

# ***Planning for Emergency Worker and Public Radiation Protection***

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# Emergency Planning Purpose

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**Failing to PLAN means PLANNING to Fail?**



# Useful Reference Documents

- [NCRP Report No. 52](#), *Cs-137 from the Environment to Man: Metabolism and Dose*
- [NCRP Report No. 109](#), *Effects of Ionizing Radiation on Aquatic Organisms*
- [NCRP Report No. 116](#), *Limitation of Exposure to Ionizing Radiation*
- [NCRP Report No. 154](#), *Cs-137 in the Environment: Radioecology and Approaches to Assessment and Management*
- [NCRP Report No. 159](#), *Risk to the Thyroid from Ionizing Radiation*
- [NCRP Report No. 161](#), *Management of Persons Contaminated with Radionuclides*



# Useful Reference Documents (cont'd)

- **[Commentary No. 10](#), *Advising the Public about Radiation Emergencies***
- **[Commentary No. 19](#), *Key Elements of Preparing Emergency Responders for Nuclear and Radiological Terrorism***







# Topics to Address

Texts should be available to convey basic facts, *i.e.*, potential hazards and options for radiation protection. Other recommended topics include the following:

- description of radiation types
- radiation sources
- interactions of radiation with matter
- radionuclide generation
- radioactive decay
- environmental movement of radioactive materials
- modes of exposure (external, inhalation, ingestion)
- behavior of radiation radioactive materials within the body
- levels of measurable effects on humans and the environment
- limitation of exposure by time, distance and shielding

# Exposure Pathways

## (Data Collection Objectives)

(Not all pathways may be of concern. Prioritize target pathways to fit budget.)

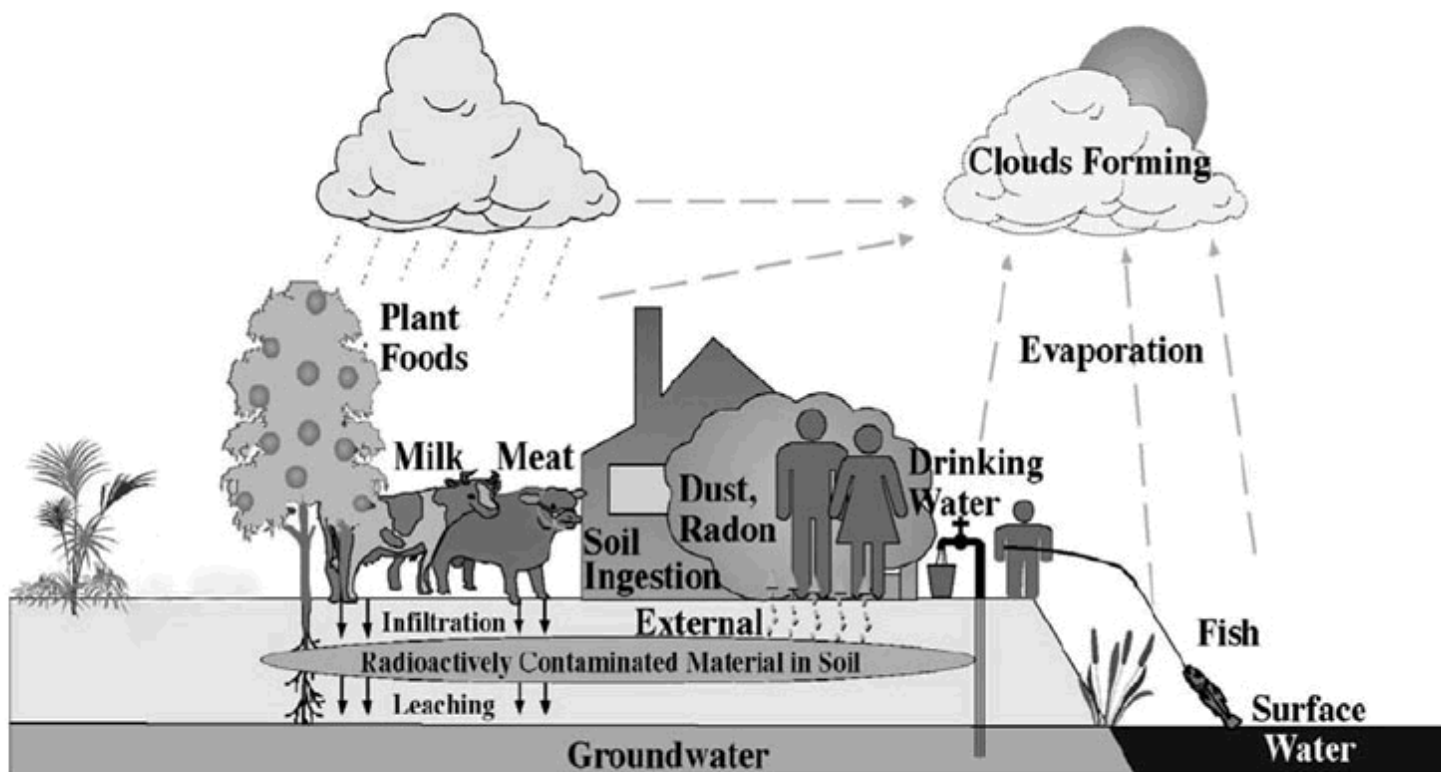


FIGURE 1.1 Exposure Pathways Considered in RESRAD



# Exposure Pathways

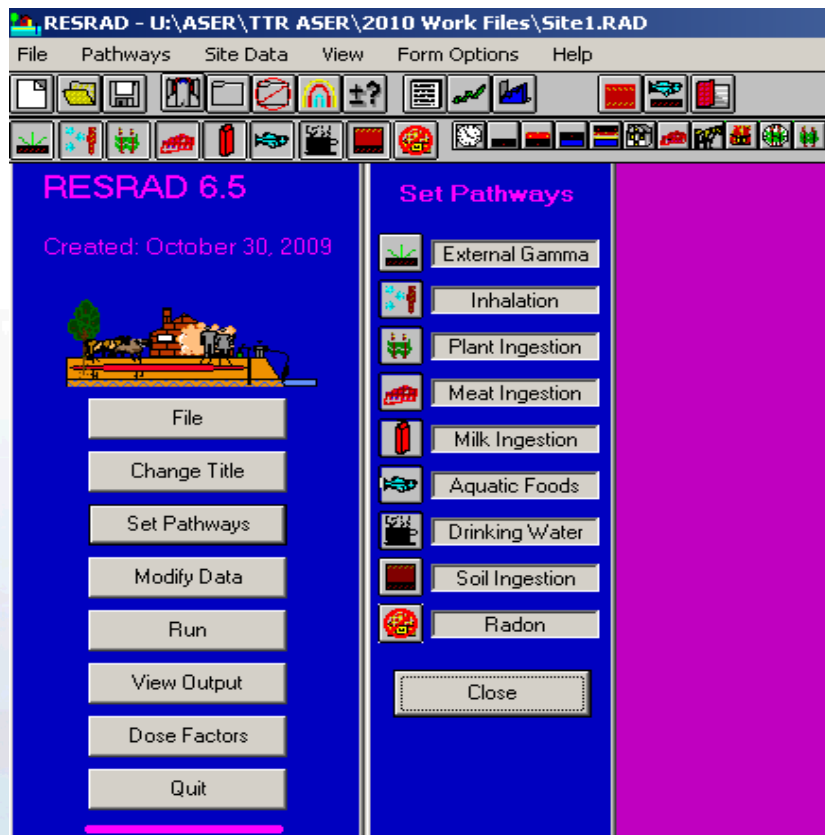
## (Data Collection Objectives)

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- **Direct exposure to external radiation from the contaminated soil material;**
- **Internal dose from inhalation of airborne radionuclides, including radon progeny; and**
- **Internal dose from ingestion of**
  - Plant foods grown in the contaminated soil and irrigated with contaminated water,
  - Meat and milk from livestock fed with contaminated fodder and water,
  - Drinking water from a contaminated well or water body,
  - Fish or shellfish from a contaminated water body, and
  - Contaminated soil.

# Related Input Parameters Needed

- Seafood Consumption Rates
- Meat / Dairy / Vegetable Consumption



» Many Others (RESRAD provides default values than can be overridden by user.)

» <http://web.ead.anl.gov/resrad/home2/>



# Example of RESRAD Parameters

**Ingestion Pathway, Dietary Data**

Fruit, vegetable, and grain consumption:	160	kilograms/year
Leafy vegetable consumption:	14	kilograms/year
Milk consumption:	92	liters/year
Meat and poultry consumption:	63	kilograms/year
Fish consumption:	5.4	kilograms/year
Other seafood consumption:	.9	kilograms/year
Soil ingestion:	36.5	grams/year
Drinking water intake:	510	liters/year

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Contaminated fractions

Drinking water:	1
Household water:	1
Livestock water:	1
Irrigation water:	1
Aquatic food:	.5
Plant food:	-1
Meat:	-1
Milk:	-1

**Cover and Contaminated Zone Hydrological Data**

Cover depth:	0	meters
Density of cover material:	1.5	grams/cm <sup>3</sup>
Cover erosion rate:	.001	meters/year

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Density of contaminated zone:	1.5	grams/cm <sup>3</sup>
Contaminated zone erosion rate:	.001	meters/year
Contaminated zone total porosity:	.4	
Contaminated zone field capacity:	.2	
Contaminated zone hydraulic conductivity:	10	meters/year
Contaminated zone b parameter:	5.3	

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Humidity in air:	8	grams/m <sup>3</sup>
Evapotranspiration coefficient:	.5	
Wind Speed:	2	meters/s
Precipitation:	1	meters/year
Irrigation:	.2	meters/year
Irrigation mode:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Overhead <input type="radio"/> Ditch	
Runoff coefficient:	.2	
Watershed area for nearby stream or pond:	1000000	square meters
Accuracy for water/soil computations:	.001	

**Source**

Radiological Units

Activity:   Dose:   Basic Radiation Dose Limit:  mrem/yr

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Nuclide Concentration:  pCi/g Nuclide List:

Ac-227	0	<input type="button" value="Add Nuclide"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Nuclide"/> <input type="button" value="Transport"/> <input type="button" value="OK"/>	Pu-241
Co-60	100		Pu-242
Cs-137	100		Pu-244
H-3	100		Ra-226
Pa-231	0		<b>Ra-228</b>
Pb-210	0		Rb-87
Pu-239	100		Re-186m
Ra-226	100		Re-187
U-235	0		Rh-101

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Perform Uncertainty or Probabilistic Analysis on Transfer Factor

**Occupancy, Inhalation, and External Gamma Data**

Inhalation rate:	8400	m <sup>3</sup> /year
Mass loading for inhalation:	.0001	grams/m <sup>3</sup>
Exposure duration:	30	years
Indoor dust filtration factor:	.4	
External gamma shielding factor:	.7	
Indoor time fraction:	.5	
Outdoor time fraction:	.25	
Shape of the contaminated zone:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Circular <input type="radio"/> Non-Circular <input type="button" value="Shape"/>	





# Source Term Considerations

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- **Bushehr Reactor in Iran 400 km N**
- **Braka Reactors in UAE 240 km miles SE**
- **Ocean Currents?**
- **Meteorological Patterns?**
- **Source depletion with distance?**
- **Water release?**
- **Air Release?**

# Nuclear Facilities in Gulf Region





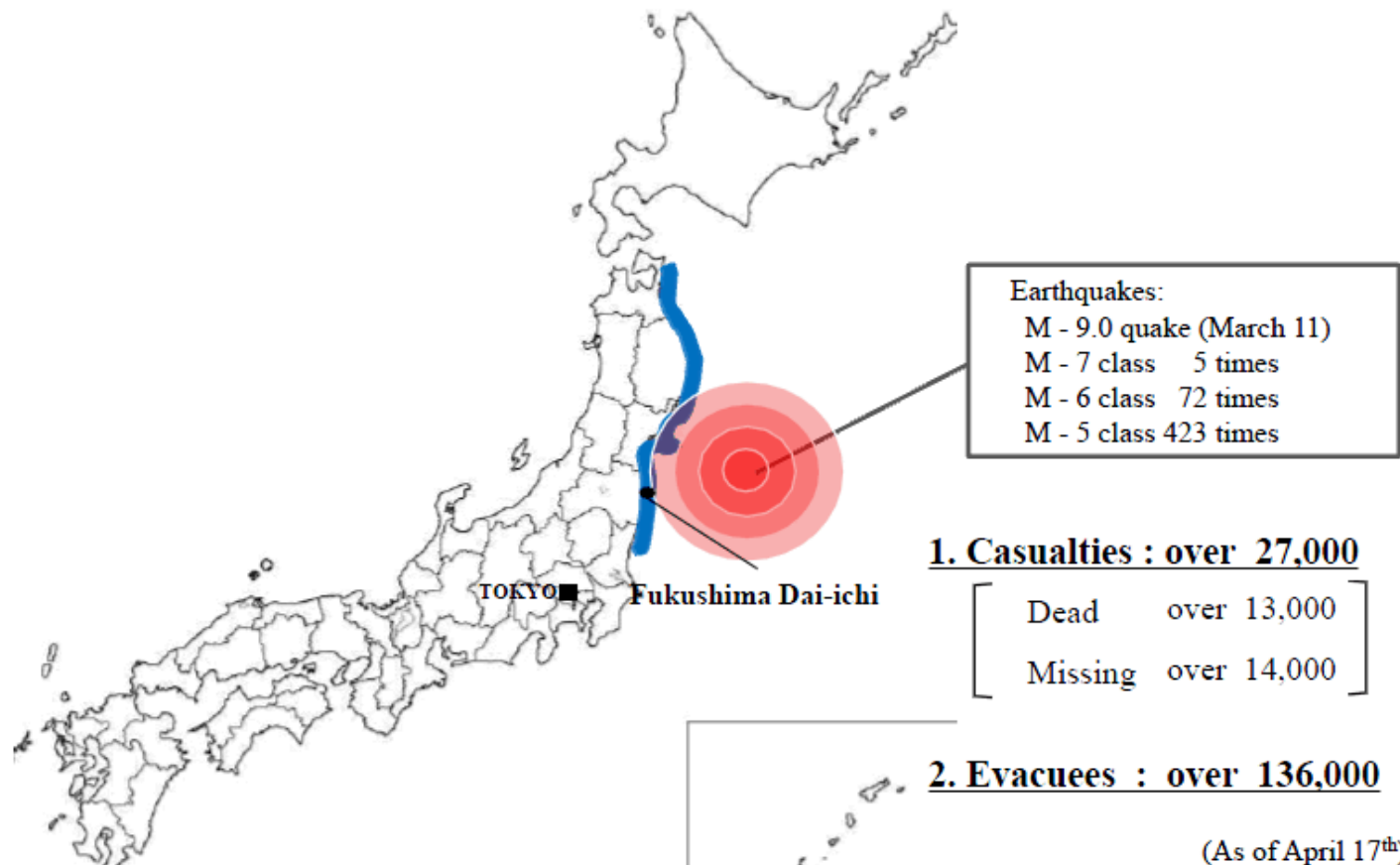
# A Real World Example

The M9.0 Tohoku  
Earthquake and Tsunami of 11 March 2011  
Impact on the Fukushima Nuclear Power Station



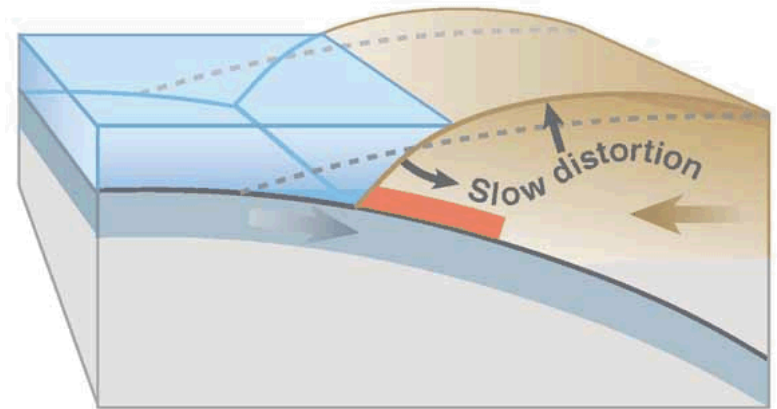
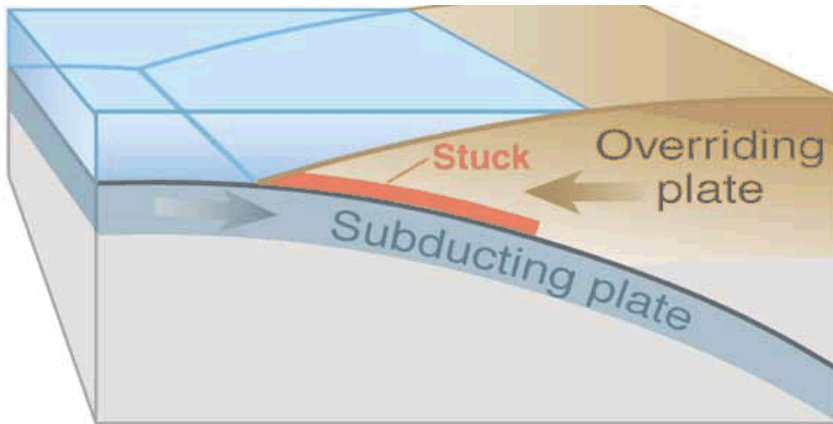
# Fukushima Overview

## A. Japan Faces an Unprecedented Challenge (Enormous Earthquake, Tsunamis and Nuclear Accident)

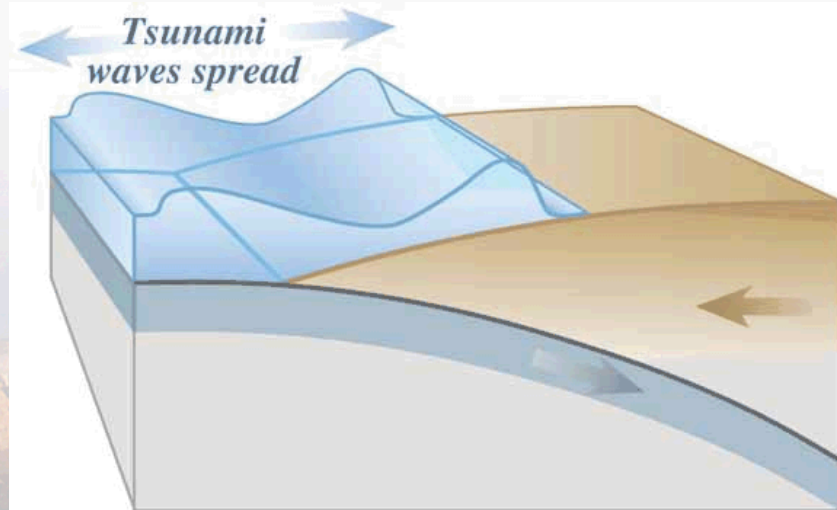
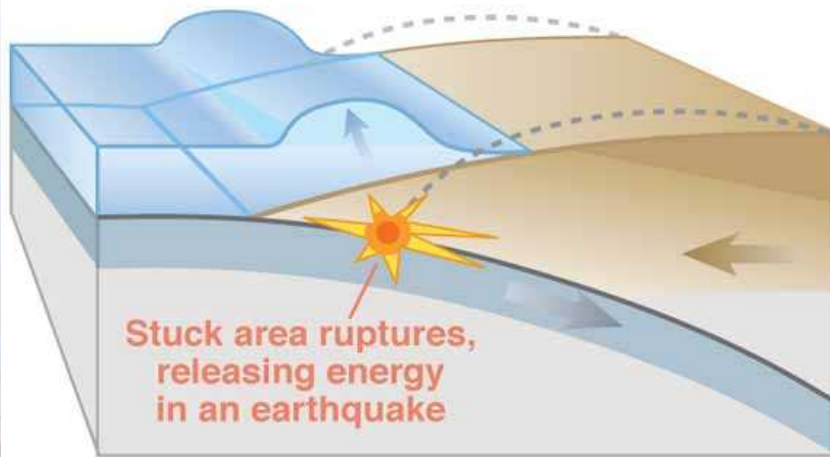


# Tsunami Generation

Note: These are **WEST** coast U.S. schematics. Reverse for Japan Tohoku quake.

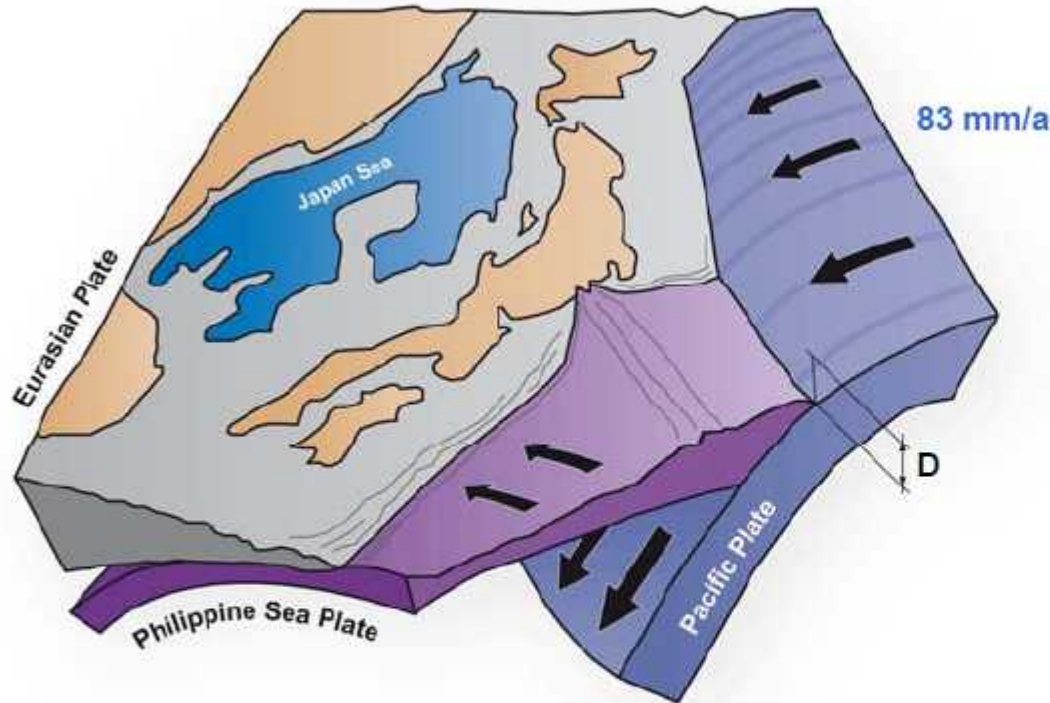


*Earthquake starts tsunami*





# Tohoku-Taiheiyou-Oki Earthquake

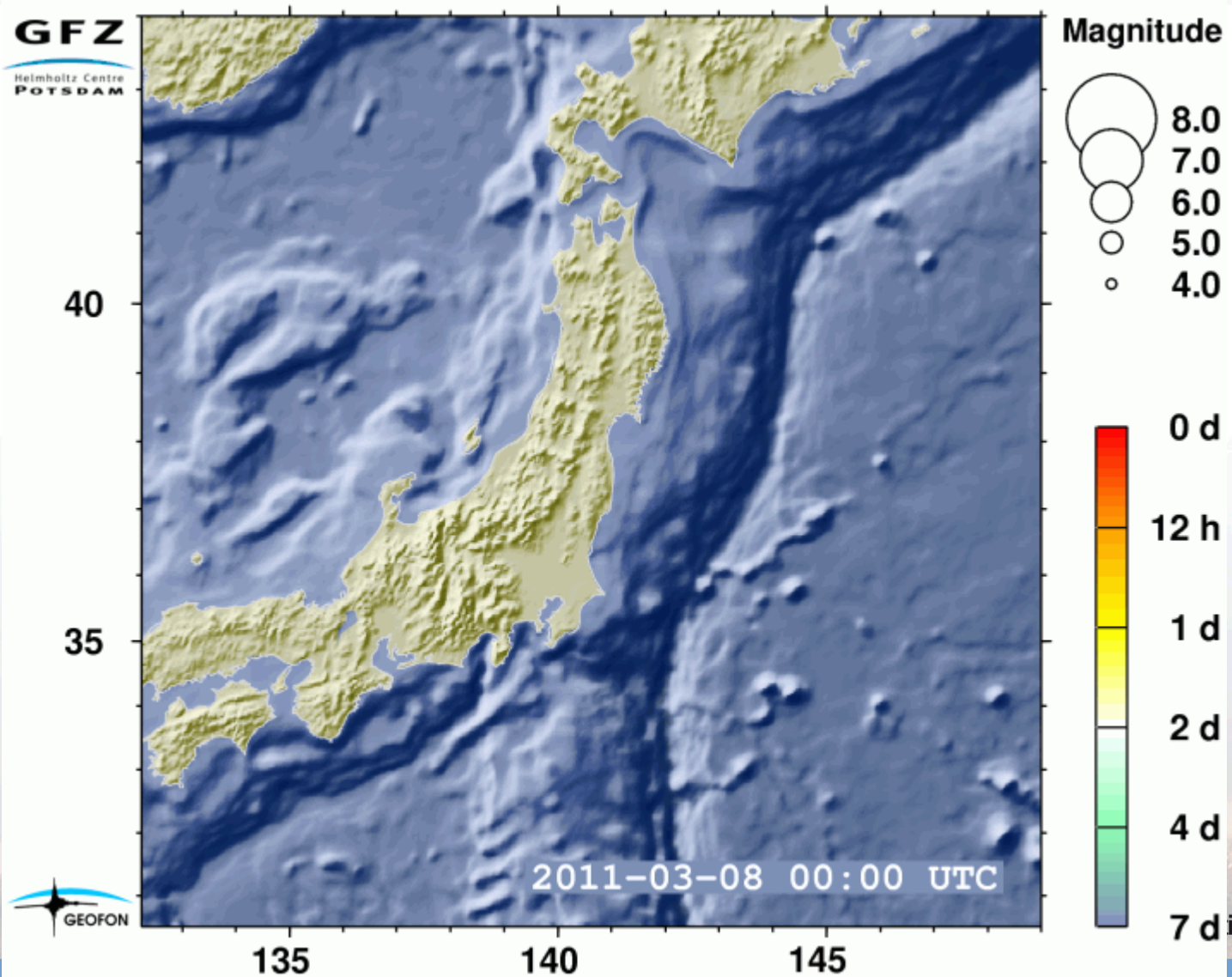


- ▶ **Vertical Displacement**  
 $D \approx 7$  to  $10$  m
- ▶ **Peak Displacement**  
 $D_{\max} \approx 17$  to  $25$  m <sup>1)</sup>
- ▶ **Rupture Zone**  
 $A \approx 500$  km x  $100$  km
- ▶ **Hypo Center Depth**  
 $Z_H \approx 20$  to  $25$  km
- ▶ **Crack Velocity**  
 $v \approx 2$  km/s
- ▶ **Water Depth**  
 $Z \approx 8$  km

- ▶ **Rough Estimate of Water Volume Involved**  
 $V \approx A \cdot \frac{1}{4} D \approx 500$  km  $\cdot$   $100$  km  $\cdot$   $2,5$  m =  $125$  km<sup>3</sup>

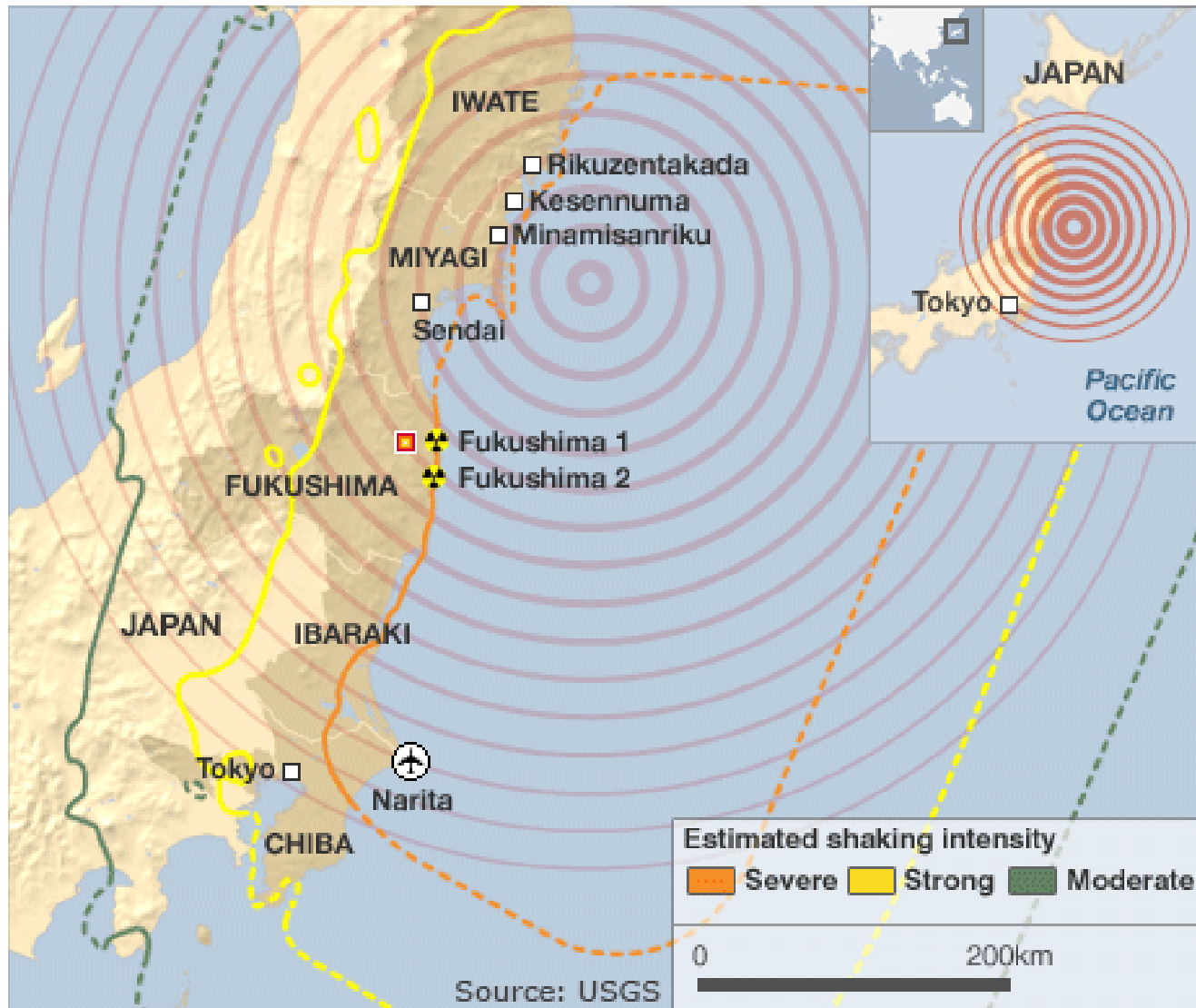
- ▶ **Consequence:** Sudden displacement of a huge water volume ▶ **Tsunami.**

# Seismicity Animation



# Map View of Area

## Areas affected by the quake







# Tsunami Statistics

- **Original Design Basis was ~3 meters based on 1900 Chile earthquake/tsunami**
- **Upgrade in 2000 to 6 meters based on more modern data**
- **Actual 3/11/11 tsunami was 14 meters!**
- **Ground level at Fukushima Dai-ichi in 10 meters.**
- **You can't out guess Mother Nature?**



# **Fukushima Event Evolution**



# “Before Earthquake” Photo





## **All Emergency Shutdown Systems WORKED (Initially)**

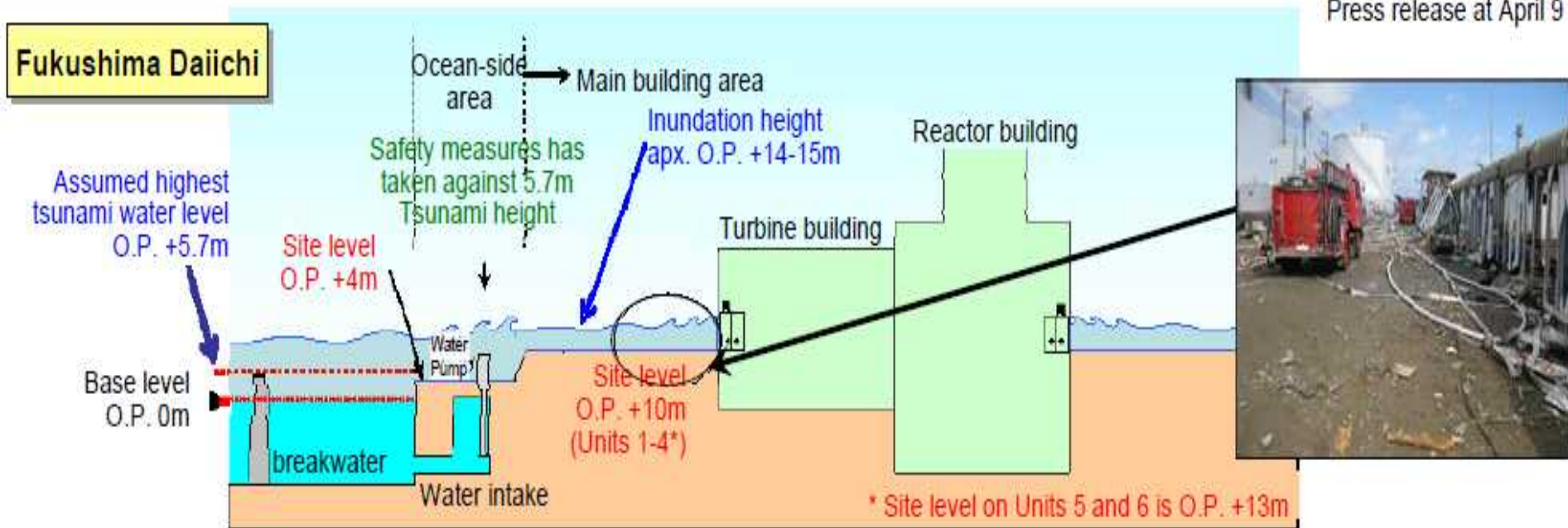
- **Reactors Automatically Shut Down**
- **Emergency Core Cooling Initiated**
- **All Systems Under Control**

## **Post-quake Tsunami Hits Coast**

- **Massive Damage**
- **Destroys Electric Power Grid (which supplied power for “routine” plant operations)**
- **Emergency Diesel Generators Started, as Designed**
  - **HOWEVER, tsunami washed diesel fuel storage tanks away! Pumps ran ~ 8 hrs on battery backup.**

# Height of Tsunami

Press release at April 9



O.P. : Onahama bay construction base level





## Incoming Tsunami





# Tsunami Floodwater









# The Nightmare Unfolds

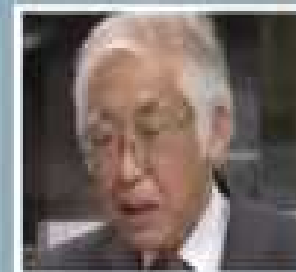
Had the (electric) ventilation fans been working, most/all of hydrogen gas generation would have gone out the tall stack shown in the following picture(s).

# View of explosion / Steam venting

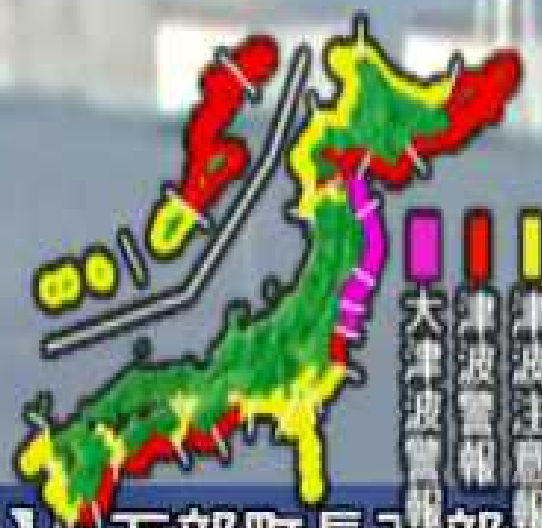
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福島第一原発  
炉心 溶融の可能性

福島第一原発  
午後3時半ごろ



津波情報



道路

小牧市錦岡一室蘭市東町【37号】長万部町長万部一黒松内E



# Monday, March 14

**Monday's blast destroyed the containment building but the reactor is still intact. Japanese officials also said cooling systems have failed at a third reactor.**



In this image made off NTV/NNN Japan television footage, smoke ascends from the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant's Unit 3 in Okumamachi, Fukushima Prefecture, northern Japan, March 14. The second hydrogen explosion in three days rocked Japan's stricken nuclear plant Monday, sending a massive column of smoke into the air and wounding 11 workers.

NTV/NNN Japan/AP

# View of explosion / Steam venting











**Emergency Generator  
Diesel Tanks GONE!**



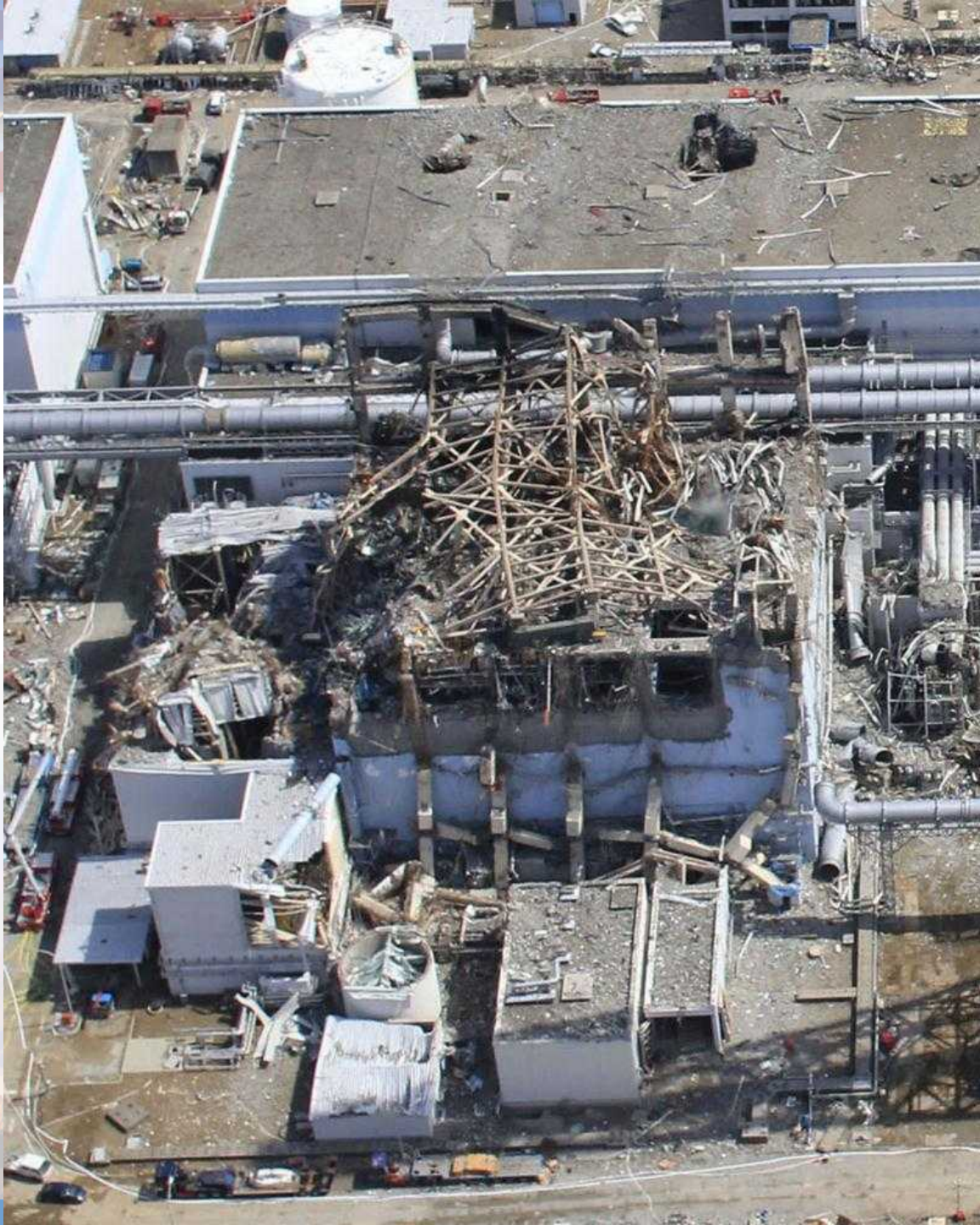
**Before Explosion**



**After Explosion**












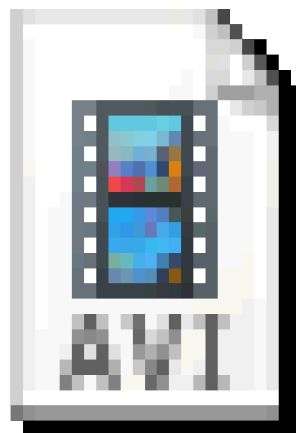




# Explosion Damage



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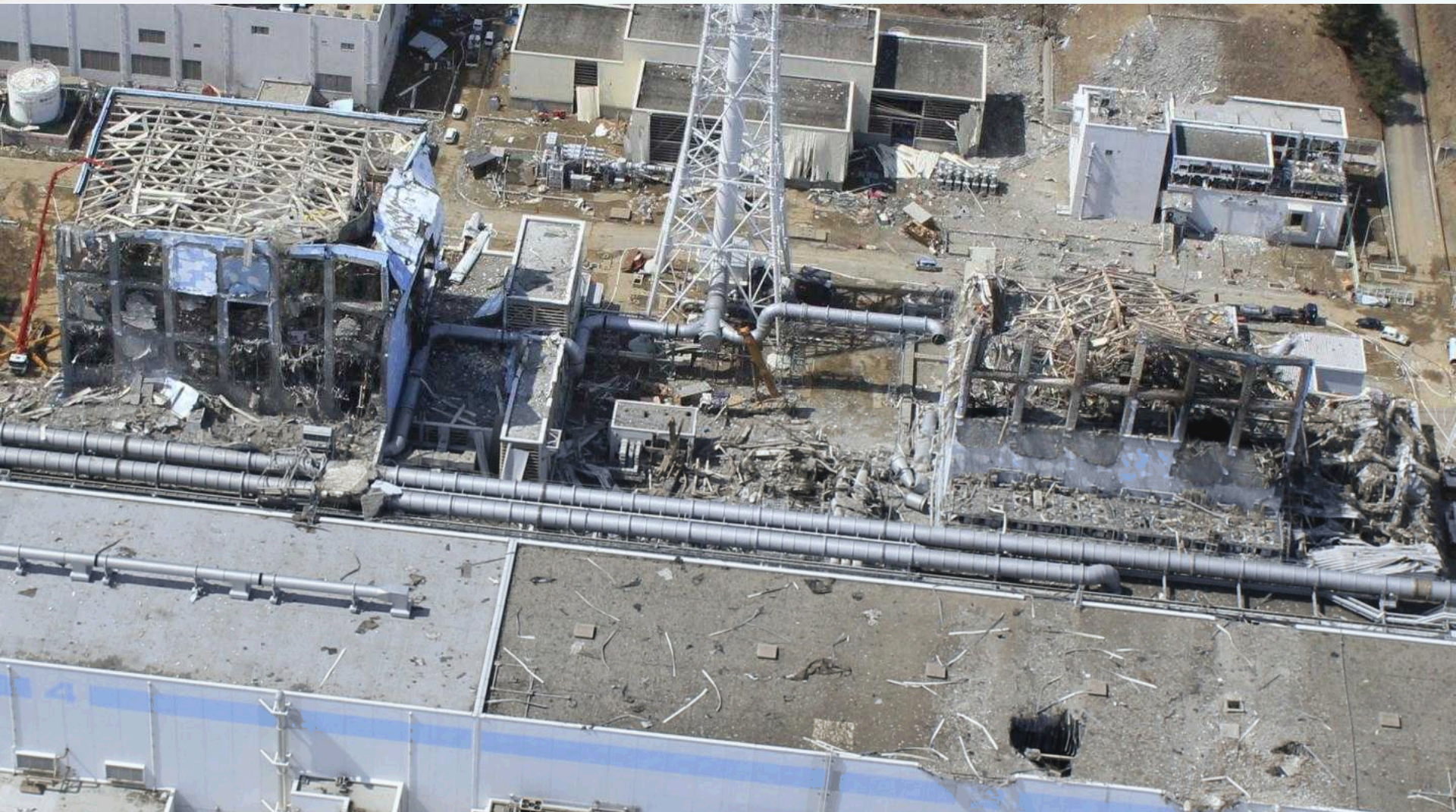
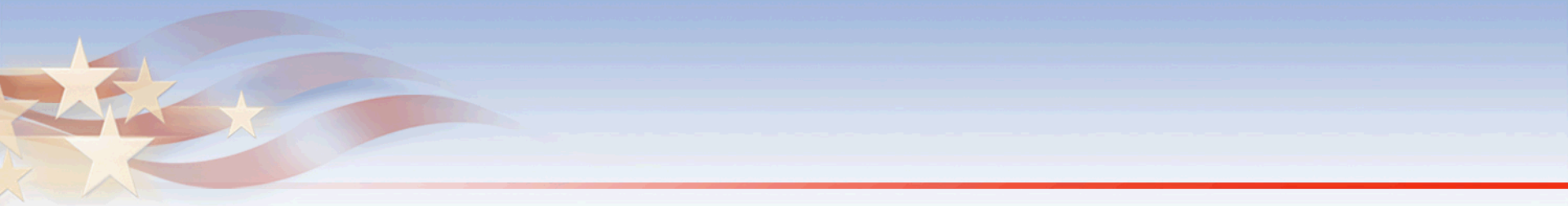




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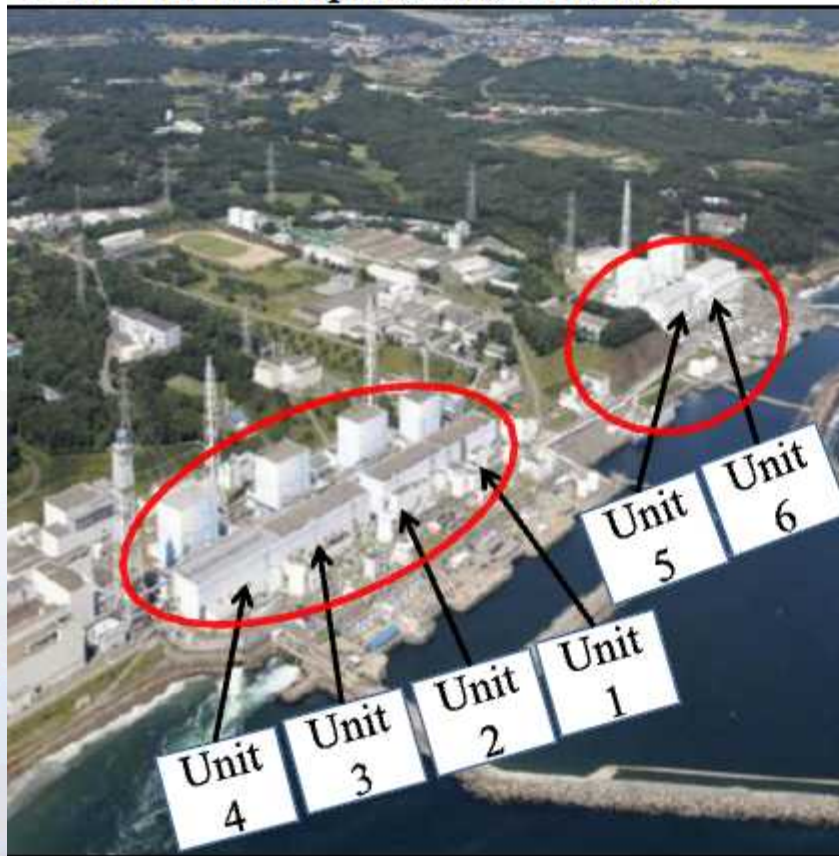




### 3. Nuclear Power Stations

## Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station

Before the Earthquake and Tsunamis



TEPCO

After the Earthquake and Tsunamis



Air Photo Service Inc (Myoko, Niigata Japan)



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# FUKUSHIMA DAIICHI

Switchyard for Reactor  
Units 5 and 6

Reactor Unit 6

Diesel generator  
building

Reactor Unit 5

Fukushima Daiichi, Reactor Unit 5 and Reactor Unit 6,  
no blast or fire damage observed

18 MAR 2011, 10:19am local time



- The Government took measures such as taking shelters or evacuation as follows based on the reports from Fukushima Daiichi & Daini

**Fri, 11 March**

- 14:46 The earthquake occurred
- 19:03 Emergency Declaration by the Gov't (Daiichi)
- 21:23 3 km radius evacuation (Daiichi)
- 10 km radius taking shelter (Daiichi)

**Sat, 12 March**

- 5:44 10 km radius evacuation (Daiichi)
- 7:45 3 km radius evacuation (Daini)
- 10 km radius taking shelter (Daini)
- 17:39 10 km radius evacuation directed by the PM (Daini)
- 18:25 20 km radius evacuation directed by the PM (Daiichi)

**Tue, 15 March**

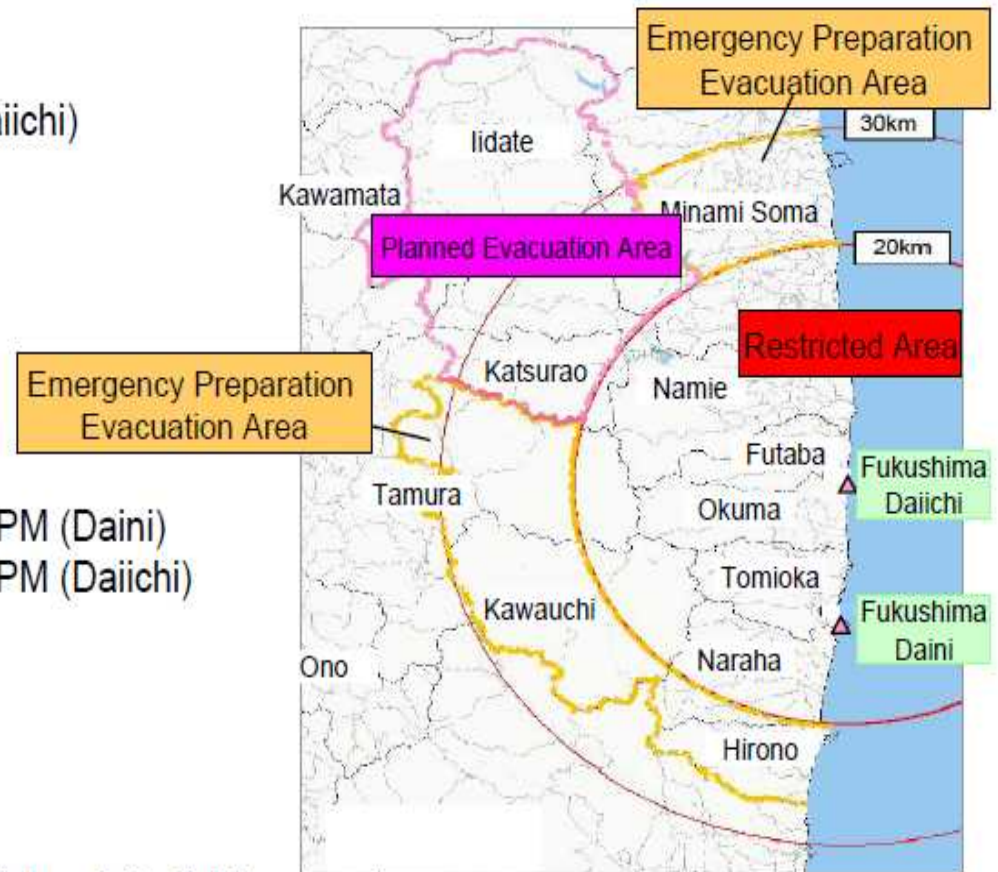
- 11:00 20-30 km radius taking shelter (Daiichi)

**Thu, 21 April**

- 11:00 20 km radius is designated as "Restricted Area" (Daiichi)

**Fri, 22 April**

- 9:44 20-30 km radius taking shelter has been lifted (Daiichi)
- Establishment of "Planned Evacuation Area" and "Emergency Preparation Area"

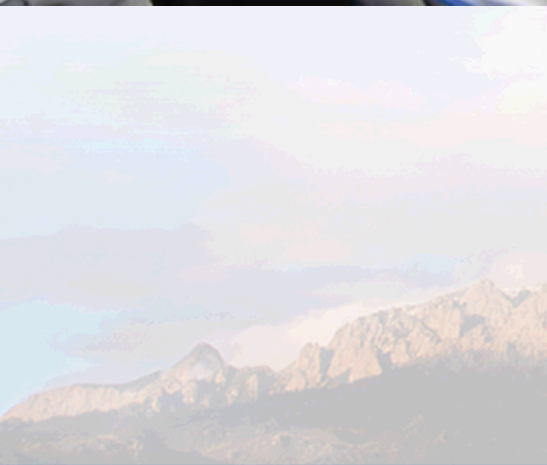


Source: NISA website



# Fire Trucks









# EOC Staff Activities





# Radiation Worker Dose Limits

- **50 mSv/yr (routine operations)**
- **250 mSv (once-in-lifetime Voluntary Emergency Exposure)**
  
- **Most-exposed emergency workers (3) received ~170 mSv**

## Health Effects of Radiation from Japanese Reactor Leaks

By Blaine N. Howard, Radiological Physicist

There are two types of health effects of radiation -- short term and long term.

The **short term** effects include **radiation sickness** and **death**.

The **long term** effects include **cancer**.

The Japanese emergency workers are the only people who receive significant amounts of radiation. For this emergency, the exposure limit has been raised from 100 mSv to 250 mSv which still prevents them from the danger of short term radiation effects. See Figure 1.

Thus, there should be no short term radiation health effects in Japan.

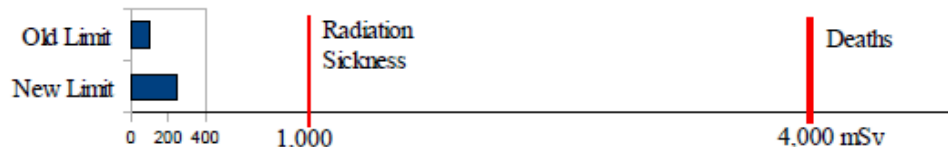


Figure 1. Emergency Worker Limits and Short Term Effects

Some claim that all radiation increases the risk of getting cancer. This is not in agreement with good radiological science. The General Accounting Office states it this way.

*"According to a consensus of scientists, there is a **lack of conclusive evidence** of low level radiation effects below total exposures of about 5,000 to 10,000 millirem." [50 to 100 mSv]*

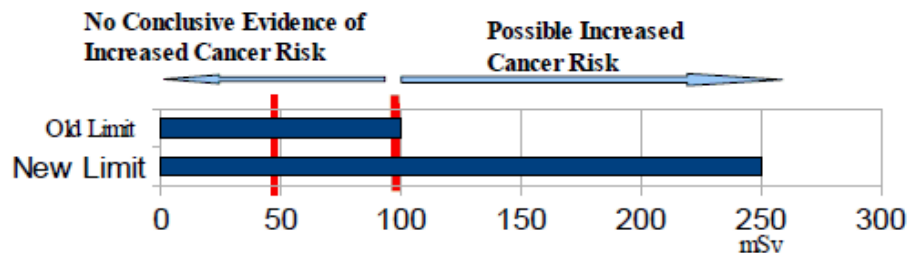


Figure 2. Emergency Worker Limits and Long Term Radiation Effects.

The emergency workers are likely to be at an increased risk of dying from cancer. See Figure 2. The Linear No Threshold (LNT) model may be used to calculate an upper limit of the expected risk. This calculation for a worker exposed to 250 mSv gives a 0.5% increase risk of dying from cancer. Since cancer deaths normally account for about 25% of all deaths and vary each year, an additional 0.5% would probably not be observable.

At the current levels of radiation, it is unlikely for persons outside the exclusion area to receive 50 mSv even if the levels persist for a year. This includes external radiation and internal radiation from ingestion or inhalation of radioisotopes. Japanese officials are monitoring these levels. About April 12, they expanded the evacuation zone to include areas where there is a risk of more than 20 mSv annual dosage.

Thus, no significant increase in cancer risk among the public is expected.

**The danger of low dose radiation is very much exaggerated.**

*If the Japanese should not worry, why should we?*





# Cancer Thoughts

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- **25% of people alive will GET cancer in lifetime**
- **20% of people alive will DIE from cancer (all causes)**
- **Additional risk of dying from cancer for most-exposed workers went from 20% to 20.1%**



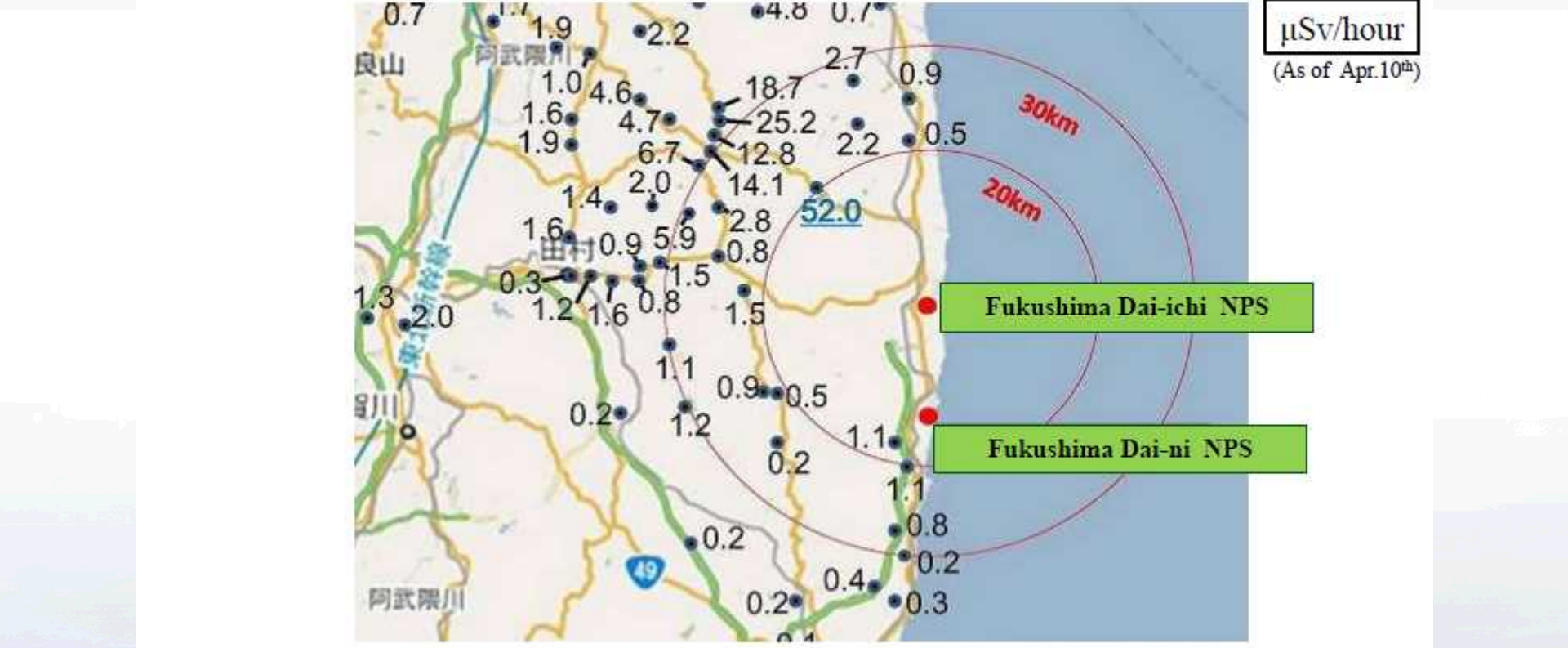
# Civilian Radiation Dose Limits

- **5 mSv/yr (routine operations)**
- **20 mSv (Emergency)**



### 3. Nuclear Power Stations

#### Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station



20 km radius of the plant and other designated areas	→ to evacuate
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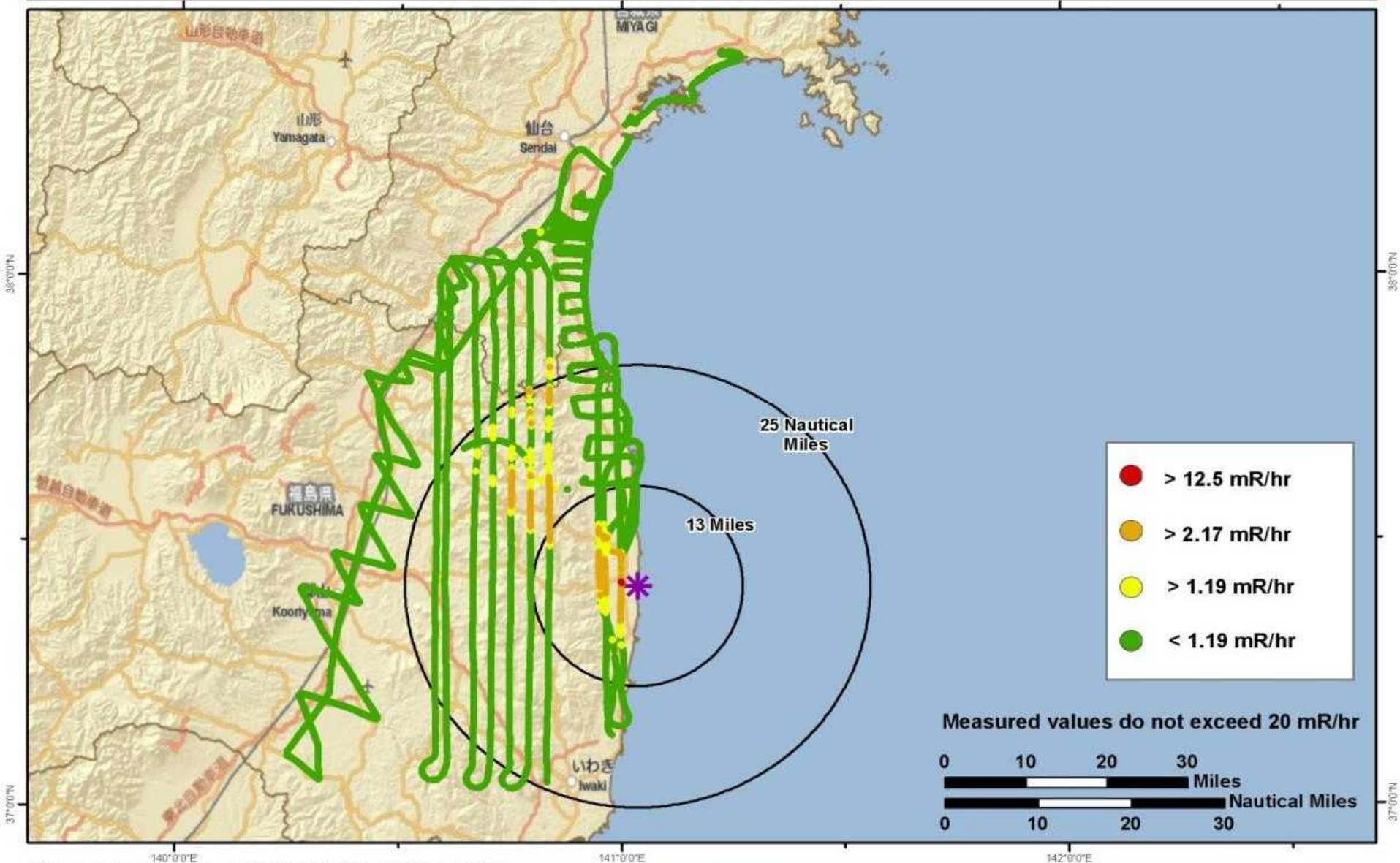
# Aerial Measuring System (AMS) [NNSA]

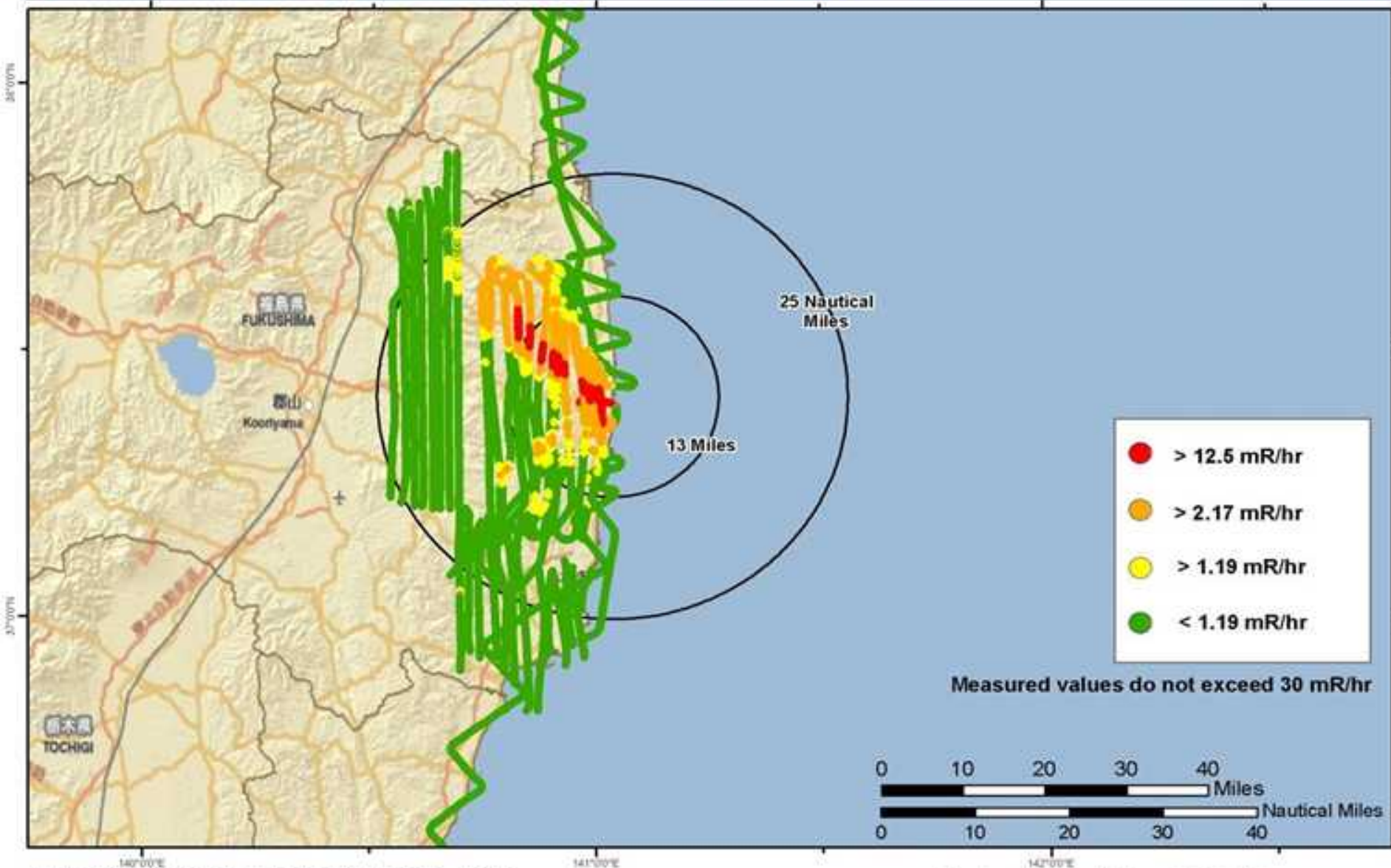


**In the event of an accident or incident involving radiological materials, NNSA, in consultation with state and other federal agencies, will deploy AMS immediately to the incident site and operations are as follows:**

- Fixed-wing aircraft is deployed with the radiation detection system to collect information and determine the location of ground contamination.
- Helicopters to perform detailed surveys of ground contamination.
- NNSA scientists are then able to rapidly develop maps of the radiological materials deposited on the ground and the potential radiation exposure to personnel in the affected areas. This information gives emergency response officials information necessary to effectively respond to the emergency.





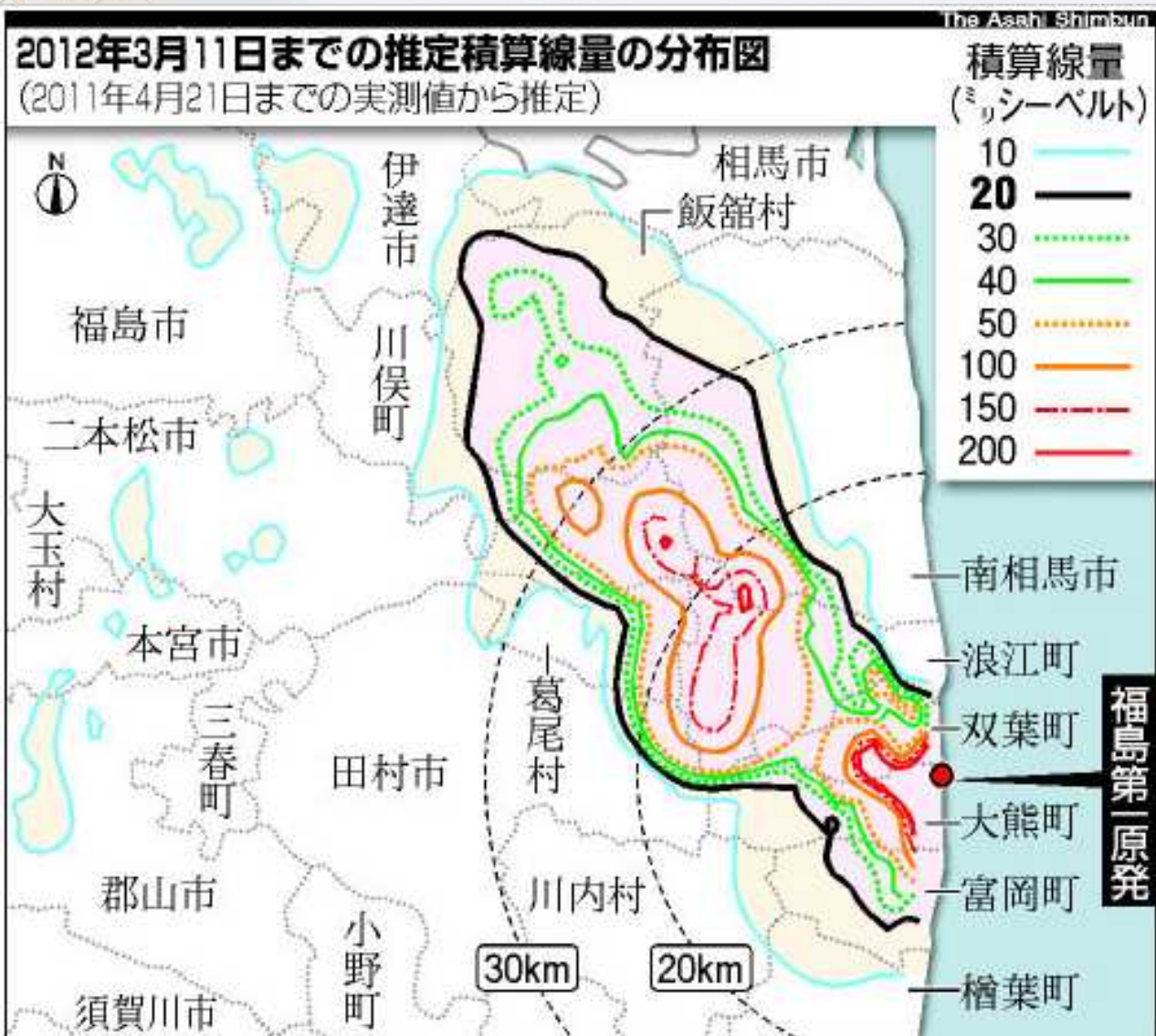


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Nuclear Incident Team DOE NIT



# Fukushima Environmental Radiation Contours

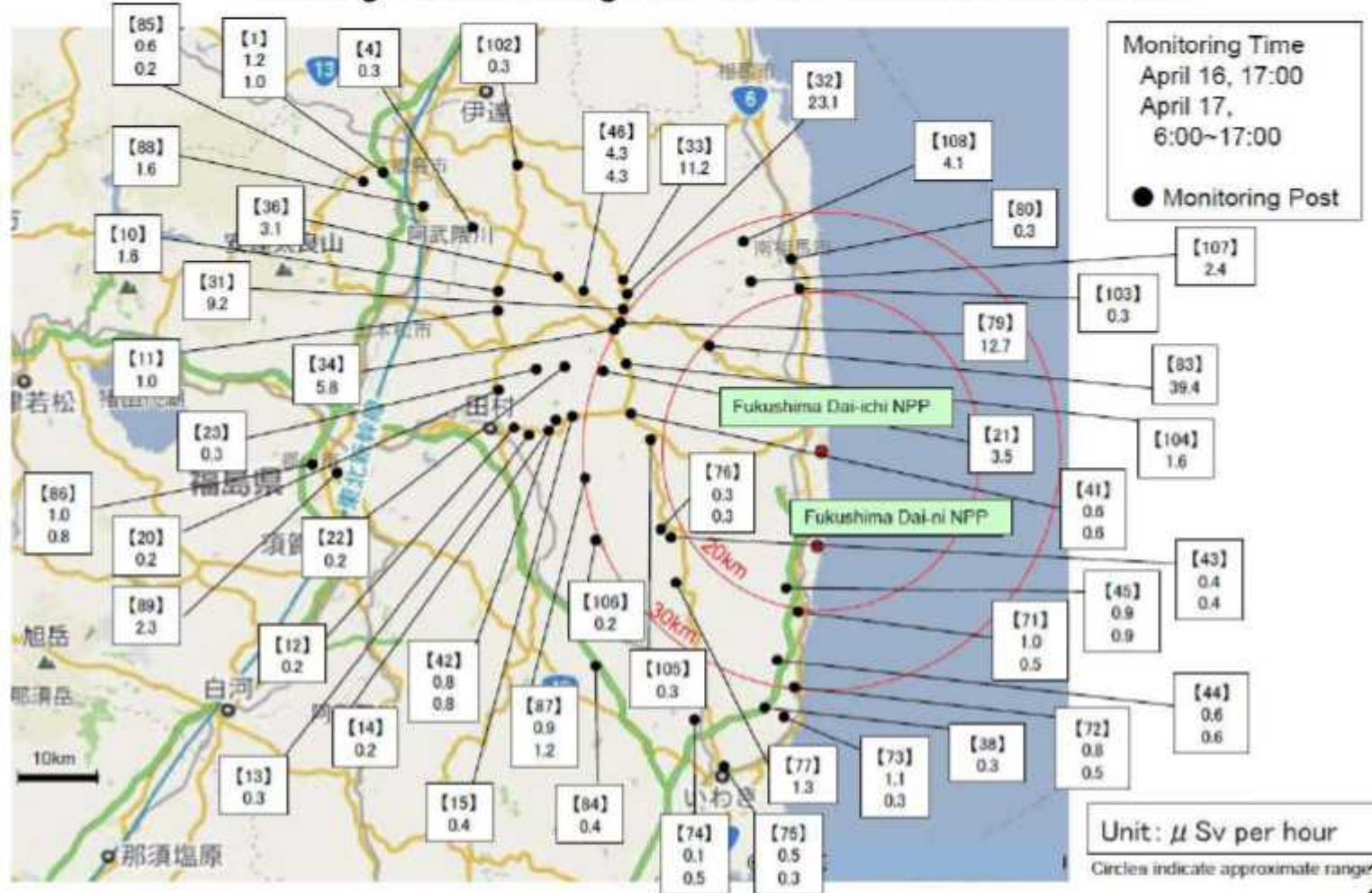


Dose Contours = mSv/year

Assumes 8-hr/day  
outdoor exposure

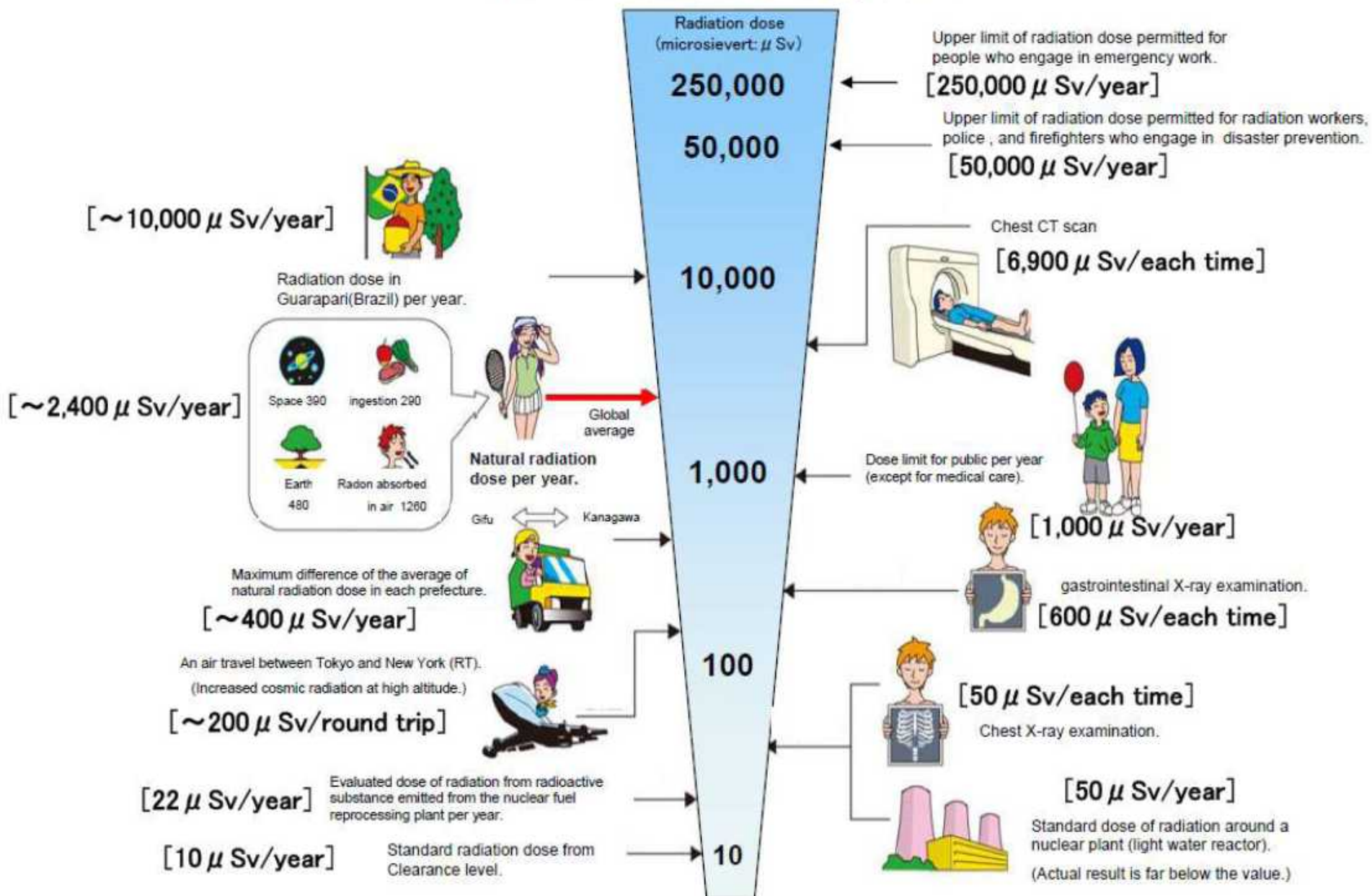
# Readings at Monitoring Posts out of Fukushima Dai-ichi NPS

Readings at Monitoring Post out of Fukushima Dai-ichi NPP





# Radiation in Daily-life



※ Sv [Sievert] = Constant of organism effect by kind of radiation (※) × Gy [gray]

※ It is 1 in case of X ray and γ ray.

## 2. Contain the Spread of Radioactive Substances (sea, soil and atmosphere)

Experts are making the utmost efforts to prevent dispersing radioactive substances contained in dust, debris and vapor.

**Spraying synthetic materials on the surface of the ground and debris to prevent radioactive substances dispersion**







Emergency Water Pumping



# Utility Service Repair





# Utility Service Repair



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# Cooperation with the IAEA

## 1. Information Sharing

- (1) Japan has been providing facility-related and other relevant information to the IAEA.
- (2) Nuclear Industry Safety Agency (NISA) provided updates on situations of the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station at the IAEA Technical Briefing (21<sup>st</sup> March) and at the side event of the Fifth Review Meeting of the Contract Parties to the Convention on Nuclear Safety (4<sup>th</sup> April).

## 2. IAEA Expert Missions

- (1) The IAEA has extended to Japan upon the request of the Government of Japan, in connection with the incidents involving the nuclear power plants in Japan by dispatching a series of the IAEA experts to Japan mainly in the field of radiation monitoring. Such dispatch of experts includes :
  - (a) Radiation Monitoring Teams, totaling up to 16 members who have been taking measurements mainly in Fukushima since 19 March;
  - (b) one marine expert from the IAEA's laboratory in Monaco, who boarded Research Vessel "MIRAI" during 2 -4 April to observe and provide advice for Japanese experts on their method of collection and analysis of seawater samples; and
  - (c) A Joint FAO/IAEA Food Safety Assessment Team, who met with local government officials, farmers etc. in Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma prefecture.
- (2) In addition, IAEA experts in BWR technology met with Japanese officials and operators including NISA and the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) and visited the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant on 6 April.



# Roadmap Towards Restoration

- 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.

## < Roadmap for Immediate Actions (Issues / Targets / Major Countermeasures) >

	Current Status	STEP1 (around 3 months) "Radiation dose is in steady decline"	STEP2 (around 3 to 6 months after achieving Step 1) "Release of radioactive materials is under control and radiation dose is being significantly held down"	Mid-term Issues
I. Cooling	(一) Reactors	Injecting fresh water Nitrogen gas injection (Unit1・3) Flooding up to top of active fuel Examination and implementation of heat exchange function (Unit 2) Sealing the damaged location	Stable cooling Flooding up to top of active fuel	Prevention of breakage of structural materials, etc.
	(二) Spent Fuel Pools	Injecting fresh water Enhance reliability of water injection Restore coolant circulation system (Unit 4) Install supporting structure	Stable cooling Remote control of water injection Examination and implementation of heat exchange function	Removal of fuels
II. Mitigation	(三) Accumulated Water	Transferring water with high radiation level Storing water with low radiation level Installation of storage / processing facilities Installation of storage facilities / decontamination processing	Secure storage place Expansion of storage / processing facilities Decontamination / Desalt processing (reuse), etc	Decrease contaminated water Installation of full-fledged water treatment facilities
	(四) Atmosphere / Soil	Dispersion of inhibitor Removal of debris Installing reactor building cover		Installation of reactor building cover (container with concrete) Solidification of contaminated soil, etc
	(五) Monitoring/Decontamination	Monitoring of radiation dose in and out of the power station Expand/enhance monitoring and inform of results fast and accurately	Sufficiently reduce radiation dose in evacuation order / planned evacuation / emergency evacuation preparation areas	Continue monitoring and informing environmental safety

# Survey Inside Reactor Buildings by Robot

- Measured a dose of radiation, etc by remote control robots “inside the double doors” in reactor buildings of Units 1-3 where were inhibited to enter due to high radiation dose assumed.
- Examining how to utilized the robots for field survey such as measuring radiation dose indoors or not.







Opening a double door (April 18)

<measurement results>

	Unit 1	Unit 3
Measurement area	Reactor building 1 <sup>st</sup> floor From northern double doors to elevator	Reactor building 1 <sup>st</sup> floor Around southern double doors
Radiation dose	49mSv/h(Maximum) 10mSv/h(Minimam)	57mSv/h(Maximam) 28mSv/h(Minimam)
Temperature	About 28~29℃	About 19~22℃
Humidity	About 49~56%	About 32~35%
oxyaen density	About 21%	About 21%

(provisional figure)

<The list of provided robots>

maker	Robots by iRobot		Robots by QinetiQ	
				
name	Packbot	Warrior	Talon	Dragon Runner
Monitoring function	image	Image only	image	Image only
	Radiation etc.	—	Radiation etc.	—
Arm keeping function	○	◎	○	○





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Robot on  
Obstacle Course

photo: Wataru Umehara





**Robotically Controlled  
Track Vehicle**



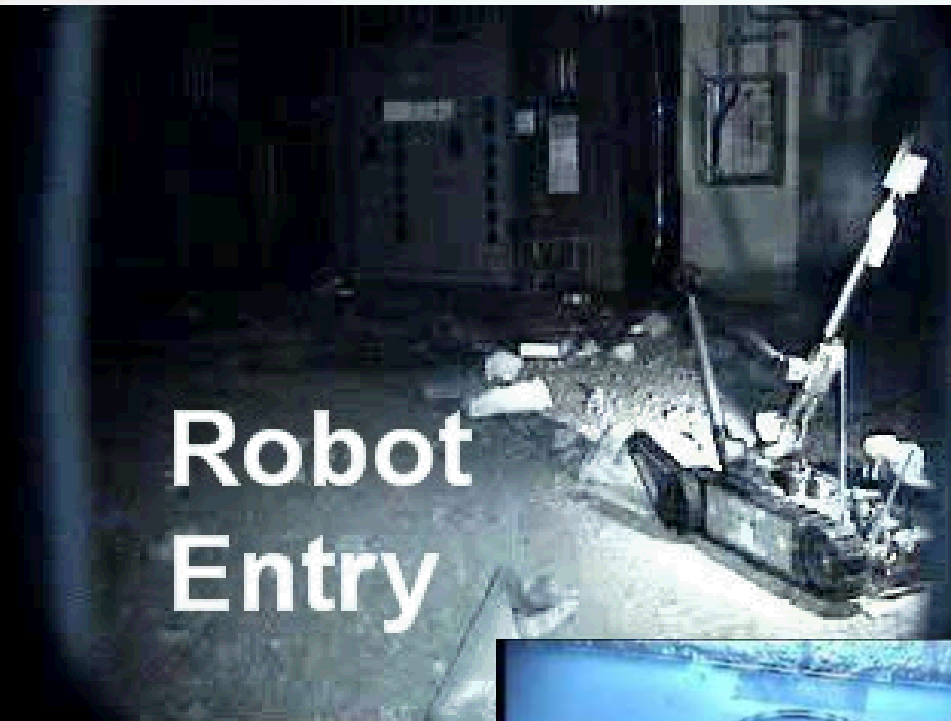
**Robot-Controlled  
Backhoe**



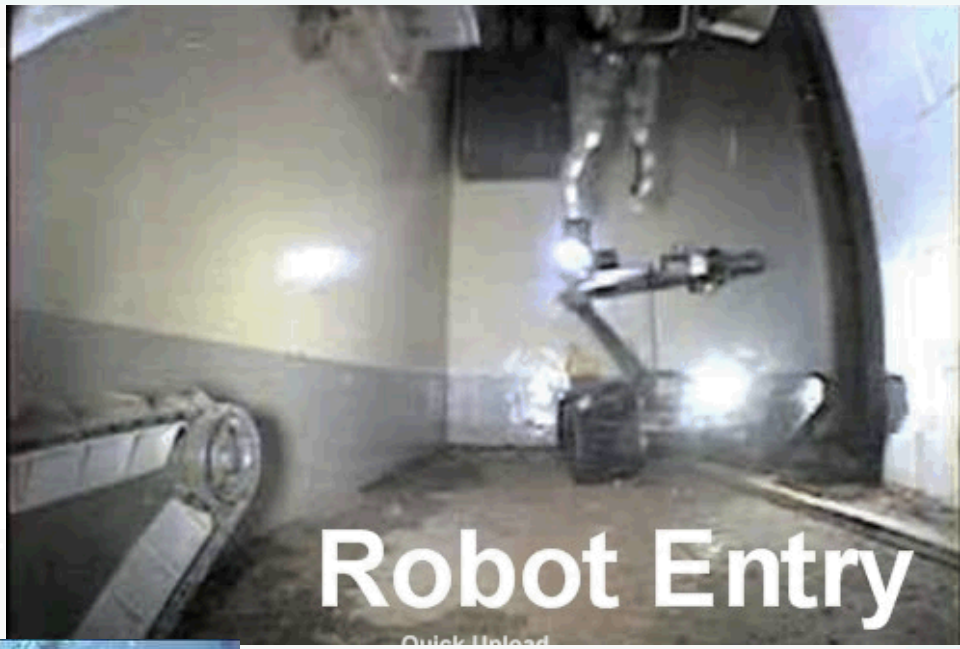


# Robot Controller Command Center





Robot Entry



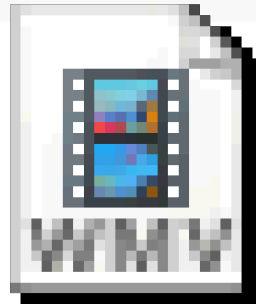
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# Final Thoughts

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- **Strengthen Interagency Coordination and Cooperation**
- **Develop a Strategy for International Engagement**
  - Why? Who? How?
- **Phases of Engagement**
  - Introductory
  - Intermediate
  - Advanced



# Regional Training Workshops

- Bahrain 2007 and 2008
- Qatar 2008
- Jordan 2007 and 2008



# The NAVRUZ Experiment: Cooperative Monitoring for Radionuclides Central Asia Transboundary Rivers



Negotiations during project workshop in Tashkent

Training on sample collection, Chirchik River, Uzbekistan





# Radiation Measurements Standards in the Middle East

- Radiation Measurements Cross Calibration (RMCC) Project
  - Develop a network of scientists and labs that can devise indigenous solutions to issues such as proliferation monitoring, environmental assessments, emergency response, and radioactive materials smuggling
  - Partnered with the IAEA, DOE/MAPEP



First RMCC Workshop, Kuwait, October 2004



Fifth RMCC Workshop, Doha, Qatar, May, 2010

# U.S. Response Timeline

## *T = 0 to 1 Hour*

- Local Authority and/or Nuclear Facility will implement its Emergency Response Plans
- State and Local Officials will be notified.
  - Local First Responders will be first to arrive on the scene.
  - First Responders will begin responding to the emergency and evacuation of local area based upon Emergency Response Plans.





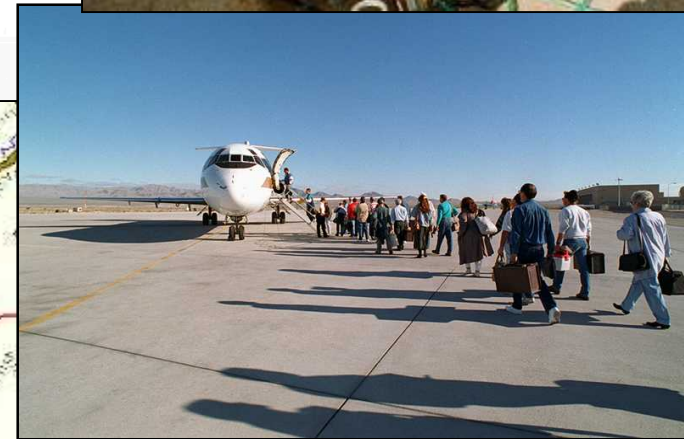
# CM Resource Response

## *Timeline $T = 1$ to 6 Hours*

- NNSA's Radiological Assistance Program Teams (RAP Teams) begin to arrive.
- Department Of Energy activates National Consequence Management Assets upon request of state.
  - CM Home Team Activated and providing assessment within 2 hours of activation.
  - CM Response Team assets in route within 4-hours of activation.
- NNSA's Plume Dispersion Modeling underway.



100 and 500 uSv Dose Contours



**Radiological Assistance Program  
Teams Arrive**

Alaska

Hawaii

Puerto Rico

Panama Canal Zone

U.S. Virgin Islands

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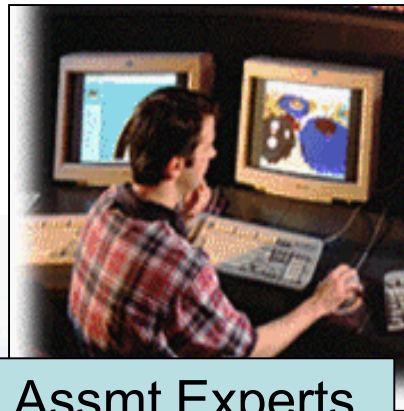
# CM Home Team Is Activated

Field Team

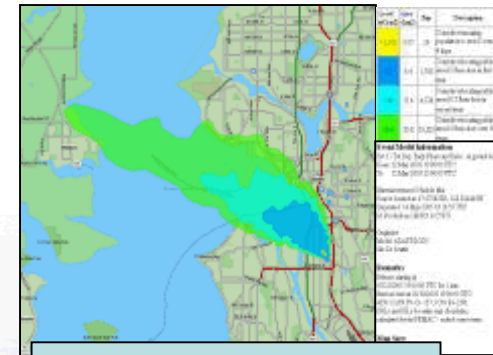
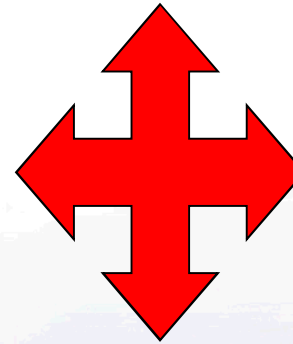


- Objectives:

- Provide Technical Assessment and Plume Map support before CM response team assets arrive at the event site
- Provide a resource for local authorities early in an event



Assmt Experts



Plume modeling

- Resources

- National Lab personnel
- Assessment tools
- Plume modeling



Emergency Operations Center

# CM Response

## *Timeline T = 24 to 36 Hours*

- CM Response Teams arrive (approximately 150 - 400 additional personnel in 3 teams).
- Provides experts to support the operations:
  - Sampling Experts
  - Lab Analysis Experts
  - Health and Safety Experts
  - Assessment Experts
  - Radiological Technicians
- All of these individuals take on specific roles as defined in pre-event planning/training.

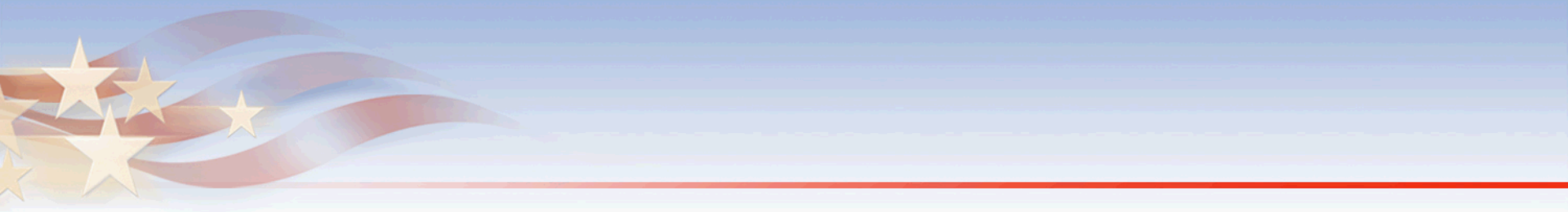






# Consequence Reports

- **Standardized report integrating effects predictions with Geographical Information System (GIS) provides consequence information in a format more directly useful to decision makers**
- **Reports are customized for different Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) scenarios or accident situations**
- **Different levels of detail can be selected**
  - summary, full report, full report including background and reference information



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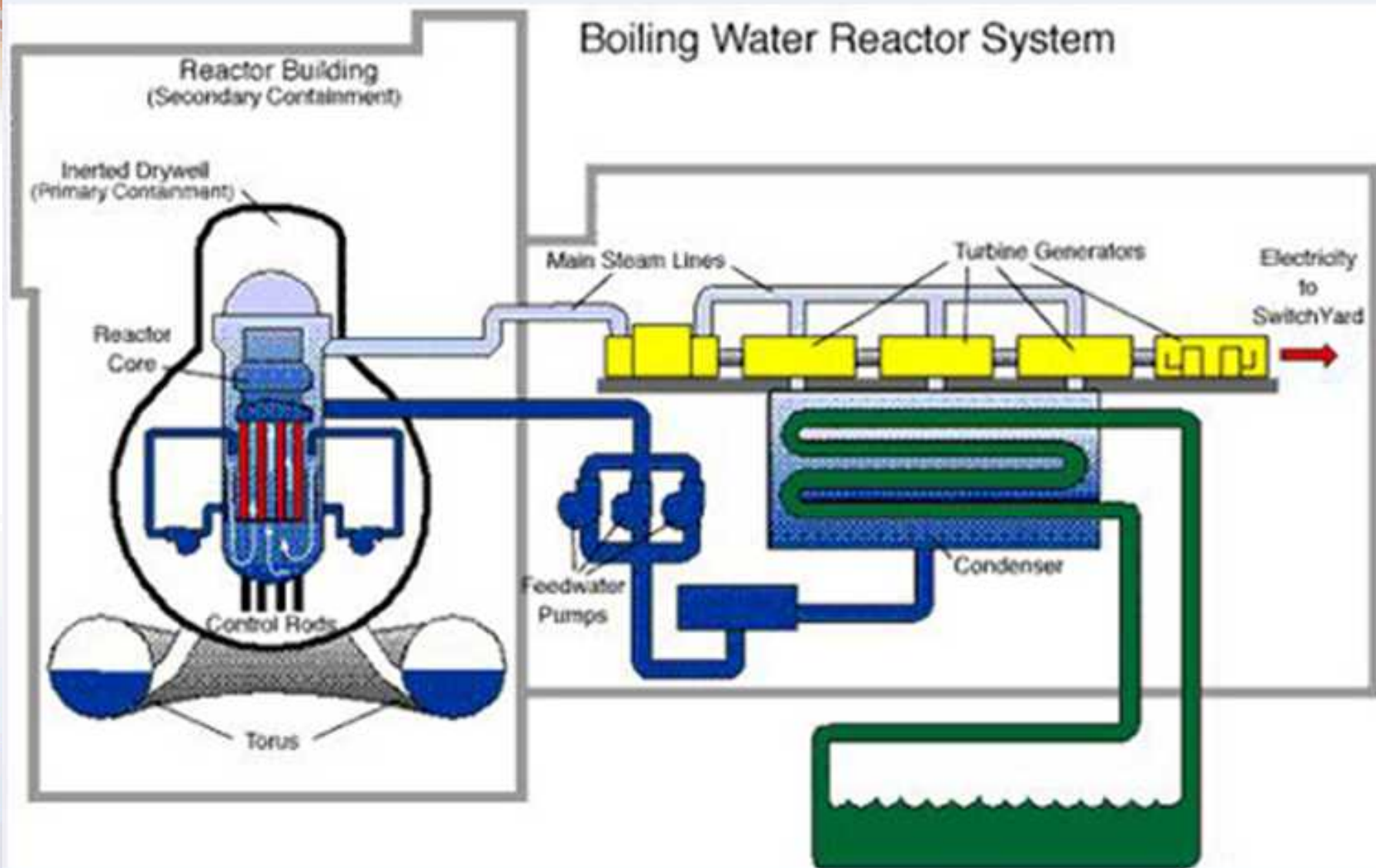






# EXTRA SLIDES



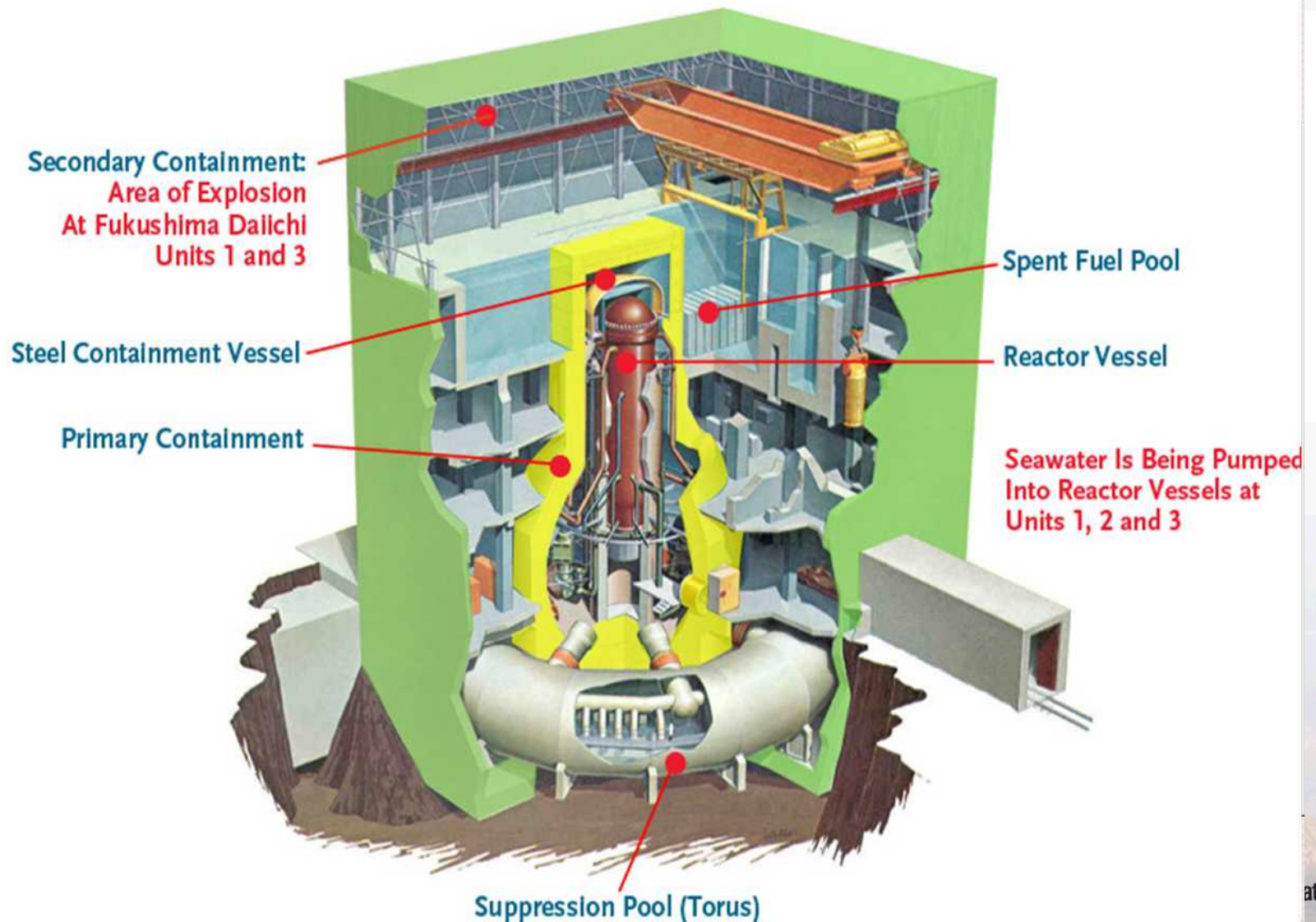


**A BWR reactor:** The schematic above shows the torus at left, which is doughnut-shaped.





# Fukushima BWR

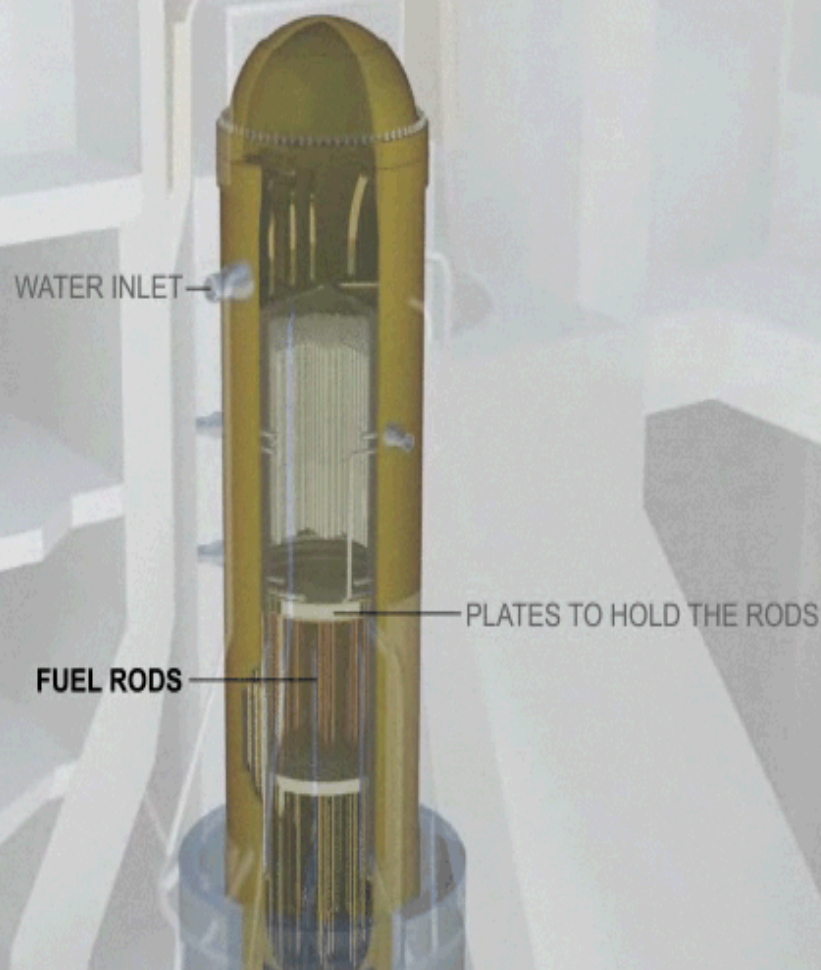


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Inside a nuclear reactor, fuel rods are tubes made of zirconium alloy containing uranium fuel pellets. These rods are immersed in water, and heat generated by the nuclear reaction inside the rods turns the water into steam, which drives turbines to make electricity.



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In a shutdown, control rods can be placed between the fuel rods to stop the nuclear reaction. After the earthquake near Japan, control rods deployed correctly.

■ FUEL RODS



CONTROL RODS ■

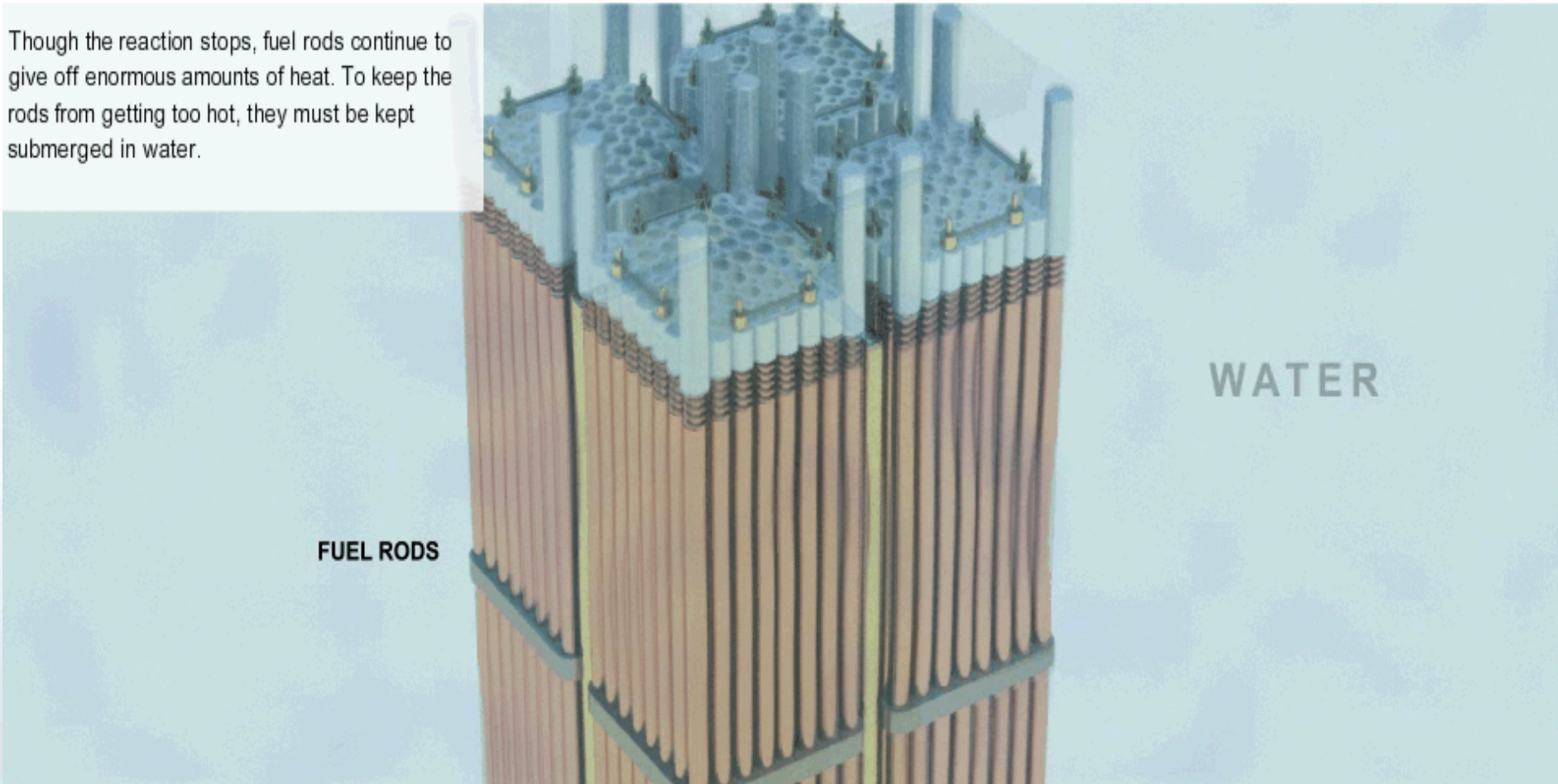
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Though the reaction stops, fuel rods continue to give off enormous amounts of heat. To keep the rods from getting too hot, they must be kept submerged in water.



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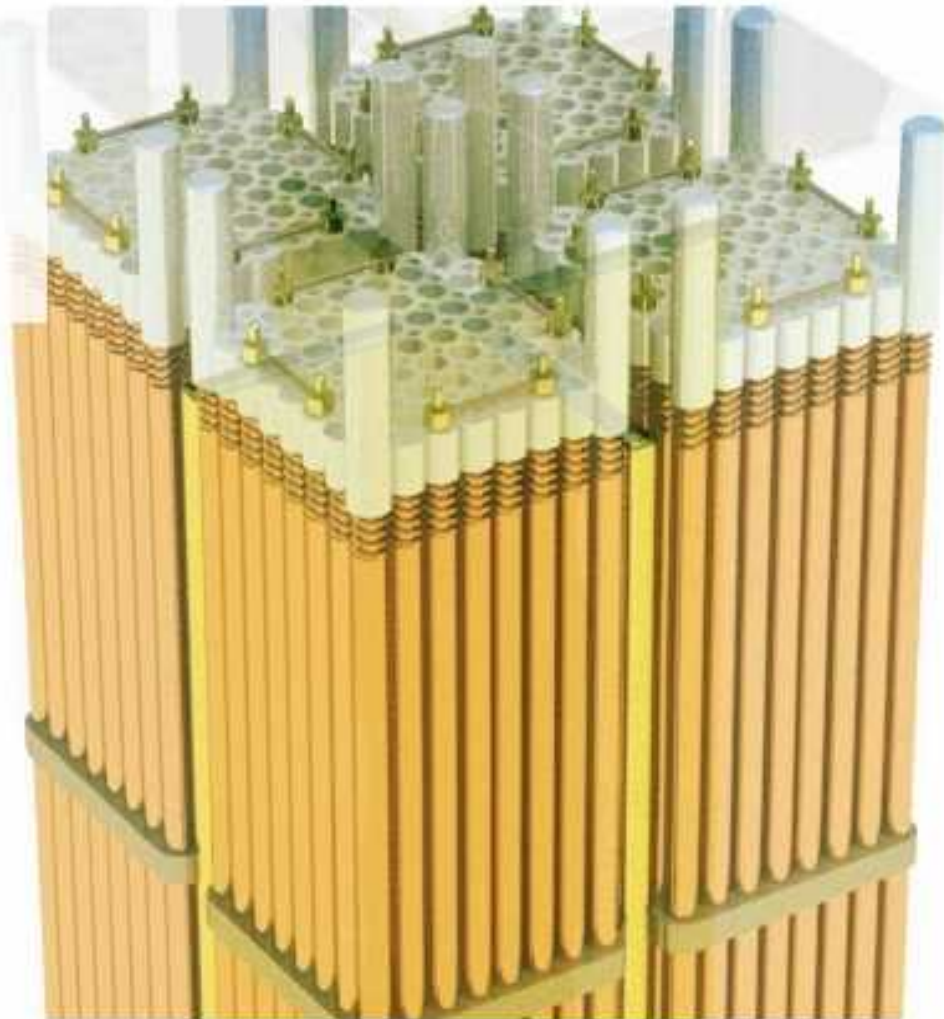
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In Japan, there was no electricity to run the cooling system. Operators added water, intending to vent the steam and replace the water as it evaporated. But the water began boiling away faster than they could replace it.

**FUEL RODS**



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Used Nuclear Fuel Shipping Cask



# Fuel Rod Schematic

## Fuel rod

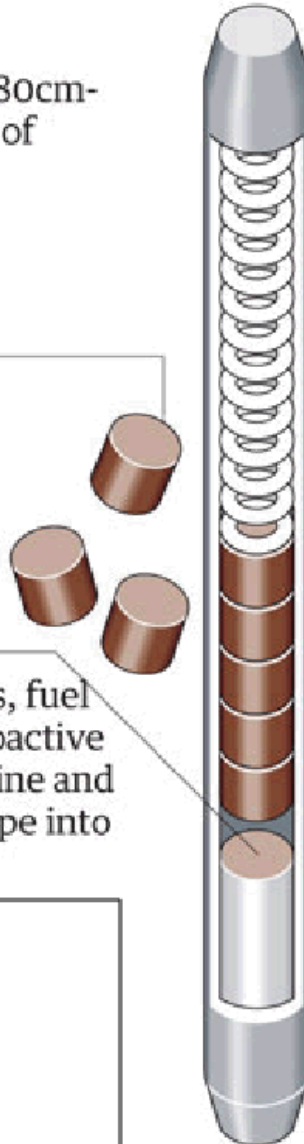
Thousands of thin, 180cm-long fuel rods, made of zirconium alloy

### Fuel pellets

Uranium dioxide or mixed oxide (MOX fuel) - blend of plutonium and uranium

### Washout

If rod cladding cracks, fuel pellets fall out. Radioactive isotopes in fuel - iodine and caesium - could escape into the atmosphere

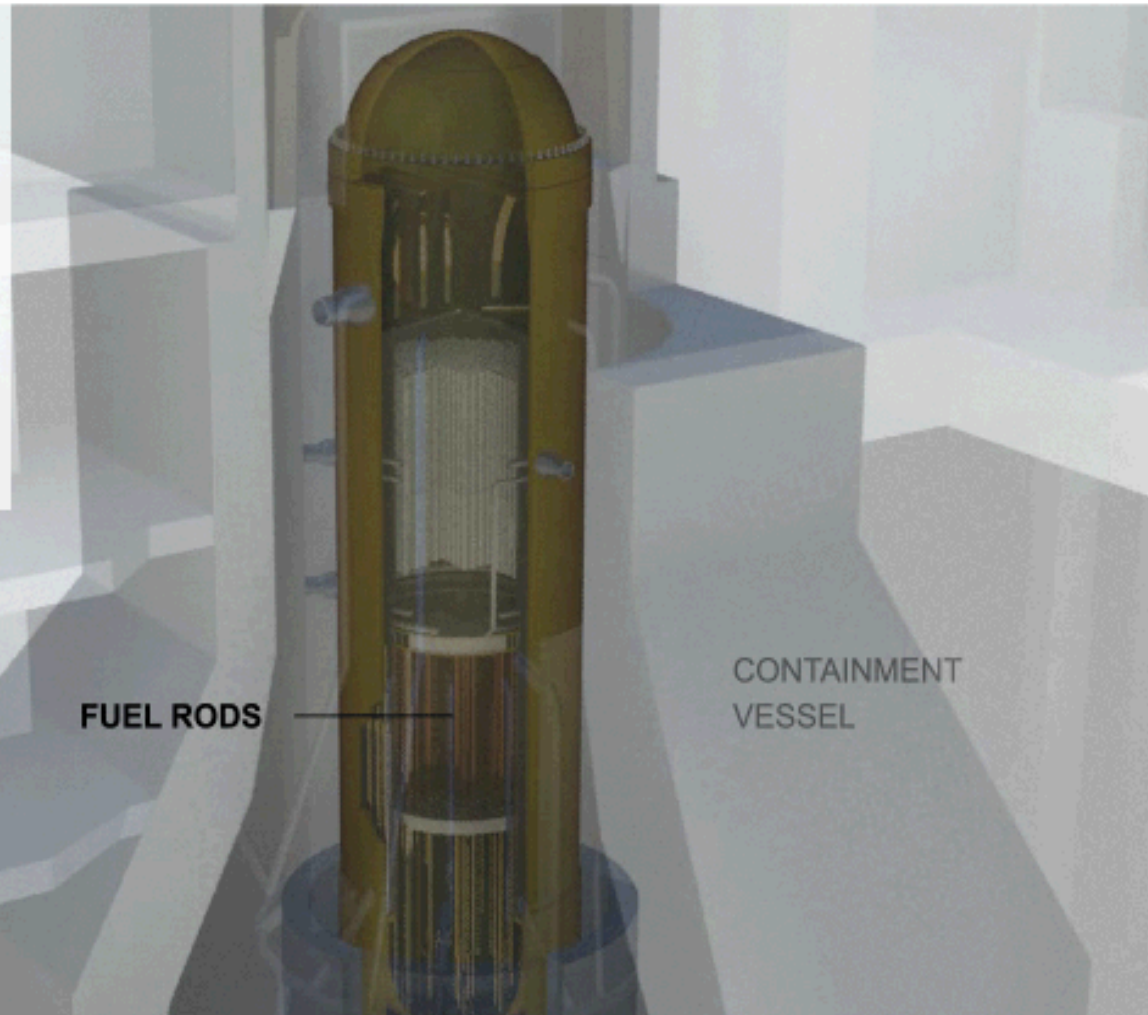


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In a full meltdown, fuel pellets would drop to the bottom of the reactor vessel; they might burn through it. An outer containment vessel with steel and concrete walls may or may not hold the melted fuel and prevent it from escaping the reactor building. Worst case: Molten fuel breaches all structures and releases enormous amounts of radioactive material, but physicists question whether this is possible.



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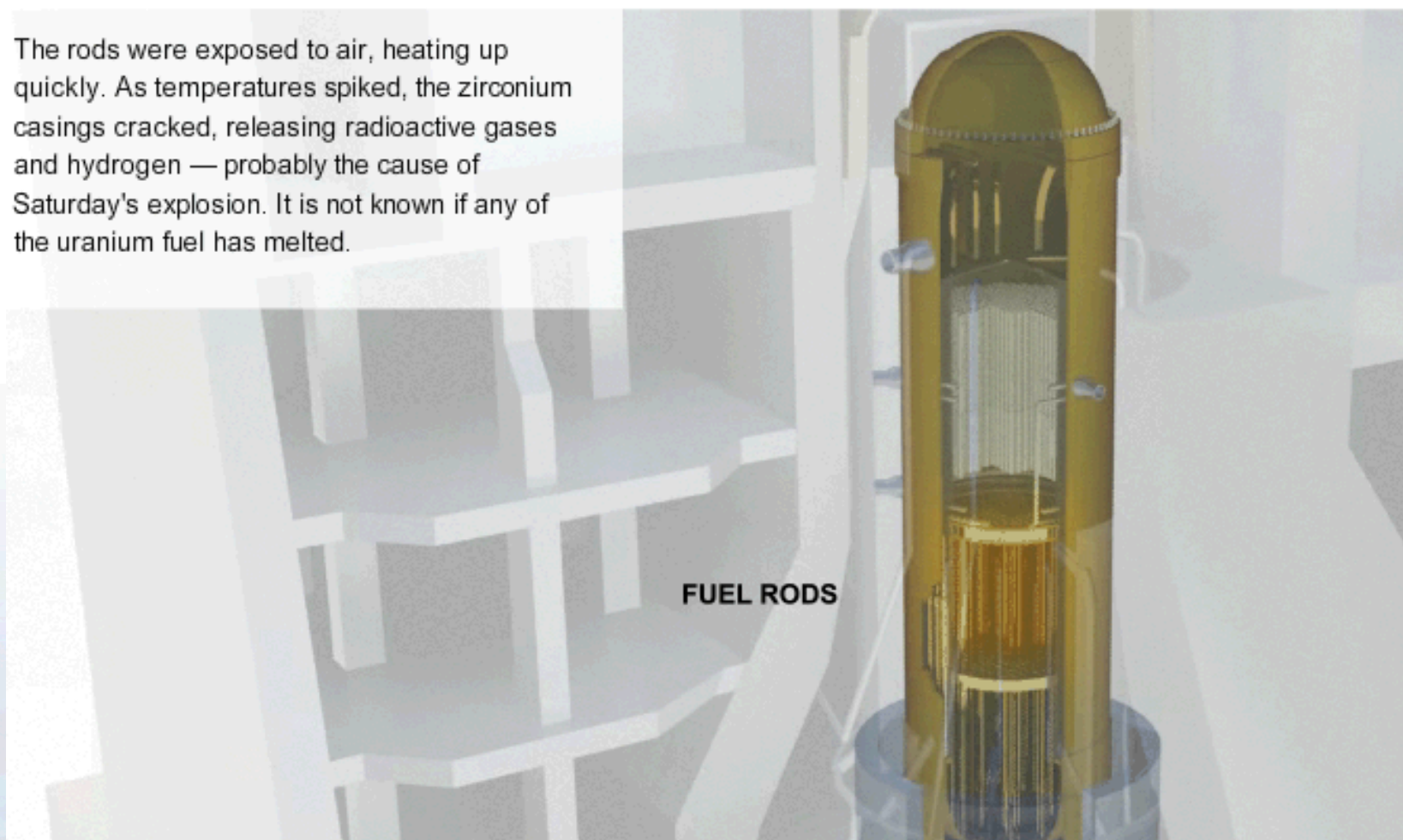


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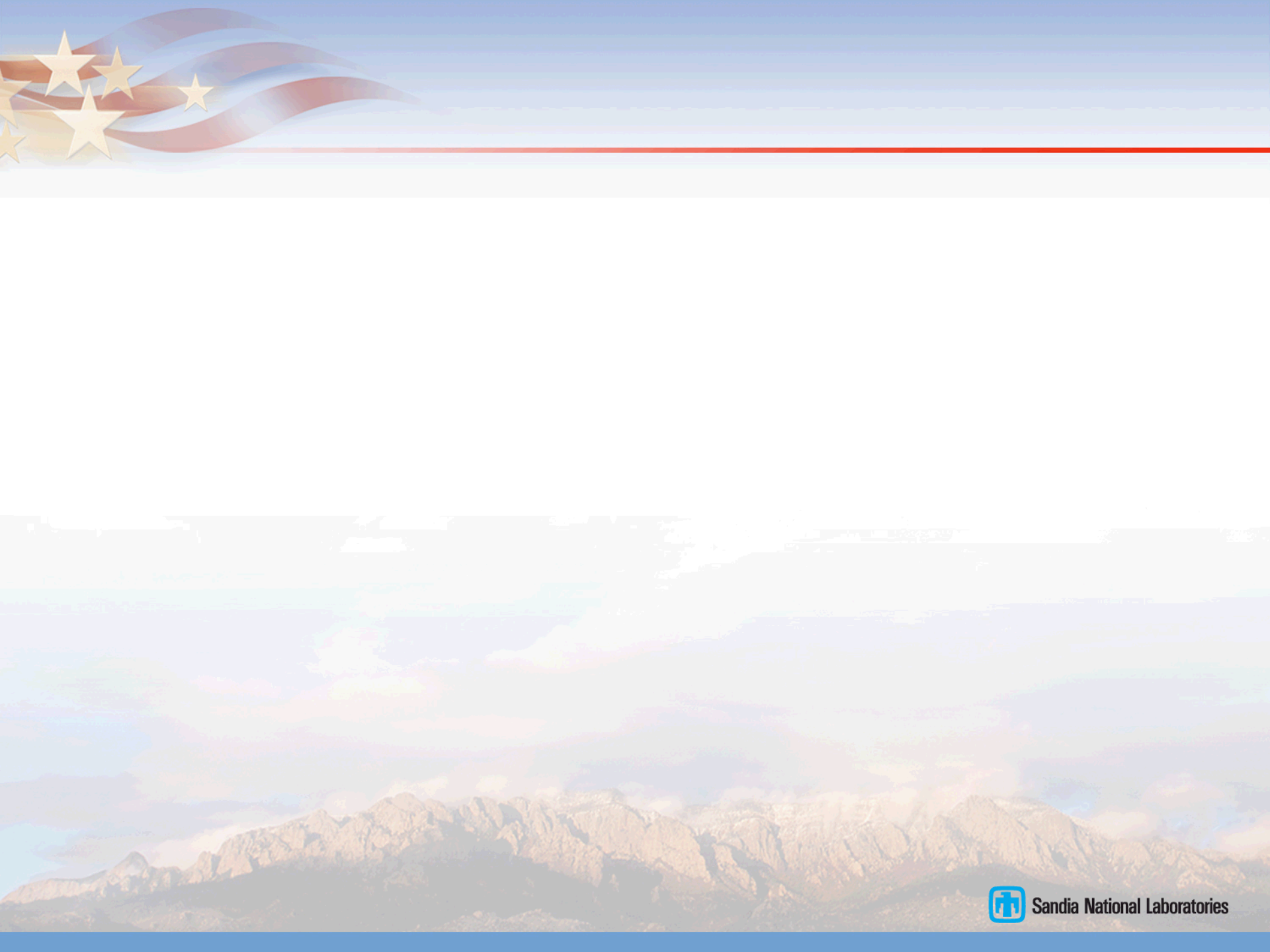
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The rods were exposed to air, heating up quickly. As temperatures spiked, the zirconium casings cracked, releasing radioactive gases and hydrogen — probably the cause of Saturday's explosion. It is not known if any of the uranium fuel has melted.



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# **DOE/NNSA Consequence Management (CM) Program Overview**

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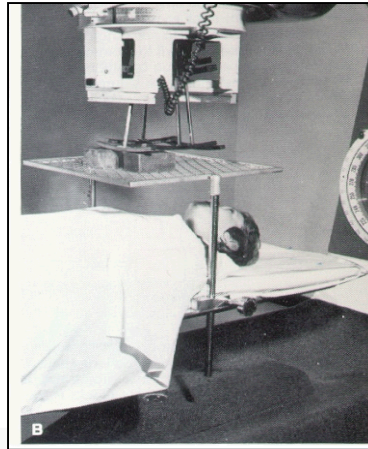
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# Large Quantities of Radioactive Material can be Found Throughout the World

- **Nuclear Reactors**
- **Nuclear Weapons**
- **Medical/Industrial Applications**
  - Therapy Equipment
  - Sterilization Equipment
  - Density Gauges
  - Well Logging
  - Radiography
  - Thickness and Level Gauges
  - Power Generation
  - Radioisotopic Thermal Generators (RTG)



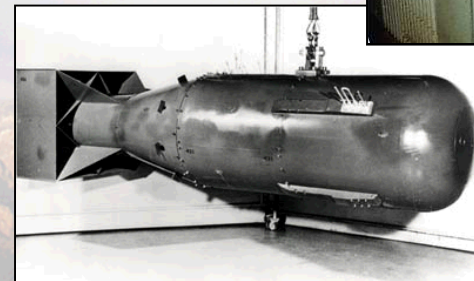
**Radiotherapy Unit**



**Nuclear Power Plants**



**Nuclear Weapons**



**RTG**



# History

- **March 28, 1979: Three Mile Island**
- **Event highlighted inadequacies in planning for a large-scale Nuclear Emergency**
  - **Evacuation Plans for the nearby cities inadequate**
  - **Significant confusion about protective actions**
- **An Executive Order was issued mandating federal preparations for radiological emergencies**
- **Preparations focused on nuclear power and weapon accidents**



**Three Mile Island  
Nuclear Power Plant**





# New CM Program Focus

- The events of September 11, 2001 resulted in a philosophical change:
  - Terrorists may strike with no warning
  - First knowledge of nuclear terrorism attack may be the explosion/dispersion
- DOE/NNSA CM Program transitioned focus to preparations for intentional terrorist attack(s)





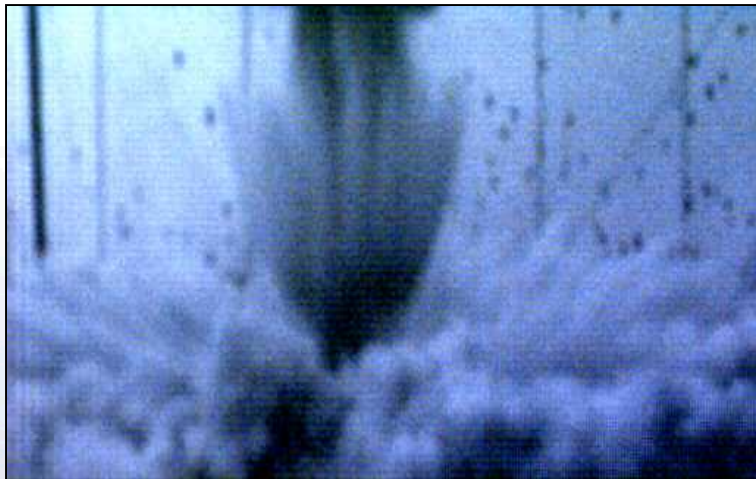
# Mission

**Develop and maintain rapidly-deployable equipment and technical expertise for world-wide response to nuclear and radiological terrorism events as well as nuclear/radiological accidents or emergencies**



# DOE/NNSA CM Expertise

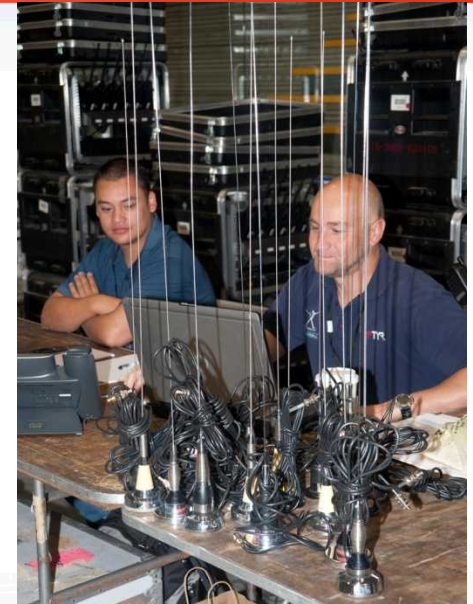
## Research – Explosive Dispersion of Radioactive Materials





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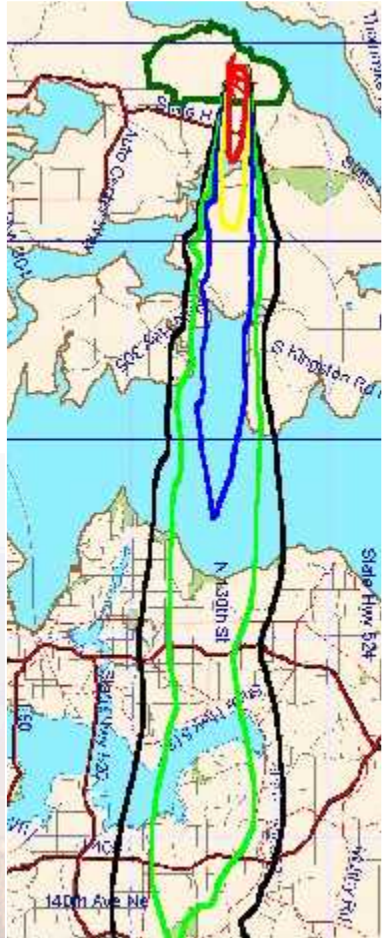
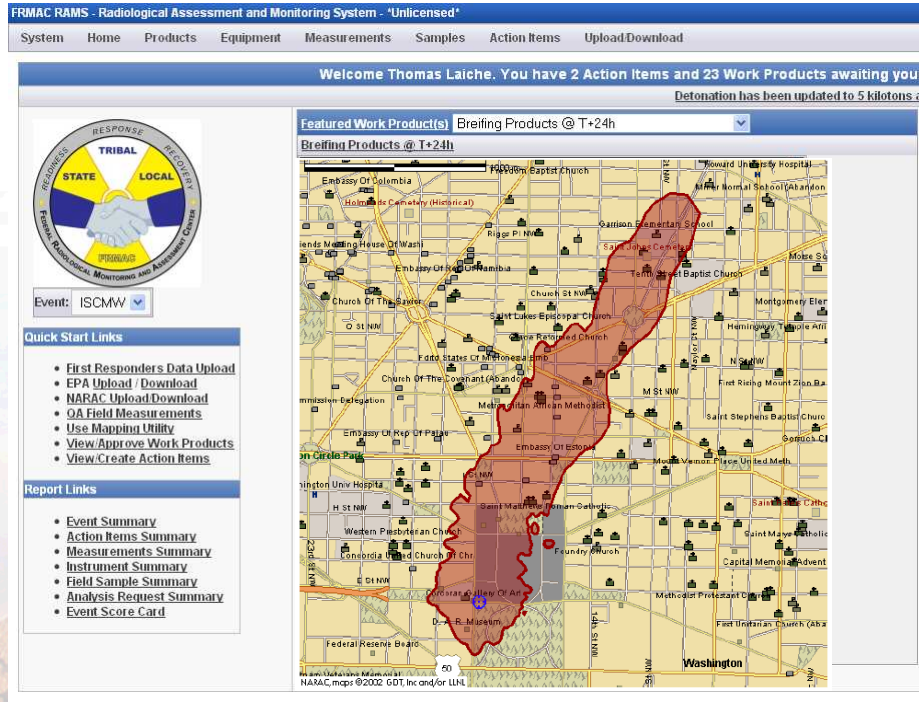
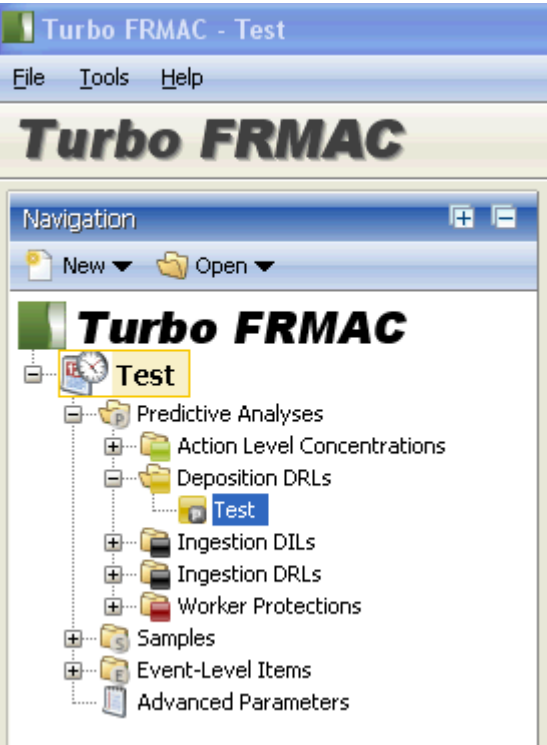
Equipment – Fixed Wing and Rotary Aircraft,  
Radiological Monitoring Equipment,  
Communications, Mobile Laboratories





# DOE/NNSA CM Expertise

# Models and Software – Develop and Use the most up-to-date Software, Databases, and Effect Models





# DOE/NNSA CM Expertise

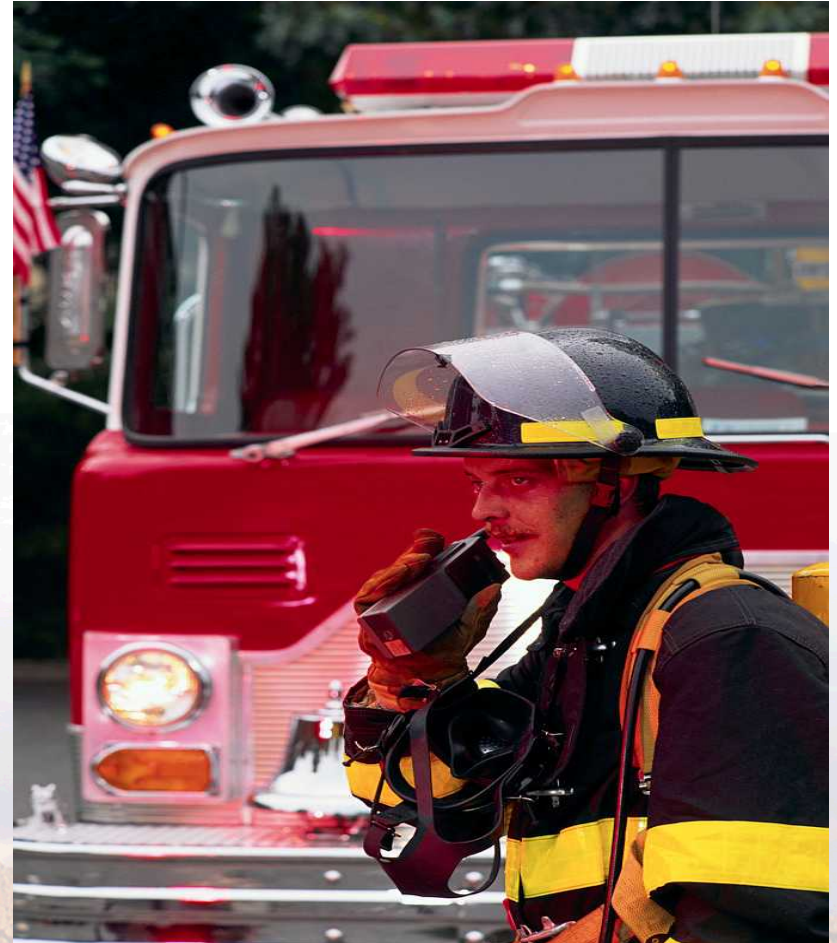


Personnel – Staffed with Personnel with Various Technical Expertise



# What is FRMAC?

**Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC)** is a federal asset available upon request to respond to nuclear/radiological incidents as described in the [National Response Framework \(NRF\)](#) and the Nuclear/Radiological Incident Annex





# ★ What is the Purpose of FRMAC?

- Assist the state, local and tribal governments in their mission to **PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF THEIR CITIZENS**
- Integrate multiple Federal agencies into one center where the Federal government can act and speak with **one voice**



# FRMAC/CM Assets

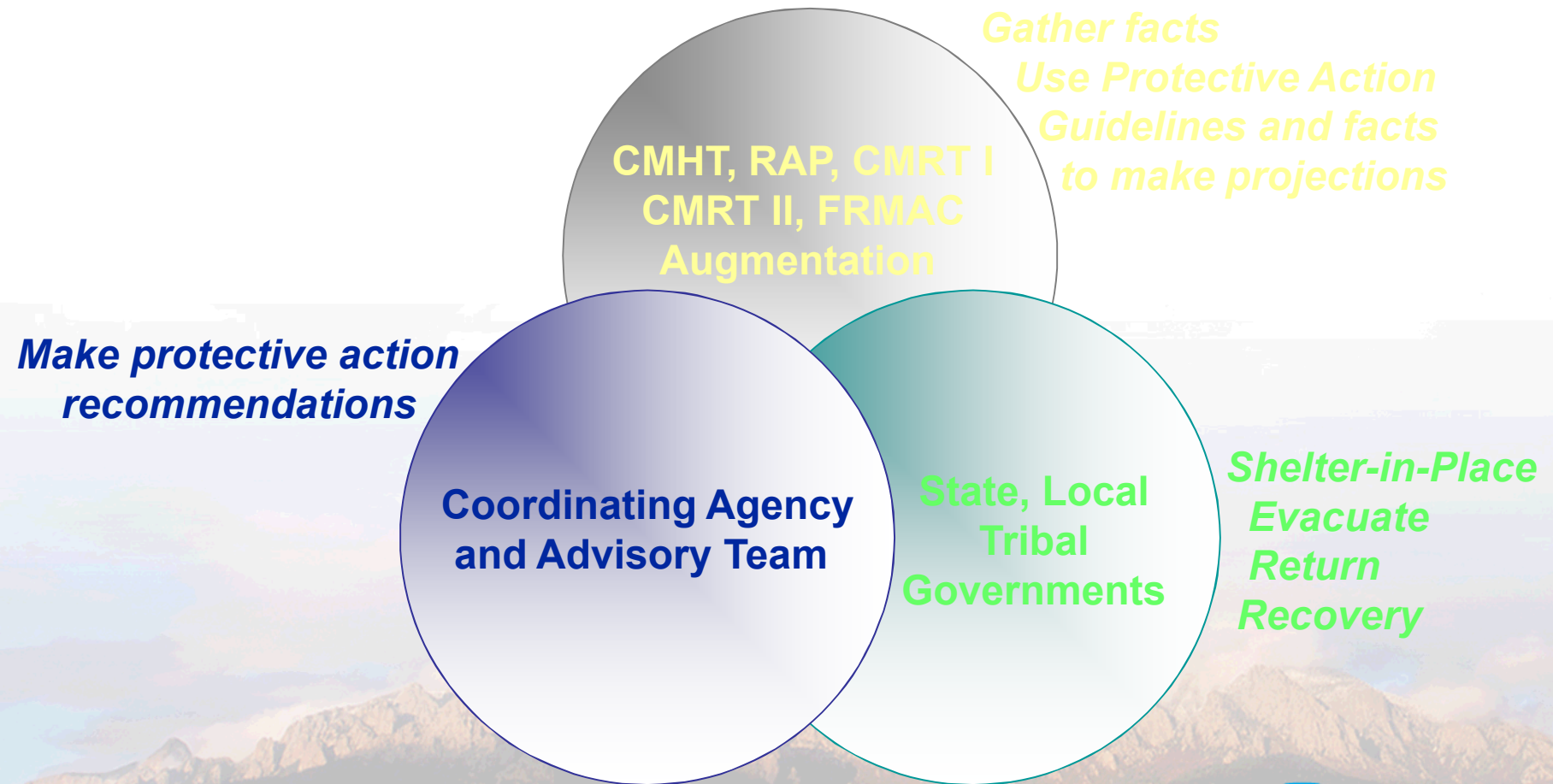
Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC) includes:

- Data Analysis/CM Home Team
- Field Monitoring Teams
- Mobile Laboratory
- Radiological Assessment
- Aerial Measurement System
- Effects Models





# CM Program/FRMAC Help Provide Coordinated Radiological Emergency Response



# Who Makes Up FRMAC?

- **Department of Energy**
- **Environmental Protection Agency**
- **Department of Homeland Security**
- **Department of Health and Human Services**
  - Center for Disease Control
- **Department of Agriculture**
  - Food and Drug Administration
- **Nuclear Regulatory Commission**
- **And at least 10+ other Federal Departments and Agencies**
- **State, Local and Tribal Representation**





# FRMAC within ICS

**LEGEND**

- FRMAC (Green box)
- Determined by Unified Command (Yellow box)
- FRMAC Reporting Line (Dashed line)
- Determined by the Coordinating Agency (Nuc/Rad) (Blue box)
- Assumed Operations (White box)

**Unified Command**  
State, Local, Tribal  
Others TBD

**Advisory Team**

**Safety Officer**

**Public Information Officer**

**Liaison Officer**

**PIO**

**FRMAC Liaisons**

**Operations Section**

**Deputy Operations Section Chief**  
Rad Operations  
Coordinating Agency

**Emergency Worker Support**

**Population Monitoring**

**Air Operations**

**Deputy Planning Section Chief for FRMAC**  
(FRMAC Director)

**Health & Safety**

**FRMAC Manager**

**Monitoring Manager**  
Field Monitoring & Sampling Teams

**AMS**

**Planning Section**

**Environmental Unit**

**Situation Unit**

**Documentation Unit**

**Demobilization Unit**

**Resources Unit**

**Logistics Section**

**Service Branch**

**Medical Unit**

**Food Unit**

**Communications Unit**

**Support Branch**

**Facilities Unit**

**Ground Support Unit**

**Supply Unit Leader**

**Finance /Admin Section**

**FRMAC**

*These elements will be collocated*

*All FRMAC elements will remain under the administrative and policy control of their respective Department /Agency and /or the FRMAC*

**Consequence Management Home Team**

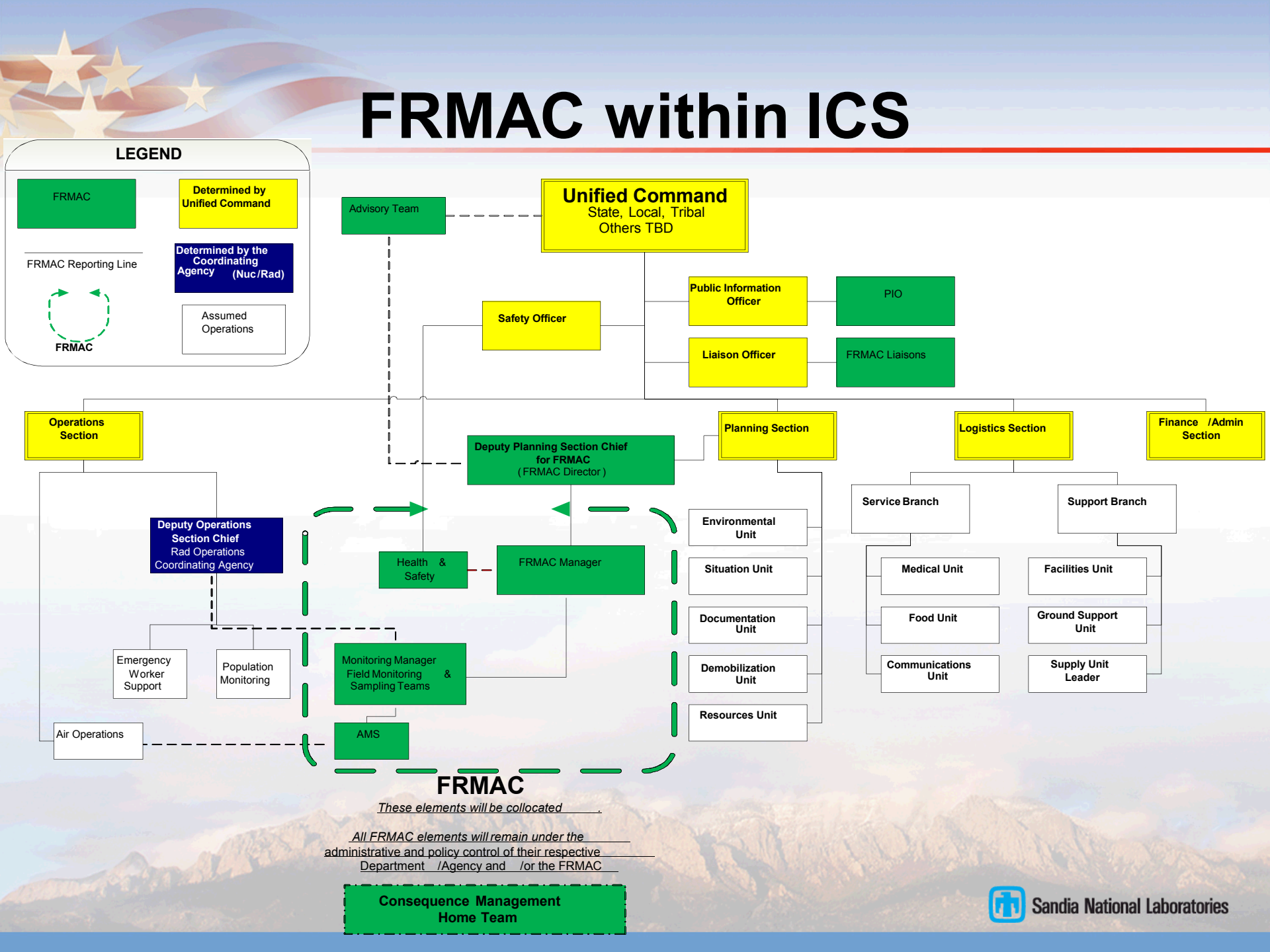
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# LEGEND

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- FRMAC**: Represented by a green rectangle.
- Determined by Unified Command**: Represented by a yellow rectangle.
- Determined by the Coordinating Agency (Nuc/Rad)**: Represented by a blue rectangle.
- Assumed Operations**: Represented by a white rectangle with a black border.

The diagram also includes a dashed green line with arrows at both ends, labeled **FRMAC Reporting Line**, which indicates the communication link between the FRMAC and the assumed operations area.



# Elements of FRMAC

- **CM Home Team**
- **Assessment**
- **Health and Safety**
- **Monitoring and Sampling**
  - AMS
- **Laboratory Analysis**
- **A Team**
- **GIS**
- **Document Control**
- **NARAC**





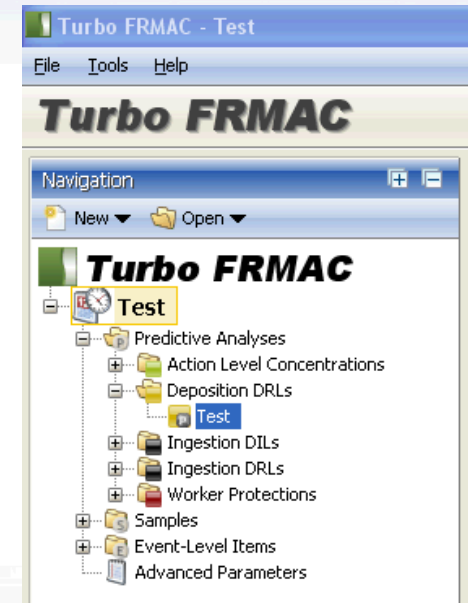
# Elements of FRMAC



- **CM Home Team** - Provides technical support to event response while CMRT is enroute
  - Used as a reach-back resource
  - Used for expertise that may not be available in the field

# Elements of FRMAC

- **Assessment** - Provides decision makers with radiological information that can be used to issue Protective Actions



- Interprets radiological information in terms of EPA, FDA, or State/Local/Tribal Protective Action Guides (PAGs)
- Uses FRMAC-approved methodology to calculate potential dose consequence



# Elements of FRMAC

- **Health & Safety** - Responsible for the H & S of all FRMAC personnel involved in operations
  - Determines appropriate Emergency Worker Protective Action Guides
  - Determines Stay Times
  - Determines if Respiratory Protection is needed



# Elements of FRMAC

- **Monitoring & Sampling** - Coordinates efforts to provide scientifically defensible data of acceptable quality



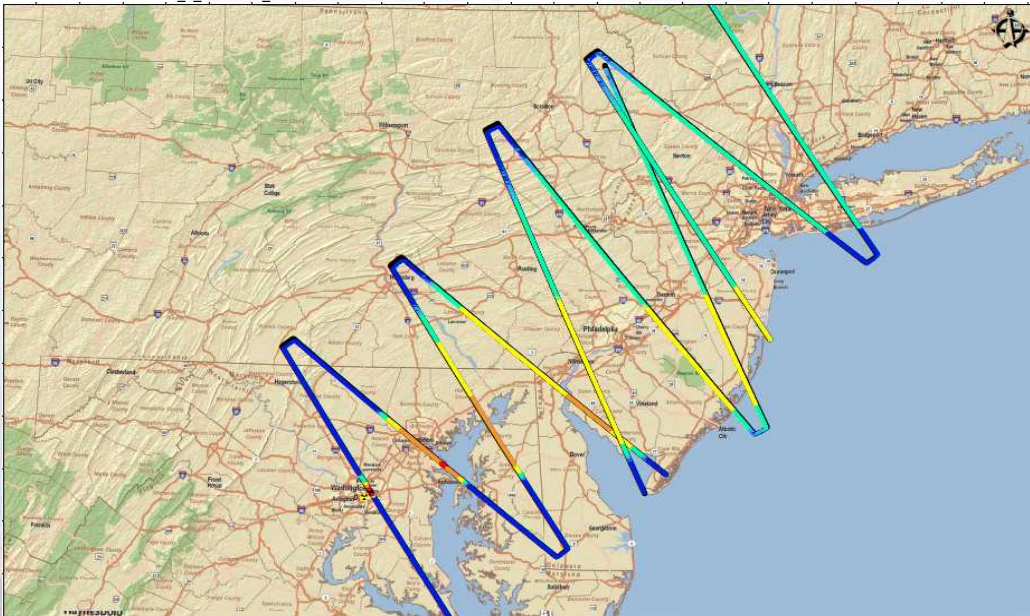
- Develops sampling plans that include:
  - Monitoring point locations
  - Sample volume and types





# Elements of FRMAC

- **Aerial Monitoring System (AMS)** - DOE's aerial-based radiation detection platform used to verify initial plume



# Elements of FRMAC

- **Laboratory**  
**Analysis** - Provides in-the-field radioanalysis of samples
  - Maintains ability to ship samples off-site to contract laboratories





# Elements of FRMAC

- **Advisory Team**  
**(A Team)** - Federal Agency entity that makes recommendations to State, Local, or Tribal Decision Makers
  - Provides approval to deviate from standard assessment calculations



# Elements of FRMAC

- **Geographic Information System (GIS)** – A Computerized Database Management System that provides for the capture, storage, retrieval, analysis and display of spatial data
  - Assists in the development of the Data Products
  - Most visible of FRMAC assets
  - Interacts closely with NARAC for Data Product development

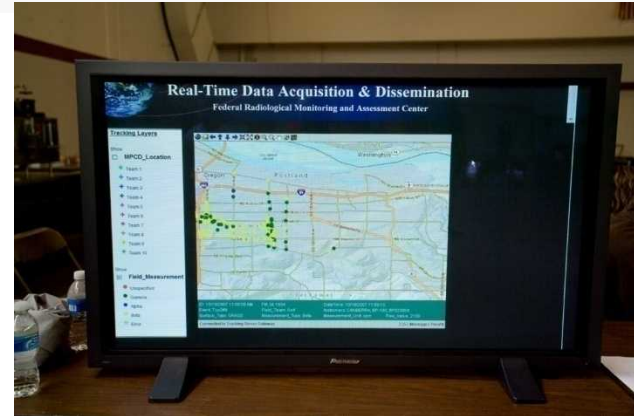




# Elements of FRMAC

- **Document Control** - Every off-site environmental radiological data point stored for long-term retention in FRMAC Data Center

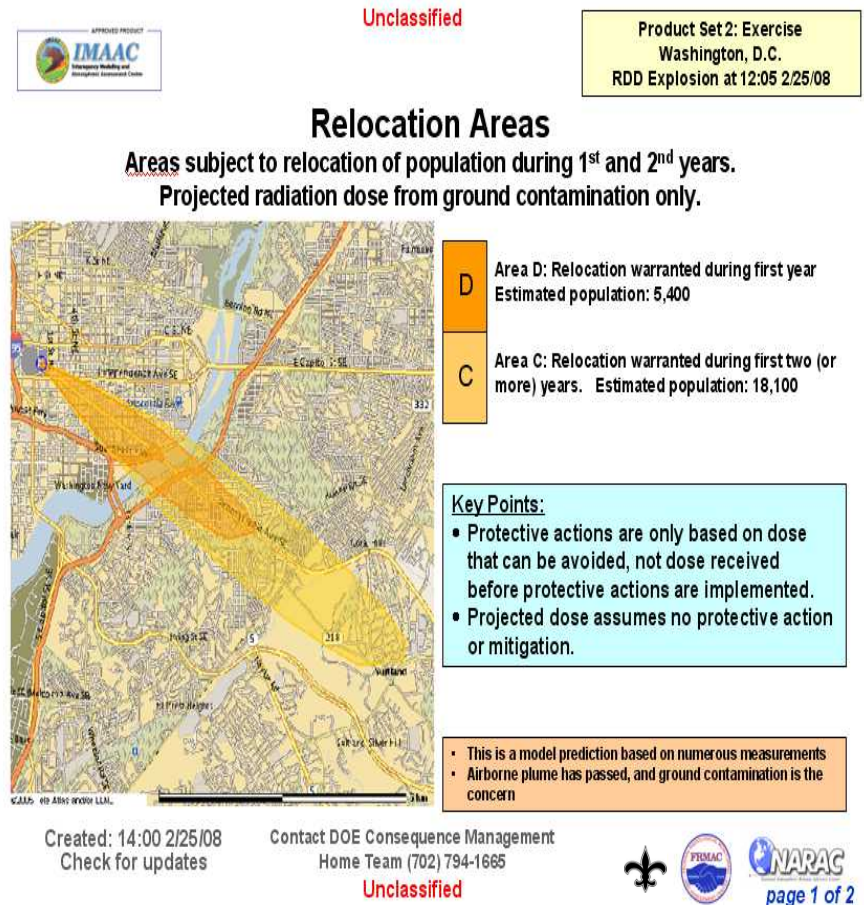
- Uses RAMS Database to electronically collect and store Field Data, Laboratory Analyses, etc.



# Elements of FRMAC

## National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center (NARAC) - Provides models, tools and services that plot the probable spread of radioactive materials laid over a map of the affected area

- Uses the plots as part of both the Briefing Products and Data Products
- These Products are used by Decision Makers to determine appropriate Protective Actions as well as disseminate information





# DOE/NNSA CM Program Overview Conclusion

- **Legislated Federal Program to prepare for and respond to nuclear and radiological terrorism events as well as nuclear/radiological accidents or emergencies**
- **Rapid, World-Wide Deployable Equipment and Personnel**
- **FRMAC established to provide the resources to State, Local and Tribal governments to assist with emergency response**



# DOE/NNSA CM Program Overview

## Conclusion

- **FRMAC** comprised of multiple Federal Agencies working together to speak with one voice
- Resources include personnel, communications, data analysis, models, monitoring, laboratories







# Questions



