Current status of Fukushima Daiichi NPS

Efforts for Decommissioning and Contaminated Water Management

Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, METI March, 2018

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Summary of Fukushima Daiichi NPS Accident - The Cause of Severe Accident

- At the Fukushima Daiichi NPS, the safety functions were lost due to the earthquake and the tsunami.
- > Thus, the following severe accident could not be prevented.



Summary of Fukushima Daiichi NPS Accident - The Damage of each Unit

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Status at the accident	In Operation	In Operation	In Operation	Not in Operation (Under planned outages)
Fuels in SFP	392	615	566	1533*
Core melt				
Hydrogen explosion				

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The Current Status of each Unit

Unit 3

<u>Unit 1</u>





Hydrogen explosion :

<At the Time of the Accident>

• Installation of windbreak fences to further reduce dust scattering during rubble removal from the operating floor was completed in December 2017. And the removal of the rubble on the operating floor started from January 2018



<At the Time of the Accident>

✓ Hydrogen explosion✓ Core melt



<Now>

• An equipment to cover the upper part of the building as well as a crane has been installed since August 2017 to start removing spent fuel from the pool in the middle of the 2018 fiscal year.

<u>Unit 2</u>

No hydrogen explosion Core melt



<At the Time of the Accident>

<Now>

• Currently, TEPCO is proceeding with preparation work, such as removal of rubble around the reactor building and building scaffolding.

<u>Unit 4</u>

✓ Hydrogen explosion ➢ <u>No core melt</u>



<At the Time of the Accident>

<Now>

• On December 22, 2014, all (**1533**) fuel removal from Unit 4 SFP was completed.

Measures to Deal with the Aftermath of the Accident at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (Measures for decommissioning)

• Concerning measures for decommissioning, progress was made in activities such as the removal of fuels from the spent fuel pools and the retrieval of fuel debris based on the Mid-and-Long-Term Roadmap



Investigation inside the Unit1 PCV (March 2017)

- In order to grasp the internal conditions of the PCV, from March 18th to 22nd 2017, a robot equipped with a dosimeter and underwater camera was remotely inserted into the PCV and a investigation was conducted.
- According to the analysis so far, it is estimated that fuel debris was distributed to the outside of the pedestal in the basement floor. In this investigation, the dosimeter and the underwater camera were suspended from the first floor, and information inside the PCV was gathered.



The progress of the investigation inside the Unit 2 PCV (Jan. – Feb. 2017)

- To determine the status inside the Unit 2 PCV, a camera and a robot were inserted close to the RPV by remote control from 26th January to 16th February.
- From the results of this investigation, the fallen scaffold below the RPV and the status of deposits were identified directly for the first time. In the PCV, many images were taken. Also, actual measurement of radiation and temperature were implemented. Effort toward the decommissioning of Unit 2 is progressing steadily.
- Through this investigation, there was and will be no effect by the radioactive material to the outside the PCV.



The results of the investigation inside the Unit 2 PCV (January 2018)

- \otimes On January 19, the inside of the Unit 2 PCV was investigated. As a result of it, recording the images were succeeded.
- \bigcirc Through the image of the camera, the lower part of the lattice-like scaffold just below the pressure vessel was seen. It was confirmed that part of the fuel assembly dropped to the bottom of the containment vessel, and deposits considered to be fuel debris in the RPV. In addition, the dose tended to be lower inside the pedestal than outside the pedestal.

 \Diamond from now on, detailed analysis and evaluation of data acquired images and dose will be advanced.



Direction: the access opening for workers

Investigation inside the Unit 3 PCV (July 2017)

In July 2017, the interior of the PCV was investigated using the underwater ROV (remotely operated underwater vehicle) to inspect the inside of the pedestal. The investigation identified several fallen obstacles and deposits, such as seemingly $\left|\right>$ solidified molten materials and grating, inside the pedestal.





Underwater ROV



The results of the investigation inside the Unit 3 PCV (November 2017)

"CR guide pipe" that should be at the lower part of the RPV was at the bottom of the PCV.
 Therefore, there is a possibility that holes of several tens of centimeters in diameter are opened at the bottom of the RPV.



Waste management (Storage)

TEPCO HD were published Solid Waste Storage Management Plan in Mar. 2016.
 Solid waste storage volume will reach about 750,000 m³ on Mar. 2029 from 350,000 m³ on Mar. 2017.
 Volume reducing treatment facility, incinerator and waste storage building will developing, and temporary outdoor storage areas will released in FY 2028.

◇Large-scale waste storage building will be developing, and secondary waste from water treatment will be stored in the building.



 \diamond Nuclide composition and concentration of waste are presumed to be diverse.

For safe processing and disposal, it is necessary to understand characterization and plan research and development the different from conventional.

> In order to proceed with consideration of treatment and disposal, it is necessary to understand the properties(nuclide composition, radioactivity concentration) and generation amount of waste.

However, analytical data are **not** sufficient (about 300 samples at present).

The construction of a method to understanding the characterization will be needed to proceed by combining analytical data and model based methods, because data will be clarified after debris removal progress and plan clarification.



The ninth solid waste storage building

The purpose of setting the ninth tower of solid waste storage is to store debris generated in the decommissioning work and radioactive solid waste stored from before the accident, like the first to eighth buildings installed in the premises.

 \Diamond From February 2018, operation of the ninth tower of solid waste building began.



Exterior of the storage building



Sectional view of the storage building

The storage capacity: approx. $61,200m^3$ (corresponding to $200 \ell \times 110,000$ cans) Cf: Total amount of the first to the eighth storage capacities are corresponding to $200 \ell \times 284,500$ cans

Rectangular containers





Seismic Isolated Building

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Mechanism by which of contaminated water is created

- \succ In the PCVs, cooling is continued by spraying water on the molten and solidified fuel.(1)
- \succ In order to prevent the stagnant water in the buildings from flowing to outside, the water level is pumped so that it stays lower than the groundwater level outside the building. This is known as water sealing.
- > As a result, the groundwater flows into the buildings and mixes with the stagnant water, and new contaminated water is created in the buildings. (2)



Treated and stored in tanks

Overview of Water Management



Overview of Water Management

Three Basic Principles for Water Management

1. "Isolating" groundwater from the contamination source

Measures are taken to reduce the generation of contaminated water. ((1)(2)(3)(4) of the right figure)

2. "Preventing leakage" of contaminated water

Measures are taken for preventing leakage of contaminated water to the sea. ((5)(6) of the right figure)

3. "Removing" the contamination source

Measures are taken for removing the radioactive nuclides from the contaminated water in the tanks and in the trenches. ((7)(8), etc.)





Concept of Cyclic Cooling in Reactor Building



* (A) and (B) vary depend on the measures and the precipitation.

Sea-side Impermeable Wall [Preventing leakage]

- To prevent groundwater outflow to the sea and improve its water quality, the seaside impermeable wall, a steel pipe and sheet pile wall (Depth: approx. 30m, Length: approx. 780m), was constructed on the east side of the buildings.
- The closure has completed on Oct 26, 2015, after operating Sub-drains and Groundwater-drains.
- After the closure, the decline in the concentration of radioactive materials inside the port area has been observed. The close monitoring is continued.



Frozen-soil Impermeable Walls [Isolating]

- To suppress the generation of contaminated water by blocking groundwater inflow into the buildings, impermeable walls, made of frozen-soil, have been constructed to surround the buildings.
- All the freezing pipes had been installed (Mountain-side: September, 2015; Sea-side: February, 2016)
- On the sea side, freezing started in March 2016 and completed in October 2016. The pumped up groundwater has declined. That is, the effect of the impermeable walls has been seen.



Freezing condition of the entire frozen wall (as of 9 February 2018)



Status of generation of contaminated water

As a result of the measure "Isolating groundwater from the contamination source" such as the groundwater bypass, the sub-drains, the seaside impermeable wall, Waterproof Pavement, the frozen walls, generation of contaminated water has been reduced comparing before the measure.



Waterproof Pavement to Prevent Rainwater Seeping

- As a result of groundwater flow simulations etc., it was determined that the source of almost all the groundwater coming into the buildings is the rainfall at/around the site.
- In order to reduce the amount of groundwater, and to control the amount of the water inflow to the buildings, a large area of the site is being paved. 90% was completed in FY 2015, leaving high dose areas and work assessment areas
- ▶ Up until July 2017, approx. 93% of the entire site area has been paved.



Status of seawater monitoring around outside of the port

<Changes of the seawater monitoring point near the FDNPP>



Progress and Future Prospect of Contaminated Water Management



 $\bigcirc Completed$ the reconfiguring of "Drainage K" path [2016.3]

OThe area where workers can work with general working clothes was expanded [2016.3]

OA certificate of gratitude was awarded to the work teams involved in decommissioning and contaminated water management [2016.4]

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Improvement of the Environment inside various Areas of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

- Site tour can be conducted in ordinary clothes if visiting by bus (no drop-off). Radiation exposure dose at time of a site tour is 0.02 mSv if on a general course, which is approximately double the exposure of a set of dental X-rays.
- Radiation dose has been reduced through decontamination and paving of the site. The working environment has been improved. The area where a full face mask is unnecessary and ordinary clothing can be worn has been expanded to approx. **95%** of the site as of March 2017.

<Large rest house>



• A cafeteria and a convenience store opened. Shower rooms were installed.

<Changes in rest areas>



Just after the accident



Large rest area , since May 2015

<Areas where ordinary clothing can be worn>



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The results of the PCVs internal investigation

- To date, toward the fuel debris retrieval, investigations of the internal situation of the PCVs have been sequentially implemented, and useful data such as the dose-profile was collected.
- At the same time, NDF evaluated the feasibility of the retrieval methods of fuel debris and made recommendations toward deciding fuel debris retrieval policies.



Premise

 It is important to reduce the potential risks related to fuel debris as soon as possible
 Information on fuel debris, development of extraction technology, etc. is still limited. Many important uncertainties remain related to fuel debris retrieval at the present time.

- 1. Develop a comprehensive fuel debris retrieval plan aimed to optimize the entire retrieval process, from preparation work and transfer from the site to treatment, storage and cleanup, including coordination with other work implemented in the field.
- 2. Move forward in a flexible manner that takes into account information gained little by little via a **step by step approach** after determining which retrieval method should be focused on.

3. Assume that combining a variety of methods will be necessary to complete retrieval of the fuel debris.

4. Promote preliminary engineering and R&D focusing on partial submersion methods.

- 5. First, focus on retrieving the fuel debris located at the bottom of the PCV and keep reviewing the methods based on the new expertise and experience gained throughout the retrieval process.
- 6. Focus on the route from the side of the PCV (the side-access method) for the first access to the fuel debris located at the bottom of the PCV.

Basic policy on revision

(1) Maintain that security is top priority and risk reduction is focused on.(2) Optimize all decommissioning work under the safe conditions, as the situation of the site has been clear.

(3) Reinforce interactive communication in addition to release appropriate information in a timely manner.

(1) Fuel debris retrieval

- Step by step approach in a flexible manner according to the information gained little by little
- The most prevailing option of fuel debris retrieval will be "Partial Submersion - Side Access method".
- Within 2019FY, the method of retrieval of fuel debris from the first reactor will be decided.

(2) Spent Fuel removal from pools

 Proceeding carefully with work, decontaminating, shielding against radiation and preventing radioactive dust from spreading.

Mid- and Long- term Roadmap -Key Points (provisional translation)-

(3) Contaminated water management

- Reduction of generation volume of contaminated water
- Maintain current policy below; Regarding liquid waste,

"measures will be taken with the understanding of local stakeholders. Liquid waste will not be easily released to the ocean. Without the relevant ministries consent, its release to the ocean is not implemented."

(4) Solid Waste management

 Storage of radioactive solid waste under the safe conditions is continued until the characteristics of solid waste will be unveiled.

(5) Communication

 Reinforcement of interactive communication among the Japanese government, TEPCO and local communities in addition to releasing appropriate information based on accuracy and transparency in a timely manner

Mid- and Long- term Roadmap – Framework (provisional translation)-

The current framework of the entire process is maintained.



Major Milestones of the Mid- and Long-Term Roadmap

Contaminated water	Suppress contaminated water generation to about 150 m 3 / day.	Within 2020
management	Storage of all water generated by treatment of highly contaminated water in welded- joint tanks	FY 2018
	①Separation of connection between Units 1 and 2 and between Units 3 and 4	Within 2018
Stagnant water treatment	②Reduction of radioactive materials in stagnant water in the buildings by one-tenth of the 2014 year-end.	FY 2018
	③Completion of treatment of stagnant water in buildings	Within 2020
Removal of spent	①Start of spent fuel removal at Unit 1	FY 2023 (an outlook)
fuels	②Start of spent fuel removal at Unit 2	FY 2023 (an outlook)
	3 Start of spent fuel removal at Unit 3	Mid FY2018
Retrieval of fuel	①Decision on the method for fuel debris retrieval from the 1st implementing Unit	FY 2019
debris	②Start of fuel debris retrieval from the 1 st implementing Unit	Within 2021
Solid Radioactive wasteEstablishment of a technical perspective on measures of treatment / disposal and on safety.		Around FY2021

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Main work for releasing information

Information release continuously through media, municipalities, international organizations etc.

We are enriching contents that transmit directly to domestic and overseas, such as films and brochures.



Fukushima Advisory Board on Decommissioning and Contaminated Water Management

1. Purpose

- To respond quickly to local governments and local needs, it reinforces both providing information and maintaining communication with local stakeholders.
- To ask the local people about how to proceed with decommissioning and how to provide information and publication.
- To consider future decommissioning measures, etc. with the local stakeholders

2. Members

<u>Chair</u> : State Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry <u>Members</u> :

- Deputy Governor of Fukushima Prefecture, Mayor of 13 local municipalities
- Chamber of commerce, Japan Agricultural Cooperative Fukushima Chuou-kai, Fukushima Prefectural Federation of Fisheries Co-operative Associations, NPO
- TEPCO, Nuclear Regulation Authority, METI, Secretariat of the Team for Countermeasures for Decommissioning and Contaminated Water Treatment

3. Topics for discussion * at the 12th Council in March 2017

- Efforts such as transmission of Information on decommissioning and contaminated water management
 - "Fukushima Today" films, "Important Stories on Decommissioning" Brochure
 - International Forum on the Decommissioning of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

Films and Brochure

The films and brochure were created to introduce the progress of the decommissioning work at Fukushima Daiichi NPS and the reconstruction situation of the surrounding area.

Fukushima Today -For a Bright Future- (English)



Release: Sep. 2016 Runtime: 5 min. Subtitle: English, Chinese, Korean

Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station 現在、原子炉提座は東日本大震災と同規模の 地震や津波にも耐えられることが、 1 (1) 0.53/454

Fukushima Today (English)



Release: Jan. 2017 Runtime: 90 sec. *Aired on JAL, ANA international flights, in hotels, airports etc.

Fukushima Today 2017 Spring (Japanese)



Release: Mar. 2017 Runtime: 17 min. *for the domestic audience

Friends of Japan – Fukushima –(English)



Release: Jun. 2017 Runtime: 13 min. *Mainly off-site

"Important Stories on Decommissioning" Brochure





International Forum on the Decommissioning of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

- The First International Forum on the Decommissioning of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear power Station was held in Iwaki city in April 2016. The forum was attended by as many as 641 people from 15 countries. The main segments were "Communications with Local Communities" and "World-leading Technical Session regarding Decommissioning."
- The 2nd Forum was held on July 2 and 3, 2017 in Hirono-town and Iwaki city respectively, attended by as many as 1055 people from 11 countries. The program was for local communities in Hirono-town and for technical experts in Iwaki-city.

The 1st Forum

DAY1 Communication Session

- Global efforts for decommissioning and communication with local communities.
- Efforts for decommissioning of Fukushima Daiichi and communication with local communities.

DAY2 Technical Session

- Risk Evaluation WS
- Fuel Debris Retrieval WS
- Radioactive waste management WS <u>Main Speakers</u>



W. D. Magwood IV Director General, OECD/NEA



J. C. Lentijo Deputy Director General, IAEA



M. Weightman Former Chief Executive, ONR

The 2nd Forum

DAY1 Communication Session

- Lecture and Workshop on decommissioning of Fukushima Daiichi
- Research session in which NDF, Government, and Tepco answered questions from local communities.

DAY2 Technical Session

- Risk Evaluation WS
- Fuel Debris Retrieval WS
- Radioactive waste management WS

Facilitator / Main Speakers







H. Kainuma Associate Professor, RITS Univ.

W. D. Magwood IV Director General, OECD/NEA

J. C. Lentijo Deputy Director General, IAEA 39

The scene of the 2nd Forum

Day 1 was dedicated to dialogue with local people in an accidentaffected town







Dialogue between local representatives and METI, NDF, TEPCO, IAEA, OECD/NEA, etc.



Simultaneous graphic recording of the discussion



[TEPCO] Two-way Communications with Local Residents

Explanation at public meeting

Status Updates with regards to decommissioning are given to the public at the regular public meetings hosted by Fukushima

Prefecture

Opinions to TEPCO have been reflected to decommissioning measures



Left : Ishizaki, Former Representative of the Fukushima Revitalization Headquarters

Right : Masuda, Chief Decommissioning Officer, President of Fukushima Daiichi Decontamination and Decommissioning Engineering Company

Invitation to Site Visits

- Inviting the prefectural government and organizations
- Percentage of visitors from within the prefecture has increased to 31% (from 28% in FY2015)
- TEPCO aims to increase the number of site visitors to 20,000/y by Tokyo Olympics.
- Examples of comments received:
- "Decommissioning is a big undertaking done with the cutting edge

technology"

- "Seeing is believing"
- "Every time I visited Fukushima
- Daiichi, I was able to find some progress"



Briefings

- Briefings are held on the issue of great concern to residents
- Explanation on :
 - The current state of dismantling Unit 1 building cover
 - Overview of the training yard facility in Hirono Town

【Briefing held in Hirono Town】 (December 2015)



Participants: 29

[Fukushima Prefecture] Communication tools

A publication relations magazine

- For the evacuees
- Circulation: 51,000 copies in FY2017
 Contents : Explanation of decommissioning and the safety confirmation measures, etc. in

an easy-to-understand manner.

• Publication : Every quarter

Home Page

• For the public

 Contents : Based on "Monitoring of nuclear power plants", "Measures for nuclear emergency", "Publicity to local people", "Monitoring of radiation dose ".

Films, Online bulletin board

• For the public

• Contents : Live conference, activities of residents on YouTube, documents about the countermeasures of decommissioning.



• Film : Activities of residents



Status of the areas under evacuation orders



In Aug. 2013 at the time of the establishment of areas under evacuation orders.



As of Apr. 2017



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Cooperation with International Communities

International Organizations



- Peer Review Missions (April, 2013)
- **Expert Visits**
- **Expert Meetings**
- Comprehensive information on the website (December, 2013 -)
- "The Fukushima Daiichi Accident" (September, 2015) (Reported by the Director General)
- Side Event in the General Conference since 2015





BSAF Project \succ

> (Benchmark Study of the Accident at the Fukushima Daiichi NPS)

- PreADES \geq (<u>Preparatory Study for Analysis of Fuel Debris</u>)
- EGFWMD Meeting (The Expert Group on Fukushima Waste Management and Decommissioning R&D)

Bilateral Frameworks

U.S.-Japan Bilateral Commission on Civil Nuclear Cooperation



- Decommissioning and Environmental Management Working Group
- Civil Nuclear Energy R&D Working Group

Japan-France Nuclear Committee



UK-Japan Nuclear Dialogue - Decommissioning Working Group

Japan-Russia Nuclear Energy Working Group

[Reference] Related Links

ANRE, METI

Decommissioning and Contaminated Water Management at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi NPS :

http://www.meti.go.jp/english/earthquake/nuclear/ decommissioning/index.html#links



The 2nd International Forum on the Decommissioning of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station Dedicated website

http://ndf-forum.com/index_en.html

🗣 Film (METI)

"Fukushima Today -For a bright future-" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECIsNOp6pWg

TEPCO

Decommissioning Plan of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power: http://www.tepco.co.jp/en/decommision/index-e.html TEPCO CUUSOO : https://tepco.cuusoo.com

IRID (International Research Institute for Nuclear Decommissioning) <u>http://irid.or.jp/en/</u>





