Overview of the Disaster Situation and the Restoration Condition at Fukushima Daini Nuclear Power Station

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Fukushima Daini Nuclear Power Station



The 2011 off the Pacific Coast of Tohoku Earthquake

Date and Time: At 2:46 PM on March 11, 2011

- Location: Offshore of Sanriku coast (northern latitude of 38.1 degrees, east longitude of 142.9 degrees), 24km in depth
- Magnitude: 9.0

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All the four units at Fukushima Daini Nuclear Power Plant were operating at their rated power before the earthquake.

All units automatically tripped by acceleration signals (scram*).

The largest acceleration in Fukushima Daini NPS: 277 gal in horizontal^{*1} and 305 gal in vertical direction^{*2}. (*1 The deepest floor in Unit 3 Reactor Building) (*2 The deepest floor in Unit 1 Reactor Building) * Trip set point: 135 gal for horizontal acceleration, 100 gal for vertical acceleration at the deepest floor of the Reactor Building

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Photo taken from upland near the Main Antiearthquake Building to Unit 1 (east side) at Fukushima Daini NPS

















Flooding Caused by the Tsunami (1)



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Flooding Caused by the Tsunami (2)



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Loss of Reactor Heat Removal Function/Measures to Prevent the Accident from Progressing

The tsunami caused the loss of pump motors^{*1}, which caused Units 1, 2 and 4 to lose reactor heat removal function.

(*1 The case falls under Act on Special Measures concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Article 10 (loss of reactor cooling function))

As stated in the EOP manual, RCIC actuated manually to maintain reactor water level by high-pressure water injection, and actuated to reduce pressure by safety relief valve. However, the temperature of the water in suppression chamber exceeded 100°C*2 due to the steam from the reactor.

(*2 The case falls under Act on Special Measures concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Article 15 (loss of pressure suppression function))

- After the reactor was depressurized, MUWC was actuated for alternative water injection to maintain reactor water level.
- The alternative container spray by MUWC eased pressure rise in the PCV.

RCIC: Reactor Core Isolation Cooling system
MUWC: Make-Up Water Condensate
RHR: Residual Heat Removal System
RHRC: Residual Heat Removal System - Cooling Water
RHRS: Residual Heat Removal System - Sea Water





Restoration Work of Reactor Heat Removal Function and Cold Shutdown

Walking around the site to check damages of the facilities (at midnight on March 11, 2011)

- Being provided with safety measures, employees walked around the site when a tsunami warning had been going off.
- We have considered a way to restore cooling function in a short time efficiently, and have determined which equipment to restore first (restoration of RHR (B) system was prioritized) under conditions of many equipments are damaged.

Emergency procurement of equipments for the restoration work (March 12, 2011)

- Emergency procurement of backup electric motor, power cable, mobile power vehicle and mobile transformer was performed.
- The backup electric motor was secured by air transportation from factory of TOSHIBA and by track transportation from Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station.

Restoration of equipment and power supply at the site (March 13, 2011)

- Auxiliary cooling system pump at RHR (B) system was investigated, and electric motor which was not available was replaced.
- Power panel was replaced to a new one at Waste Treatment Building, and high pressure power vehicle and mobile transformer were deployed at the site. In addition, temporary cables were installed.
- Most of the temporary cables (total length of 9km) were installed by approx. 200 of TEPCO employees and corporate company employees in almost one day.

Cooling of the reactors have started after activating residual heat removal system pump (March 14, 2011)

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Cold shutdown was achieved by various efforts in all Units at 7:15 AM on March 15, 2011 Procurement of mobile power vehicles



Replacement of electric motors



Installation of temporary cables



Implementation Flow of the Progress Status

On May 30, 2013, the restoration of the equipment/facilities necessary for maintaining cold shutdown at all Units 1-4 has been completed.



Emergency Response Measures (1)

Cooling of reactor and spent fuel pool is available flexibly in case of station blackout or loss of heat removal capability.

Securement of power supply in case of emergency

 Gas turbine generator vehicles and mobile power vehicles were deployed at upland in the site, and procedures to secure power supply was developed.



Emergency Response Measures (2)

Securement of final heat removal function and cooling of spent fuel pool in case of emergency
 Fire engines were deployed at upland in the site, and procedures to perform alternative water injection were developed.

 Procedures to operate PCV vent utilizing backup gas cylinder in case of station blackout were developed.





Prevention of water entry and implement of debris removal

- Water-tightness of the doors at the heat exchanger building and the Turbine Building was enhanced, and 15.4m seawall was installed.
- Heavy machinery for debris removal, and gravels was deployed.





The restoration work of the equipment/facilities necessary to maintain cold shutdown at Unit 1 was completed on May 30, 2013 herewith, and all the "the post nuclear disaster incident measurement" in accordance with Act on Special Measures concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Articles 27) at Fukushima Daini NPS was completed.

We will continue to perform inspections in a planned manner and secure soundness of the equipment/facilities necessary to maintain cold shutdown in accordance with the "Special Maintenance Plan." In addition, we will perform management of safety, radiation and quality, inspection check in case of natural disaster, emergency/individual drill continuously, and continue our utmost efforts in ensuring safety at Fukushima Daini NPS.



Transfer of fuels

Transfer of fuels (Transfer from inside the reactors to the spent fuel pools)

The fuels inside the reactors of Units 1-3 will be transferred to the spent fuel pools by FY2014 in terms of simplifying maintenance of the facilities due to the prolonged suspension period.

Unit	Work	FY2013	FY2014	
Unit 1	Soundness inspection of the equipments necessary for transferring the fuel			(Tentative)
	Opening of the reactor and transfer of fuels			(Tentative)
Unit 2	Soundness inspection of the equipments necessary for transferring the fuel			(Tentative)
	Opening of the reactor and transfer of fuels			(Tentative)
Unit 3	Soundness inspection of the equipments necessary for transferring the fuel			(Tentative)
	Opening of the reactor and transfer of fuels			(Tentative)
Unit 4	Soundness inspection of the equipments necessary for transferring the fuel	Completed in FY2012		(Completed)
	Opening of the reactor and transfer of fuels			(Completed)

 Investigation of tie rod which is installed inside the reactor will be performed after the fuels in Unit 2 and 3 are transferred in order to acquire knowledge.
 * Tie rod: A pillar used to tighten and fix shroud vertically.



Extracting and lifting of fuels inside the reactors



Transfer of fuels to the spent fuel pools



Insertion of fuels at the spent fuel pools (Photo taken during transfer of fuels at Unit 4)



Power panel (Power center 1D-2)



(Before restoration work)



Residual heat removal cooling system pump B



(Before restoration work)



Emergency diesel generator cooling system pump B



(Before restoration work)



Emergency air blower of emergency diesel generator A



(Before restoration work)





(Before restoration work)



Power panel (Power center 1C-1)



(Before restoration work)



(After restoration work)

Emergency diesel generator A



(Before restoration work)



(After restoration work)