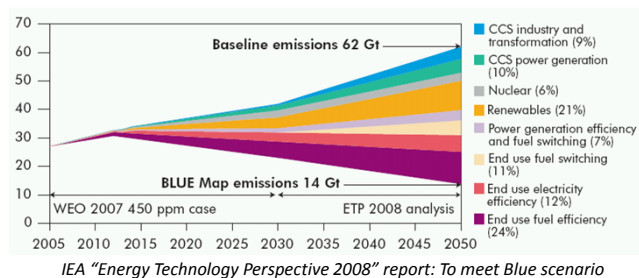


## Nuclear Energy in the power generation portfolio in Japan



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## Early days of Nuclear Energy in Japan

1953: "Atoms for Peace" address at the UN-GA, December 8

1954: Nuclear research budget JPY235 million

1955: Enacted Atomic Energy Basic Law

with 3 principles

- Strictly for peaceful purpose
- "For the *welfare of human kind* and to raise *national living standards*"
- Three principles – democratic decision-making, independent management, and transparency

1956: Joined the IAEA and established national organs for nuclear energy

- Atomic Energy Commission
- Science and technology agency (Government)
- Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute (JAERI) and The Atomic Fuel Corporation

1957: First criticality by JAERI's first research reactor (JRR-1)

1963: First nuclear electricity (JPDR)

1966: First commercial nuclear power



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JRR-1

## Atomic Energy Commission

- To plan, deliberate and decide on basic NE policy
- Immediate deliverable



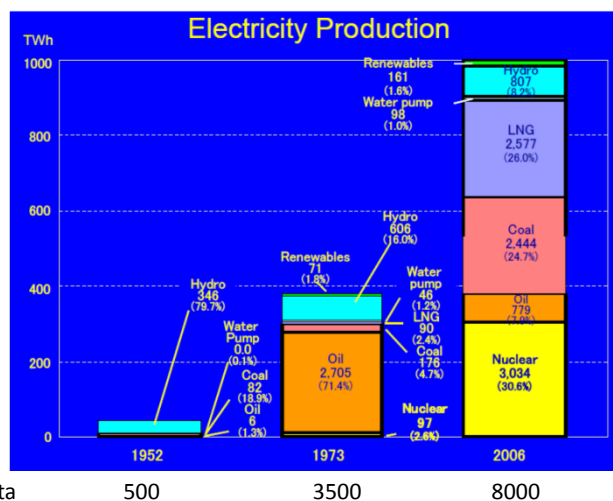
### 1<sup>st</sup> Long-term Plan for R&D and Utilization of NE (1956)

- Reliance on domestic uranium resources, while import deficit from outside
- Atomic Fuel Cooperation as a sole reprocessor using indigenous technology
- Research into indigenous enrichment technology
- Domestic fast breeder as a target in light of effective use of resources
- Several NPPs from overseas then domestic production

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## Subsequent deployment of commercial nuclear power plants

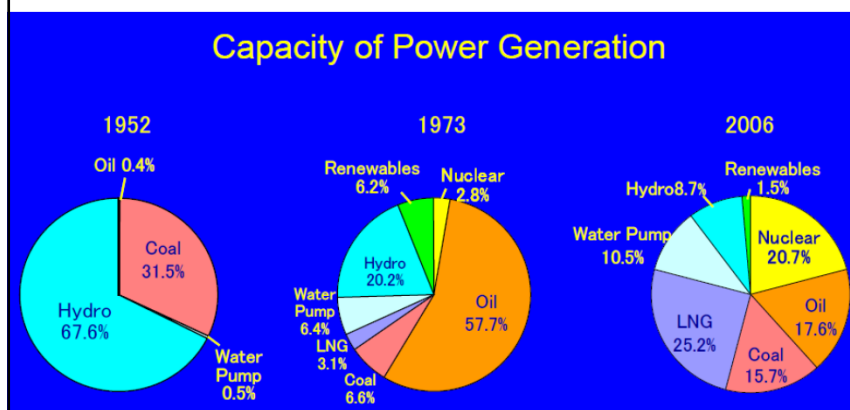
- Meeting growing power demand coming from economic growth
- 5 decades of continuous deployment (54 nuclear power plants)
- Deployment plan accelerated by Arab oil embargo (1973)

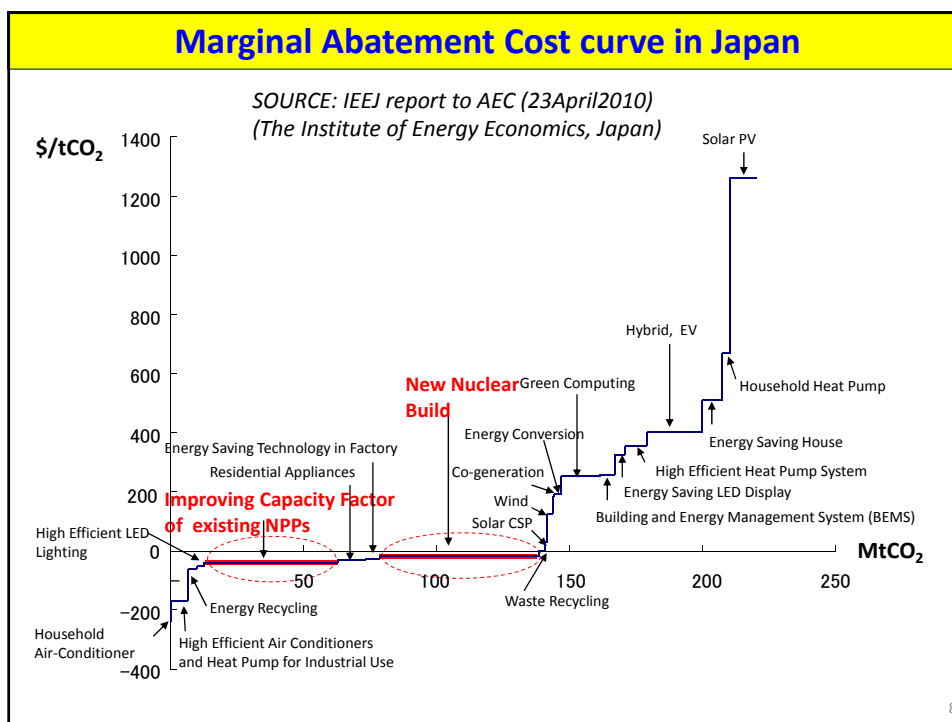
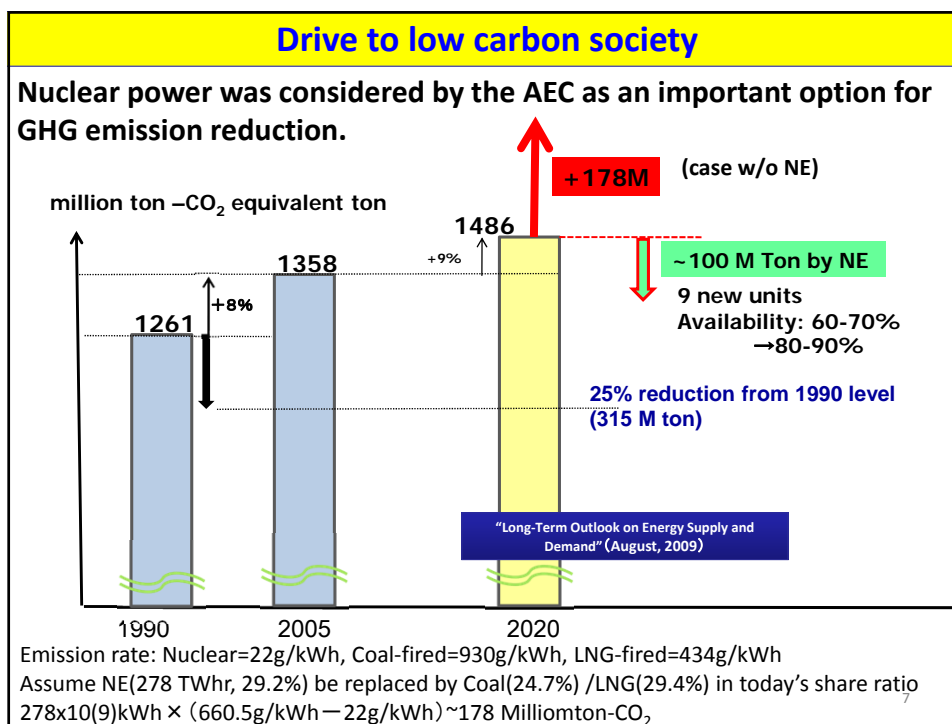


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## Subsequent deployment of commercial nuclear power plants

- As a resources-poor nation, strong drive in the 1970's and 80's
  - To diversify energy supply sources
  - To enhance supply security
    - Short term: shield of electricity price from fossil cost volatility
    - Long-term : sustainable energy supply
- Eroded concern in the 1990's when fossil price was stable





## Fukushima Accident : An overview



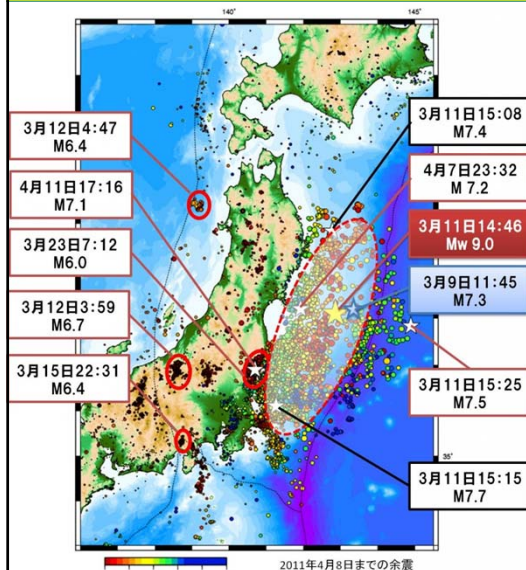
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### 3.11 Earthquake and aftershocks



#### Statement by the Headquarter for Earthquake Research, 11March2011

The Earthquake Research Committee evaluated earthquake motion and tsunami for the individual region off-shore of Miyagi prefecture, to the east off-shore south of Sanriku along the trench, and to the south off-shore of Ibaraki prefecture, but occurrence of the earthquake that is linked to all of these regions is "out of hypothesis".

[SOURCE]

<http://www.jishin.go.jp/main/index-e.html> The 2011 off the Pacific Coast of Tohoku Earthquake

[http://outreach.eri.u-tokyo.ac.jp/eqvolc/201103\\_tohoku/eng/#mesonet](http://outreach.eri.u-tokyo.ac.jp/eqvolc/201103_tohoku/eng/#mesonet)

"Earthquake Research Institute, University of Tokyo, Prof. Takashi Furumura and Project Researcher Takuto Maeda"

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### 3.11 Earthquake

Design basis earthquake and observed acceleration (Basement of Reactor/B)

Nr.	MWe	3.11 Observed (max. gal)			Design (Ss) (max. gal)		
		N-S	E-W	Vertical	N-S	E-W	Vertical
1Fuku1	460	460	447	258	487	489	412
1Fuku2	784	348	550	302	441	438	420
1Fuku3	784	322	507	231	449	441	429
1Fuku4	784	281	319	200	447	445	422
1Fuku5	784	311	548	256	452	452	427
1Fuku6	1100	298	444	244	445	448	415

Note 1: **Damage by the earthquake:** Not fully inspected but maybe not significant considering the KK earthquake (2007) where no damage to safety functions even though the observed acceleration exceeded design basis by factor 2-3 (Acceleration will not necessarily be damages indicators)

Note 2: **Scram set points** by acceleration (Basement of Reactor Building)  
Horizontal=135-150 gal, Vertical=100 gal

Note 3: Design means new design basis (2009)

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### 3.11 Tsunami

#### 1F1-3 Plant response immediately after the earthquake

- 14.46 Earthquake followed by Reactor SCRAM,  
LOOP, EDGs start, IC/RCIC in operation
- 15.38-41 Tsunami followed by complete (AC/DC) blackout  
and (mostly) isolation from the Ultimate Heat Sink



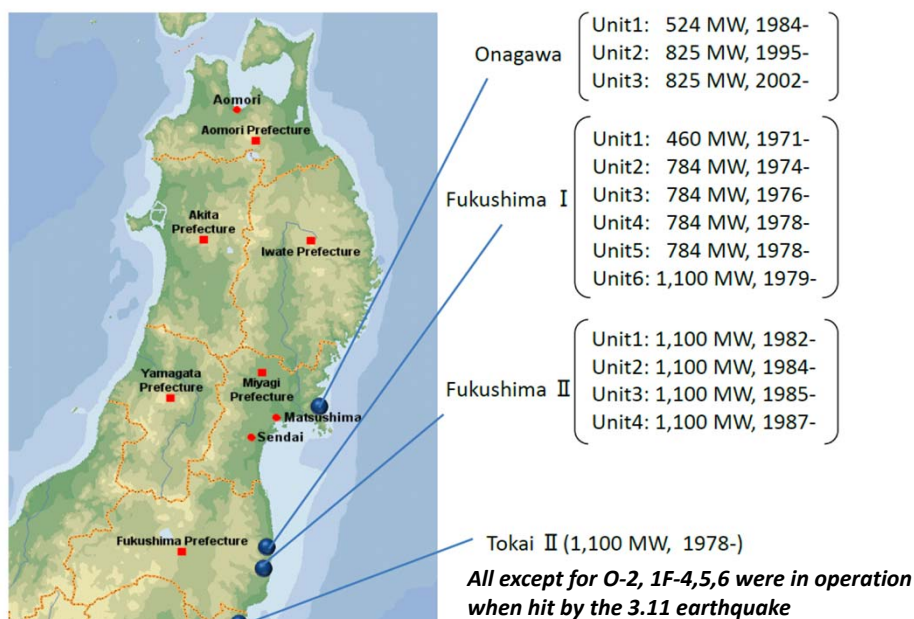
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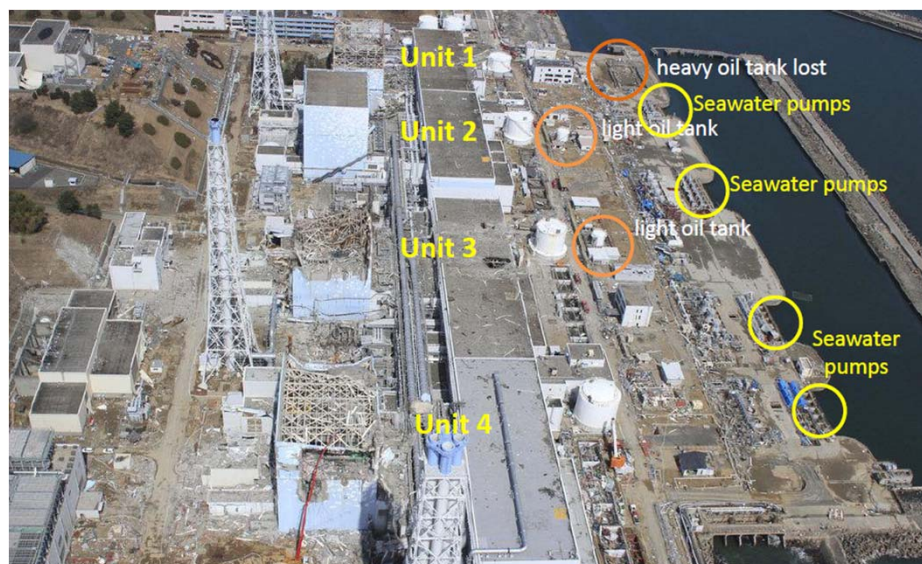
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### 14 NPPs along the coastal line affected by Tsunami



### Fukushima Dai-ichi Unit 1-4



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### 3.11 Tsunami

Unit	Ground Level		Tsunami height [m]			Location of Electric Equipment Room (M/C, Battery)	Type & location of Emergency Diesel Generator SC: Seawater-cooled AC: Air-cooler
	R/B, Tb/B [m]	Intake str. [m]	DB	Mod (2002)	3.1 1		
1Fuku1,2,3, & 4	10.2	4	3.1	5.7	14-15		1F1.3: 2 SC-EDGs (design) 1F2.4: 1 SC-EDG (design) + 1 AC-EDG (SAM)
1Fuku5	13.2	4	3.1				2 SC-EDGs
1Fuku6							2 SC-EDGs (design) 1 AC-EDG (SAM)
2Fuku1,2,3 & 4	12	7	3.7	5.2			3 SC-EDGs
Onagawa1,2 & 3	14.8		9.1	-	13		3 SC-EDGs
Tokai 2	8.0	3	1.5	4.86	5.1-5.4		3 SC-EDGs

Location info not listed here.

- One of the offsite power lines for 2F stayed alive during & after the Earthquake/Tsunami
- What mattered was the elevation of air intake/exhaust of EDG room & location of Electric Equipment rooms

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Tsunami flow path @2F





### Fuel damage or not ---- What made the difference?

#### (1) Elevation vs. Tsunami height

- Site ground level → **saved Onagawa/Tokai**
- Elevation of air intake/exhaust of EDG
- Location of EDG/EE room/battery



#### (2) Availability of power

- Offsite power (together with SAM under isolation from UHS) → **saved 2F site**
- Air-cooled EDG coupled with the above 1) location/height (together with SAM under isolation from UHS) → **saved 1F6**
- Air-cooled EDG was added for 1F2,4,6 respectively in the 1990's as a part of SAM modifications.
- 1F3/5/6 battery located at a higher elevation, escaped flooding

#### (3) Implementation of AMG by using then-available resources

- **saved 1F5, SFPs (makeup water)**

NOTE: Availability of UHS commensurate to decay heat level supports quick recovery but does not seem to be a decisive factor.

- 1F5/6 : Use of temporary seawater pump for RHR (units were in refueling outage)

- 2F : continued Rx water makeup under isolation from UHS until March 14th

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### Tsunami: NPP Design guidelines and probabilistic study

#### ◆ Safety Design Guide (NSC) Nr. 2 [footnote]

- “....Anticipated natural hazard includes flood, Tsunami ....”

#### ◆ Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE) on Tsunami

- Renewed concern over Tsunami by 1983, 1993 Tsunami experiences
- 2002 guidelines for NPPs from the Nuclear Civil Engineering Committee of JSCE

[http://committees.jsce.or.jp/ceofnp/system/files/JSCE\\_Tsunami\\_060519.pdf](http://committees.jsce.or.jp/ceofnp/system/files/JSCE_Tsunami_060519.pdf)

- 1) Consideration of Tsunami sources along the plate boundary, uncertainty analysis and verification by the use of historical record;
  - .... At the target site, the height of the design tsunami should exceed all the calculated historical tsunami heights.

- 2) “....the design tsunami is compared with the historical records .... it is confirmed the height of the design tsunami that is obtained in this paper is twice that of historical tsunamis on an average”

- Modification in 2002 based on this guideline

#### ◆ Tsunami Probabilistic Hazard study

- Probabilistic Tsunami hazard analysis (TEPCo, ICON-14, 2006)
- Methodology guide from JSCE Nuclear Civil Engineering Com. (2009)

#### ◆ IAEA DS417 (draft)

- Includes guide on Tsunami analysis

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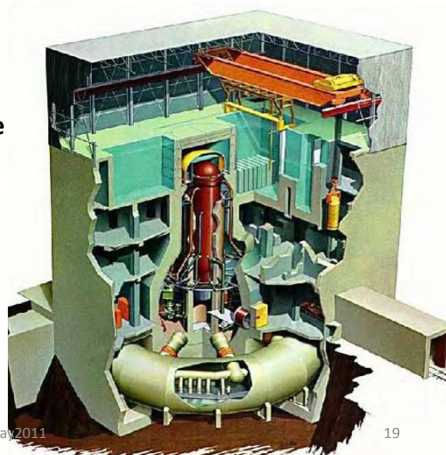
## BWR/3,4 generation plant

### BWR/3 (460MWe, 1Fuku1)

- Mark I Containment (Drywell + Torus-type Suppression Pool)
- SFP on top floor of the R/B
- Isolation condenser for passive core cooling (@Hi Pressure)
- Core Spray system (@Lo Pressure) after depressurization by SRV

### BWR/4 (784MWe, 1Fuku 2,3,4 &5)

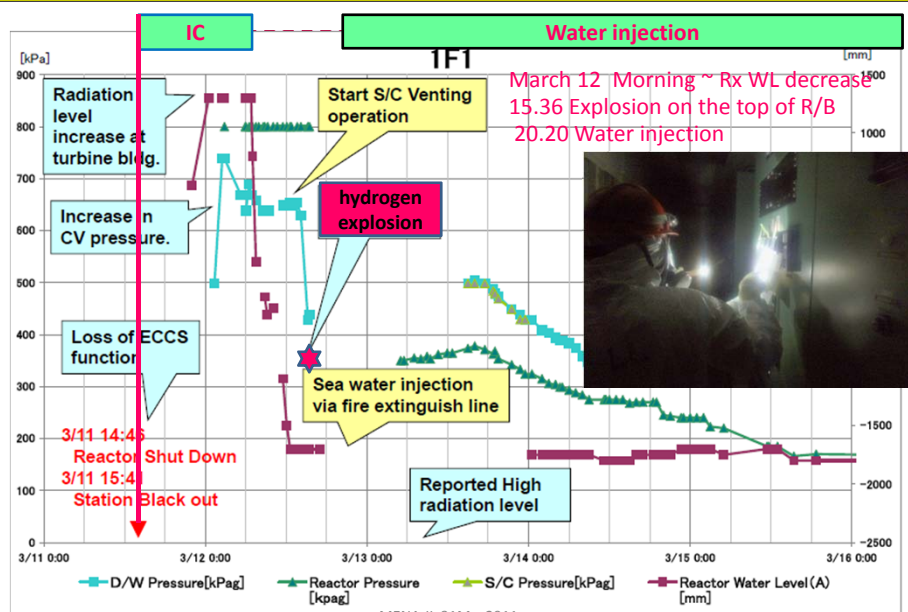
- Mark I Containment (Drywell + Torus-type Suppression Pool)
- SFP on top floor of the R/B
- RCIC (Reactor Core Isolation Cooling) & HPCI (High Pressure Core Injection) (@Hi Pressure)
- CS (Core Spray) & RHR/LPCI (@Lo Pressure) after depressurization by SRV



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## 1Fuku1

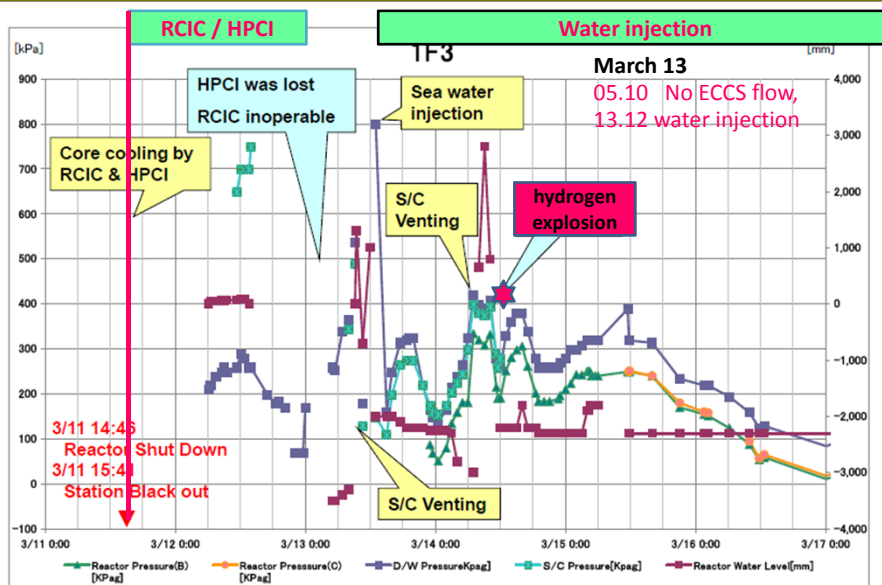


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## 1Fuku3

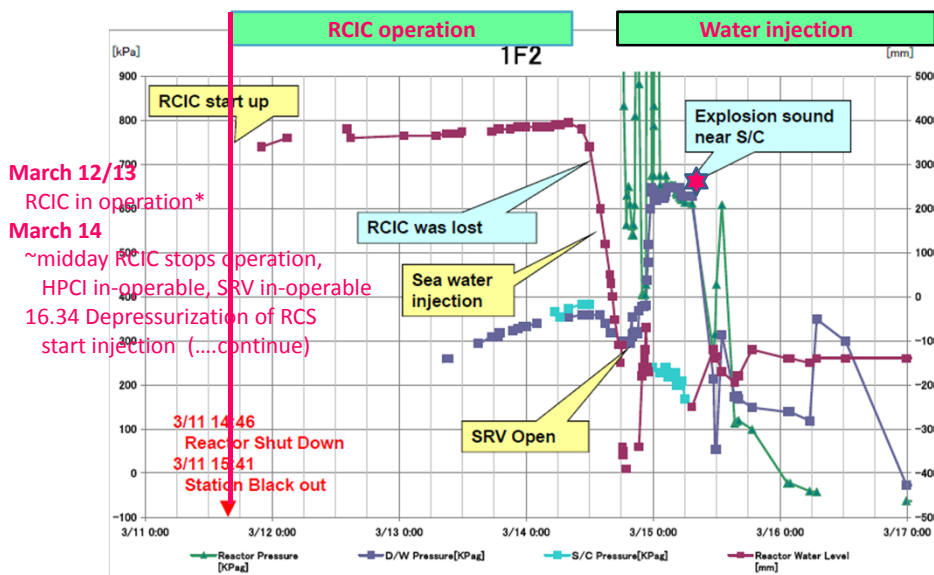


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## 1Fuku2



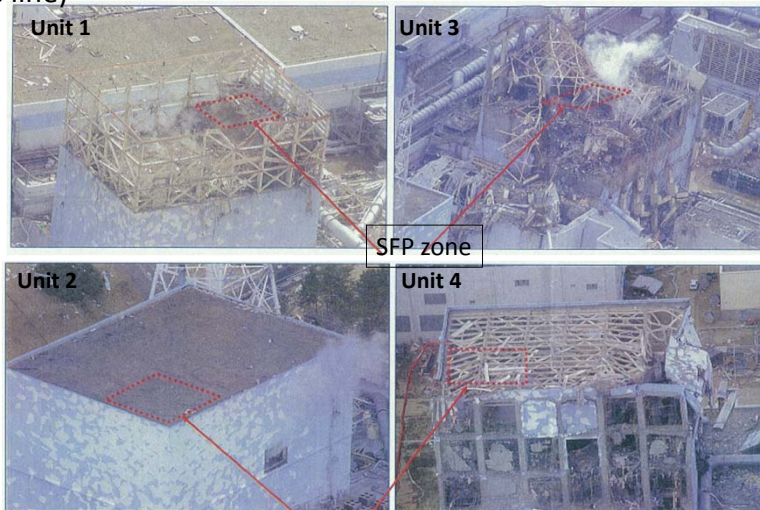
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### Why H<sub>2</sub> explosion right after venting?

Possible Path 1 : Excessive leakage by over-pressure at CV flange/airlocks  
 Possible Path 2: Vent line → SGTS → R/B (vent line merge with adjacent unit's line)



1F2 blowout panel opened by  
 1F3 blast, which released H<sub>2</sub>

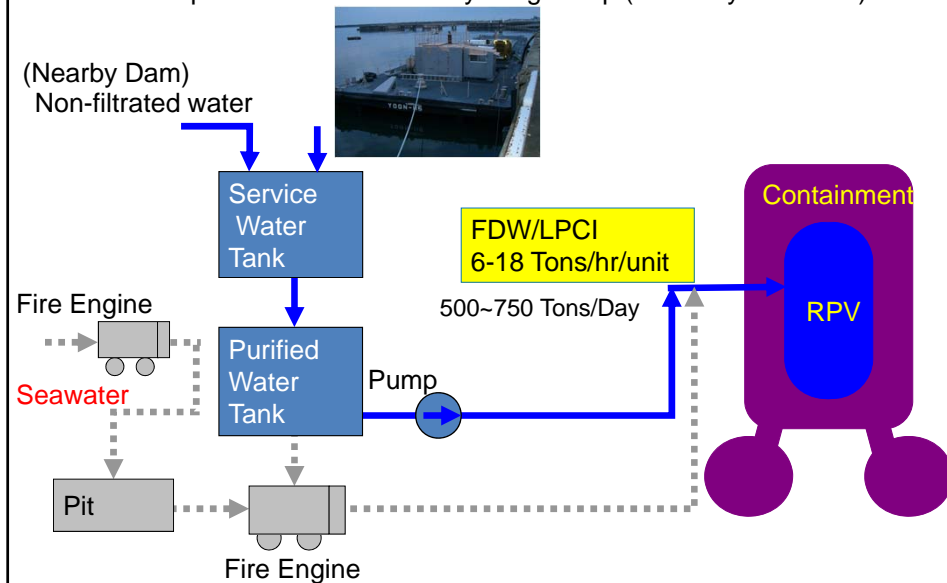
SFP zone

Water sample from SFP and photo indicate  
 SFs in 1F4 most probably remain intact

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### Water Injection to the reactor core

Backup: Freshwater carried by Barge Ship (Courtesy of the US)

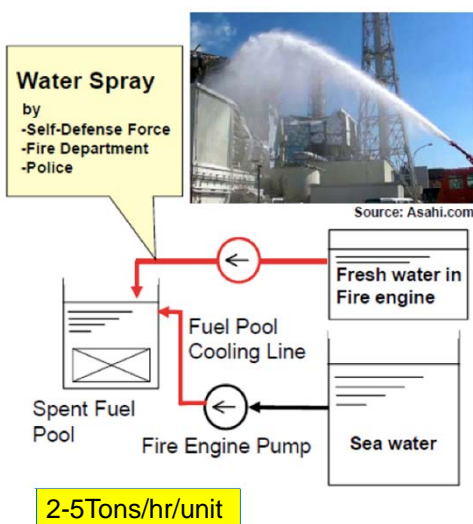


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## Current : Water Injection Spent Fuel Pool

### Used to be



### Current

1F1-3 : Fuel pool makeup using FPC system

- Use of plant system
- No spray

1F4 : Spray from outside (FPC line is not yet usable)

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## Key near-term recovery actions

### 1. COOLING

- ◆ Flooding the containment to a certain level & installation of heat exchanger to remove heat, *[challenge] working environment & leakage of water from the containment*
- ◆ SFP cooling system (rather than spray and evaporation)

### 2. MINIMIZING AIRBORNE/LIQUID EFFLUENT

- ◆ Recycling of water recovered from Tb/B through removal of radioactivity (France/US/Japan) and RO (Japan)  
~1200 Tons/Day treatment  
500~750 Tons/Day treated water return to the reactors
- ◆ Storage of contaminated water
- ◆ Installation of R/B cover
- ◆ Corrosion control (Deaeration of supply water, hydrazine)

### 3. MINIMIZING RESIDUAL RISKS

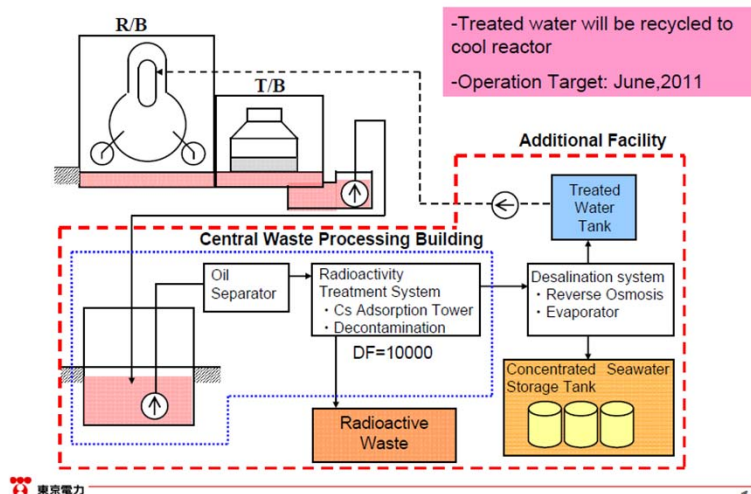
- ◆ Aftershocks (Structural integrity of damaged R/B, Reliability of power/water supply)
- ◆ Hydrogen

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## Installation of Water Treatment Facility



Water in the Tb/B is treated and recycled to the reactor for feed. Will balance by 2011/E.

✓ Capacity of Treatment facility : 1200 Ton/Day x 6month (7-12) =216,000 Ton

✓ Water to be treated : 1-4 Tb/B 87,500 Ton + (500-750) Ton/Daily feed x6month =177,500~22,250 Ton

## What SAM (Severe Accident Management) was in place?

### (OECD/NEA)

In the aftermath of Chernobyl, OECD/NEA organized a series of meetings by SESAM (Senior Expert for Severe Accident Management)

*"Severe Accident Management": published in 1992*

*"Implementing Severe Accident Management in Nuclear Power Plants", published in 1996*

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Prevention and Mitigation



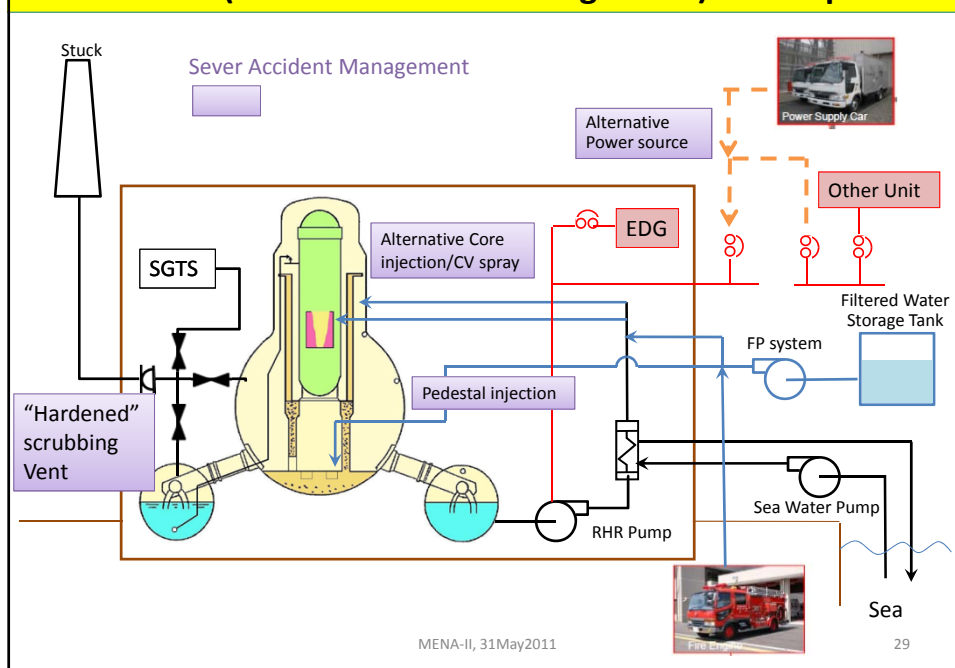
### (Japan)

- NSC recommendation for SAM preparation (1992)
- SAM study followed by SAM Guide and modifications (hardened vent, injection to RPV and RPV-pedestal region etc)
- Technical basis for SAM by Utility/Industry/Academia (NSRI guideline, 1999, <http://www.nsra.or.jp/safe/cv/index.html>)
- Submittal of Utility report to Regulatory body after completion of modifications (2002) and AMG, followed by evaluation by NISA

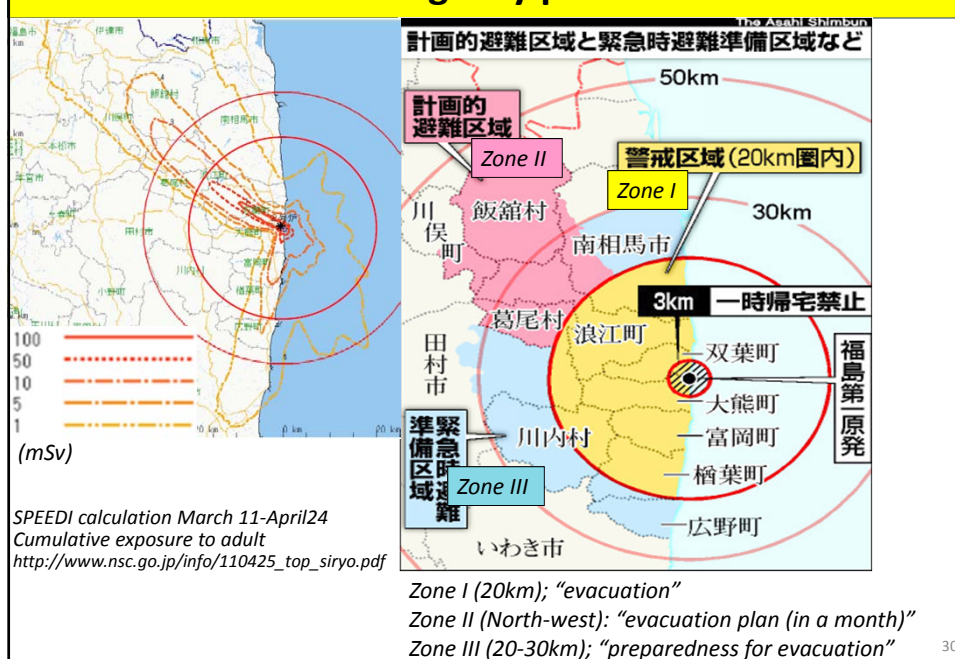
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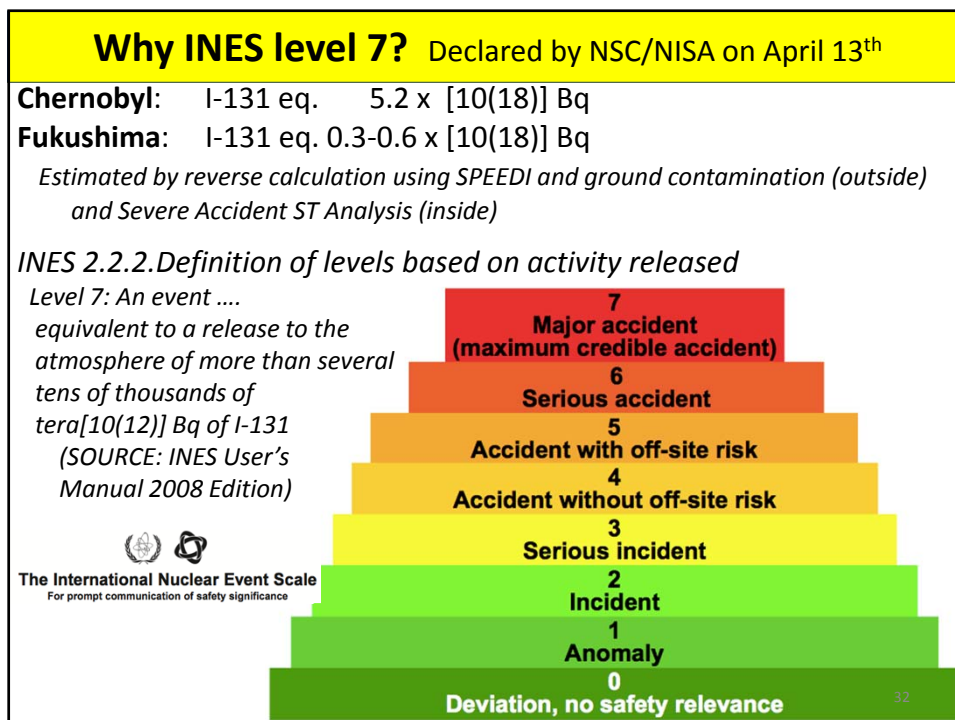
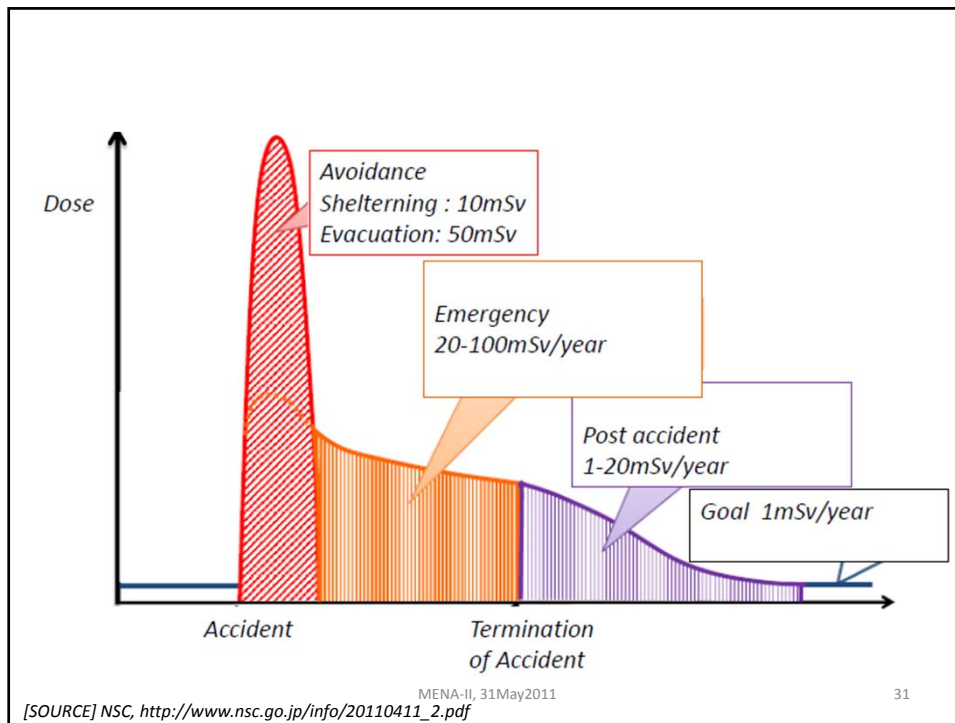
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## What SAM (Severe Accident Management) was in place?



## What offsite emergency plan was enacted?





## What Nuclear Liability system in Japan?

1. Basics: Owner/Operator owes unlimited liability for compensation of nuclear damage, irrespective of the cause of accident
2. Two contracts: Owner/Operator-Insurance company (Liability insurance)  
Owner/Operator-Government (Indemnity Agreement)
3. If the compensation amount exceeds 1.2B\$ (assuming 100yen/\$), Government may come to support contingent on the Diet's decision
4. Not a signatory of Amended Paris nor Amended Vienna agreements nor CSC

Owner/Operator's insurance	Indemnification Agreement	Government's arrangement
[Not cover Earthquake, Tsunami, Volcano Eruption]	1) Case of Earthquake, Tsunami, Volcano Eruption 2) Case of unknown cause during normal operation 3) Case of compensation request after 10 years	Case of extraordinary natural disaster or insurrection

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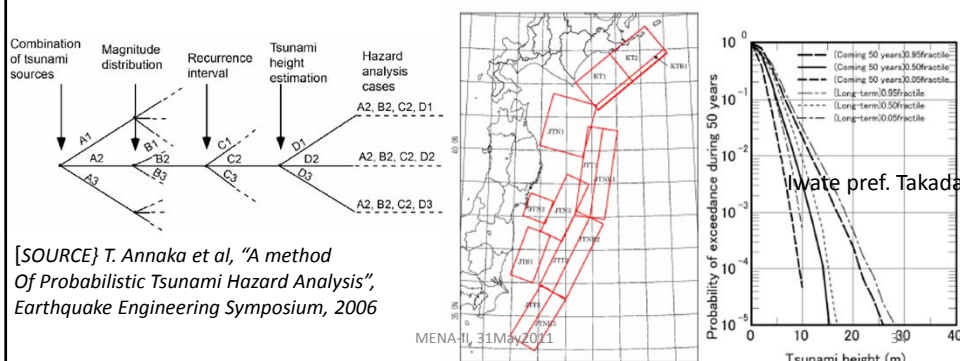
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## What are the potential considerations for future designs and successful implementation of SAM ?

*Personal observations*

### 1. Design considerations against natural hazards

- Data compiled by reactor-year for internal events, while by year for natural hazards
- Logic tree and Tsunami hazard curve
- Building layout and elevation of Electric Equipment /EDG rooms
- ERC in robust building (seismic isolation after 2007 earthquake)



## What needs to be considered for future designs and successful implementation of SAM ?

*Personal observations*

### 2. Diversity

- a) Diversified Ultimate Heat Sink (UHS) of Residual Heat Removal and Emergency Equipment Cooling Systems
- b) Diversified power & water supply: Air-cooled DG, Water from dam

### 3. Passive safety

- a) Heat removal from reactor core/containment/SFP
- b) Preparations for “what if onsite recovery actions were disabled”

### 4. Consideration against extended time blackout

Battery in safe place and recharger of battery by small EDG

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## What needs to be considered for future designs and successful implementation of SAM ?

*Personal observations*

### 5. Improvements of SAM (Severe Accident Management)

- a) Review and drill for the “use of all available resources”
  - Provisions of Onsite or National Nuclear Crisis Center, under appropriate delineation of responsibility, transportation systems and storage of mobile equipments such as Fire Engines, portable sweater pumps, batteries, remote sensing devices, remote spray system, robotics etc & drill for use
- b) Implementation of recovery actions in harsh radiation environment
  - Provision of Temporary shielding, Remote handling machine, Remote water spray machine, remote sensing machines and cameras by unmanned plane, and others from National Crisis Center
- c) Potential of detonation/deflagration of leaked hydrogen outside of the CV
  - vent line pipe and SGTS line pipe
  - “hydrogen deflagration/detonation in a BWR R/B” (NE&D 211,27-50)
- d) Include “water inventory control” “water leak path analysis” (LWR)
- e) Recovery actions: preparation for the worst & “defense in depth”
- f) Structure of Emergency Management organization

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## What needs to be considered for future designs and successful implementation of SAM ?

*Personal observations*

### 6. SAM Operational aids

Real-time simulation of plant behaviour as an aid to decision-making from options and assess the current/future risks potentials, backed by precise accident data tracking system by recoding every plant behaviour and remedial actions

### 7. Accident instrumentation (CV water level etc) and sampling capability

Very limited data available (Rx-SC/DW pres/Rx-SC/DW temp/Rx WL)

### 8. Offsite management such as the use of exposure prediction system etc

### 9. Design considerations for SFP

- Potential of re-criticality of over-moderated SFP
- Location of SFP (Accessibility, Structural integrity, Aeroplane crash)
- Alternative heat removal method (cooling system and UHS)

### 10. Amendment of International safety standards and establishing international expert review of design/SAM (vs. national authority to license), global safety goal

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## For countries considering nuclear power

*Personal observations*

### 1. Establishing safety infrastructure (General)

- International support from IAEA (safety standards, guidelines, INIR review, Safety Convention etc), WANO and international networking
- international peer review on safety by experts
- Starting in the process of national/regional infrastructure building; site selection, human resources
- Establishing national safety standards and safety goal consistent with international standards
- Regional Crisis Management Center with mobile equipments (WANO?)

### 2. Considerations of nuclear liability and compensation mechanism

- International scheme (Paris & Vienna Conventions, CSC (Convention on Supplementary Compensation, regardless of nuclear installations on the nation's territories)

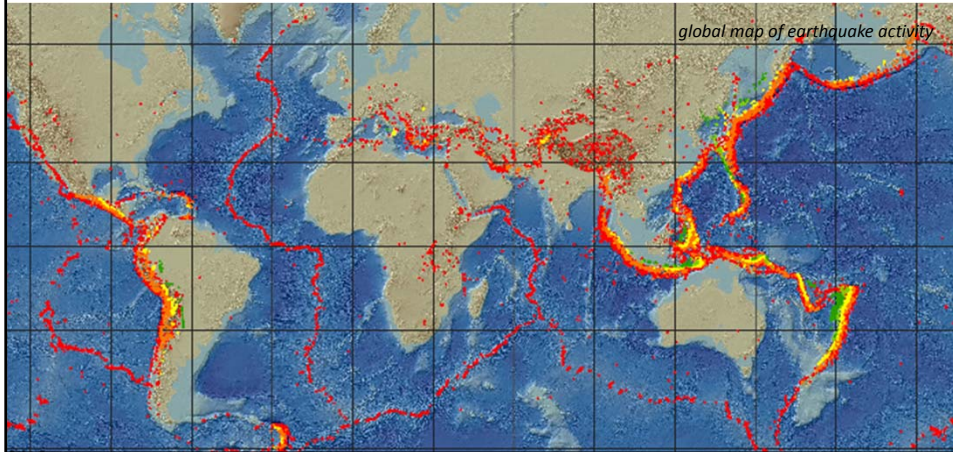
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### For countries considering nuclear power

*Personal observations*

#### 3. Use of PSA as a tool to check vulnerability of the plant by yourself and to address the vulnerability (owner/operator and regulators)

- External events PSA
- In-house PSA engineers (owner/operator)
- PSA-savvy shift safety engineers (operator)



### For countries considering nuclear power

*Personal observations*

#### 4. Preparedness, preparedness and preparedness

- Do not think "It cannot happen here"
- Emergency Plan
- Government's coordinated emergency management (US: FEMA)
- Protective action guidelines (evacuation/sheltering/ingestion control)
- Drill and establish preparedness for unexpected

#### 5. Transparency in safety for confidence-building in the nation & w/neighbors

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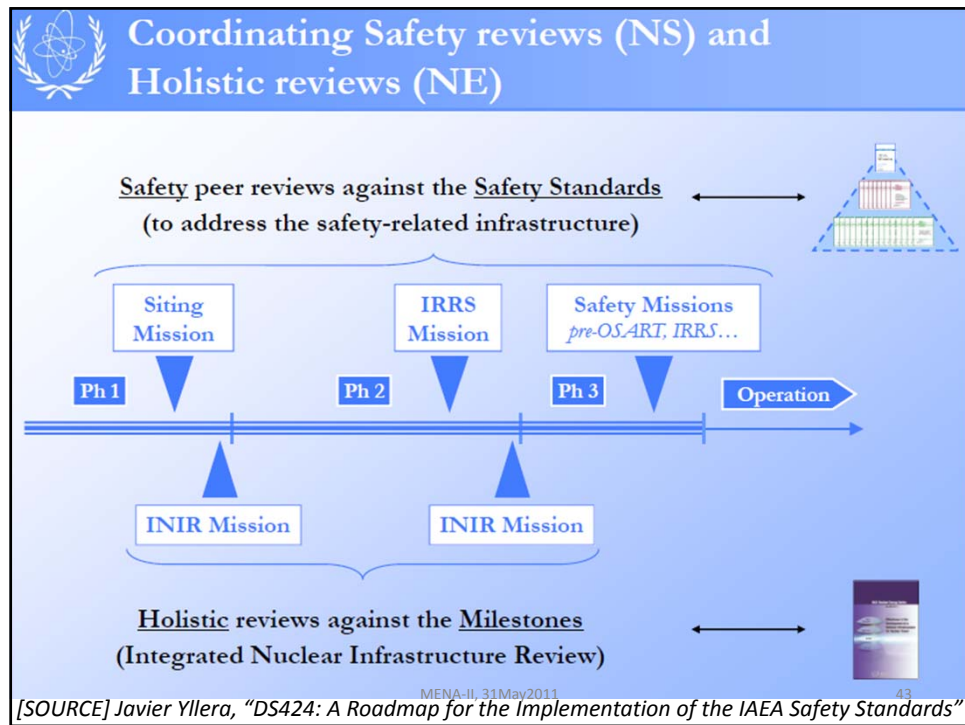
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