Status of nuclear power plants in Fukushima as of 21:00 March 23 (Estimated by JAIF)



| Power Station | Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station | | | | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Unit | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | |
| Electric / Thermal Power output (MW) | 460 / 1380 | 784 / 2381 | 784 / 2381 | 784 / 2381 | 784 / 2381 | 1100 /3293 | | |
| Type of Reactor | BWR-3 | BWR-4 | BWR-4 | BWR-4 | BWR-4 | BWR-5 | | |
| Operation Status at the earthquake occurred | In Service -> Shutdown | In Service -> Shutdown | In Service -> Shutdown | Outage | Outage | Outage | | |
| Core and Fuel Integrity (Loaded fuel assemblies) | Damaged (400) | Damaged (548) | Damaged (548) | No fuel rods | Not Damaged (548) | Not Damaged (764) | | |
| Reactor Pressure Vessel Integrity | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown | Not Damaged | Not Damaged | Not Damaged | | |
| Containment Vessel Integrity | Not Damaged | Damage Suspected | Might be "Not damaged" | Not Damaged | Not Damaged | Not Damaged | | |
| Core cooling requiring AC power 1 (Large volumetric freshwater injection) | Not Functional | Not Functional | Not Functional | Not necessary | Functional | Functional | | |
| Core cooling requiring AC power 2 (Cooling through Heat Exchangers) | Not Functional | Not Functional | Not Functional | Not necessary | Functioning (in cold shutdown) | Functioning (in cold shutdown) | | |
| Building Integrity | Severely Damaged (Hydrogen Explosion) | Slightly Damaged | Severely Damaged (Hydrogen Explosion) | Severely Damaged (Hydrogen Explosion) | Open a vent hole on the roo explosion | oftop for avoiding hydrogen | | |
| Water Level of the Rector Pressure Vessel | Fuel exposed partially or fully | Fuel exposed partially or fully | Fuel exposed partially or fully | Safe | Safe | Safe | | |
| Pressure of the Reactor Pressure Vessel | Stable | Unknown | Unknown | Safe | Safe | Safe | | |
| Containment Vessel Pressure | Stable | Stable | Decreasing after increase in Mar., 20th | Safe | Safe | Safe | | |
| Water injection to core (Accident Management) | Continuing (Seawater) | Continuing(Seawater) | Continuing(Seawater) | Not necessary | Not necessary | Not necessary | | |
| Water injection to Containment Vessel (AM) | (confirming) | to be decided(Seawater) | (confirming) | Not necessary | Not necessary | Not necessary | | |
| Containment Venting (AM) | Temporally stopped | Temporally stopped | Temporally stopped | Not necessary | Not necessary | Not necessary | | |
| Fuel Integrity in the spent fuel pool (Stored spent fuel assemblies) | Unknown (292) | Unknown (587) | Possibly damaged (514) | Possibly damaged (1331) | Not Damaged (946) | Not Damaged (876) | | |
| Cooling of the spent fuel pool | Water injection to be considered | Seawater Injection conducted in Mar. 20th | | Water level low, Seawater spray continue Hydrogen from the pool exploded | Pool cooling capability was recovered | Pool cooling capability was recovered | | |
| Main Control Room Habitability & Operability | Poor due to | oor due to loss of AC power Poor due to loss of AC power (Lighting has been recovered.) | | Not damaged (estimate) | | | | |
| | The Main Gate: 265.4 μ Sv/h at 15:00, Mar. 23 Radioactive nuclides exceeding the legal standard were detected in milk produced in Fukushima and Ibaraki prefectures and spinach and some other vegetables produced in Fukushima, Ibaraki and other prefectures. Also, radioactive Iodine exceeding the standard set by Nuclear Safety Commission was detected in tap water in Fukushima prefecture. The level of the radioactivity detected is low enough not to do harm to the health of people who take those products or water for a limited time. Monitoring results of seawater sampled at coasts in the surrounding area of the station showed that radioactive Iodine, I–131, and Cesium, Cs–134, 137, exceeding the regulatory limit were detected. | | | | | | | |
| Evacuation | | | who live between 20km to 30km | from the Fukushima Dai-ichi NP | S are to stay indoors. | | | |
| INES (estimated by NISA) | Level 5 | Level 5 | Level 5 | Level 3 | - | - | | |
| Remarks | Immediate threat is damage of the fuels in the fuel pool outside the containment vessel. The operation for spraying water to the pool is continuing at Unit 3 and 4. Work to recover AC power for Unit 1through 6 is in progress. External AC power has reached to Unit 2, 4, 5 and 6 and is now available in all the units. Integrity check of electric equipment is going on in each unit, which must be done before energizing them. Lighting has been recovered at Unit 3 Main Control Room. External AC power has replaced with the emergency diesel generator in Unit 5 and 6. | | | | | | | |

[Source]

Government Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters: News Release (-3/23 19:00), Press conference NISA: News Release (-3/23 16:00), Press conference

TEPCO: Press Release (-3/23 15:00), Press Conference

[Abbreviations]

INES: International Nuclear Event Scale NISA: Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency TEPCO: Tokyo Electric Power Company, Inc. [Significance judged by JAIF]

Low

High

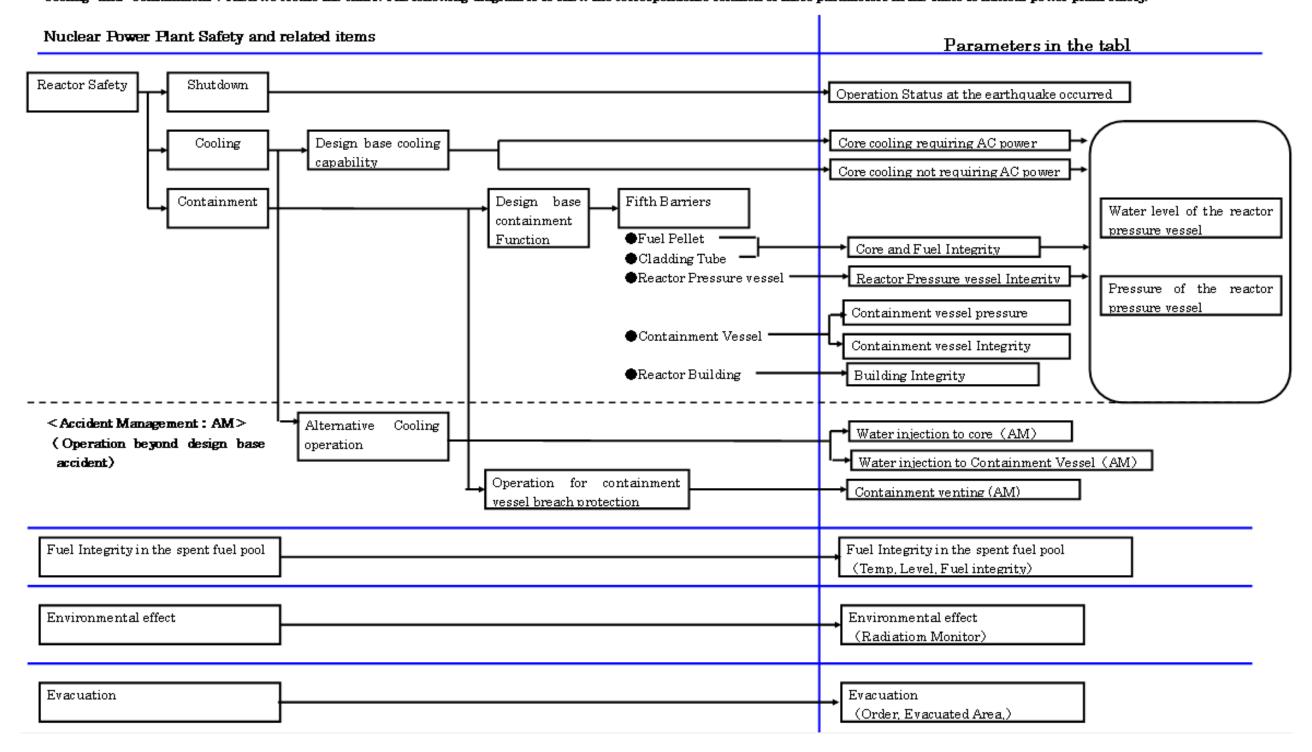
Severe (Need immediate action)

| Power Station | Fukushima Dai-ni Nuclear Power Station | | | | | |
|---|---|---------|-------|---------|--|--|
| Unit | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | |
| Electric / Thermal Power output (MW) | 1100 / 3293 | | | | | |
| Type of Reactor | BWR-5 | BWR-5 | BWR-5 | BWR-5 | | |
| Operation Status at the earthquake occurred | In Service → Automatic Shutdown | | | | | |
| Status | All the units are in cold shutdown. | | | | | |
| INES (estimated by NISA) | Level 3 | Level 3 | _ | Level 3 | | |
| Remarks | Unit-1, 2, 3 & 4, which were in full operation when the earthquake occurred, all shutdown automatically. External power supply was available after the quake. While injecting water into the reactor pressure vessel using make-up water system, TEPCO recovered the core cooling function and made the unit into cold shutdown state one by one. Latest Monitor Indication: 12.3 μ Sv/h at 15:00, Mar. 23 at NPS border Evacuation Area: 10km from NPS | | | | | |
| Power Station | Onagawa Nuclear Power Station | | | | | |
| Unit | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | |
| Operation Status at the earthquake occurred | In Service → Automatic Shutdown | | | | | |
| Status | All the units are in cold shutdown. | | | | | |
| Remarks | Safe | | | | | |
| Power Station | Tokai Dai−ni | | | | | |
| Operation Status at the earthquake occurred | In Service -> Automatic Shutdown | | | | | |
| Status | In cold shutdown. | | | | | |
| Remarks | | Safe | | | | |



Parameters in the Table

JAIF picks up these parameters to evaluate safety condition of the nuclear plants during this accident from the view point of the principles of nuclear power plant safety, which are "Shutdown", "Cooling" and "Containment". Then we create the chart. The following diagram is to show the correspondence relation of these parameters in the table to nuclear power plant safety.



Accidents of Fukushima Dai-ichi and Fukushima-Dai-ni Nuclear Power Stations

(March 23rd, 2011 19:00)



1. Latest Major Incidents and Actions

<March 21st>

15:55 Slightly gray smoke erupted from Unit 3 (18:02 settled)

18:22 White smoke erupted from Unit 2

<March 22nd>

22:45 Lighting has been secured at Unit 3 Main Control Room

<March 23rd>

02:33 Feed Water Line was added to the Fire Extinguish Line to inject water into the Reactor Pressure Vessel in Unit 1.

16:20 Black smoke erupted from Unit 3

2. Chronology of Nuclear Power Stations

(1) Fukushima Dai-ichi NPS

| (1) Fukushima Dai-ichi NPS | Unit 1 | Unit 2 | Unit 3 | Unit 4 | Unit 5, 6 |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| Major Incidents and Actions | 11th 15:42 Report IAW Article 10* (Loss of power) | 11th 15:42 Report IAW Article 10* (Loss of power) | of power) | 14th 04:08 Water temperature in Spent Fuel Storage Pool increased at 84°C | Water temperature in SF Storage Pool is increasing |
| *The Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness | 11th 16:36 Event falling under Article 15* occurred (Incapability of water injection by core cooling function) | core cooling function) | 13th 05:10 Event falling under Article 15* occurred (Loss of reactor cooling functions) | 15th 09:38 Fire occurred on 3rd floor (extinguished spontaneously) | 18th Vent hole was opened on the rooftop for avoiding hydrogen explosion |
| | 12th 00:49 Event falling under Article 15* occurred (Abnormal rise of CV pressure) | 14th 13:25 Event falling under Article 15* occurred (Loss of reactor cooling | 13th 08:41 Start venting | 16th 05:45 Fire occurred (extinguished spontaneously) | 19th 05:00 RHR-pump in the Unit-5 restarted. 19th 22:14 RHR-pump in the Unit-6 restarted |
| | 12th 14:30 Start venting | 14th 16:34 Seawater injection to RPV | | Since 20th, operation of spraying water to the spent fuel pool continues. | 20th 14:30 Reactor cold shutdown at Unit-5 20th 19:27 Reactor cold shutdown at Unit-6 |
| | 12th 15:36 Hydrogen explosion | 14th 22:50 Report IAW Article 15* (Abnormal rise of CV pressure) | 14th 07:44 Event falling under Article 15* occurred (Abnormal rise of CV pressure) | | |
| | 12th 20:20 Seawater injection to RPV | 15th 00:00 Start venting | 14th 11:01 Hydrogen explosion | | |
| | | 15th 06:10 Sound of explosion, Suppression Pool damaged | 15th 10:22 Radiation dose 400mSv/h | | |
| | | 15th 08:25 White smoke reeked | 16th 06:40, 08:47 Radiation Dose 400mSv | | |
| | | 20t 15:05, operation of seawater injection to the spent fuel pool was conducted | 16th 08:34, 10:00 White smoke reeked | | |
| | | | Since 17th, operation of spraying water to the spent fuel pool continues. | | |
| | Work to recover external AC power is in progress. External AC power has reached to Unit 2. Unit 1 is to receive the power from Unit 2. Integrity check of electric equipment is going on in both units. | | Work to recover external AC power is in progress. External AC power has reached to Unit 4. Unit 3 is to receive the power from Unit 4. Integrity check of electric equipment is going on in both units. Lighting has been recovered at Unit 3 Main Control Room. | | External AC power has replaced with the power from EDG. |
| Major Data | Water level (<u>23rd 14:00</u>) (A) <u>-1700mm</u> (B) <u>-1700mm</u> | Water level (<u>23rd 14:00</u>) 1250mm | Water level (<u>23rd 09:10</u>) (A) <u>-1800</u> mm, (B) <u>-2300</u> mm | Water temperature of SFP Immeasurable (since 14th 04:08) | Water temperature of SFPool Unit 5 34.2°C (23rd 00:00) |
| | Reactor pressure (<u>23rd 14:00</u>) (A) <u>0.376MPaG</u> , (B) <u>0.358MPaG</u> | Reactor pressure (<u>23rd 14:00</u>) (A) <u>-0.036MPaG</u> , (B) <u>-0.036MPaG</u> | Reactor pressure (<u>23rd 09:10</u>) (A) <u>-0.104</u> MPaG, (B) <u>-0.034</u> MPaG | | 36.6°C (23rd 06:00) 37.8°C (23rd 09:00) 39.0°C (23rd 12:00) 39.0°C (23rd 14:00) |
| | CV pressure (<u>23rd 14:00</u>) | CV pressure (<u>23rd 14:00)</u> | CV pressure (<u>23rd 09:10</u>) <u>0.100</u> MPaabs | | Unit 6 24.5°C (23rd 00:00) 21.0°C (23rd 06:00) 20.0°C (23rd 09:00) 20.0°C (23rd 12:00) 19.5°C (23rd 14:00) |
| | | Water temperature of SFP (23rd 04:20) 51°C | | | |
| (2) Fukushima Dai-ni NPPs | | | | *SEP: Spent Fuel Storage Pool | |

(2) Fukushima Dai-ni NPPs

All units are cold shutdown (Unit-1, 2, 4 have been recovered from a event falling under Article 15*)

3. State of Emergency Declaration

11th 19:03 State of nuclear emergency was declared (Fukushima Dai-ni NPS)

12th 07:45 State of nuclear emergency was declared (Fukushima Dai-ichi NPS)

4. Evacuation Order

11th 21:23 PM direction: for the residents within 3km radius from Fukushima I to evacuate, within 10km radius from Fukushima I to stay in-house

12th 05:44 PM direction: for the residents within 10km radius from Fukushima I to evacuate

12th 17:39 PM direction: for the residents within 10km radius from Fukushima II to evacuate

12th 18:25 PM direction: for the residents within 20km radius from Fukushima I to evacuate

15th 11:06 PM direction: for the residents within 20-30km radius from Fukushima I to stay in-house

*SFP: Spent Fuel Storage Pool

EDG: Emergency Diesel Generator

Status of the Nuclear Power Plants after the Earthquake

