 CET (March 13, 2011), IAEA reported that Japanese authorities had informed it that radioactivity levels at the site boundary of the Onagawa Nuclear Power Plant have returned to normal background levels.

Unit 1-3

- All units are shutdown and stable
- The fire in the turbine building has been extinguished

NRC Evaluation of Radiation Measurements from the USS Ronald Reagan

On the morning of March 13, 2011, Naval Reactors notified the NRC that dose rates were being measured from the flight deck of the USS Reagan that was ~130 nautical miles off the Japanese coast. Dose rates from the overhead "plume" were approximately 0.6 mrem per hour gamma with no measurable activity on the ship surfaces. The NRC had received an IAEA report showing dose rates of 100 mrem/hr up wind at the site boundary measured ~ 20 hours earlier and press reports for the previous day of plant venting. Given the meteorological conditions; wind speed of 3-5 mph and the calm 'Class D and E' weather stability for the 20-24 hour time period, a plume with low dose rates from the venting is credible at this location.

NRC staff believes that US Naval readings are not inconsistent based on reports and shine dose measurements received from Japanese officials during venting from Fukushima Daiichi Units 1, 2, and 3.

The Navy sent the contamination samples to a base in Japan to perform an isotopic analysis to determine the actual radio-nuclides. The principle radionuclides identified were iodine, cesium, and technetium, consistent with a release from a nuclear reactor.

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Hypothetical Worst Case Daiichi Units 1, 2 and 3 Accident Sequence Based on our Knowledge of Current Plant Conditions

In this hypothetical event in which no cooling water is added to the core, the water level in the core will decrease, exposing the top of the core to a steam environment and a subsequent heat-up of the fuel rods. As the water continues to boil and recede toward the core bottom, the heat-up rate of the rods will increase rapidly resulting in fuel cladding failure and melt. With the continued lack of cooling water, the melting rods will relocate toward the bottom of the core and eventually into the lower plenum of the reactor vessel. Molten fuel and core debris entering the lower plenum will then cause the lower plenum liquid to boil. If cooling water is added to the drywell to a level above the top elevation of the lower plenum, lower head failure can be prevented. With no cooling water added to the drywell, the lower head will fail by creep rupture allowing molten fuel to enter the drywell. Moreover, the absence of cooling water to the drywell could also result in a containment failure. With cooling water added to the drywell, however, a containment venting capability is also needed to preclude failure from over-pressurization. A containment failure will result in a large radioactive release to the environment.

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The PMT ran RASCAL offsite dose estimations for a hypothetical x-vessel core failure at Fukushima Daiichi Unit 2 with loss of containment. Two estimates were run: 1) no change in wind direction (wind toward Tokyo) and 2) with the predicted wind shift counterclockwise over the island and back out to sea. For the steady wind direction scenario, PAGs (>1 Rem TEDE and >5 Rem CDE) were exceeded at 50 miles beyond Unit 2. For the wind shift scenario, PAGs were exceeded between 30 to 40 miles.

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The NRC is evaluating the current plant status information, and based on the information provided to date some fuel damage has occurred. The NRC is monitoring the restoration of cooling water to prevent additional fuel damage. Current information indicates that the structures that contain the reactor vessels remain intact.

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Unit 2

- Core damage occurred due to insufficient cooling water caused by loss of offsite power and onsite diesel generators following the tsunami
- Reactor Core Isolation Cooling (RCIC) has failed.
- Hydrogen explosion from overheated fuel-water reaction damaged the reactor building
- Sea water injection restarted with reports of non-stable conditions.
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Units

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IAEA reported at 1340 EDT, March 15, 2011:

- Highest reading at fence was 60 mrem/hour at 0200 EDT
- Reduction of dose rates after the peak at 2122 EDT, March 14 (400 mSv/hr in area surrounding Unit 3)
- 30 mSv/hr between Units 2 & 3, and 100 mSv/hr surrounding Unit 4
- 2227 EDT, March 15: dose info came in from DTRA. GIS will figure out locations.
- Offsite dose measured in Tokai on the coast 100 km NE of Tokyo on March 14 at 1845 EDT was 5 uSv/hr.
- On March 14, NISA reported 160 people were exposed to radiation around the Fukushima nuclear power plant. 170,000 people have been evacuated.
- A no-fly zone was implemented 30 km from the site from zero to unlimited altitude. Source from DOE NIT who talked with FAA.
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- The spent fuel pool level is decreasing
- High radiation levels reduced to 600 μ Sv/hour (60 mrem/hour) at 0200 EDT on March 15, 2011, at site gate. (Site gate is same for each unit.)

Unit 2

- Core damage occurred due to insufficient cooling water caused by loss of offsite power and onsite diesel generators following the tsunami
- Reactor Core Isolation Cooling (RCIC) has failed
- Hydrogen explosion from overheated fuel-water reaction damaged the reactor building
- Secondary containment: Cut hole to reduce likelihood of hydrogen gas buildup
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- Second fire began at 1645 EDT, March 15, 2011 in reactor building. Reports indicate that this fire is not yet contained. TEPCO is determining whether to use helicopter or fire truck to fight fire. Fuel reported to be uncovered.
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On March 15, 2011, the PMT ran RASCAL offsite dose estimations for a hypothetical x-vessel core failure with loss of containment at a boiling water reactor (BWR) similar to Fukushima Daiichi Unit 2 with loss of containment. Two estimates were run: 1) no change in wind direction (wind toward Tokyo) and 2) with the predicted wind shift counterclockwise over the island and back out to sea. For the steady wind direction scenario, Protective Action Guides (PAGs) (>1 rem Total Effective Dose Equivalent (TEDE) and >5 rem Committed Dose Equivalent (CDE)) were exceeded at 50 miles beyond Unit 2. For the wind shift scenario, PAGs were exceeded between 30 to 40 miles.

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There are 14 operational Boiling Water Reactors (BWRs) proximal to the earthquake zone (6 at Fukushima Daiichi, 4 at Fukushima Daini, 3 at Onagawa, and 1 at Tokai)

Current Understanding of Japanese Reactor Status

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Fukushima Daiichi

Japanese national government instructed evacuation for local residents within a 20km radius of the site boundary and sheltering in place out to 30 km for residents who stayed behind. As of March 12, a 10 km complete radius evacuation has been ordered for the public. IAEA confirms a no-fly zone out to 30 km around the Fukushima Daiichi plant. As of 1830 EDT on March 15, 2011, there have been no updates to protective actions.

Japanese authorities classified the event at a Level 4 "Accident with Local Consequences" on the International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale (INES) based on radioactive dose measurements at the site boundary exceeding limit values.

Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan (FEPC) reported at 1015 EST, March 16, 2011:

- Dose rate at main gate (monitoring station 6) ranged from 150 mr/hr to 1000 mr/hr.
- 10 Rem/hr west of Unit 3 and 4 (assuming on roadway next to reactor buildings)
- 30 Rem/hr between Units 2 and 3
- 40 Rem/hr between Units 3 and 4

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NHK media report on March 17, 0100 EDT stated that helicopter crews dumping water on Unit 3 reactor building reported dose rates at 375 R/hr at 300 ft. above the building.

- Offsite dose measured in Tokai on the coast 100 km NE of Tokyo on March 14 at 1845 EDT was 5 uSv/hr.
- On March 14, NISA reported 160 people were exposed to radiation around the Fukushima nuclear power plant. 170,000 people have been evacuated.
- A no-fly zone was implemented 30 km from the site from zero to unlimited altitude. Source from DOE NIT who talked with FAA.
- On March 16, DTRA data is from 165 miles SSW from the site.

All available information indicates that the majority of releases from the Fukushima site have been carried out to sea by the prevailing winds. Forecast meteorological data for the 24 hour period (until 1200 EDT on March 17, 2011) indicates wind headed offshore (from NW).

Units 1, 2, and 3: shutdown due to earthquake

- At approximately 1000 EDT, March 14, 2011, Unit 2 core was again uncovered.

Units 4, 5, and 6: shutdown due to outage, prior to earthquake

- Operators and other personnel not directly involved in water injection have been evacuated. 40-50 persons have been left onsite to mitigate accident.
- Unit 5 diesel generator is providing power to cool Unit 5 and Unit 6 spent fuel pool.

TEPCO is working to restore site power and anticipates restoration to Units 2,5, and 6 today and Units 1, 3, and 4 tomorrow.

Five portable pumps have arrived at the Daiichi site and additional equipment to connect the pumps is being coordinated.

DOE Aerial Measurement Teams have completed fly-over of the Daiichi site. Data was received and is being analyzed.

Priority	Unit	Fukushima Daiichi STATUS AS OF 1500 EDT, 03/17/2011 - (0400 JDT)
1	3	Core Status Damaged, fuel >1/2 covered, RCS depressurized (FEPC) Radiation released. Sea water injection sufficient to cool core. (WANO)
		Containment Primary Containment, some damage. Secondary Containment lost (visual).
		Spent Fuel Pool 514 Bundles in SFP (GEH) Low Level (JAIF), Dumping water with helicopter suspended (NRC staff in Japan 0420 EDT)
2	4	Spent Fuel Pool ?Pool is dry? 1201 Bundles in SFP (GEH) Damage to fuel rods suspected (JAIF) dumping water from helicopter suspended (Casto 0420 EDT)
3	2	Core Status damaged, fuel 2/3 covered, RCS depressurized (FEPC). Sea

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		water inject enough to cool core (WANO)
		Containment Primary Containment, some damage. Secondary Containment, Hole cut in side of Fuel Floor metal to reduce H2 buildup, steam coming from hole (visual).
		Spent Fuel Pool 587 Bundles in SFP (GEH) No information on SFP status (JAIF).
4	1	Core Status damaged, >1/2 fuel covered, RCS depressurized (FEPC) Sea water inject enough to cool core (WANO)
		Containment Primary Containment functional (JAIF) Secondary Containment lost (visual)
		Spent Fuel Pool 292 Bundles in SFP (GEH) SFP Level unknown (JAIF).
5	5	Shutdown since 1/3/11. Core in RPV. SFP 950 Bundles (GEH), Unit 6 EDG providing power
6	6	Shutdown since 8/14/10. Core in RPV. SFP 876 Bundles (GEH), Unit's EDG available.
7	N/A	Common Spent Fuel Pool: 6,000 spent fuel bundles (GEH) Located on land side of Unit 4 (visual)
		Electrical Power Restoration from Switchyard to Unit 2 480 v Pumps (first) in progress

(Sources: FEPC – Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan; GEH – General Electric Hitachi; JAIF – Japan Atomic Industrial Forum; WANO – World Association of Nuclear Operators)

Fukushima Daini

Japanese national government instructed evacuation for local residents within a 20km radius of the site boundary. As of 1510 EST, March 12, 2011, an estimated 30,000 people have been evacuated. Full evacuation is not complete. As of 1830 EDT on March 15, 2011, there have not been updates to this information. The Daini units have AC power, and were previously reported to have lost their ultimate heat sink.

Unit 1-4

- All units have stable offsite power
- All units are reported to be in cold shutdown with stable water level
- Latest TEPCO reports do not mention any problem with the ultimate heat sink

Onagawa

At 2145 CET, March 13, 2011, IAEA reported that Japanese authorities had informed it that radioactivity levels at the site boundary of the Onagawa Nuclear Power Plant have returned to normal background levels.

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Unit 1-3

- All units are shutdown and stable
- The fire in the turbine building has been extinguished

Rokkasho

Earthquake cut off power supply, but diesel generators were immediately connected. Some water spilled from spent fuel pool – liquid was drained and appropriately recovered in liquid waste treatment system. Power supplies are restored to commercial electricity. All units operating.

NRC Evaluation of Radiation Measurements from the USS Ronald Reagan and USS George Washington

On the morning of March 13, 2011, Naval Reactors notified the NRC that dose rates were being measured from the flight deck of the USS Reagan that was ~130 nautical miles off the Japanese coast. Dose rates from the overhead "plume" were approximately 0.6 mrem/hour gamma with no measurable activity on the ship surfaces. The NRC had received an IAEA report showing dose rates of 100 mrem/hour up wind at the site boundary measured ~ 20 hours earlier and press reports for the previous day of plant venting. Given the meteorological conditions, wind speed of 3-5 mph and the calm 'Class D and E' weather stability for the 20-24 hour time period, a plume with low dose rates from the venting is credible at this location.

NRC staff believes that US Naval readings are not inconsistent based on reports and shine dose measurements received from Japanese officials during venting from Fukushima Daiichi Units 1, 2, and 3.

The Navy sent the contamination samples to a base in Japan to perform an isotopic analysis to determine the actual radionuclides. The principle radionuclides identified were iodine, cesium, and technetium, consistent with a release from a nuclear reactor.

The US 7th Fleet has repositioned its ships out of the downwind plume direction from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant after detecting low level contamination in the air and on its aircraft operating in the area.

The US Navy identified radiological data from the USS George Washington located at Yokosuka Base at 0300 EDT on March 15, 2011, that showed an air sample of 7E-9 $\mu\text{Ci/mL}$, from which the Navy estimated a dose rate of 1.5 mrem/hour.

Reactor Safety Team Worst Case Analysis

Hypothetical Worst Case Daiichi Units 1, 2 and 3 Accident Sequence Based on our Knowledge of Current Plant Conditions

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In this hypothetical event in which no cooling water is added to the core, the water level in the core will decrease, exposing the top of the core to a steam environment and a subsequent heat-up of the fuel rods. As the water continues to boil and recede toward the core bottom, the heat-up rate of the rods will increase rapidly resulting in fuel cladding failure and melt. With the continued lack of cooling water, the melting rods will relocate toward the bottom of the core and eventually into the lower plenum of the reactor vessel. Molten fuel and core debris entering the lower plenum will then cause the lower plenum liquid to boil. If cooling water is added to the drywell to a level above the top elevation of the lower plenum, lower head failure can be prevented. With no cooling water added to the drywell, the lower head will fail by creep rupture allowing molten fuel to enter the drywell. Moreover, the absence of cooling water to the drywell could also result in a containment failure. With cooling water added to the drywell, however, a containment venting capability is also needed to preclude failure from over-pressurization. A containment failure will result in a large radioactive release to the environment.

Please note that failure to add water to the core and drywell is a hypothetical worst case event that will result in containment failure and radioactive release to the environment.

Protective Measures Team (PMT) Worst Case Analysis

A RASCAL run at 0654 EDT on March 16, 2011 for hypothetical combined core based on the following assumptions: Units 2 & 3 each, 33% core melt & no containment; Unit 4, full core offload 100% melt in the Spent Fuel Pool (SFP) with no roof; wind direction from West Northwest blowing out to the ocean. Results: PAG exceeded at 50 miles (80.5 km) with TEDE of 24.0 rem, and CDE thyroid of 130 rem.

PMT has transmitted agreed source term to NARAC and is awaiting updated dose projections for along Japan and trans-Pacific for doses to US west coast. First AMS run data received. PMT working to correlate AMS data with limited survey data from Japan.

Wind shift over land not expected until Sunday.

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USNRC Status

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Current Top Priorities

Currently, NRC's top priorities are determining radiological conditions, dose projections, and protective action recommendations, as well as facilitating the design, procurement, and delivery of temporary pumping equipment for emergency cooling.

Bechtel has completed engineering design work and is working with vendors to procure the required material. USAID has not yet authorized payment for these activities. GE Hitachi may be the organization that will install and operate the equipment.

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The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) issued two fact sheets on March 16, 2011: "Industry Taking Action to Ensure Continued Safety at U.S. Nuclear Energy Plants" and "Used Nuclear Fuel Storage at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant."

Current Understanding of Japanese Facilities

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The NRC in-country team is embedding a staffer at the TEPCO EOC.

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NRC Priority	Fukushima Daiichi STATUS as of 1500 EDT, March 17, 2011 - (0400 Japan)	Unit
1	Core Status: damaged	3
	Core Cooling: RCS depressurized; radiation released; sea water injected to cool core (Source: JAIF)	
	Primary Containment: some damage	
	Secondary Containment: lost (visual)	
	Spent Fuel Pool: 514 bundles in pool; low water level; helicopters flew to drop water and water cannon truck sprayed water on March 17. (Source: METI), fire trucks are supplying sea water for cooling spray	
2	Core Status:	4
	Core Cooling	
	Primary Containment	
	Secondary Containment: lost (visual)	
	Spent Fuel Pool: 1201 bundles in pool; pool dry?; damage to fuel rods suspected; water was dumped on site with water cannons; fire trucks are supplying seawater for cooling spray	
3	Core Status: damaged	2
	Core Cooling: RCS depressurized; sea water inject to cool core (Source: JAIF)	
	Primary Containment: possible torus damage	
	Secondary Containment: hole cut in side of fuel floor metal to reduce H2 buildup	
	Spent Fuel Pool: 587 bundles in pool; fire trucks are supplying seawater for cooling spray	
4	Core Status: damaged	1
	Core Cooling: RCS depressurized; sea water inject to cool core (Source: JAIF)	
	Primary Containment: functional	
	Secondary Containment: lost (visual)	
	Spent Fuel Pool: 292 bundles in pool, water level unknown, fire trucks are supplying seawater for cooling spray	
5	Shutdown since January 3, 2011	5
	Core Status: core in RPV (Source: INPO)	
	Spent Fuel Pool: 950 bundles; unit 6 emergency diesel generator available	
6	Shutdown since August 14, 2010	6
	Core Status: core in RPV (Source: INPO)	
	Spent Fuel Pool: 876 bundles; unit's emergency diesel generator available	
7	Common Spent Fuel Pool: 6,000 bundles located on land side of Unit 4	N/A
	Electrical Power: Restoration from Switchyard to Unit 2 480v pumps (first) in progress	

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Fukushima Daini

- No changes to report

Onagawa

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Rokkasho

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Protective Measures Team (PMT) Conducting Two Analyses

PMT is actively working with DOE, NARAC, and other Federal Agencies to refine and model offsite dose calculation models to estimate the potential for radio nuclides to reach US territories. The models assume fuel damage, containment damage, and damage to some spent fuel pools with open access to the environment.

Wind shift over land not expected until Sunday, March 20, 2011.

International Response

- IAEA sent a two person team to conduct coordination activities and to take measurements. NRC communicated with IAEA to discuss the status and concerns.
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- Spain Parliament is still reviewing and deciding on support levels.
- Italy is interested in discussing what the USG is doing, and might be interested in helping in some way.
- China has offered to help.
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Fukushima Daiichi
STATUS as of 1500 EDT, March 17, 2011 - (0400 Japan)

Unit 1 – (NRC priority: 4)

Core Status: Damaged, extent undetermined

Core Cooling: RCS depressurized (Source: FEPC); sea water injected to cool core (Source: NISA)

Primary Containment: functional (Source: JAIF)

Secondary Containment: lost (visual)

Spent Fuel Pool: 292 bundles in pool (Source: GEH); water level unknown (Source: JAIF); fire trucks are supplying seawater for cooling spray

Unit 2 – (NRC priority: 3)

Core Status: damaged, extent undetermined

Core Cooling: RCS depressurized (Source: FEPC); sea water injected to cool core (Source: NISA)

Primary Containment: Possible Torus damage

Secondary Containment: Hole cut in side of fuel floor metal to reduce H₂ buildup.

Steam coming from hole (visual).

Spent Fuel Pool: 587 bundles in pool (Source: GEH); fire trucks are supplying seawater for cooling spray

Unit 3 – (NRC priority: 1)

Core Status: Damaged, extent undetermined

Core Cooling: RCS depressurized (Source: FEPC); radiation released; sea water injected to cool core (Source: NISA)

Primary Containment: status unknown

Secondary Containment: lost (visual)

Spent Fuel Pool: 514 bundles in pool (Source: GEH); **Pool Dry (Source: NRC Team);** helicopters flew to drop water and water cannon truck sprayed water on March 17 (Source: METI); fire trucks are supplying seawater for cooling spray

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Unit 4 – (NRC priority: 2)

Core Status: offloaded

Core Cooling: N/A

Primary Containment: N/A

Secondary Containment: lost (visual)

Spent Fuel Pool: 1201 bundles in pool (Source: GEH); pool may be dry; damage to fuel rods suspected (Source: JAIF); water was dumped on site with water cannons; fire trucks are supplying seawater for cooling spray

Unit 5 – Shutdown since January 3, 2011 (NRC priority: 5)

Core Status: Core in RPV (Source: INPO)

Spent Fuel Pool: 950 bundles (Source: GEH); Unit 6 emergency diesel generator is available

Unit 6 – Shutdown since August 14, 2010 (NRC priority: 6)

Core Status: Core in RPV (Source: INPO)

Spent Fuel Pool: 876 bundles (Source: GEH); Unit's emergency diesel generator is available.

Common Spent Fuel Pool (NRC priority: 7): 6,000 bundles (Source: GEH) located on land side of Unit 4 (visual)

Electrical Power (NRC priority: 7): Restoration from switchyard to Unit 2 480V in progress

Other Plants

Fukushima Daini

- No changes to report

Onagawa

- No changes to report

Rokkasho

- No changes to report

Protective Measures Team (PMT)

The PMT is working with DOE/NARAC to refine source term models in an effort to develop dose projections beyond 50 miles. The 50 mile distinction is made because NRC RASCAL modeling is only capable to estimate dose values out to 50 miles. Therefore, NRC has the responsibility to develop source terms and dose projections within Japan, up to 50 miles from the reactor site, while DOE has the lead for dose projections beyond 50 miles and for the United States and territories.

The source term provided to NARAC was: (1) 25% of the total fuel in unit 2 released to the atmosphere, (2) 50% of the total spent fuel from unit 3 was released to the atmosphere, and (3)

100% of the total spent fuel was released to the atmosphere from unit 4. All 96 hour dose projections (Alaska, Hawaii, West Coast) are well below the 1 rem total effective dose (TED) Protective Action Guide (PAG) based on predicted Cs-137 deposition. Except for Alaska, all thyroid dose estimates are well below the EPA 5 rem PAG. The thyroid estimate is very conservative and does not consider intervention actions like distribution of potassium iodide, removing dairy cows from contaminated pastures, or interdicting milk or leafy vegetables contaminated with I-131.

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