Information on Status of Nuclear Power Plants in Fukushima

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Status of nuclear power plants in Fukushima as of 12:00, May 1st (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
Fuel assemblies loaded in Core	400	548	548	No fuel rods	548	764
Core and Fuel Integrity (Loaded fuel assemblies)	Damaged (55%*1)	Damaged (35%*1)	Damaged (30%*1)	No fuel rods	Not Damaged	
Reactor Pressure Vessel structural integrity	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Not Damaged	Not Damaged	
Containment Vessel structural integrity	Not Damaged (estimation)	Damage and Leakage Suspected	Not damaged (estimation)	Not Damaged	Not Damaged	
Core cooling requiring AC power 1 (Large volumetric freshwater injection)	Not Functional	Not Functional	Not Functional	Not necessary	Functional	
Core cooling requiring AC power 2 (Cooling through Heat Exchangers)	Not Functional	Not Functional	Not Functional	Not necessary	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 rooftop for avoiding hydrogen explosion	
Water Level of the Rector Pressure Vessel	Fuel exposed partially or fully	Fuel exposed partially or fully	Fuel exposed partially or fully	Safe	Safe	
Pressure / Temperature of the Reactor Pressure Vessel	Gradually increasing / Decreased a little after increasing over 400℃ on Mar. 24th	Unknown / Stable	Unknown	Safe	Safe	
Containment Vessel Pressure	Decreased a little after increasing up to 0.4Mpa on Mar. 24th	Stable	Stable	Safe	Safe	
Water injection to core (Accident Management)	Continuing (Switch from seawater to freshwater)	Continuing (Switch from seawater to freshwater)	Continuing (Switch from seawater to freshwater)	Not necessary	Not necessary	
Water injection to Containment Vessel (AM)	Feed water to fill up the CV (started 4/27)	Feed water to fill up the CV (planned)	Feed water to fill up the CV (planned)	Not necessary	Not necessary	
Containment Venting (AM)	Temporally stopped	Temporally stopped	Temporally stopped	Not necessary	Not necessary	
Fuel assemblies stored in Spent Fuel Pool	292	587	514	1331	946	876
Fuel Integrity in the spent fuel pool	Unknown	Unknown	Damage Suspected	some of the spent fuel may have been damaged*3	Not Damaged	
Cooling of the spent fuel pool	Water spray continues (freshwater)	water injection continues (Switch from seawater to freshwater)	Water spray and injection continues (Switch from seawater to freshwater)	Water spray and injection continues (Switch from seawater to freshwater), Hydrogen from the pool exploded (3/15)	Pool cooling capability was recovered	
Main Control Room Habitability & Operability	Poor due to loss of AC power (Lighting and parmaeter monitoring restored in the control room at Unit 1 and 3 on Mar. 24th, at Unit 2 on Mar. 26th, at Unit 4 on Mar. 29th)				Not damaged (estimate)	
Environmental effect	●Status in Fukushima Dai-ichi NPS site Radiation level: 428μSv/h at the south side of the office building, 48μSv/h at the Main gate, 19μSv/h at the West gate, as of 21:00, Apr. 30th Small amounts of Radioactive nuclides(I, Cs, Pu, Am and Cm) has been detected in soil sampled at the Fukushima site.(4/27) Radioactive materials continues to be detected in samples corrected from underground water and sea water at or near the site. Environmental monitoring has been enhanced. ●Influence to the people's life Radioactive material was detected from milk, agricultural products and seafood from Fukushima and neighboring prefectures. The government issued order to limit shipment and intake of some products. Radioactive iodine, exceeding the provisional legal limit, was detected from tap water sampled in some prefectures. Small amount of strontium was detected in some samples of soil and plants corrected in the area that is 20-80 km far from the power station.					
Evacuation	<1> Shall be evacuated for within 3km from NPS, Shall stay indoors for within 10km from NPS (issued at 21:23, Mar. 11th) <2> Shall be evacuated for within 10km from NPS (issued at 05:44, Mar. 12th) <3> Shall be evacuated for within 20km from NPS (issued at 18:25, Mar. 12th) <4> Shall stay indoors (issued at 11:00, Mar. 15th), Should consider leaving (issued at 11:30, Mar. 25th) for from 20km to 30km from NPS <5>The 20km evacuation zone around the Fukushima Daiichi NPS is to be expanded so as to include the area, where annual radiation exposure is expected to be above 20mSv. People in the expanded zone are ordered to evacuate within a month or so. People living in the 20 to 30km and other than the expanded evacuation area mentioned above, are asked to get prepared for staying indoors or evacuation in an emergency (announced on Apr. 11th and issued on Apr. 22nd).					
INES (estimated by NISA)	Level 7*2 ※Cumulative amount of radioactivity from Fukushima Diichi NPS has reached the level to be classified as level 7. Total amount of radioactive materials released to the environment in this accident is one tenth as much as one in the Chernobyl accident so far.		Level 3 *2		–	–
Remarks	●Progress of the work to restore cooling function High radiation circumstance hampering the work to restore reactor cooling function at unit-1,2 and 3. Operation to discharge radioactive water in the basement of the buildings and concrete tunnels outside the buildings of all Unit 1, 2, 3, started with unit 2 on April 19 and counties. Emergency power generators were moved to higher ground in order to prevent the reactors' cooling systems from failing in case a major tsunami hits the plant again. External power source becomes more reliable after connecting 3 power lines with each other, which are for Unit 1/2, for Unit 3/ 4 and for Unit 5/6. TEPCO announced that its plan to bring the damaged reactors to a stable condition known as a "cold shutdown" in about six to nine months, a situation in which water temperatures inside the reactors have been stably brought below 100 C. The damaged containment vessel of unit 2 is need to be repaired before the work to restore reactor cooling function. ●Function of containing radioactive material It is presumed that radioactive material inside the reactor vessel may leaked outside. NISA estimated that the reactor pressure vessel of Unit 2 and 3 may have lost air tightness. Nitrogen gas injection into the Unit 1containment vessel to prevent hydrogen explosion started on April 6th and continues. ●Cooling the spent fuel pool (SFP) Injecting and/or spraying water to the SFP continues for the purpose cooling and make up water evaporated. The walls of the reactor building supporting the pool were severely damaged by an explosion on March 15th at unit-4. Work for structural reinforcement to support the SFP is necessary. ●Prevention of the proliferation of contaminated dust: TEPCO announced the plans to prevent radioactively contaminated water, dust and soil and radioactive material itself existing on site from spreading on Apr 17. Full operation of spraying synthetic resin to contain contaminated dust started on Apr. 26th and continues.					

[Source]
Government Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters:
News Release (-4/27 17:00), Press conference
NISA: News Release (-4/30 12:00), Press conference

[Abbreviations]
MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
INES: International Nuclear Event Scale
NISA: Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency
TEPCO: Tokyo Electric Power Company, Inc.
NSC: Nuclear Safety Commission of Japan

*1 TEPCO's estimation revised on April 27
*2 Correction: Rating was raised from 5 to 7 for the accident of Unit 1 through 3
*3 It is presumed that some of the spent fuel may have been damaged based on radioactive substance detected from the water sample taken from the pool of Unit 4.

[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. No parameter has shown abnormality after the earthquake occurred off an shore of Miyagi prefecture at 23:32, Apr. 7th. Latest Monitor Indication: 2.2 μ Sv/h at 21:00, Apr. 30th 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	3 out of 4 external power lines in service with another line under construction broke down after an earthquake occurred off the shore of Miyagi prefecture at 23:32, Apr. 7th. All 5 external power lines have become available by Apr. 10th. Monitoring posts' readings have shown no abnormality. All SFP cooling systems had been restored after shutting down due to the earthquake.		

Power Station	Tokai Dai-ni
Operation Status at the earthquake occurred	In Service -> Automatic Shutdown
Status	In cold shutdown.
Remarks	No abnormality has been found after an earthquake occurred off the shore of Miyagi prefecture at 23:32, Apr. 7th.

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.