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4 MALE PARTICIPANT: Good afternoon.

5 MR. BORCHARDT: Hi, this is Bill
6 Borchadt. We just got a press release from TEPCO I
7 wanted to let everybody know about, because I think
8 it's giving us the best information that we have to
9 date about the situation in Japan. And there's been
10 a lot of questions and uncertainty about the status
11 of a number of the units. So Unit 1, which has
12 received almost all of our attention so far, the
13 press release states that the reactor's been shut
14 down, it acknowledges the explosion that occurred in
15 the reactor building, but that they are now
16 injecting water, sea water, with boric acid into the
17 reactor core, which would imply that the situation
18 has stabilized considerably on Unit 1.

19 Regarding Unit 2, they've had RIXI
20 (phonetic) system had been operating. It's been
21 shut down, and that although the reactor water level
22 is lower than normal, the water level is steady.
23 And they're preparing to implement measures to
24 reduce pressure in the reactor containment after

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1 they get permission from the regulator.

2 MALE PARTICIPANT: I think it cut off.

3 MR. BORCHARDT: Oh, too long? Is there
4 another -- what do I have to do, just keep
5 activating --

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3 MALE PARTICIPANT: Operations Center.

4 MALE PARTICIPANT: Good morning. I was
5 told to get in touch with Tony Bowers at 5806?

6 MALE PARTICIPANT: This is the ET room.
7 Do we have a Tony Bowers?

8 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

9 MALE PARTICIPANT: Hold on for just a
10 second.

11 MALE PARTICIPANT: Thanks.

12 MALE PARTICIPANT: This is -- you ended
13 up in the ET room. Close.

14 MALE PARTICIPANT: Sorry.

15 MALE PARTICIPANT: No worries, no
16 worries. It's a busy day. I bet we can just find
17 him to come in here.

18 MALE PARTICIPANT: Can you transfer?
19 There should be a transfer button.

20 MALE PARTICIPANT: I have no idea how to
21 work this. How many engineers does it take to
22 transfer a phone call?

23 (Laughter.)

24 MALE PARTICIPANT: More than me, that's

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1 for sure. Hold on for just a sec. We got somebody
2 that's going to help us.

3 MALE PARTICIPANT: Thank you. Sorry.

4 MALE PARTICIPANT: No worries, sir.
5 Hold on.

6 MALE PARTICIPANT: 5-8-0-3. And when
7 Tony comes on, we'll just disconnect it.

8 MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay.

9 MR. BOWERS: NRC, Tony --

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MALE PARTICIPANT: He is in his office,
but he might be on with Tom.

MALE PARTICIPANT: He may be on with Tom
in his office. We're trying to get him in here now,
though.

MS. GIBBS: Chairman Jaczko's Office,
Catina?

MALE PARTICIPANT: Catina, the HOOs have
Senator Boxer on hold for the Chairman.

MS. GIBBS: Yes, hold one moment?

Good morning, I'll transfer the bridge
to Chairman Jaczko.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Wait, this is Josh.

MS. GIBBS: Oh, hi Josh.

MALE PARTICIPANT: So is he ready to

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1 talk to her?

2 MS. GIBBS: Yeah.

3 MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay.

4 MS. GIBBS: Are they all on the line?

5 MALE PARTICIPANT: Are the HOOs still

6 there? HOOs still there? Headquarters HOO?

7 MALE PARTICIPANT: Operations officer.

8 MALE PARTICIPANT: Make it happen.

9 They're ready. They have her on a bridge.

10 MS. GIBBS: Okay. So are they going to

11 call me with her bridge?

12 MALE PARTICIPANT: No, just call the

13 operations center and tell them you're ready, he's

14 ready.

15 MS. GIBBS: Okay.

16 MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay. Thanks.

17 MS. GIBBS: Thanks.

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MR. GROBE: No, he said if it's 816.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Good afternoon,
AVA's Office, this is Rafshin. How can I help you?

MR. GROBE: Yes, this is Jack Grobe in
the Ops Center. Is Mike handy?

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Mike? Can you
hold, please?

MR. GROBE: Thanks.
You are miserable.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Hello?

MR. GROBE: Yes?

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, I'm
transferring you.

MR. GROBE: Okay. Thank you.

MR. WEBER: Hello, Mike Weber.

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1 MR. GROBE: Mike, Jack.

2 MR. WEBER: Hi, Jack.

3 MR. GROBE: I'm just finally getting
4 through everything that I wanted to read, and one of
5 the things was the chron, the ET chron in the Ops
6 Center.

7 MR. WEBER: Right.

8 MR. GROBE: At 8:30 this morning, there
9 was some decisions made that the Ops Center should
10 remain staffed as long as we have people in Japan.
11 The second one is the one that interests me, though.

12 It says the Ops Center tech staff should be
13 supplemented while it is daytime in Japan. You
14 mentioned that Marty was coming in, but did we
15 define what that means for the various teams and set
16 that up so that it would be happening?

17 MR. WEBER: My understanding was that it
18 was done.

19 MR. GROBE: Okay.

20 MR. WEBER: But I think Enser was
21 working that offline.

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1 MR. GROBE: Okay, let me check with
2 Enser. Okay, thanks.

3 MR. WEBER: Or check with the team.

4 MR. GROBE: Yeah, we'll see if they have
5 -- but somebody should have set it up so that people
6 come in at certain hours and everything. But I'll
7 check on it. But that was being worked outside the
8 --

9 MR. WEBER: Right.

10 MR. GROBE: Okay. Thank you, sir.

11 MR. WEBER: Okay.

12 MR. GROBE: Bye-bye.

13 MR. WEBER: Thank you.

14 MR. GROBE: Bye-bye.
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MALE PARTICIPANT: Isn't it demented
that I remember that? That's troubling. Cause for
fitness for duty.

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MALE PARTICIPANT: So we're getting some information that is little -- it's more up to date, I think, than some of the information -- more up to date than our stuff, yes.

MALE PARTICIPANT: -- this, anyway, this is from the national operations center.

MS. EVANS: Michelle Evans.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Hi, Michelle. It's Trish.

MS. EVANS: Hi.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Sorry to bother you.

MS. EVANS: No, I'm just sitting here waiting for the TA call.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay. What time is

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1 the TA call, 8:00?

2 MS. EVANS: 8:00.

3 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay. Here's the
4 thing. We -- I'm not sure that the people on the
5 shift realize that we got rid of the 11:00 to 7:00,
6 the part where there is no one coming in in the
7 evening.

8 MS. EVANS: Okay.

9 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay? So I don't
10 know if Weber told Roy that, I have no idea. But
11 what you need to facilitate is to explain to the PMT
12 director how we've eliminated the 11:00 to 7:00
13 shift --

14 MS. EVANS: On ET?

15 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: -- on ET, yeah.
16 And that the duty now for that person coming on, the
17 PMT director, is that they need to interface more
18 directly with the ET person.

19 MS. EVANS: Okay. Now, is it
20 eliminating both the -- Joe's position as well as
21 mine, or just mine for the 11:00 to 7:00 shift?

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1 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Who's Joe?
2 MS. EVANS: Joe Gitter. He's on the -
3 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: No, no, no. That
4 position is still coming in.
5 MS. EVANS: Oh, okay. Okay.
6 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yeah, there's still
7 someone coming in. I think it's McGinty --
8 MS. EVANS: Okay.
9 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: -- coming in. The
10 only one -- Cindy Carpenter is not coming in like
11 she did last night.
12 MS. EVANS: Oh, okay.
13 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: She won't be here.
14 MS. EVANS: Okay.
15 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yeah, instead the
16 PMT director person in the back room -- and I think
17 that's Randy Solomon tonight?
18 MS. EVANS: I think so.
19 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yeah. You just
20 need to explain to them that we made this decision
21 to suspend having the person on back shift --

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1 MS. EVANS: Okay.

2 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: -- in the role

3 you're in.

4 MS. EVANS: Okay.

5 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: And if you didn't

6 tell Roy that, too, I don't know if he got that

7 turnover or not. But it's being implemented

8 tonight.

9 MS. EVANS: Okay. All right.

10 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay?

11 MS. EVANS: Yeah. I wasn't sure whether

12 it was tonight or tomorrow night, so I think --

13 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: No, no. We started

14 it tonight. And it revolves around not a whole lot

15 was going on on that shift, and Charlie was pulled

16 off, you know what I mean, trying to staff it as

17 best we could, they decided that they felt they

18 could go for the night without it. You know, I

19 don't know if Marty knows that was decided either.

20 Is he there?

21 MS. EVANS: He's on the phone in the

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1 back room. I'll let him know.

2 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yeah, so let him
3 know, too, if he --

4 MS. EVANS: Okay.

5 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: And it was Weber --
6 it was based on a decision from Weber by McDermott,
7 me, and Charlie Miller.

8 MS. EVANS: Okay.

9 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: And I confirmed
10 that that was appropriate with Cindy Carpenter, who
11 was there last night, and Mike Johnson, who was
12 there two nights ago.

13 MS. EVANS: Okay.

14 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: And they all agreed
15 that that was an appropriate move.

16 MS. EVANS: Okay.

17 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay?

18 MS. EVANS: All right.

19 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: All right. Thanks.

20 MS. EVANS: Okay.

21 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Have a good night.

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