

Status of nuclear power plants in Fukushima as of 20:00 March 26 (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
Core and Fuel Integrity (Loaded fuel assemblies)	Damaged (400)	Damaged (548)	Damaged (548)	No fuel rods	Not Damaged (548)	Not Damaged (764)
Reactor Pressure Vessel Integrity	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Not Damaged	Not Damaged	Not Damaged
Containment Vessel Integrity	Not Damaged	Damage Suspected	Not damaged	Not Damaged	Not Damaged	Not Damaged
Core cooling requiring AC power 1 (Large volumetric freshwater injection)	Not Functional	Not Functional	Not Functional	Not necessary	Functional	Functional
Core cooling requiring AC power 2 (Cooling through Heat Exchangers)	Not Functional	Not Functional	Not Functional	Not necessary	Functioning (in cold shutdown)	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 Reactor Pressure Vessel	Fuel exposed partially or fully	Fuel exposed partially or fully	Fuel exposed partially or fully	Safe	Safe	Safe
Pressure / Temperature of the Reactor Pressure Vessel	Slightly decreasing after increase / Decreased after Increase	Unknown	Unknown	Safe	Safe	Safe
Containment Vessel Pressure	Slightly decreasing after increased	Stable	Stable	Safe	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	Not necessary
Water injection to Containment Vessel (AM)	(To be confirmed)	to be decided (Seawater)	(To be confirmed)	Not necessary	Not necessary	Not necessary
Containment Venting (AM)	Temporarily stopped	Temporarily stopped	Temporarily stopped	Not necessary	Not necessary	Not necessary
Fuel Integrity in the spent fuel pool (Stored spent fuel assemblies)	Unknown (292)	Unknown (587)	Possibly damaged (514)	Possibly damaged (1331)	Not Damaged (946)	Not Damaged (876)
Cooling of the spent fuel pool	Water injection to be considered	Seawater Injection conducted in Mar. 20th	Water level low, Seawater spray continue and certain effect was confirmed	Water level low, Seawater spray continue Hydrogen from the pool exploded	Pool cooling capability was recovered	Pool cooling capability was recovered
Main Control Room Habitability & Operability	Poor due to loss of AC power (Lighting working in the control room at unit-1 and 2.)		Poor due to loss of AC power (Lighting working in the control room at unit-3.)		Not damaged (estimate)	
Environmental effect	Radiation level: 170.7 μSv/h at the main gate at 11:00, Mar. 26 146.6 μSv/h at the West gate at 13:30, Mar. 26 Radioactive material was detected from milk and agricultural products from Fukushima and neighboring prefectures. The government issue order to limit shipment for some products from some areas. Radioactive iodine was detected from tap water sampled at some prefecture including Tokyo. Level of iodine in tap water temporarily exceed the provisional legal limit for infant consumption Radioactive Iodine, Cesium, Ruthenium, and Tellurium were detected from seawater sample collected in the sea surrounding the power station. Nuclear Safety Commission of Japan released prediction of radioactive material spread caused by the accident. This prediction was based on the calculation using computer code called SPEEDI (System for Prediction of Environmental Emergency Dose Information).					
Evacuation	20km from NPS * People who live between 20km to 30km from the Fukushima Dai-ichi NPS has to stay indoors.					
INES (estimated by NISA)	Level 5	Level 5	Level 5	Level 3	—	—
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Progress of the work to recover injection function Water injection to the reactor pressure vessel by temporarily pumps were switched from seawater to freshwater at unit-1, 2 and 3, since adverse effect such as erosion is concerned. High radiation makes difficult the work to restore originally installed pumps for injection. (2 workers were sent to the hospital after heavily exposed on March 24.) ●Function of containing radioactive material inside the containment vessel It is presumed that radioactive material inside the reactor vessel would have leaked outside the containment vessel at unit-1 and unit-3, based on the investigation of the water sampled at turbine building. ●Cooling the spent fuel pool Steam like substance rose from the reactor building at unit 1, 2, 3 and 4 is being observed. operation of spraying water to the spent fuel pool is being conducted. 					

[Source]
 Government Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters: News Release (-3/26 14:00), Press conference
 NISA: News Release (-3/26 08:30), Press conference
 TEPCO: Press Release (-3/26), Press Conference

[Significance judged by JAIF]
■ Low
■ High
■ Severe (Need immediate action)

[Abbreviations]
 INES: International Nuclear Event Scale
 NISA: Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency
 TEPCO: Tokyo Electric Power Company, Inc.

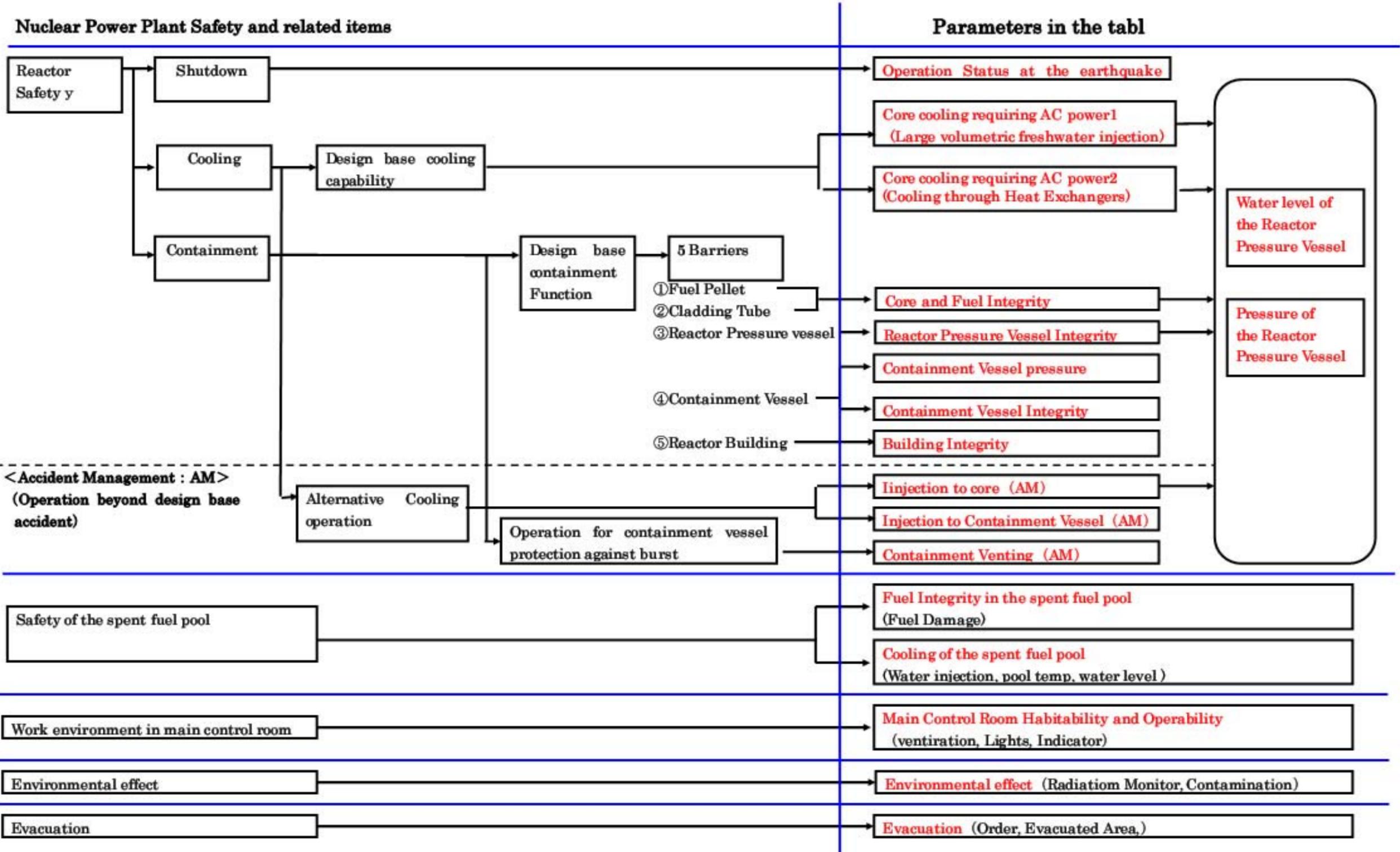
Power Station	Fukushima Dai-ni Nuclear Power Station			
Unit	1	2	3	4
Electric / Thermal Power output (MW)	1100 / 3293			
Type of Reactor	BWR-5	BWR-5	BWR-5	BWR-5
Operation Status at the earthquake occurred	In Service -> Automatic Shutdown			
Status	All the units are in cold shutdown.			
INES (estimated by NISA)	Level 3	Level 3	—	Level 3
Remarks	<p>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. Latest Monitor Indication: 8.9 μ Sv/h at 15:00, Mar. 25 at NPS border Evacuation Area: 10km from NPS</p>			

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	Safe		

Power Station	Tokai Dai-ni	
Operation Status at the earthquake occurred	In Service -> Automatic Shutdown	
Status	In cold shutdown.	
Remarks	Safe	

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.





1. Latest Major Incidents and Actions

<March 25th>

06:45-10:20 Water injection to SFP via reactor water clean up system started in Unit 4

10:30-12:19 Water injection to SFP via reactor water clean up system started in Unit 2

15:37 Water injection to the reactor was switched from seawater to freshwater at unit-1

18:02 Source of water injection to the reactor was switched from seawater to freshwater at unit-3

<March 26th>

10:10 Source of water injection to the reactor was switched from seawater to freshwater at unit-3

2. Chronology of Nuclear Power Stations

(1) Fukushima Dai-ichi NPS

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit-5 and 6
Major Incidents and Actions	11th 15:42 Report IAW Article 10* (Loss of power)	11th 15:42 Report IAW Article 10* (Loss of power)	11th 15:42 Report IAW Article 10* (Loss of power)	14th 04:08 Water temperature in Spent Fuel Storage Pool increased at 84°C	Water temperature in SF Storage Pool is increasing
The Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness	11th 16:36 Event falling under Article 15 occurred (Incapability of water injection by core cooling function)	11th 16:36 Event falling under Article 15* occurred (Incapability of water injection by core cooling function)	13th 05:10 Event falling under Article 15* occurred (Loss of reactor cooling functions)	15th 09:38 Fire occurred on 3rd floor (extinguished spontaneously)	18th Vent hole was opened on the rooftop for avoiding hydrogen explosion
	12th 00:49 Event falling under Article 15* occurred (Abnormal rise of CV pressure)	14th 13:25 Event falling under Article 15* occurred (Loss of reactor cooling functions)	13th 08:41 Start venting	16th 05:45 Fire occurred (extinguished spontaneously)	19th 05:00 RHR-pump in the Unit-5 restarted. 19th 22:14 RHR-pump in the Unit-6 restarted
	12th 14:30 Start venting	14th 16:34 Seawater injection to RPV	13th 13:12 Seawater injection to RPV	Since 20th, operation of spraying water to the spent fuel pool continues.	20th 14:30 Reactor is in cold shutdown mode at Unit-5 20th 19:27 Reactor is in cold shutdown mode at Unit-6
	12th 15:36 Hydrogen explosion	14th 22:50 Report IAW Article 15* (Abnormal rise of CV pressure)	14th 07:44 Event falling under Article 15* occurred (Abnormal rise of CV pressure)	21th 20:00 work to restore external AC power was interrupted after black smoke	22nd switch to external AC power from emergency Diesel generator at unit-5 and 6
	12th 20:20 Seawater injection to RPV	15th 00:00 Start venting	14th 11:01 Hydrogen explosion	22th 10:35 external AC power becomes available	23rd 17:24 Residual Heat Removal pump stopped automatically at unit-5
	22nd 11:20 RPV temperature increased	15th 06:10 Sound of explosion, Suppression Pool damaged	15th 10:22 Radiation dose 400mSv/h		
	Since 23rd, the RPV temperature has been gradually declining. (157.5°C as of 25th 06:00)	15th 08:25 White smoke reeked	16th 06:40, 08:47 Radiation Dose 400mSv		16:14 Residual Heat Removal pump of Unit 5, which had failed, was replaced and then restarted at unit-5
	24th 10:55 White, steam-like smoke emerged	20th 15:05, operation of seawater injection to the spent fuel pool was conducted	16th 08:34, 10:00 White smoke reeked		
	24th 11:30 lights in the main control room becomes available	21st 18:22 White, steam-like smoke erupted from the top of the reactor building.	Since 17th, operation of spraying water to the spent fuel pool continues.		
	25th 15:37 Freshwater injection to the reactor started.	22nd 16:07-17:01 Water injection to SFP was conducted (about 18 tons).	21 15:55 Slightly gray smoke erupted (18:02 settled)		
		25th 09:00 There is a trace that indicates water had flown from R/B to general drain via carry-in entrance.	23rd 16:20 Black smoke erupted from Unit 3 (It was confirmed that the smoke had settled around 23:30)		
		26th 10:10 Freshwater injection to the reactor started.	25th 18:02 Freshwater injection to the reactor started.		
	Major Data	Water level (26th 09:30) (A) -1650mm (B) -1600mm	Water level (26th 10:40) -1100mm	Water level (26th 10:00) (A) -1800mm, (B) -2300mm	Water temperature of SFP (24th 11:00) (immeasurable)
	Reactor pressure (A) 0.353MPaG, (B) 0.360MPaG (26th 05:00) (A) 0.376MPaG, (B) 0.360MPaG (26th 09:30)	Reactor pressure (26th 10:40) (A) -0.014MPaG, (B) -0.016MPaG	Reactor pressure (26th 10:00) (A) 0.038MPaG, (B) -0.101MPaG		Water temperature of RPV Unit 5 38.6°C (25th 20:00) 30.3°C (26th 06:00) 36.5°C (26th 11:00)
	CV pressure 0.270MPaabs (26th 05:00) 0.270MPaabs (26th 09:30)	CV pressure (26th 10:40) 0.115MPaabs	CV pressure (26th 10:00) 0.1066MPaabs		
		Water temperature of SFP (26th 9:30) 57°C			

*SFP: Spent Fuel Storage Pool
EDG: Emergency Diesel Generator
RPV: Reactor Pressure Vessel
R/B: Reactor Building

(2) Fukushima Dai-ni NPPs

All units are cold shutdown (Unit-1, 2, 4 have been recovered from a event falling under Article 15*)

3. State of Emergency Declaration

11th 19:03 State of nuclear emergency was declared (Fukushima Dai-ni NPS)

12th 07:45 State of nuclear emergency was declared (Fukushima Dai-ichi NPS)

4. Evacuation Order

11th 21:23 PM direction: for the residents within 3km radius from Fukushima I to evacuate, within 10km radius from Fukushima I to stay in-house

12th 05:44 PM direction: for the residents within 10km radius from Fukushima I to evacuate

12th 17:39 PM direction: for the residents within 10km radius from Fukushima II to evacuate

12th 18:25 PM direction: for the residents within 20km radius from Fukushima I to evacuate

15th 11:06 PM direction: for the residents within 20-30km radius from Fukushima I to stay in-house

Status of the Nuclear Power Plants after the Earthquake

The accident that brings environmental impact is going on at several units in Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power Station after the earthquake occurred on March 11th. Other nuclear power plants in Japan are in normal operation or safely shutdown.

