

Roadmap towards Restoration from the Accident at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

1. Basic Policy

By bringing the reactors and spent fuel pools to a stable cooling condition and mitigating the release of radioactive materials, we will make every effort to enable evacuees to return to their homes and for all citizens to be able to secure a sound life.

2. Targets

- Based on the basic policy, the following two steps are set as targets:

Step 1: Radiation dose is in steady decline.

Step 2: Release of radioactive materials is under control and radiation dose is being significantly held down.

(Note) Issues after Step 2 will be categorized as "Mid-term Issues"

- Target achievement dates are tentatively set as follows, although there will still be various uncertainties and risks:

Step 1: around 3 months

Step 2: around 3 to 6 months (after achieving Step 1)

(Note) Announcements will be made as soon as timing of step-wise target achievement or quantitative prospects are determined, as well as if revisions to the targets or achievement dates become necessary.

3. Immediate Actions

- In order to achieve the above targets, immediate actions were divided into 3 groups with targets set for each of the 5 issues. Various countermeasures will be implemented simultaneously (see the table in right.)
- In order to achieve Step 1, overcoming the following two issues that are currently being addressed will be critical:

① Prevention of hydrogen explosion inside the primary containment vessel (hereafter, PCV) (Units 1 to 3.)

- Cooling the reactor by injecting fresh water into the reactor increases the chance of steam condensation, leading to a concern of potentially triggering a hydrogen explosion.

→Nitrogen gas will be injected into the PCV of each unit to keep the concentration of hydrogen and oxygen below flammability limit.

② Prevention of release of contaminated water with high radiation level outside of the site boundary (Unit 2.)

- While cooling the reactor by injecting fresh water, accumulation of contaminated water with high radiation level in the turbine building is increasing (possible release to outside of the site boundary.)

→Actions will be taken against accumulated water to (1) secure several storage places and (2) install facilities to process the contaminated water and reduce the radiation dose, among others.

Roadmap for Immediate Actions

Areas	Issues	Targets and Countermeasures	
		Step 1	Step 2
I. Cooling	(1) Cooling the Reactors	① Maintain stable cooling • Nitrogen gas injection • Flooding up to top of active fuel • Examination and implementation of heat exchange function ② (Unit 2) Cool the reactor while controlling the increase of accumulated water until the PCV is sealed	③ Achieve cold shutdown condition (sufficient cooling is achieved depending on the status of each unit.) • Maintain and reinforce various countermeasures in Step 1.
	(2) Cooling the Spent Fuel Pools	④ Maintain stable cooling • Enhance reliability of water injection • Restore coolant circulation system • (Unit 4) Install supporting structure	⑤ Maintain more stable cooling function by keeping a certain level of water. • Remote control of coolant injection operation • Examination and implementation of heat exchange function
II. Mitigation	(3) Containment, Storage, Processing, and Reuse of Water Contaminated by Radioactive Materials (Accumulated Water)	⑥ Secure sufficient storage place to prevent water with high radiation level from being released out of the site boundary. • Installation of storage / processing facilities. ⑦ Store and process water with low radiation level • Installation of storage facilities/decontamination processing.	⑧ Decrease the total amount of contaminated water. • Expansion of storage/processing facilities. • Decontamination/Desalt processing (reuse), etc.
	(4) Mitigation of Release of Radioactive Materials to Atmosphere and from Soil	⑨ Prevent scattering of radioactive materials on buildings and ground • Dispersion of inhibitor • Removal of debris • Installing reactor building cover	⑩ Cover the entire buildings (as temporary measure).
III. Monitoring/Decontamination	(5) Measurement, Reduction and Announcement of Radiation Dose in Evacuation Order/Planned Evacuation/Emergency Evacuation Preparation Areas	⑪ Expand/enhance monitoring and inform of results fast and accurately • Examination and implementation of monitoring methods.	⑫ Sufficiently reduce radiation dose in evacuation order / planned evacuation / emergency evacuation preparation areas • Decontamination/monitoring of homecoming residences.
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I. Cooling (1) Cooling the Reactors		<p>Current Status [1] (Units 1 to 3) Cooling achieved by water injection while there is partial damage to fuel pellets. ⇒Continued injection of fresh water and further cooling measures are required. Countermeasure [1]: Injecting fresh water into the RPV by pumps. Risk [1]: Possibility of hydrogen explosion due to condensation of steam in the PCV when cooled, leading to increased hydrogen concentration. Countermeasure [2]: Injecting nitrogen gas into the PCV (start from Unit 1.) Countermeasure [3]: Consideration of flooding the PCV up to the top of active fuel.</p> <p>Current Status [2] (Units 1 to 3) High likelihood of small leakage of steam containing radioactive materials through the gap of PCV caused by high temperature. ⇒Lowering the amount of steam through cooling and implementation of leakage prevention are required. Countermeasure [4]: Lower the amount of steam generated by sufficiently cooling the reactor (to be achieved by measures in Steps 1 and 2.) Countermeasure [5]: Consideration of shielding the leakage by covering the reactor building (coordinate with issue [4].)</p> <p>Current Status [3] (Unit 2) Large amount of water leakage, indicating high likelihood of PCV damage. ⇒Repairing the damaged location is required. ⇒Need to control the amount of water injection since leakage increases as injection increases. Countermeasure [6]: Consideration of sealing the damaged location (e.g., filling with grout (glutinous cement)) Countermeasure [7]: Cooling at minimum water injection rate (control the leakage of contaminated water.) Risk[2]: Possibility of prolonged work of sealing the damaged location (→countermeasures [12] and [14])</p> <p>Current Status [4] Secured multiple off-site power (1 system each from TEPCO and Tohoku EPCO) and deployed backup power (generator cars / emergency generators) Risk [3]: Possibility of (partial) loss of power from the grid caused by ensuring aftershocks and lightning in summer. Countermeasure [8]: Install interconnecting lines of offsite power soon.</p>	<p>Target [1] (Unit 1 to 3) Maintain stable cooling. Countermeasure [9]: Flood the PCV up to the top of active fuel. Countermeasure [10]: Reduce the amount of radioactive materials (utilization of standby gas treatment system (filter), etc.) when PCV venting (release of steam containing radioactive materials into the atmosphere). Countermeasure [11]:Continue preventing hydrogen explosion by injecting nitrogen into the PCV. Risk [4]: Increase in water leakage into the turbine building in the process of flooding the PCV. Countermeasure [12]: Consideration and implementation of measures to hold down water inflow (e.g., circulating the water back into the RPV by storing and processing the accumulated water in the turbine building.) Countermeasure [13]: Consideration of recovering heat exchange function for the reactor (installing heat exchangers). Risk [5]: Possibility of prolonged work in high dose level area (→keep countermeasures [9] and [12])</p> <p>Target [2] (Unit 2) Cool the reactor while controlling the increase of accumulated water until PCV is sealed. Countermeasure [14]: Continue cooling by current minimum injection rate. Countermeasure [15]: Continue prevention of hydrogen explosion by nitrogen injection into the PCV. Countermeasure [16]: Continue consideration and implementation of sealing measure at damaged location. Implement cooling measures similar to those for Units 1 and 3 once the damaged location is sealed. Risk[2]: Possibility of prolonged work of sealing the damaged location (→continue countermeasures [12] and [14])</p>	<p>Target [3] Achieve cold shutdown condition (sufficient cooling is achieved depending on the status of each unit.) Countermeasure [17]: Maintain and enhance countermeasures in Step 1 if needed.</p>	<p>Issue [1] Prevention of breakage, clogging and water leakage of structural materials (reactor and pipes, etc.) due to corrosion caused by salt.</p>

Note: Reactor pressure vessel is denoted as "RPV" and primary containment vessel is denoted as "PCV."

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I. Cooling	(2) Cooling the Spent Fuel Pools	<p>Current Status [5]: Fresh water is injected from outside for Units 1, 3, 4 and through normal cooling line for Unit 2. ⇒Reduction of worker exposure and countermeasures for aftershocks are required. Countermeasure [18]: Consideration/implementation of improving reliability of external water injection by concrete pumpers ("Giraffe", etc.)/switch to remote-controlled operation.</p> <p>Current Status [6]: Confirmation of release of radioactive materials from the pool Countermeasure [19]: Sampling and measurement of steam/pool water by "Giraffe", etc. ⇒Most fuels in Unit 4 have been confirmed intact according to the result of pool water analysis.</p> <p>Current Status [7]: Walls of the building supporting the pool have been damaged. ⇒Tolerance evaluation is especially needed for Unit 4. Countermeasure [20]: Seismic tolerance assessment of Unit 4. ⇒A certain level of seismic tolerance has been confirmed. Countermeasure [21]: Continue monitoring and examine necessary countermeasures (→ countermeasure [26].)</p>	<p>Target [4]: Maintain stable cooling. Countermeasure [22]: Continuation of water injection by "Giraffe", etc (reliability improvement (enhanced durability of hoses)/switch to remote-controlled operation.) Countermeasure [23]: Add cooling function to normal Fuel Pool Cooling system and continue injecting water for Unit 2. Countermeasure [24]: Examination and implementation of restoration of normal cooling system for Units 1, 3, and 4. Risk [6]: Possibility of inability to restore normal cooling line due to damages to the building. Countermeasure [25]: Examination and implementation of installing heat exchangers. Countermeasure [26]: (Unit 4) Installation of supporting structure under the bottom of the pool.</p>	<p>Target [5]: Maintain more stable cooling function by keeping a certain level of water. Countermeasure [27]: Cooling by installation of heat exchangers. Countermeasure [28]: Expansion of remote-controlled operation areas of "Giraffe", etc.</p>	<p>Issue [2]: Removal of fuels (including Units 5 & 6.)</p>
		II. Mitigation	(3) Containment, Storage, Processing, and Reuse of Water Contaminated by Radioactive Materials (Accumulated Water)	<p>Current Status [8]: Leakage of high radiation-level contaminated water assumed to have originated from Unit 2 reactor occurred, but was subsequently stopped. Countermeasure [29]: Identify leakage path and examine and implement preventive measures. • Placing sandbags with radioactive-material adsorption material (zeolite) in the bay. • Installing fences in the bay to prevent contamination from spreading (silt fence.) • Blockage between trenches and buildings, etc</p> <p>Current Status [9]: Leakage and accumulation of high radiation level contaminated water at Unit 2's turbine building, vertical shafts and trenches. Countermeasure [30]: Transferring accumulated water to facilities that can store it (condenser and Centralized Waste Treatment Facility). Countermeasure [31]: Preparing decontamination and desalt of transferred accumulated water. (→Countermeasure [38]) Countermeasure [32]: Preparing to install tanks.</p> <p>Current Status [10]: Increase of storage volume of water with low radiation level. Countermeasure [33]: Preparing to store with tanks and barges. Countermeasure [34]: Preparing for decontamination and desalt of contaminated water (→Countermeasure [41]) Countermeasure [35]: Preparing to install a reservoir.</p> <p>Current Status [11]: High likelihood of underground water around the building (sub-drainage water) to be contaminated. Countermeasure [36]: Preparing to decontaminate sub-drainage water after being pumped up.</p>	<p>Target [6]: Secure sufficient storage place to prevent water with high radiation level from being released out of the site boundary. Countermeasure [37]: Utilization of "Centralized Waste Treatment Facility", etc. to store water. Countermeasure [38]: Install water processing facilities; decontaminate and desalt highly-contaminated water and store in tanks. Risk [7]: Possibility of delay in installing water processing facilities or poor operating performance of the facilities. Countermeasure [39]: Examination and implementation of backup measures (installment of additional tanks or pools or leakage prevention by coagulator, etc.)</p> <p>Target [7]: Store and process water with low radiation level. Countermeasure [40]: Increase storage capacity by adding tanks, barges, Megafloat, etc. Countermeasure [41]: Decontaminating contaminated water using decontaminants to below acceptable criteria.</p>

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II. Mitigation	(4) Mitigation of Release of Radioactive Materials to Atmosphere and from Soil	<p>Current Status [12]: Debris are scattered outside the buildings and radioactive materials are being scattered.</p> <p>Countermeasure [47]: Inhibit scattering of radioactive materials by full-scale dispersion of inhibitor after confirming its performance by test.</p> <p>Countermeasure [48]: Prevent rain water contamination by dispersion of inhibitor.</p> <p>Countermeasure [49]: Removal of debris.</p> <p>Countermeasure [50]: Examination and implementation of basic design for reactor building cover and full-fledged measure (container with concrete roof and wall, etc.)</p> <p>Countermeasure [51]: Consideration of solidification, substitution and cleansing of contaminated soil (med-term issues.)</p>	<p>Target [9]: Prevent scattering of radioactive materials on buildings and ground.</p> <p>Countermeasure [52]: Improvement of work condition by expanding application and dispersion of inhibitors to the ground and buildings.</p> <p>Countermeasure [53]: Continue removal of debris.</p> <p>Countermeasure [54]: Begin installing reactor building cover (with ventilator and filter.)</p> <p>Risk [8]: Considerable reduction of radiation dose is a prerequisite to launch construction (→continue countermeasure [52] and [53].)</p>	<p>Target [10]: Cover the entire buildings (as temporary measure).</p> <p>Countermeasure [55]: Complete installing reactor building covers (Units 1, 3, 4.)</p> <p>Risk [9]: Possibility of cover being damaged by a huge typhoon.</p> <p>Countermeasure [56]: Begin detailed design of full-fledged measure (container with concrete roof and wall, etc.)</p>	<p>Issue [4]: Cover the entire building (as full-fledged measure)</p> <p>Issue [5]: Solidification, substitution and cleansing of contaminated soil.</p>
		<p>Current status [13]: Monitoring of radiation dose in and out of the power station is carried out.</p> <p>Countermeasure [57]: Monitoring sea water, soil and atmosphere within the site boundary (25 locations.)</p> <p>Countermeasure [58]: Monitoring radiation dose at the site boundary (12 locations.)</p> <p>Countermeasure [59]: Consideration of monitoring methods in evacuation order/planned evacuation/emergency evacuation preparation areas. (→countermeasure [60] to [63])</p>	<p>Target [11]: Expand/enhance monitoring and inform of results fast and accurately.</p> <p>Countermeasure [60]: Consideration and implementation of monitoring methods in evacuation order / planned evacuation / emergency evacuation preparation areas (in cooperation and consultation with national/prefectural/municipal governments.)</p> <p>Countermeasure [61]: Announce accurately monitoring results of long half-life residue radioactive materials such as cesium 137.</p>	<p>Target [12]: Sufficiently reduce radiation dose in evacuation order / planned evacuation / emergency evacuation preparation areas.</p> <p>Countermeasure [62]: Monitoring of homecoming residences <in cooperation and consultation with national / prefectural / municipal governments.></p> <p>Countermeasure [63]: Examination and implementation of necessary measures to reduce radiation dose (decontamination of homecoming residences and soil surface) <in cooperation and consultation with national/prefectural/municipal governments.></p>	<p>Issue [6]: Continue monitoring and informing environmental safety.</p>
III. Monitoring/ Decontamination	(5) Measurement, Reduction and Announcement of Radiation Dose in Evacuation Order/Planned Evacuation/Emergency Evacuation Preparation Areas	<p>(Note) With regard to radiation dose monitoring and reduction measures in evacuation order/planned evacuation/emergency evacuation preparation areas, we will take every measure through thorough cooperation with the national government and by consultation with the prefectural and municipal governments.</p>			

Roadmap for Immediate Actions (Issues / Targets / Major Countermeasures)

Reference 1

		Current Status	STEP1	STEP2	Mid-term Issues
Cooling	(1) Injecting fresh water		<p>Nitrogen gas injection</p> <p>(Unit1•3) Flooding up to top of active fuel</p> <p>Examination and implementation of heat exchange function</p> <p>(Unit 2) Sealing the damaged location</p>	<p>Flooding up to top of active fuel</p>	<p>Prevention of breakage of structural materials , etc.</p>
	(2) Spent Fuel Pools	Injecting fresh water	<p>Enhance reliability of water injection</p> <p>Restore coolant circulation system</p> <p>(Unit 4) Install supporting structure</p>	<p>Remote control of water injection</p> <p>Examination and implementation of heat exchange function</p>	<p>Removal of fuels</p>
II. Mitigation	(3) Accumulated Water	<p>Transferring water with high radiation level</p> <p>Storing water with low radiation level</p>	<p>Installation of storage / processing facilities</p> <p>Installation of storage facilities / decontamination processing</p>	<p>Expansion of storage / processing facilities</p> <p>Decontamination / Desalt processing (reuse), etc</p>	<p>Installation of full-fledged water treatment facilities</p>
	(4) Atmosphere / Soil		<p>Dispersion of inhibitor</p> <p>Removal of debris</p>	<p>Installing reactor building cover</p>	<p>Installation of reactor building cover (container with concrete)</p> <p>Solidification of contaminated soil, etc</p>
III. Monitoring/Decontamination	(5) Measurement, Reduction and Announcement	<p>Monitoring of radiation dose in and out of the power station</p>	<p>Expand/enhance monitoring and inform of results fast and accurately</p>	<p>Sufficiently reduce radiation dose in evacuation order / planned evacuation / emergency evacuation preparation areas</p>	<p>Continue monitoring and informing environmental safety</p>

Overview of Major Countermeasures in the Power Station

Reference 2

