Outline of Decommissioning and Contaminated Water Management

December 24, 2020
Secretariat of the Team for Countermeasures for Decommissioning and Contaminated Water Treatment

Main decommissioning work and steps

Fuel removal from the spent fuel pool was completed in December 2014 at Unit 4 and started from April 15, 2019 at Unit 3. Dust concentration in the surrounding environment is being monitored and work is being implemented with safety first. Work continues sequentially toward the start of fuel removal from Units 1 and 2 and debris (Note 1) retrieval from Units 1-3.

(Note 1) Fuel assemblies having melted through in the accident.

Fuel Removal from SFP

Rubble removal etc. (Units 1 & 2) → Installing fuel removal machine → Fuel removal (Unit 3) → Storage and handling of fuel (Unit 4)

Units 1-6	Completion of fuel removal	Within 2031
Unit 1	Start of fuel removal	FY2027 - FY2028
Unit 2	Start of fuel removal	FY2024 - FY2026
Unit 3	Completion of fuel removal	Within FY2020
Unit 4	Completion of fuel removal	2014

Fuel Debris Retrieval

Ascertaining the status inside the PCV/examining the fuel debris retrieval method, etc. (Units 1 & 3; Unit 2) → Fuel debris retrieval → Storage and handling of fuel debris

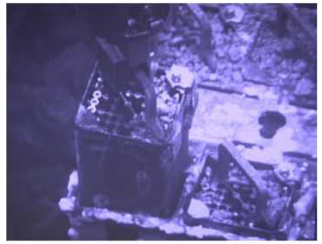
First unit	Start of fuel debris retrieval
Unit 2	Within 2021

Dismantling Facilities

Scenario development & technology consideration → Design and manufacturing of devices /equipment → Dismantling

Fuel removal from the spent fuel pool

Fuel removal from the spent fuel pool started from April 15, 2019 at Unit 3. Rubble and fuel are being removed, aiming to complete fuel removal by the end of FY2020.



Fuel removal
(April 15, 2019)

Removed fuel (assemblies)
441/566
(As of December 24, 2020)

Contaminated water management – triple-pronged efforts -

(1) Efforts to promote contaminated water management based on the three basic policies

① "Remove" the source of water contamination ② "Redirect" fresh water from contaminated areas
③ "Retain" contaminated water from leakage

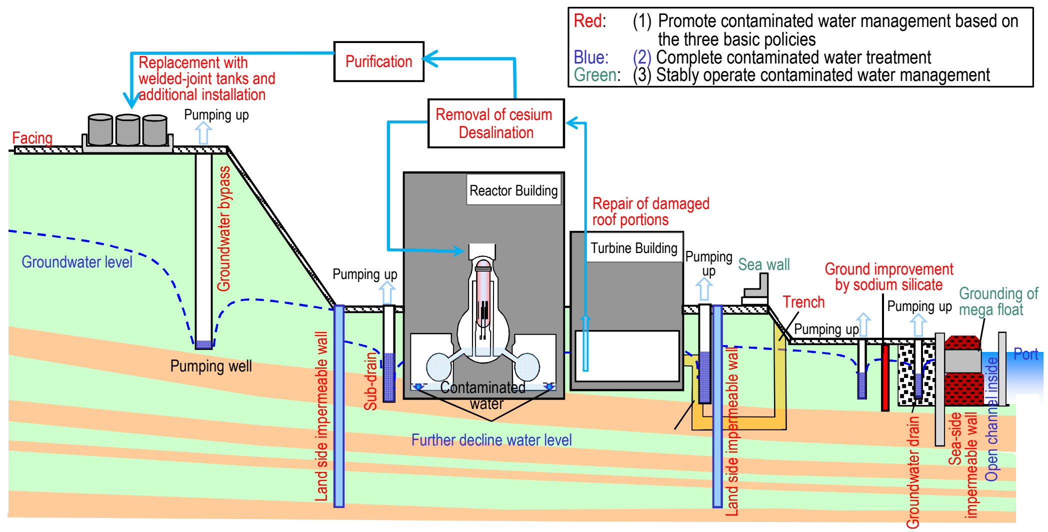
- Strontium-reduced water from other equipment is being re-treated in the multi-nuclide removal equipment (ALPS) and stored in welded-joint tanks.
- Multi-layered contaminated water management measures, including land-side impermeable walls and sub-drains, have stabilized the groundwater at a low level and the increased contaminated water generated during rainfall is being suppressed by repairing damaged portions of building roofs, facing onsite, etc. Through these measures, the generation of contaminated water was reduced from approx. 540 m^3/day (in May FY2014) to approx. 180 m^3/day (in FY2019).
- Measures continue to further suppress the generation of contaminated water to approx. 150 m^3/day within FY2020 and 100 m^3/day or less within 2025.

(2) Efforts to complete contaminated water treatment

- To lower the contaminated water levels in buildings as planned, work to install an additional contaminated water transfer equipment is underway. At present, the floor surface exposure condition can be maintained except for the Unit 1-3 Reactor Buildings, Process Main Building and the High Temperature Incinerator Building.
- Treatment of contaminated water in buildings will be completed within 2020, excluding the Unit 1-3 Reactor Buildings, Process Main Building and High-Temperature Incinerator Building. For Reactor Buildings, the amount of contaminated water there will be reduced from the level at the end of 2020 during the period FY2022-2024.
- For Zeolite sandbags on the basement floors of the Process Main Building and High-Temperature Incinerator Building, measures to reduce the radiation dose are being examined with stabilization in mind.

(3) Efforts to stably operate contaminated water management

- To prepare for tsunamis, measures includingare underway. For heavy rain, sandbags are being installed to suppress direct inflow into buildings while work closing building openings and installing sea walls to enhance drainage channels and other measures are being implemented as planned.



Progress Status and Future Challenges of the Mid-and-Long-Term Roadmap toward Decommissioning of TEPCO Holdings Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (Outline)

Progress status

◆ The temperatures of the Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) and Primary Containment Vessel (PCV) of Units 1-3 have been maintained within the range of approx. 15-25°C*1 over the past month.
There was no significant change in the concentration of radioactive materials newly released from Reactor Buildings into the air*2. It was concluded that the comprehensive cold shutdown condition had been maintained.

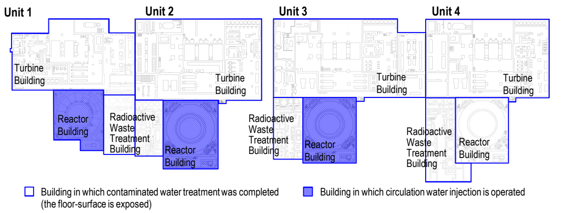
* 1 The values varied somewhat, depending on the unit and location of the thermometer.
* 2 In November 2020, the radiation exposure dose due to the release of radioactive materials from the Unit 1-4 Reactor Buildings was evaluated at less than 0.00007 mSv/year at the site boundary.
The annual radiation dose from natural radiation is approx. 2.1 mSv/year (average in Japan).

The target of contaminated water treatment in buildings completed

For the floor-surface exposure of buildings, except for the Unit 1-3 Reactor Buildings, Process Main Building and the High Temperature Incinerator Building within 2020, which is a milestone (main target process) of the Mid-and-Long-Term Roadmap, levels of contaminated water in buildings were reduced. On December 24, the achievement of the target was confirmed.

With the aim of halving the volume of contaminated water in R/B by the end of 2020 (FY2022-2024), ongoing efforts to manage contaminated water will continue.

<Status of contaminated water treatment in Unit 1-4>



Analysis of secondary treatment performance confirmation tests completed and concentration reduction confirmed

As a secondary treatment performance confirmation tests, analysis of the high-concentration area (J1-C) and the low concentration area (J1-G) was completed.

The sum of ratios of legally required concentrations for nuclides targeted for removal (62 nuclides) + Carbon-14 was as follows:

・High concentration area (J1-C)

[before] 2,406 → [after] 0.35

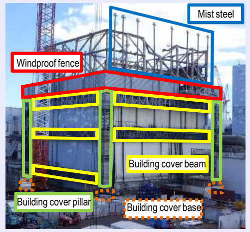
・Low concentration area (J1-G)

[before] 387 → [after] 0.22

In both areas, it was confirmed that the sum of ratios of legally required concentrations excluding tritium is reduced to less than 1. Work continues to check the procedures and processes for the nuclide analysis and conduct others.

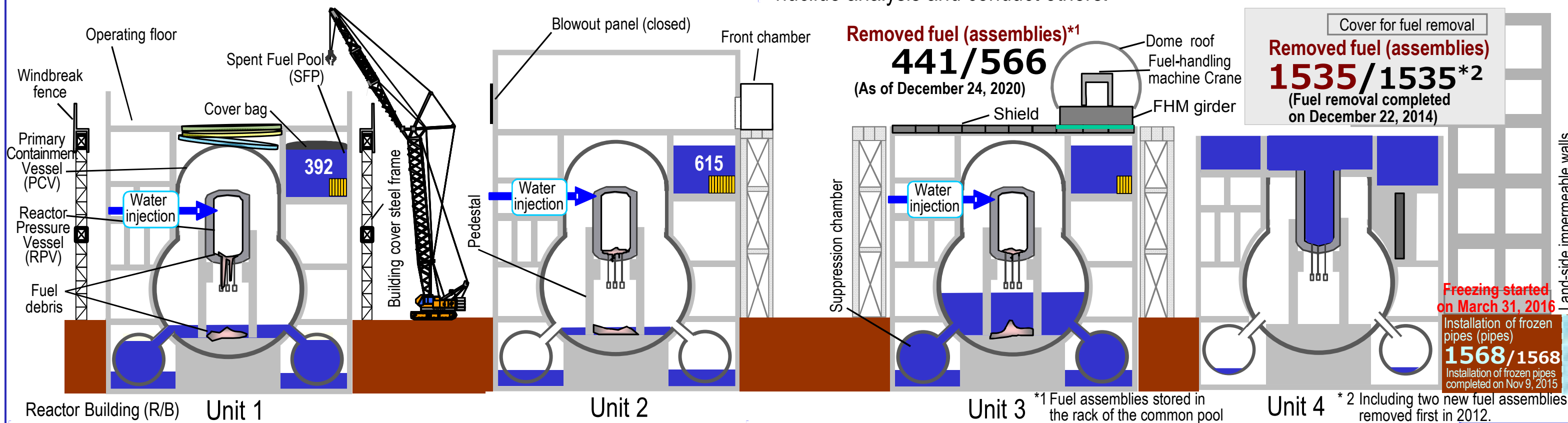
Unit 1 Before starting to install a large cover, work to dismantle the building cover (remaining part) commenced

Before starting to install a large cover over the Unit 1 Rector Building, work to dismantle the interfering building cover (remaining part) commenced from December 19, 2020. After completing the dismantling in June 2021, installation of a large cover will start from the first half of FY2021.



Full view of Unit 1 Reactor Building (as of March 2020)

Dismantling of the windproof fences (as of December 19, 2020)



*1 Fuel assemblies stored in the rack of the common pool

* 2 Including two new fuel assemblies removed first in 2012.

Survey for workers toward creating a safe and comfortable work environment

With the aim of improving the work environment in the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, the 11th questionnaire survey was conducted, to which 4,227 workers responded.

Positive responses increased regarding concerns about working, rewarding and the intention to work. In response to the answer concerning places where workers felt unsafe within and outside the site, these places will be investigated and lighting and safe passages will be installed as necessary. Based on workers' feedback, efforts for improvement will continue.

Unit 1 PCV internal investigation New camera being developed toward obstacle investigation

During preparatory work toward the PCV internal investigation by an underwater ROV, it was confirmed that there were instrumentation pipes for the Primary Loop Recirculation System under the cutting scope. To check the insertion route of the underwater ROV, an obstacle investigation will be conducted using a new camera.

The new camera will be mounted on suspension equipment and take images downward and laterally. Work to investigate obstacles using this new camera equipment will be conducted in late January 2021.

Future processes will be reviewed based on the investigative results of the new camera equipment.

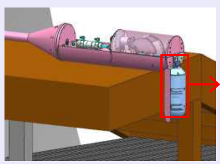
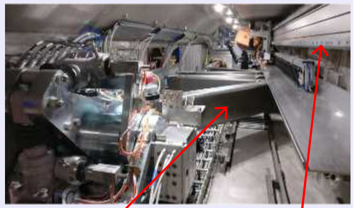


Image of the new camera equipment

Appearance of the camera

Unit 2 Development of the equipment for trial fuel debris retrieval delayed by the spreading COVID-19 infection in the UK

Regarding the equipment for trial fuel debris retrieval in Unit 2, development in the UK has been delayed due to the spreading COVID-19 infection and transporting to Japan scheduled for January 2021 will be difficult. If the work continues in the UK, a significant delay to the process is expected. In response, it was decided that among the performance verification test and others planned in the UK, those that may be conducted in Japan will be relocated to Japan. Toward the trial retrieval, efforts will continue with safety first to minimize the process delay within almost one year.



Robot arm

Enclosure (equipment to store the robot arm and confine radioactive materials)

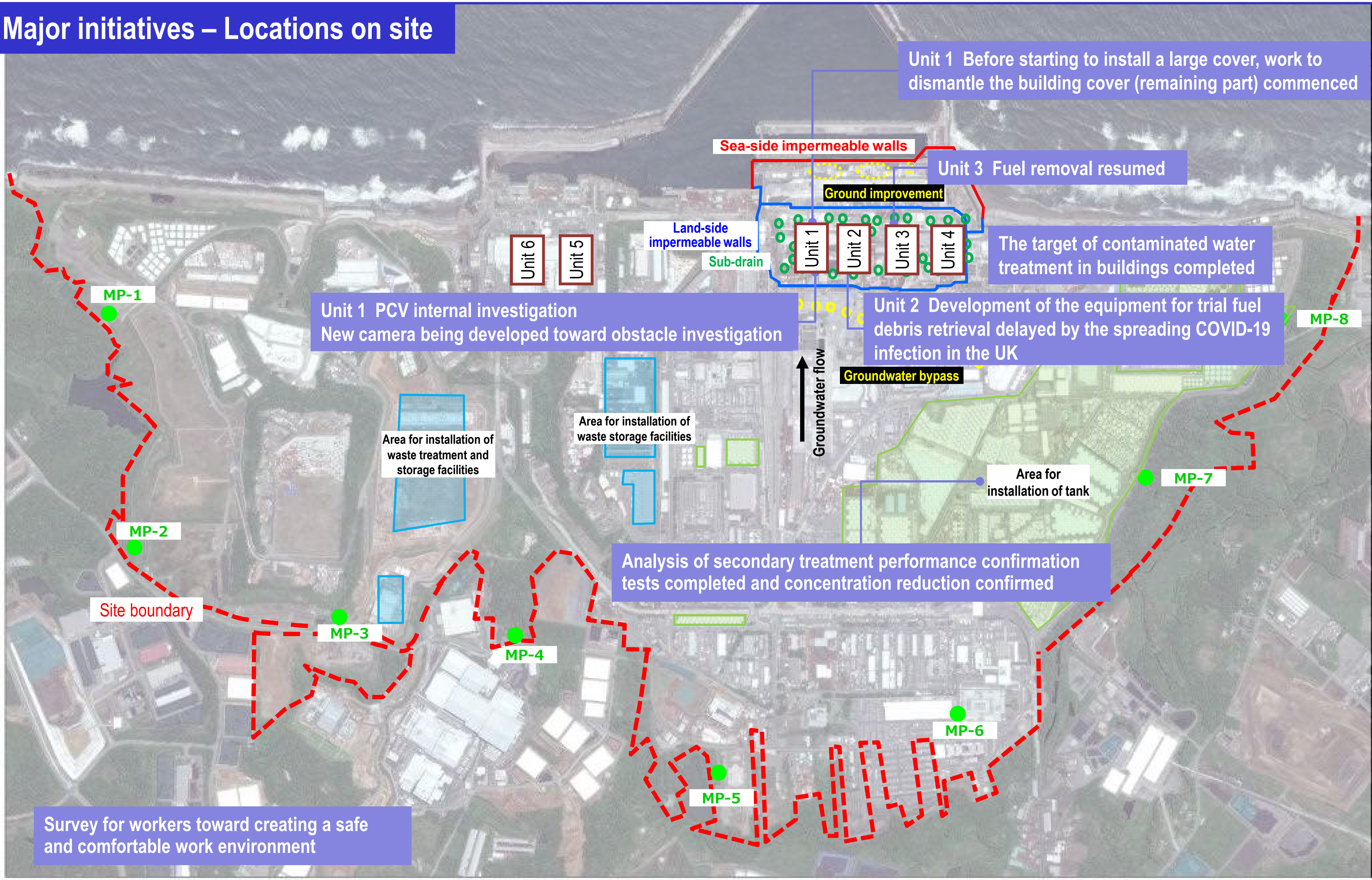
Unit 3 Fuel removal resumed

On November 18, the main hoisting of the crane malfunctioned and fuel removal was suspended. Disassembling the main hoisting components involved allowed the problematic part to be identified. On December 16, the power cable of the main hoisting motor was replaced and the main hoisting was confirmed as working.

After confirming the soundness of the crane and completing a series of operation verification, work resumed from December 20. At present, 441 fuel assemblies have been removed. On December 24, a lifting test was conducted using a new gripper for four fuel assemblies with significantly deformed handles.

Work will continue with safety first toward completing fuel removal within FY2020.

Major initiatives – Locations on site



* Data of Monitoring Posts (MP1-MP8.)

Data (10-minute values) of Monitoring Posts (MPs) measuring the airborne radiation rate around site boundaries showed 0.374 – 1.231 μSv/h (November 24 – December 22, 2020).

We improved the measurement conditions of monitoring posts 2 to 8 to measure the air-dose rate precisely. Construction work, such as tree-clearing, surface soil removal and shield wall setting, were implemented from February 10 to April 18, 2012.

Therefore, monitoring results at these points are lower than elsewhere in the power plant site.

The radiation shielding panels around monitoring post No. 6, which is one of the instruments used to measure the radiation dose at the power station site boundary, were taken off from July 10 - 11, 2013, since further deforestation, etc. had caused the surrounding radiation dose to decline significantly.

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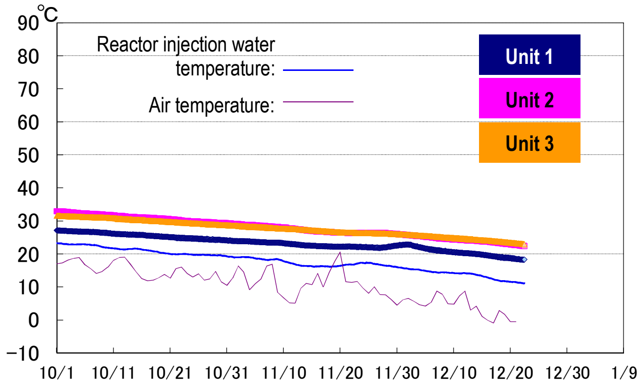
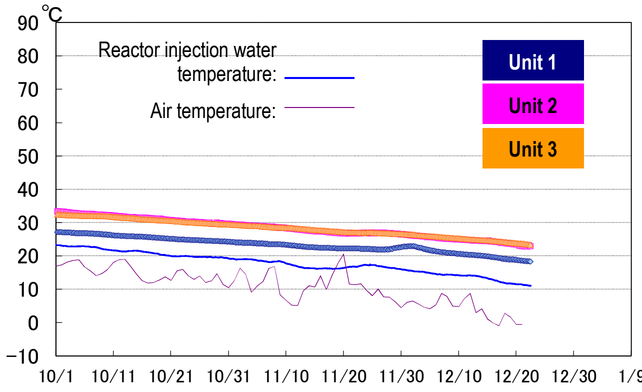
I. Confirmation of the reactor conditions

1. Temperatures inside the reactors

Through continuous reactor cooling by water injection, the temperatures of the Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) bottom and the Primary Containment Vessel (PCV) gas phase were maintained within the range of approx. 15 to 25°C for the past month, though it varied depending on the unit and location of the thermometer.



RPV bottom temperatures (recent quarter)



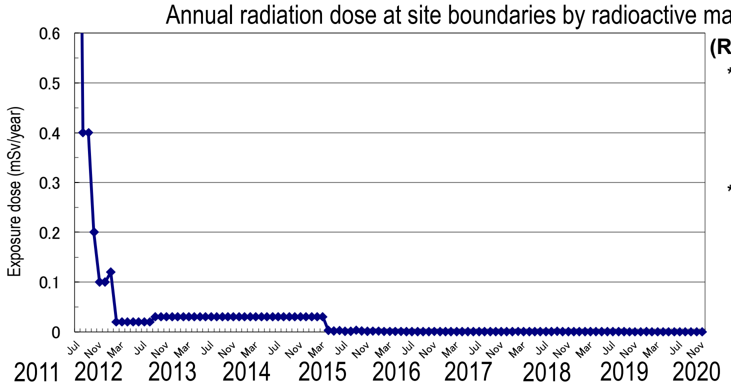
PCV gas phase temperatures (recent quarter)

* The trend graphs show part of the temperature data measured at multiple points.

2. Release of radioactive materials from the Reactor Buildings

As of November 2020, the concentration of the radioactive materials newly released from Reactor Building Units 1-4 into the air and measured at the site boundary was evaluated at approx. 3.0 × 10^{-12} Bq/cm³ and 4.0 × 10^{-12} Bq/cm³ for Cs-134 and -137 respectively, while the radiation exposure dose due to the release of radioactive materials there was less than 0.00007 mSv/year.

Annual radiation dose at site boundaries by radioactive materials (cesium) released from Reactor Building Units 1-4



(Reference)

- * The concentration limit of radioactive materials in the air outside the surrounding monitoring area:
  [Cs-134]: 2 x 10^{-5} Bq/cm³
  [Cs-137]: 3 x 10^{-5} Bq/cm³
- * Data of Monitoring Posts (MP1-MP8).
  Data of Monitoring Posts (MPs) measuring the air dose rate around the site boundary showed 0.374 – 1.231 μSv/h (November 24 – December 22, 2020).
  To measure the variation in the air dose rate of MP2-MP8 more accurately, work to improve the environment (trimming trees, removing surface soil, and shielding around the MPs) was completed.

Note 1: Different formulas and coefficients were used to evaluate the radiation dose in the facility operation plan and monthly report. The evaluation methods were integrated in September 2012. As the fuel removal from the spent fuel pool (SFP) commenced for Unit 4, the radiation exposure dose from Unit 4 was added to the items subject to evaluation since November 2013. The evaluation has been changed to a method considering the values of continuous dust monitors since FY2015, with data to be evaluated monthly and announced the following month.

Note 2: Radiation dose was calculated using the evaluation values of release amount from Units 1-4 and Units 5 and 6. The radiation dose of Unit 5 and 6 was evaluated based on expected release amount during operation until September 2019 but the evaluation method was reviewed and changed to calculate based on the actual measurement results of Units 5 and 6 from October.

3. Other indices

There was no significant change in indices, including the pressure in the PCV and the PCV radioactivity density (Xe-135) for monitoring criticality, nor was any anomaly in the cold shutdown condition or criticality sign detected.

Based on the above, it was confirmed that the comprehensive cold shutdown condition had been maintained and the reactors remained in a stabilized condition.

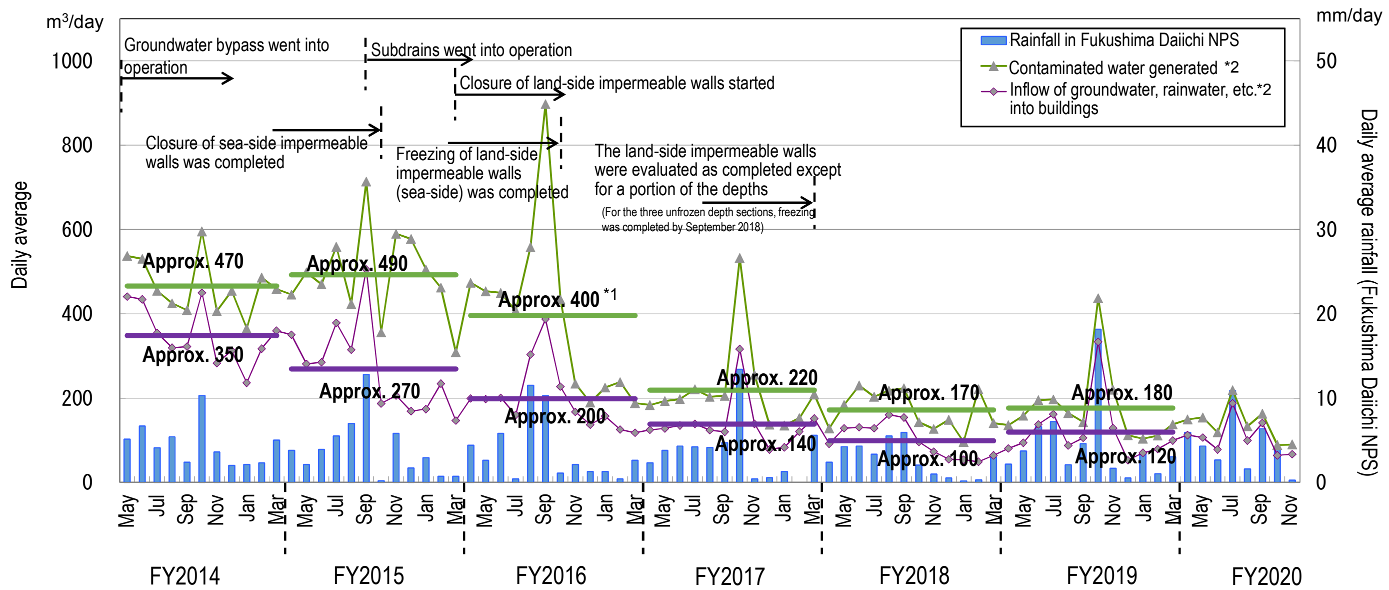
II. Progress status by each plan

1. Contaminated water management

Based on the three basic policies: "remove" the source of water contamination, "redirect" fresh water from contaminated areas and "retain" contaminated water from leakage, multi-layered contaminated water management measures have been implemented to stably control groundwater

➢ Status of contaminated water generated

- Multi-layered measures, including pumping up by
- s and land-side impermeable walls, which were implemented to control the continued generation of contaminated water, suppressed the groundwater inflow into buildings.
- After "redirecting" measures (groundwater bypass, sub-drains, land-side impermeable walls and others) were steadily implemented, the amount generated declined from approx. 470 m³/day (the FY2014 average) when the measures were first launched to approx. 180 m³/day (the FY2019 average).
- Measures will continue to further reduce the volume of contaminated water generated.



*1 Values differ from those announced at the 20th Committee on Countermeasures for Contaminated Water Treatment (held on August 25, 2017) because the method of calculating the contaminated water volume generated was reviewed on March 1, 2018. Details of the review are described in the materials for the 50th and 51st meetings of the Secretariat of the Team for Countermeasures for Decommissioning and Contaminated Water Treatment.

*2: The monthly daily average is derived from the daily average from the previous Thursday to the last Wednesday, which is calculated based on the data measured at 7:00 on every Thursday.

Figure 1: Changes in contaminated water generated and inflow of groundwater, rainwater, into buildings

➢ Operation of the groundwater bypass

- From April 9, 2014, the operation of 12 groundwater bypass pumping wells commenced sequentially to pump up groundwater. The release then started from May 21, 2014, in the presence of officials from the Intergovernmental Liaison Office for the Decommissioning and Contaminated Water Issue of the Cabinet Office. Up until December 23, 2020, 607,063 m³ of groundwater had been released. The pumped-up groundwater was temporarily stored in tanks and released after TEPCO and a third-party organization had confirmed that its quality met operational targets.
- Pumps are inspected and cleaned as required based on their operational status.

➢ Operation of the Water Treatment Facility special for Sub-drain & Groundwater drains

- To reduce the level of groundwater flowing into the buildings, work began to pump up groundwater from wells (sub-drains) around the buildings on September 3, 2015. The pumped-up groundwater was then purified at dedicated facilities and released from September 14, 2015, in the presence of officials from the Intergovernmental Liaison Office for the Decommissioning and Contaminated Water Issue of the Cabinet Office. Up until December 22, 2020, a total of 1,029,129 m³ had been drained after TEPCO and a third-party organization had confirmed that its quality met operational targets.
- Due to the level of the groundwater drain pond rising after the sea-side impermeable walls had been closed, pumping started on November 5, 2015. Up until December 23, 2020, a total of approx. 256,868 m³ had been pumped up and a volume of under 10 m³/day is being transferred from the groundwater drain to the Turbine Buildings (average for the period November 19 – December 9, 2020).
- As one of the multi-layered contaminated-water management measures, in addition to a waterproof pavement that aims to prevent rainwater infiltrating, facilities to enhance the sub-drain treatment system were installed and went into operation from April 2018, increasing the treatment capacity from 900 to 1,500 m³/day and improving reliability.

Operational efficiency was also improved to treat up to 2,000 m³/day for almost one week during the peak period.

- To maintain the groundwater level, work to install additional sub-drain pits and recover those existing is underway. The additional pits are scheduled to start operation sequentially, from pits for which work is completed (12 of 14 new sub-drain pits went into operation). To recover existing pits, work for all three pits scheduled was completed and all went into operation from December 26, 2018. Work to recover another pit (No. 49) started from November 2019 and it went into operation from October 9, 2020.
- To eliminate the need to suspend water pumping while cleaning the sub-drain transfer pipe, the pipe will be duplicated. Installation of the pipe and ancillary facilities was completed.
- Since the sub-drains went into operation, the inflow to buildings tended to decline to under 150 m³/day when the sub-drain water level declined below T.P. 3.0 m but increased during rainfall.

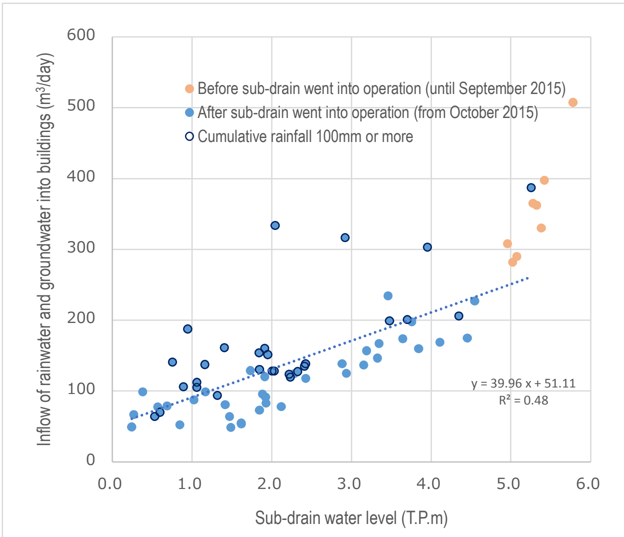


Figure 2: Correlation between inflow such as groundwater and rainwater into buildings and the water level of Units 1-4 sub-drains

➢ Implementation status of facing

- Facing is a measure involving asphalting of the on-site surface to reduce the radiation dose, prevent rainwater infiltrating the ground and decrease the amount of underground water flowing into buildings. As of the end of November 2020, 94% of the planned area (1,450,000 m² on site) had been completed. For the area inside the land-side impermeable walls, implementation proceeds appropriately after constructing a yard from implementable zones that do not affect the decommissioning work. As of the end of November 2020, 18% of the planned area (60,000 m²) had been completed.

➢ Construction status of the land-side impermeable walls and status of groundwater levels around the buildings

- An operation to maintain the land-side impermeable walls and prevent the frozen soil from thickening further continued from May 2017 on the north and south sides and started from November 2017 on the east side, where sufficiently thick frozen soil was identified. The scope of the maintenance operation was expanded in March 2018.
- In March 2018, construction of the land-side impermeable walls was completed, except for a portion of the depth, based on a monitoring result showing that the underground temperature had declined below 0°C in almost all areas, while on the mountain side, the difference in internal and external water levels increased to approx. 4-5 m. The 21st Committee on Countermeasures for Contaminated-Water Treatment, held on March 7, 2018, evaluated that alongside the function of sub-drains and other measures, a water-level management system to stably control groundwater and redirect groundwater from the buildings had been established and allowed the amount of contaminated water generated to be reduced significantly.
- A supplementary method was implemented for the unfrozen depth and it was confirmed that the temperature of this portion had declined below 0°C by September 2018. From February 2019, a maintenance operation started throughout all sections.
- The groundwater level in the area inside the land-side impermeable walls has been declining every year. On the mountain side, the difference between the inside and outside was maintained, despite varying during rainfall. The water level of the groundwater drain observation well has been maintained at approx. T.P.+1.5 m, sufficiently below the ground surface (T.P. 2.5 m).

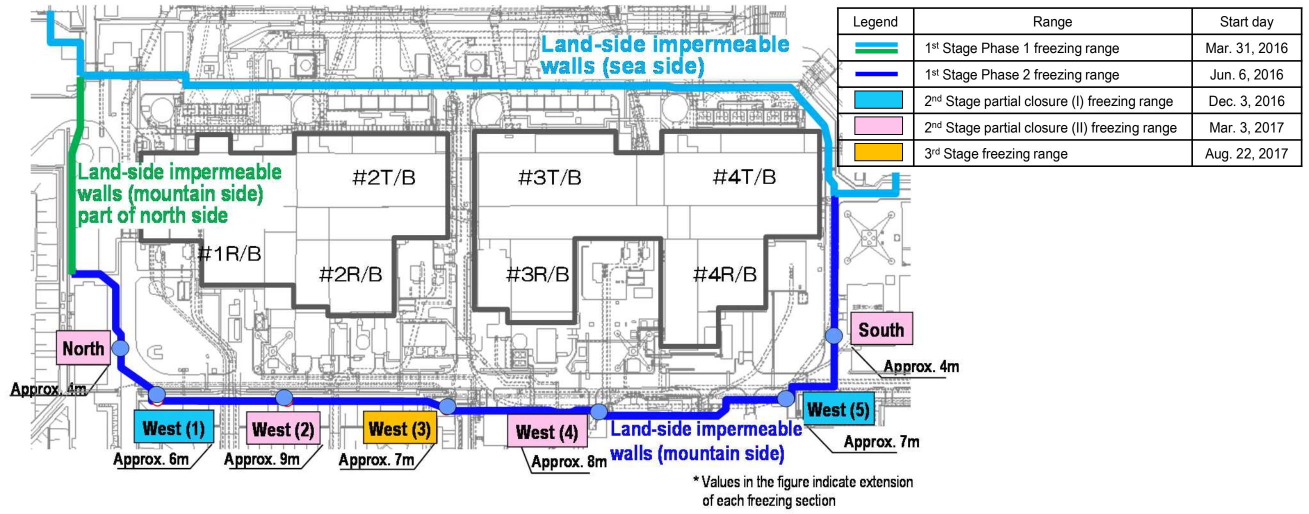


Figure 3: Closure parts of the land-side impermeable walls (on the mountain side)

➢ Operation of multi-nuclide removal equipment

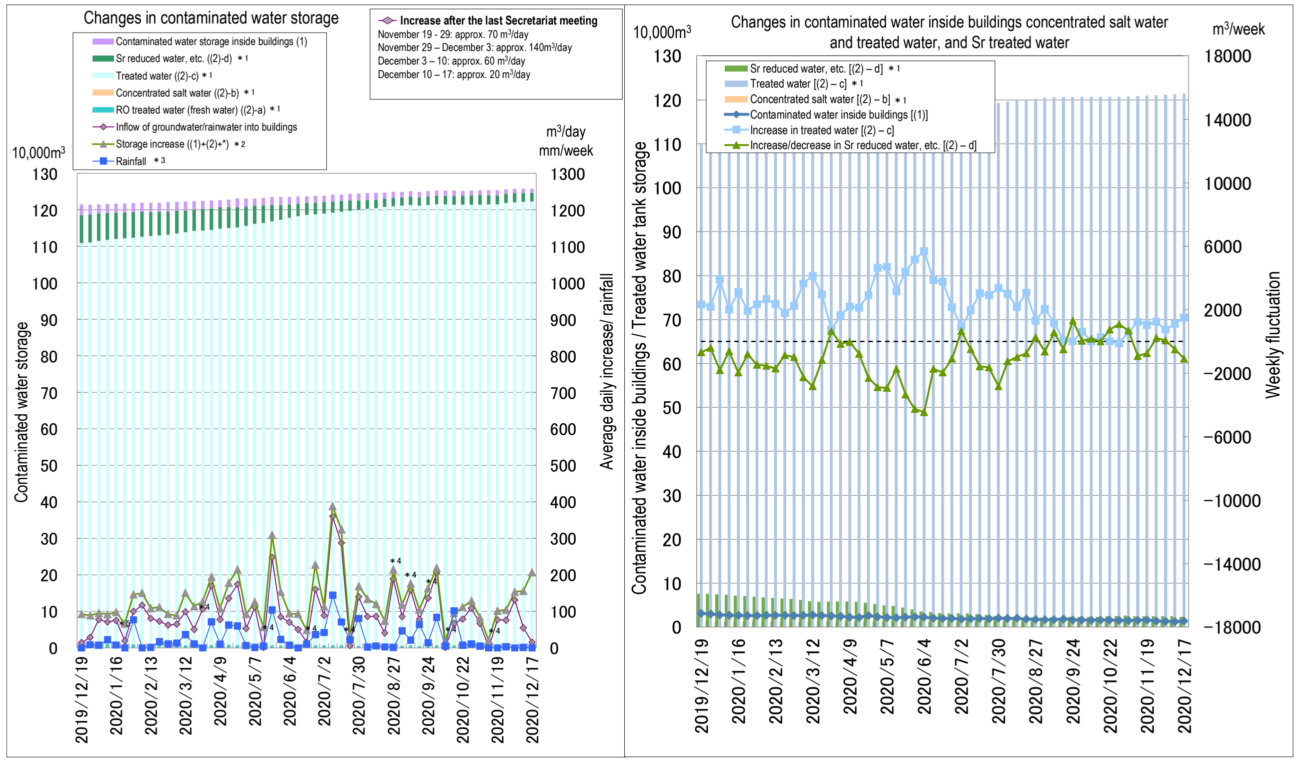
- Regarding the multi-nuclide removal equipment (existing and high-performance), hot tests using radioactive water are underway (for existing equipment, System A: from March 30, 2013, System B: from June 13, 2013, System C: from September 27, 2013; and for high-performance equipment, from October 18, 2014). The additional multi-nuclide removal equipment went into full-scale operation from October 16, 2017.
- As of December 17, 2020, the volumes treated by existing, additional, and high-performance multi-nuclide removal equipment were approx. 457,000, 688,000 and 103,000 m³, respectively (including approx. 9,500 m³ stored in the J1(D) tank, which contained water with highly concentrated radioactive materials at the System B outlet of the existing multi-nuclide removal equipment).
- To reduce the risks of strontium−reduced water, treatment using existing, additional, and high-performance multi-nuclide removal equipment has been underway (existing: from December 4, 2015; additional: from May 27, 2015; high-performance: from April 15, 2015). Up until December 17, 2020, approx. 771,000 m³ had been treated.

➢ Toward reducing the risk of contaminated water stored in tanks

- Treatment measures comprising the removal of strontium by cesium-absorption apparatus (KURION) (from January 6, 2015), the secondary cesium-absorption apparatus (SARRY) (from December 26, 2014) and the third cesium-absorption apparatus (SARRY II) (from July 12, 2019) are underway. Up until December 17, 2020, approx. 619,000 m³ had been treated.

➢ Measures in the Tank Area

- Rainwater accumulates and is collected inside the area of contaminated-water tanks. After removing radionuclides, the rainwater is sprinkled on the ground of the site, if the radioactivity level does not meet the standard for discharging into the environment since May 21, 2014 (as of December 22, 2020, a total of 173,090 m³).



*1: Water amount for which the water-level gauge indicates 0% or more

*2: To detect storage increases more accurately, the calculation method was reviewed as follows from February 9, 2017: (The revised method was applied from March 1, 2018)
[(Inflow of groundwater/rainwater into buildings) + (other transfer) + (chemical injection into ALPS)]

*3: Changed from December 13, 2018 from rainfall in Namie to that within the site.

*4: Considered attributable to the increased inflow of groundwater, rainwater, and others to buildings due to the decline in the level of contaminated water in buildings. (March 18, May 7-14, June 11-18, July 16-23, August 20-27, September 3-10 and 17-24, and October 1-8, 2020)

*5: From the period January 16-23, 2019, amid a decline in the water level in Unit 4 R/B, system water in S/C flowing into R/B contaminated water is reflected in the inflow of groundwater and rainwater in addition to the transferred amount generated in decommissioning work.

Figure 4: Status of contaminated water

➢ Progress status of tank construction

- Installation of tanks planned for this year was completed. With this construction, the installation of a total of 1,047 tanks for approx. 1.37 million m³ (including strontium-reduced water) was completed.
- At the same time, reuse of tanks for strontium-reduced water to tanks for treated water from the multi-nuclide removal equipment and others is underway. By around February 2021, the number of tanks for treated water will be 1,023 for treated water from the multi-nuclide removal equipment and others and 24 for strontium-reduced water, respectively.

➢ Oil detected in the relay tank of sub-drain water-collection facility No. 4

- The relay tank of sub-drain No. 4 collects water pumped from the sub-drain pit on the west side of Unit 3 and 4 Reactor Buildings. On December 7, when collecting surface-floating material in that relay tank, viscous turbid water was detected on the surface and there was an oily offensive odor. On December 8, water was sampled from that tank and an analysis of the sample detected oil.
- In response, water was sampled from sub-drain pits of the same tank system (a total of eight) and analyzed. Based on the analytical results detecting oil from the No. 40 pit, it was assumed that oil in the above tank was sucked from sub-drain pit No. 40.
- After collecting and cleaning oil in the No. 4 relay tank, water will be pumped from five sub-drain pits (on the west side of Unit 4) in which no oil was detected and water quality in the No. 4 relay tank will be analyzed.

2. Fuel removal from the spent fuel pools

Work to help remove spent fuel from the pool is progressing steadily while ensuring seismic capacity and safety. The removal of spent fuel from the Unit 4 pool commenced on November 18, 2013 and was completed by December 22, 2014

➢ Main work to help spent fuel removal at Unit 1

- From March 18, 2019, the removal of small rubble in the east-side area around the spent fuel pool (SFP) started using pliers and suction equipment, while small rubble removal on the south side of the SFP started from July 9.
- The well plug, which was considered misaligned due to the influence of the hydrogen explosion at the time of the accident, was investigated for the period July 17 – August 26, 2019, by taking photos with a camera, measuring the air dose rate, and collecting 3D images.
- A prior investigation on September 27, 2019 confirmed the lack of any obstacle which may affect the plan to install the cover over the SFP, the absence of any heavy object such as a concrete block on the fuel rack, as detected in Unit 3 and the fact that panel- and bar-shaped rubble pieces were scattered on the rack.
- After examining two methods: (i) installing a cover after rubble removal and (ii) initially installing a large cover over the Reactor Building and then removing rubble inside the cover, method (ii) was selected to ensure safer and more secure removal.
- Before removing the fallen roof and other objects on the south side, to minimize the risk of the overhead crane/fuel-handling machine shifting its position, becoming imbalanced and subsequently falling, materials to support the fuel-handling machine from below will be installed.
- Among the measures to prevent and alleviate rubble falling, work to install supports for the Unit 1 fuel-handling machine started from October 6 and was completed by October 23.
- To install the support for the overhead crane, preparation started from October and the work was completed on November 24.
- Rubble removal and other work will proceed steadily with safety first, toward starting fuel removal during the period FY2027 to FY2028.

➢ Main work to help spent fuel removal at Unit 2

- On November 6, 2018, before investigating with a work plan to dismantle the Reactor Building rooftop and other tasks in mind, work to move and contain the remaining objects on the operating floor (1st round) was completed.
- On February 1, 2019, an investigation to measure the radiation dose on the floor, walls and ceiling inside the operating floor and confirm the contamination status was completed. After analyzing the investigative results, the "contamination concentration distribution" throughout the entire operating floor was obtained, based on which the air dose rate inside the operating floor could be evaluated. A shielding design and measures to prevent radioactive material scattering will be examined.
- From April 8, 2019, work to move and contain the remaining objects on the operating floor (second round) started, such as materials and equipment which may hinder installation of the fuel-handling facility and other work. The second round mainly included moving the remaining small objects and placing them in the container. It also included cleaning the floor to suppress dust scattering and was completed on August 21.
- From September 10, 2019, work got underway to move and contain the remaining objects on the operating floor (third round), such as materials and equipment which may hinder the installation of the fuel-handling facility and other work. The third round mainly included moving the remaining large objects and placing them in the container.
- After completing the training to practice work skills for transportation, preparatory work inside the operating floor started from July 20, 2020. Containers housing the remaining objects during the previous work were transported to the solid waste storage facility from August 26, which was completed by December 11.
- For fuel removal methods, based on the investigative results inside the operating floor from November 2018 to February 2019, a method to access from a small opening installed on the south side of the building was selected with aspects such as dust management and lower work exposure in mind (the method previously examined had involved fully dismantling the upper part of the building).

➢ Main process to help fuel removal at Unit 3

- From April 15, 2019, work got underway to remove 514 spent fuel assemblies and 52 non-irradiated fuel assemblies (566 in total) stored in the spent fuel pool. Seven non-irradiated fuel assemblies were then loaded into the transportation cask and transported to the common pool on April 23. The initial fuel removal was completed on April 25.

- The periodical inspection of the fuel-handling facility, which started on July 24, 2019, was completed on September 2, 2019. Some defective rotations of the tensile truss and mast were detected during the following adjustment work toward resumption of the fuel removal. In response, parts were replaced and the operation checked to confirm no problem.
- Fuel removal work was resumed from December 23, 2019 and has since proceeded as planned.
- By February 14, 2020, a visual check of all fuel handles was completed.
- The inspection of the fuel-handling machine and other equipment and additional training for added workers, which had been conducted since March 30, 2020, were completed without issue by May 23, whereupon fuel removal resumed from May 26.
- On September 2, 2020, a cable indicating the opening/closure and seating conditions of the gripper was damaged when material was caught near the wall on the south side of the pool while fuel assemblies were being transferred within the pool. The damaged cable was replaced with a spare, but a subsequent operational check detected an abnormality in the signals indicating the seating condition of the gripper or others, whereupon the circuit inside the gripper was repaired.
- On September 19, damage to the crane hydraulic hose was also detected, whereupon it was replaced with a spare.
- On November 18, after seating an empty transportation cask inside the Unit 3 SFP, the main hoisting of the crane malfunctioned.
- In response, fuel removal was suspended from November 18. On December 16, the power cable was replaced and the main hoisting was confirmed as working. After confirming the soundness of the crane, work resumed from December 20.
- At present, 441 of 566 fuel assemblies have been removed with the nine assemblies remaining, for which rubble needs to be removed from the fuel top.
- On August 24, a lifting test was conducted for one fuel assembly with a deformed handle, which was excluded from the previous lifting test in May and one fuel assembly, with which a deformed handle was detected after the previous lifting test. Based on the test results it was confirmed that both fuel assemblies could be lifted.
- On October 23, a lifting test was conducted for three assemblies with a deformed handle, which previous tests confirmed as impossible to lift. The results showed that one could be lifted several centimeters from the fuel rack.
- After removing rubble between the channel box and storage rack using a small-rubble removal tool, a test was conducted for the three assemblies on November 13, which confirmed that one assembly could be lifted. For the remaining two assemblies that could not be lifted, another lifting test will be implemented after applying the small-rubble removal tool again and during downtime of the fuel assembly removal work.

3. Retrieval of fuel debris

➢ Results of the on-site investigation toward decreasing the dose of Unit 1 RCW

- The on-site condition was investigated toward decreasing the dose of Unit 1 Reactor Building Closed Cooling Water System (RCW), the dose of which was locally high. To decrease the dose, assuming a high dose of water within the RCW, water in the RCW heat exchanger was removed.
- The dose was measured at a total of nine points: eight points at 1m-interval from 1m below the two holes pierced for investigation on the third floor of the Unit 1 Reactor Building; and the center of the RCW heat exchanger. From the results showing a high dose near the center of the RCW heat exchanger, it was assumed that the heat exchanger was the source.
- Based on the results of the on-site investigation, the locations of the holes pierced for access to the RCW heat exchanger will be examined and the holes will be pierced in February 2021. In October 2021, water within the RCW heat exchanger will be sampled. Based on the sampling results, later work will be examined.

4. Plans to store, process and dispose of solid waste and decommission of reactor facilities

Promoting efforts to reduce and store waste generated appropriately and R&D to facilitate adequate and safe storage, processing and disposal of radioactive waste

➢ Management status of the rubble and trimmed trees

- As of the end of November 2020, the total storage volume for concrete and metal rubble was approx. 307,400 m³ (+2,400 m³ compared to at the end of October with an area-occupation rate of 74%). The total storage volume of trimmed trees was approx. 134,400 m³ (slight increase, with an area-occupation rate of 77%). The total storage volume of used protective clothing was approx. 31,100 m³ (+100 m³, with an area-occupation rate of 45%). The increase in rubble was mainly attributable to work around the Unit 1-4 buildings, site preparation work, transfer for general waste on site and area arrangements, decontamination work of flanged tanks, and work related to the port, while the increase in used protective clothing was attributable to the suspended operation of the incinerator.

➢ Management status of secondary waste from water treatment

- As of December 3, 2020, the total storage volume of waste sludge was 437 m³ (area-occupation rate: 62%), while that of concentrated waste fluid was 9,345 m³ (area-occupation rate: 91%). The total number of stored spent vessels, High-Integrity Containers (HICs) for multi-nuclide removal equipment and other vessels, was 4,980 (area-occupation rate: 78%).

➢ Progress status of the additional Radioactive Waste Incinerator in the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

- For the additional Radioactive Waste Incinerator, system tests are being implemented toward the cold test before the completion in March 2021.
- The wear detected in the inspection exceeded expectations (approx. 30 mm for each ten days, despite the design wear tolerance of approx. 6 mm/year) in the rotating part sliding material of the rotary kiln seal parts (inlet and outlet sides). This was considered attributable to the level difference and inclination of the sliding material (rotating and fixed parts), the condition of the compression spring and others. Work to investigate the cause is being implemented focused on the seal part where wear was detected.
- The processes of the cold and hot tests will be reviewed based on the results of the cause investigation.
- As this test was dry burning without incineration and air flowed into the incinerator due to negative pressure, no radioactive material was released.

5. Reactor cooling

The cold shutdown condition will be maintained by cooling the reactor by water injection and measures to complement the status monitoring will continue

➢ Results of the test to suspend water injection into the Unit 1 reactor

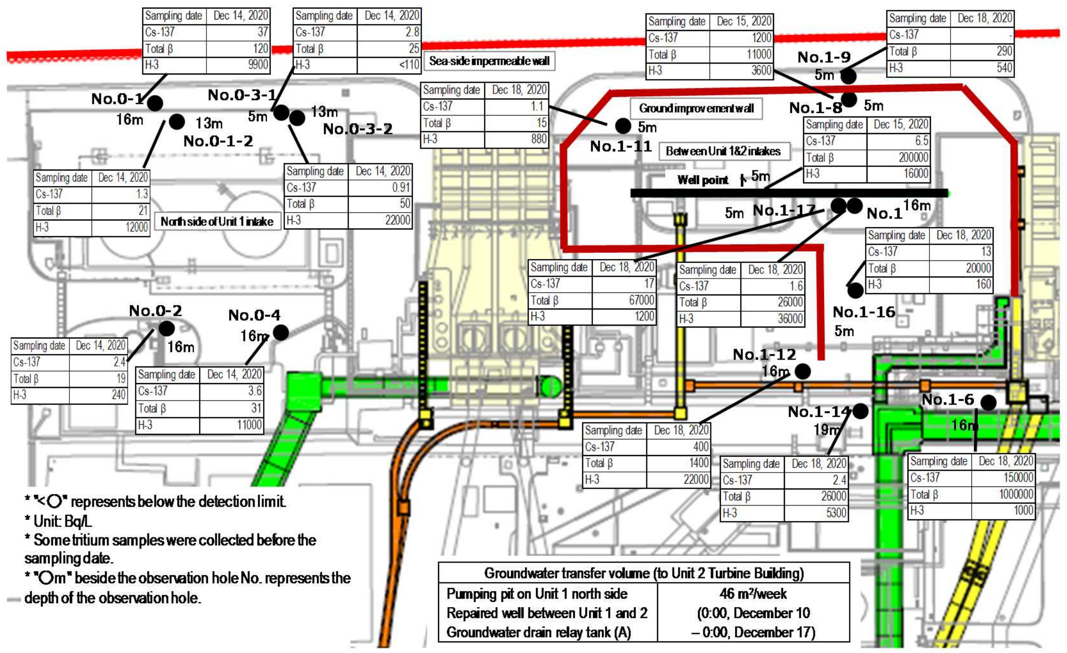
- A test was implemented to check whether the water level of the Primary Containment Vessel (PCV) declines below the water-temperature thermometer (TE-1625T1) at the lower end by suspending water injection into the reactor. Water injection into Unit 1 reactor was suspended for five days during November 26 – December 1, 2020.
- Based on the results, it was assumed from the temperature variation measured with the same thermometer (TE-1625T1) that the PCV water level did not decline below the thermometer during the five-day water-injection suspension period. Although the dry-well pressure declined during the suspension period, it was considered attributable to the leakage part exposed to the gas phase by the decline in PCV water level, as occurred in the previous test last fiscal year.
- Based on the condition of the PCV water-level decline during the water-injection suspension period, an optimal approach to injecting water in future will be examined.

6. Reduction in radiation dose and mitigation of contamination

Effective dose-reduction at site boundaries and purification of port water to mitigate the impact of radiation on the external environment

➢ Status of groundwater and seawater on the east side of Turbine Building Units 1-4

- In the Unit 1 intake north side area, the H-3 concentration was below the legal discharge limit of 60,000 Bq/L at all observation holes and remained constant or has been declining. The concentration of total β radioactive materials had remained constant overall but increased temporarily from April. The trend will continue to be monitored.
- In the area between the Unit 1 and 2 intakes, the H-3 concentration has remained below the legal discharge limit of 60,000 Bq/L at all observation holes. It has been increasing or decreasing at No. 1-14 but remained constant or been declining at many observation holes overall. The concentration of total β radioactive materials has remained constant or been declining at many observation holes overall.
- In the area between the Unit 2 and 3 intakes, the H-3 concentration has been below the legal discharge limit of 60,000 Bq/L at all observation holes and remained almost constant or been declining. The concentration of total β radioactive materials has remained almost constant or been declining overall.
- In the area between Unit 3 and 4 intakes, the H-3 concentration has been below the legal discharge limit of 60,000 Bq/L at all observation holes and remained constant or been declining. The concentration of total β radioactive materials has also remained constant or been declining overall.
- The concentration of radioactive materials in drainage channels has remained constant, despite increasing during rainfall.
- In the Units 1-4 open channel area of seawater intake for Units 1 to 4, the concentration of radionuclides in seawater has remained below the legal discharge limit, despite increases in Cs-137 and Sr-90 noted during rainfall. They have also been declining following the completed installation and the connection of steel pipe sheet piles for the sea-side impermeable walls. The concentration of Cs-137 has remained slightly higher in front of the south side impermeable walls and slightly lower on the north side of the east breakwater since March 20, 2019, when the silt fence was transferred to the center of the open channel due to mega float-related construction.
- In the port area, the concentration of radionuclides in seawater has remained below the legal discharge limit, despite increases in Cs-137 and Sr-90 observed during rainfall. They have remained below the level of those in the Units 1-4 intake open channel area and been declining following the completed installation and connection of steel pipe sheet piles for the sea-side impermeable walls.
- In the area outside the port, regarding the concentration of radioactive materials in seawater, those of Cs-137 and Sr-90 declined and remained low after steel pipe sheet piles for the sea-side impermeable walls were installed and connected.



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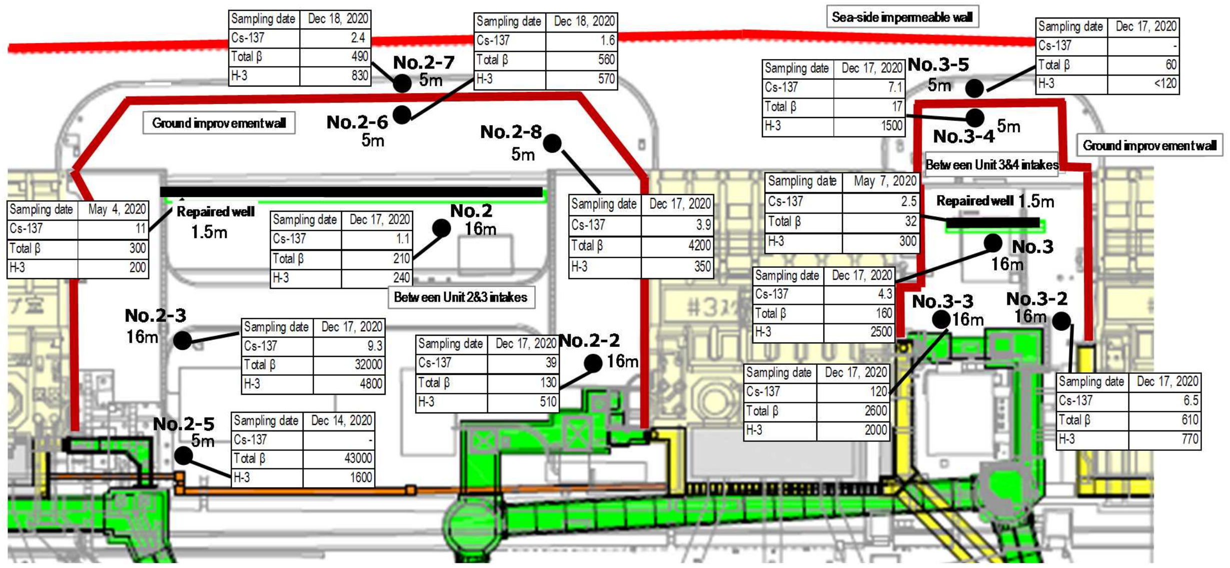

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Figure 5: Groundwater concentration on the Turbine Building east side

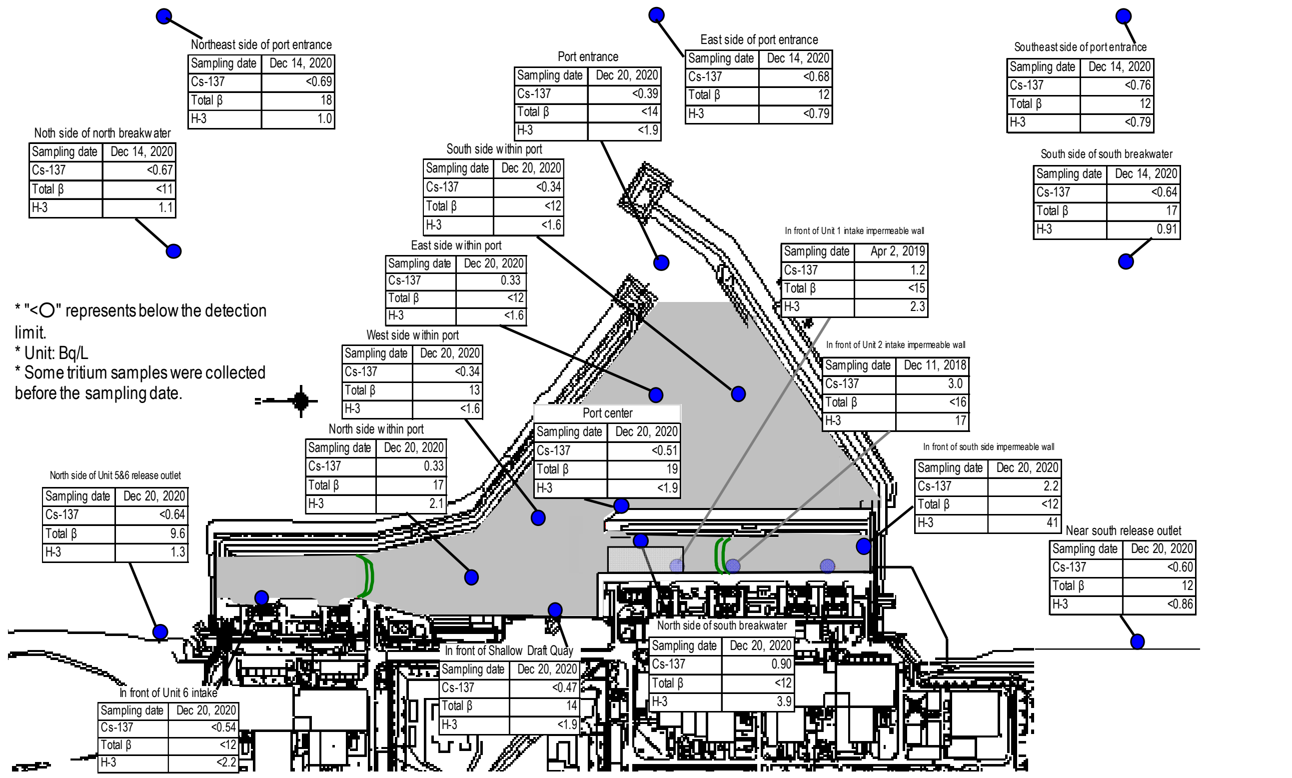


Figure 6: Seawater concentration around the port

7. Outlook of the number of staff required and efforts to improve the labor environment and conditions

Adequate number of staff will be secured in the long-term, while firmly implementing radiation control of workers. The work environment and labor conditions will be continuously improved by responding to the needs on the site.

➢ Staff management

- The monthly average total of personnel registered for at least one day per month to work on site during the past quarter from August to October 2020 was approx. 8,700 (TEPCO and partner company workers), which exceeded the monthly average number of actual workers (approx. 6,500). Accordingly, sufficient personnel are registered to work on site.
- It was confirmed with the prime contractors that the estimated manpower necessary for the work in January 2021 (approx. 3,900 per day: TEPCO and partner company workers) would be secured at present. The average numbers of workers per day per month (actual values) were maintained, with approx. 3,400 to 4,400 since FY2018 (see Figure 7).

- The number of workers from within Fukushima Prefecture remained constant while those from outside increased. The local employment ratio (TEPCO and partner company workers) as of November 2020 also remained constant at around 65%.
- The monthly average exposure doses of workers remained at approx. 0.22, 0.20 and 0.21 mSv/month during FY2017, 2018 and 2019, respectively. (Reference: Annual average exposure dose 20 mSv/year ≒ 1.7 mSv/month)
- For most workers, the exposure dose was sufficiently within the limit and allowed them to continue engaging in radiation work.

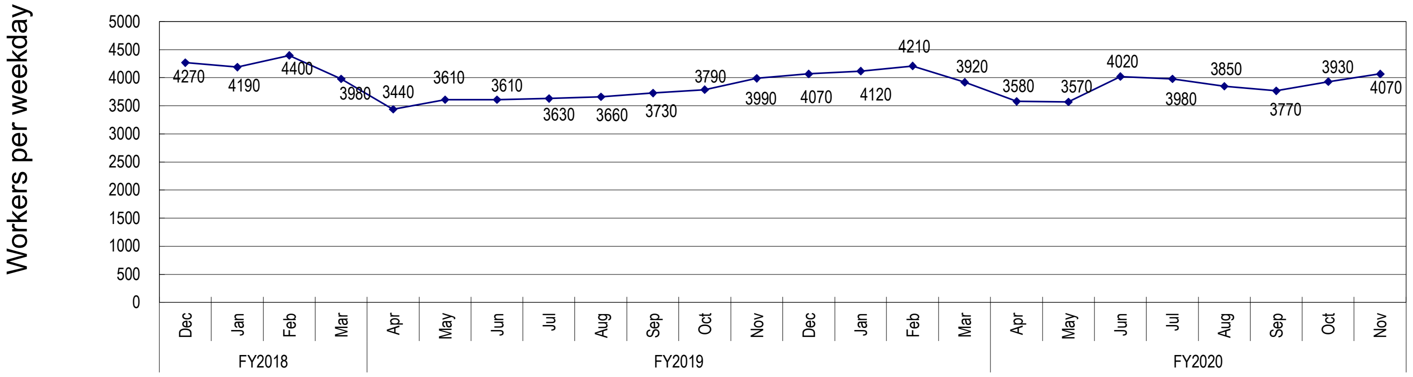


Figure 7: Changes in the average number of workers per weekday for each month of recent 2 years (actual values)

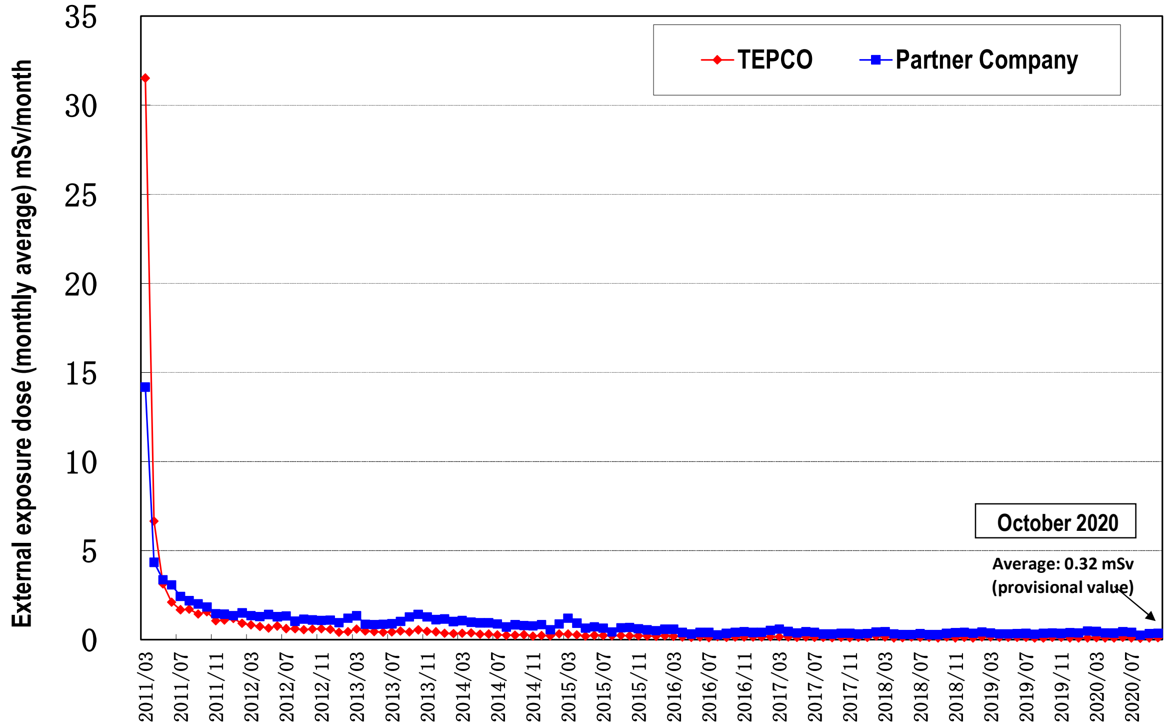


Figure 8: Changes in monthly individual worker exposure dose
(monthly average exposure dose since March 2011)

➢ Measures to prevent infection and expansion of influenza and norovirus

- Since November, measures for influenza and norovirus have been implemented, including free influenza vaccinations (subsidized by TEPCO HD) at medical clinics around the site (from October 12, 2020 to January 28, 2021) for partner company workers. As of December 22, 2020, a total of 4,826 workers had been vaccinated. In addition, other measures are also being implemented across the board, including daily actions to prevent infection and expansion (measuring body temperature, health checks and monitoring infection status) and response after detecting possible infections (swift exit of possible patients and control of entry, mandatory wearing of masks in working spaces, etc.).

➢ Status of influenza and norovirus cases

- Until the 51st week of 2020 (December 14-20, 2020), one influenza infection and one norovirus infection respectively were recorded. The totals for the same period for the previous season showed 82 cases of influenza and four norovirus infections.

Note: The above data is based on reports from TEPCO and partner companies, which include diagnoses at medical clinics outside the site. The subjects of this report were workers of partner companies and TEPCO in Fukushima Daiichi and Daini Nuclear Power Stations.

➢ COVID-19 infectious disease prevention countermeasures at the Fukushima Daiichi NPS

- At the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS), countermeasures according to the local infection status will continue to prevent the COVID-19 infection spreading, such as requiring employees to take their temperature prior to coming to the office, wear masks at all times and avoid the "Three Cs" (Closed spaces, Crowded places, Close-contact settings) by shift-use of the rest house, etc.
- As of December 22, 2020, no TEPCO HD employees or cooperative firm laborers of the Fukushima Daiichi NPS had contracted COVID-19, nor was any significant influence on decommissioning work, such as a delay to the work processes, identified.

Status of seawater monitoring within the port (comparison between the highest values in 2013 and the latest values)

"The highest value" → "the latest value (sampled during December 14-21)"; unit (Bq/L); ND represents a value below the detection limit

Summary of TEPCO data as of December 22, 2020

Note: The Total β measurement values include natural potassium 40 (approx. 12 Bq/L).
They also include the contribution of yttrium 90, which radioactively balance strontium 90.

Cesium-134 :	ND(0.49)
Cesium-137 :	ND(0.58)
Total β	ND(13)
Tritium	ND(1.9) *1

Cesium-134 :	3.3	(H25/12/24)	→	ND(0.55)	Below 1/6
Cesium-137 :	7.3	(H25/10/11)	→	ND(0.49)	Below 1/10
Total β :	69	(H25/8/19)	→	ND(13)	Below 1/5
Tritium :	68	(H25/8/19)	→	ND(1.9)	Below 1/30

Cesium-134 :	3.3	(H25/10/17)	→	ND(0.34)	Below 1/9
Cesium-137 :	9	(H25/10/17)	→	ND(0.31)	Below 1/20
Total β :	74	(H25/8/19)	→	ND(14)	Below 1/5
Tritium :	67	(H25/8/19)	→	ND(1.6)	Below 1/40

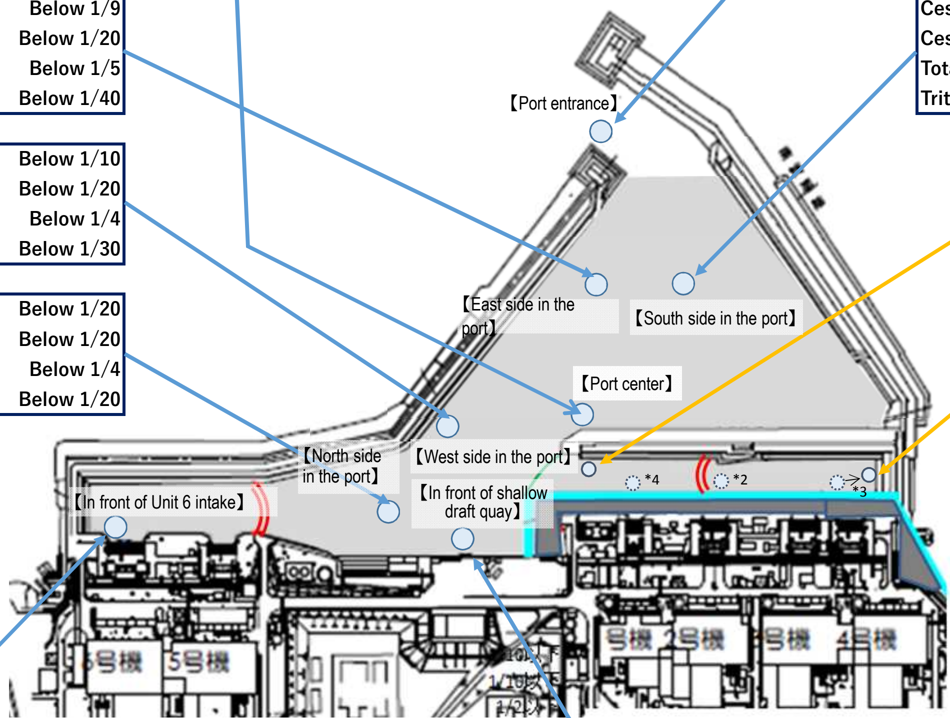
Cesium-134 :	3.5	(H25/10/17)	→	ND(0.34)	Below 1/10
Cesium-137 :	7.8	(H25/10/17)	→	ND(0.37)	Below 1/20
Total β :	79	(H25/8/19)	→	ND(14)	Below 1/5
Tritium :	60	(H25/8/19)	→	ND(1.6)	Below 1/30

Cesium-134 :	4.4	(H25/12/24)	→	ND(0.30)	Below 1/10
Cesium-137 :	10	(H25/12/24)	→	ND(0.39)	Below 1/20
Total β :	60	(H25/7/4)	→	ND(14)	Below 1/4
Tritium :	59	(H25/8/19)	→	ND(1.6)	Below 1/30

Cesium-134 :	32	(H25/10/11)	→	ND(0.45)	Below 1/70
Cesium-137 :	73	(H25/10/11)	→	0.85	Below 1/80
Total β :	320	(H25/8/12)	→	16	Below 1/20
Tritium :	510	(H25/9/2)	→	3.9	Below 1/100

Cesium-134 :	5	(H25/12/2)	→	ND(0.25)	Below 1/20
Cesium-137 :	8.4	(H25/12/2)	→	ND(0.38)	Below 1/20
Total β :	69	(H25/8/19)	→	ND(14)	Below 1/4
Tritium :	52	(H25/8/19)	→	2.1	Below 1/20

Cesium-134 :	ND(0.45)
Cesium-137 :	2.1
Total β :	ND(14)
Tritium :	41 *1



Sea side impermeable wall
Silt fence
Silt fence for construction

Cesium-134 :	2.8	(H25/12/2)	→	ND(0.50)	Below 1/5
Cesium-137 :	5.8	(H25/12/2)	→	ND(0.62)	Below 1/9
Total β :	46	(H25/8/19)	→	ND(14)	Below 1/3
Tritium :	24	(H25/8/19)	→	ND(2.2)	Below 1/10

Cesium-134 :	5.3	(H25/8/5)	→	ND(0.27)	Below 1/10
Cesium-137 :	8.6	(H25/8/5)	→	ND(0.54)	Below 1/10
Total β :	40	(H25/7/3)	→	ND(14)	Below 1/2
Tritium :	340	(H25/6/26)	→	ND(1.9)	Below 1/100

*1: Monitoring commenced in or after March 2014. Monitoring inside the sea-side impermeable walls was finished because of the landfill.

*2: For the point, monitoring was finished from December 12, 2018 due to preparatory work for transfer of mega float.

*3: For the point, monitoring point was moved from February 6, 2019 due to preparatory work for transfer of mega float.

*4: For the point, monitoring was finished from April 3, 2019 due to preparatory work for transfer of mega float.

	Legal discharge limit	WHO Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality
Cesium-134	60	10
Cesium-137	90	10
Strontium-90 (strongly correlate with Total β)	30	10
Tritium	60,000	10,000

Source: TEPCO website Analysis results on nuclides of radioactive materials around Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station http://www.tepco.co.jp/decommision/planaction/monitoring/index-j.html

Status of seawater monitoring around outside of the port
(comparison between the highest values in 2013 and the latest values)

Unit (Bq/L); ND represents a value below the detection limit; values in ( ) represent the detection limit; ND (2013) represents ND throughout 2013

(The latest values sampled during December 14-21)

Summary of TEPCO data as of December 22, 2020

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Tritium	60,000	10,000

【Northeast side of port entrance (offshore 1 km)】

Cesium-134 :	ND	(H25)	→	ND(0.75)
Cesium-137 :	ND	(H25)	→	ND(0.69)
Total β :	ND	(H25)	→	16
Tritium :	ND	(H25)	→	0.98

【East side of port entrance (offshore 1 km)】

Cesium-134 :	ND	(H25)	→	ND(0.69)	
Cesium-137 :	1.6	(H25/10/18)	→	ND(0.65)	Below 1/2
Total β :	ND	(H25)	→	ND(13)	
Tritium :	6.4	(H25/10/18)	→	ND(0.79)	Below 1/8

【Southeast side of port entrance (offshore 1 km)】

Cesium-134 :	ND	(H25)	→	ND(0.80)
Cesium-137 :	ND	(H25)	→	ND(0.69)
Total β :	ND	(H25)	→	ND(13)
Tritium :	ND	(H25)	→	ND(0.79)

【North side of north breakwater (offshore 0.5 km)】

Cesium-134 :	ND	(H25)	→	ND(0.67)	
Cesium-137 :	ND	(H25)	→	ND(0.86)	
Total β :	ND	(H25)	→	13	
Tritium :	4.7	(H25/8/18)	→	1.1	Below 1/4

【Port entrance】

Cesium-134 :	3.3	(H25/12/24)	→	ND(0.55)	Below 1/6
Cesium-137 :	7.3	(H25/10/11)	→	ND(0.49)	Below 1/10
Total β :	69	(H25/8/19)	→	ND(13)	Below 1/5
Tritium :	68	(H25/8/19)	→	ND(1.9)	Below 1/30

【South side of south breakwater (offshore 0.5 km)】

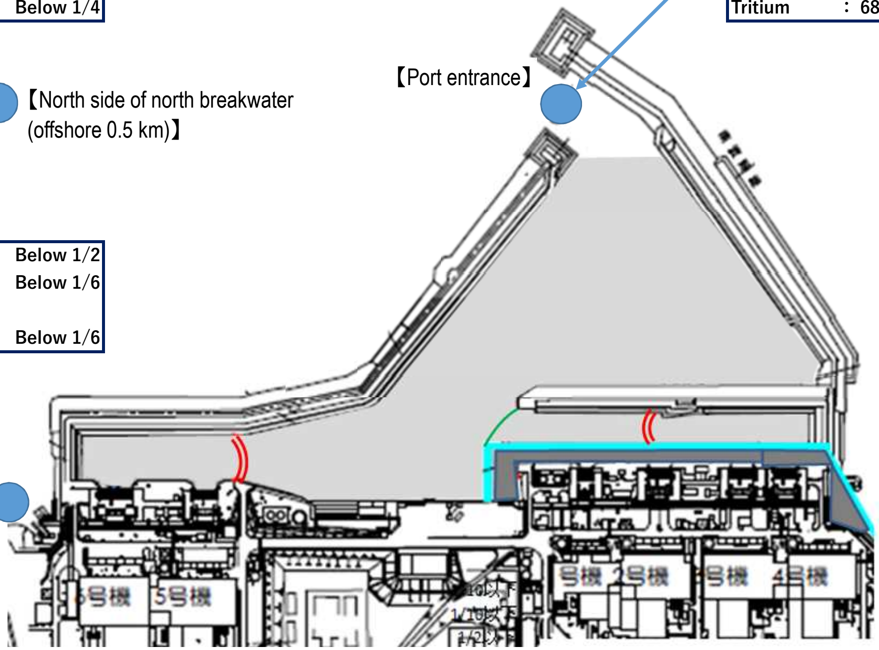
Cesium-134 :	ND	(H25)	→	ND(0.64)
Cesium-137 :	ND	(H25)	→	ND(0.68)
Total β :	ND	(H25)	→	13
Tritium :	ND	(H25)	→	0.91

【North side of Unit 5 and 6 release outlet】

Cesium-134 :	1.8	(H25/6/21)	→	ND(0.74)	Below 1/2
Cesium-137 :	4.5	(H25/3/17)	→	ND(0.69)	Below 1/6
Total β :	12	(H25/12/23)	→	12	
Tritium :	8.6	(H25/6/26)	→	1.3	Below 1/6

【Near south release outlet】

Cesium-134 :	ND	(H25)	→	ND(0.55)	
Cesium-137 :	3	(H25/7/15)	→	ND(0.60)	Below 1/5
Total β :	15	(H25/12/23)	→	16	
Tritium :	1.9	(H25/11/25)	→	ND(0.86)	Below 1/2



Sea side impermeable wall

Silt fence

Silt fence for construction

Note: Because safety of the sampling points was unassured due to the influence of Typhoon No. 10 in 2016, samples were taken from approx. 330 m south of the Unit 1-4 release outlet.
Samples were also taken from a point approx. 280m south from the same release outlet from January 27, 2017 and approx. 320m from March 23, 2018

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TEPCO Holdings Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station Site Layout

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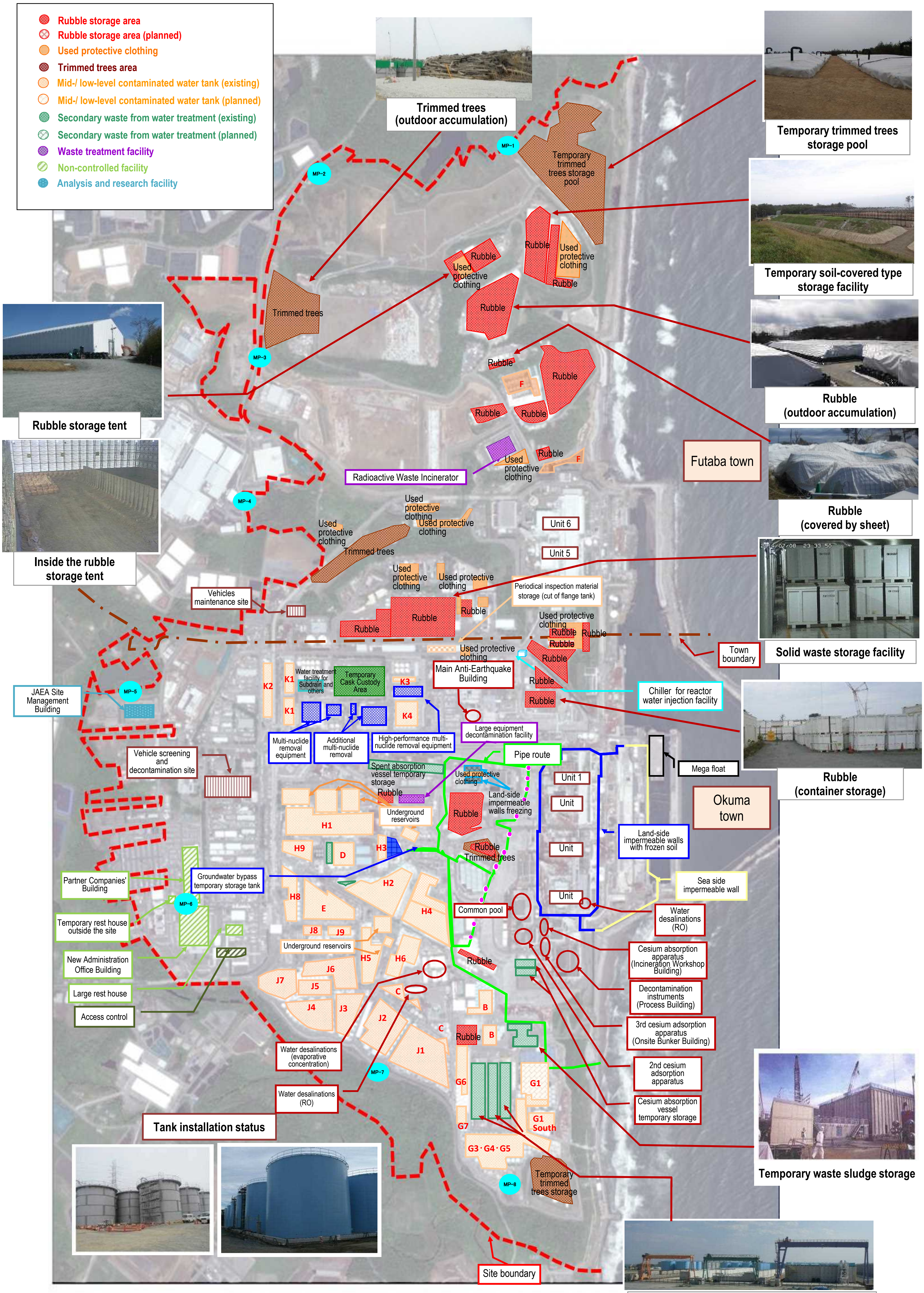

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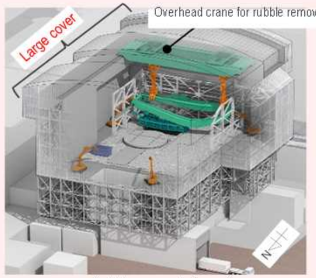
Progress toward decommissioning: Fuel removal from the spent fuel pool (SFP)

Immediate target	Commence fuel removal from the Unit 1-3 Spent Fuel Pools

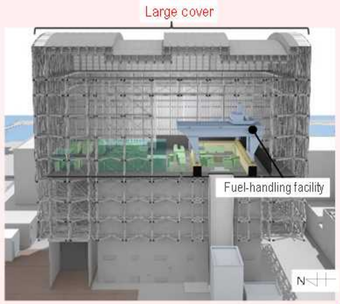
Unit 1

Toward fuel removal from the Unit 1 spent fuel pool, investigations have been implemented to ascertain the conditions of the fallen roof on the south side and the contamination of the well plug. Based on the results of these investigations, "the method to initially install a large cover over the Reactor Building and then remove rubble inside the cover" was selected to ensure a safer and more secure removal. Work continues to complete installation of a large cover by around FY2023 and start fuel removal from FY2027 to FY2028.

<Reference> Progress to date
Rubble removal on the north side of the operating floor started from January 2018 and has been implemented sequentially. In July and August 2019, the well plug, which was misaligned from its normal position, was investigated and in August and September, the conditions of the overhead crane were checked. Based on the results of these investigations, as the removal requires more careful work taking dust scattering into consideration, two methods were examined: installing a cover after rubble removal and initially installing a large cover over the Reactor Building and then removing rubble inside the cover.



Rubble removal (image)

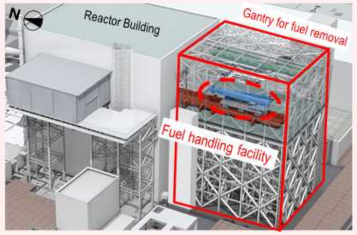


Fuel removal (image)

Unit 2

Toward fuel removal from the Unit 2 spent fuel pool, based on findings from internal operating floor investigations from November 2018 to February 2019, instead of fully dismantling the upper part of the building, the decision was made to install a small opening on the south side and use a boom crane. Examination continues to start fuel removal from FY2024 to FY2026.

<Reference> Progress to date
Previously, potential to recover the existing overhead crane and the fuel handling machine was examined. However, the high radiation dose inside the operating floor meant the decision was taken to dismantle the upper part of the building in November 2015. Findings from internal investigations of the operating floor from November 2018 to February 2019 underlined the potential to conduct limited work there and the means of accessing from the south side had been examined.

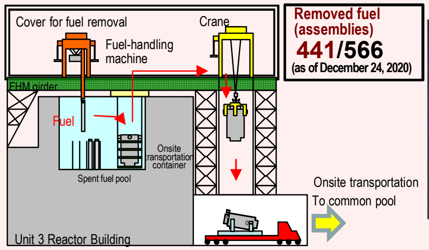


Overview of fuel removal (bird's-eye view)

Unit 3

Prior to the installation of a cover for fuel removal, removal of large rubble from the spent fuel pool was completed in November 2015. To ensure safe and steady fuel removal, training of remote control was conducted at the factory using the actual fuel-handling machine which will be installed on site (February – December 2015). Measures to reduce dose on the Reactor Building top floor (decontamination, shields) were completed in December 2016. Installation of a cover for fuel removal and a fuel-handling machine is underway from January 2017. Installation of the fuel removal cover was completed on February 23, 2018.
Toward fuel removal, the rubble retrieval training inside the pool, which was scheduled in conjunction with fuel removal training, started from March 15, 2019, and started fuel removal from April 15, 2019.

Installation of dome roof (February 21, 2019)



Overview of the fuel-handling facility inside the cover

Removed fuel (assemblies)
441/566
(as of December 24, 2020)


Fuel removal status (April 15, 2019)

Unit 4

In the Mid- and-Long-Term Roadmap, the target of Phase 1 involved commencing fuel removal from inside the spent fuel pool (SFP) of the 1st Unit within two years of completion of Step 2 (by December 2013). On November 18, 2013, fuel removal from Unit 4, or the 1st Unit, commenced and Phase 2 of the roadmap started.

On November 5, 2014, within a year of commencing work to fuel removal, all 1,331 spent fuel assemblies in the pool had been transferred. The transfer of the remaining non-irradiated fuel assemblies to the Unit 6 SFP was completed in December 22, 2014. (2 of the non-irradiated fuel assemblies were removed in advance in July 2012 for fuel checks)
This marks the completion of fuel removal from the Unit 4 Reactor Building.
Based on this experience, fuel assemblies will be removed from Unit 1-3 pools.


Fuel removal status

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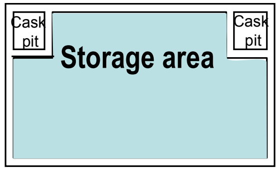
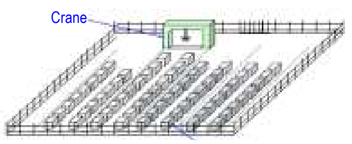
Common pool



An open space will be maintained in the common pool (Transfer to the temporary cask custody area)

Progress to date
- The common pool has been restored to a condition allowing it to re-accommodate fuel to be handled (November 2012)
- Loading of spent fuel stored in the common pool to dry casks commenced (June 2013)
- Fuel removal from the Unit 4 spent fuel pool began to be received (November 2013 - November 2014)
- Fuel removal from the Unit 3 spent fuel pool began to be received (from April 2019)

Temporary cask (*2) custody area



Spent fuel is accepted from the common pool

Operation commenced on April 12, 2013; from the cask-storage building, transfer of 9 existing dry casks completed (May 21, 2013); fuel stored in the common pool sequentially transferred.

<Glossary>
(*1) Operating floor: During regular inspection, the roof over the reactor is opened while on the operating floor, fuel inside the core is replaced and the core internals are inspected.
(*2) Cask: Transportation container for samples and equipment, including radioactive materials.

Progress toward decommissioning: Works to identify the plant status and toward fuel debris retrieval

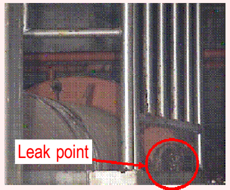
Immediate target	Identify the plant status and commence R&D and decontamination toward fuel debris retrieval

Investigation into TIP Room of the Unit 1 Reactor Building

- To improve the environment for future investigations inside the PCV, etc., an investigation was conducted from September 24 to October 2, 2015 at the TIP Room(*1). (Due to high dose around the entrance in to the TIP Room, the investigation of dose rate and contamination distribution was conducted through a hole drilled from the walkway of the Turbine Building, where the dose was low)
- The investigative results identified high dose at X-31 to 33 penetrations(*2) (instrumentation penetration) and low dose at other parts.
- As it was confirmed that work inside the TIP room would be available, the next step will include identification of obstacles which will interfere the work inside the TIP Room and formulation of a plan for dose reduction.

Investigation in the leak point detected in the upper part of the Unit 1 Suppression Chamber (S/C(*3))

Investigation in the leak point detected in the upper part of Unit 1 S/C from May 27, 2014 from one expansion joint cover among the lines installed there. As no leakage was identified from other parts, specific methods will be examined to halt the flow of water and repair the PCV.



Leak point

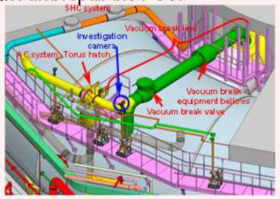
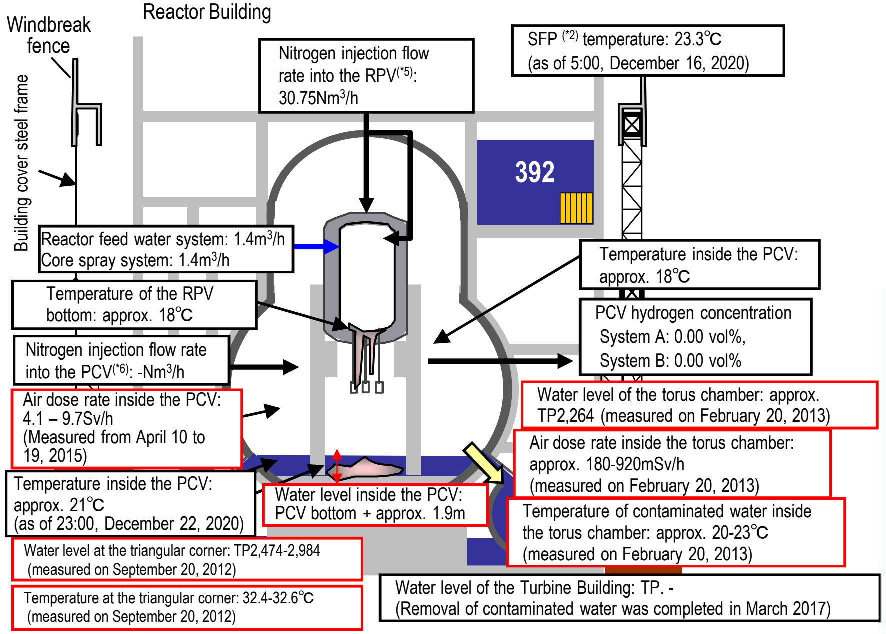


Image of the S/C upper part investigation

Unit 1

Air dose rate inside the Reactor Building:
Max. 5,150mSv/h (1F southeast area) (measured on July 4, 2012)



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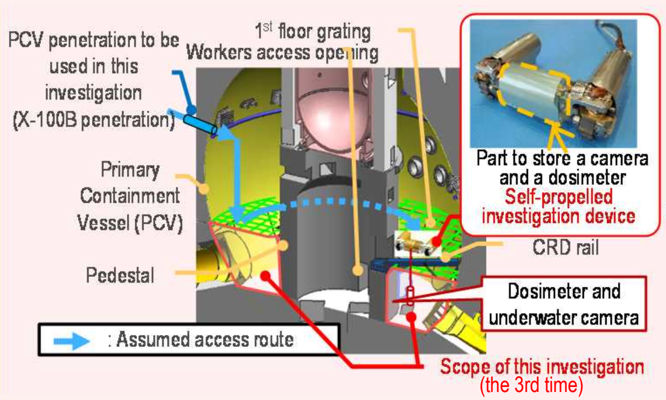
Investigations inside PCV	1st (Oct 2012)	- Acquiring images - Measuring air temperature and dose rate - Measuring water level and temperature - Sampling contaminated water - Installing permanent monitoring instrumentation
	2nd (Apr 2015)	Confirming the status of PCV 1st floor - Acquiring images - Measuring air temperature and dose rate - Replacing permanent monitoring instrumentation
	3rd (Mar 2017)	Confirming the status of PCV 1st basement floor - Acquiring images - Measuring and dose rate - Sampling deposit - Replacing permanent monitoring instrumentation
Leakage points from PCV		- PCV vent pipe vacuum break line bellows (identified in May 2014) - Sand cushion drain line (identified in November 2013)

Status of investigation inside the PCV

Prior to fuel debris retrieval, an investigation inside the PCV will be conducted to inspect the status there including the location of fuel debris.

[Investigative outline]

- In April 2015, a device, which entered the inside of the PCV through a narrow access opening (bore: ϕ 100 mm), collected information such as images and airborne dose inside the PCV 1st floor.
- In March 2017, the investigation using a self-propelled investigation device, conducted to inspect the spreading of debris to the basement floor outside the pedestal, took images of the PCV bottom status for the first time. The status inside the PCV will continue to be examined based on the collected image and dose data.



<Image of investigation inside the PCV>

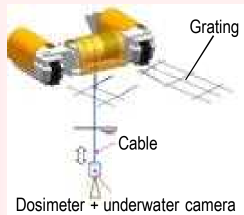


Image of hanging of dosimeter and camera

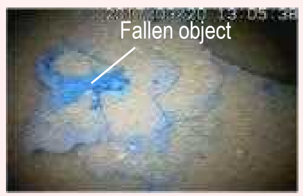


Image near the bottom

Capturing the location of fuel debris inside the reactor by measurement using muons

Period	Evaluation results
Feb - May 2015	Confirmed that there was no large fuel in the reactor core.

<Glossary>
(*1) TIP (Traversing In-core Probe)
(*2) Penetration: Through-hole of the PCV
(*3) S/C (Suppression Chamber): Suppression pool, used as the water source for the emergent core cooling system.
(*4) SFP (Spent Fuel Pool):
(*5) RPV (Reactor Pressure Vessel)
(*6) PCV (Primary Containment Vessel)

Progress toward decommissioning: Works to identify the plant status and toward fuel debris retrieval

Immediate target	Identify the plant status and commence R&D and decontamination toward fuel debris retrieval

Installation of an RPV thermometer and permanent PCV supervisory instrumentation

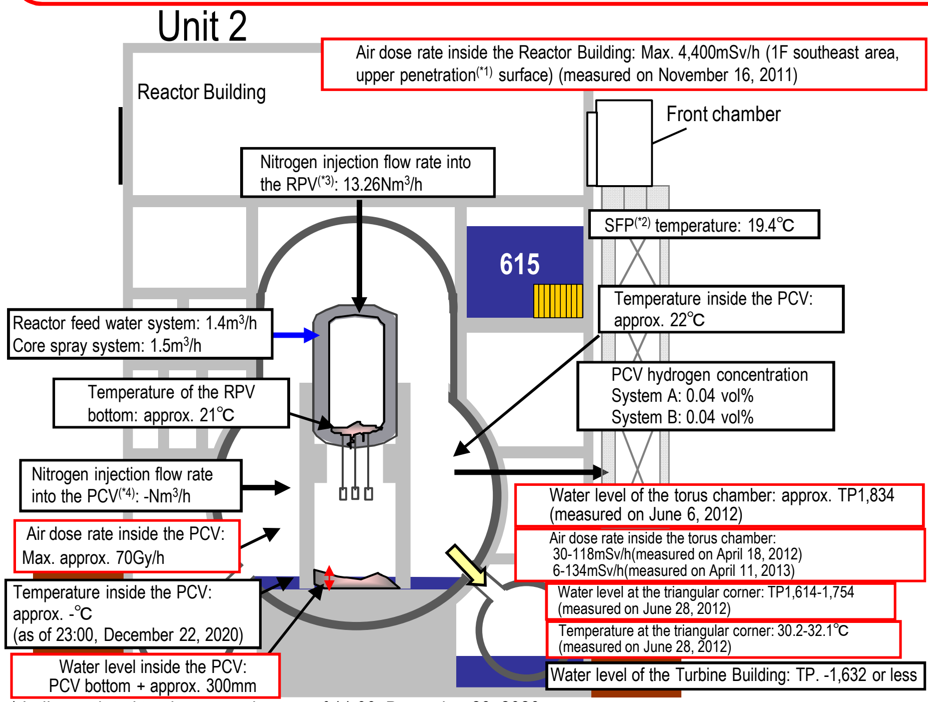
(1) Replacement of the RPV thermometer

- As the thermometer installed at the Unit 2 RPV bottom after the earthquake had broken in February 2014, it was excluded from the monitoring thermometers.
- In April 2014, removal of the broken thermometer failed and was suspended. Rust-stripping chemicals were injected and the broken thermometer was removed in January 2015. A new thermometer was reinstalled in March. The thermometer has been used as a part of permanent supervisory instrumentation since April.

(2) Reinstallation of the PCV thermometer and water-level gauge

- Some of the permanent supervisory instrumentation for PCV could not be installed in the planned locations due to interference with existing grating (August 2013). The instrumentation was removed in May 2014 and new instruments were reinstalled in June 2014. The trend of added instrumentation will be monitored for approx. one month to evaluate its validity.
- The measurement during the installation confirmed that the water level inside the PCV was approx. 300mm from the bottom.

Unit 2



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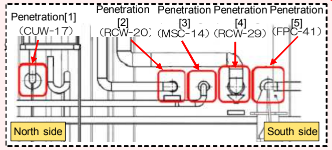
Investigations inside PCV	1st (Jan 2012)	- Acquiring images - Measuring air temperature
	2nd (Mar 2012)	- Confirming water surface - Measuring water temperature - Measuring dose rate
	3rd (Feb 2013 – Jun 2014)	- Acquiring images - Sampling contaminated water - Measuring water level - Installing permanent monitoring instrumentation
	4th (Jan – Feb 2017)	- Acquiring images - Measuring dose rate - Measuring air temperature
	5th (Jan 2018)	- Acquiring images - Measuring dose rate - Measuring air temperature
	6th (Feb 2019)	- Acquiring images - Measuring dose rate - Measuring air temperature - Grasping characteristics of a portion of deposit
Leakage points from PCV	- No leakage from torus chamber rooftop	- No leakage from all inside/outside surfaces of S/C

Investigative results on torus chamber walls

- July 2014, the torus chamber walls were investigated (on the north the east-side walls) using equipment specially developed for that purpose (a swimming robot and a floor traveling robot).
- At the east-side wall pipe penetrations (five points), "the status" and "existence of flow" were checked.
- A demonstration using the above two types of underwater wall investigative equipment showed how the equipment could check the status of penetration.
- Regarding Penetrations 1 - 5, the results of checking the sprayed tracer (*5) by camera showed no flow around the penetrations. (investigation by the swimming robot)
- Regarding Penetration 3, a sonar check showed no flow around the penetrations. (investigation by the floor traveling robot)



Penetrations investigated

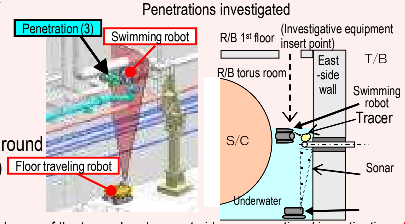


Image of the torus chamber east-side cross-sectional investigation

Status of investigation inside the PCV

Prior to fuel debris retrieval, an investigation inside the PCV will be conducted to inspect the status there including the location of fuel debris.

[Investigative outline]

- Investigative devices such as a robot will be injected from Unit 2 X-6 penetration(*1) and access the inside of the pedestal using the CRD rail.

[Progress status]

- On January 26 and 30, 2017, a camera was inserted from the PCV penetration to inspect the status of the CRD replacement rail on which the robot will travel. On February 9, deposit on the access route of the self-propelled investigative device was removed and on February 16, the inside of the PCV was investigated using the device.
- The results of this series of investigations confirmed fallen and deformed gratings and a quantity of deposit inside the pedestal.
- On January 19, 2018, the status below the platform inside the pedestal was investigated using an investigative device with a hanging mechanism. From the analytical results of images obtained in the investigation, deposits probably including fuel debris were found at the bottom of the pedestal. In addition, multiple parts higher than the surrounding deposits were also detected. We presumed that there were multiple routes of fuel debris falling. Obtained data were processed in panoramic image visualization to acquire clearer images.
- On February 13, 2019, an investigation touching the deposits at the bottom of the pedestal and on the platform was conducted and confirmed that the pebble-shaped deposits, etc. could be moved and that hard rock-like deposits that could not be gripped may exist.
- In addition, images, etc. would help determine the contour and size of the deposits could be collected by moving the investigative unit closer to the deposits than the previous investigation.
- On October 28, 2020, as a preparatory stage of the PCV internal investigation and the trial retrieval, a contact investigation into deposits inside the penetration (X-6 penetration) was conducted. In this investigation, a guide pipe incorporating an investigative unit inserted into the penetration. By the contact, it was confirmed that deposits inside the penetration did not deformed and unstuck.
- On October 30, 2020, a 3D scan investigation was conducted, measuring deposits by the 3D scan sensor mounted on the top of the investigative unit.
  Information obtained in the investigation will be utilized in the mockup test of the equipment to remove deposits inside the X-6 penetration.

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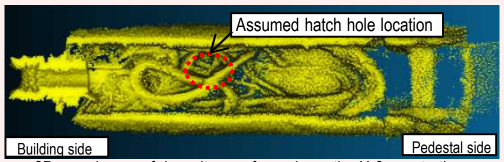


<3D scan image of deposit seen from above the X-6 penetration>


<Work in front of the penetration>

Capturing the location of fuel debris inside the reactor by measurement using muons

Period	Evaluation results
Mar – Jul 2016	Confirmed the existence of high-density materials, which was considered as fuel debris, at the bottom of RPV, and in the lower part and the outer periphery of the reactor core. It was assumed that a large part of fuel debris existed at the bottom of RPV.

<Glossary> (*1) Penetration: Through-hole of the PCV (*2) SFP (Spent Fuel Pool) (*3) RPV (Reactor Pressure Vessel)
(*4) PCV (Primary Containment Vessel) (*5) Tracer: Material used to trace the fluid flow. Clay particles

Progress toward decommissioning: Works to identify the plant status and toward fuel debris retrieval

Immediate target	Identify the plant status and commence R&D and decontamination toward fuel debris retrieval

Water flow was detected from the Main Steam Isolation Valve* room

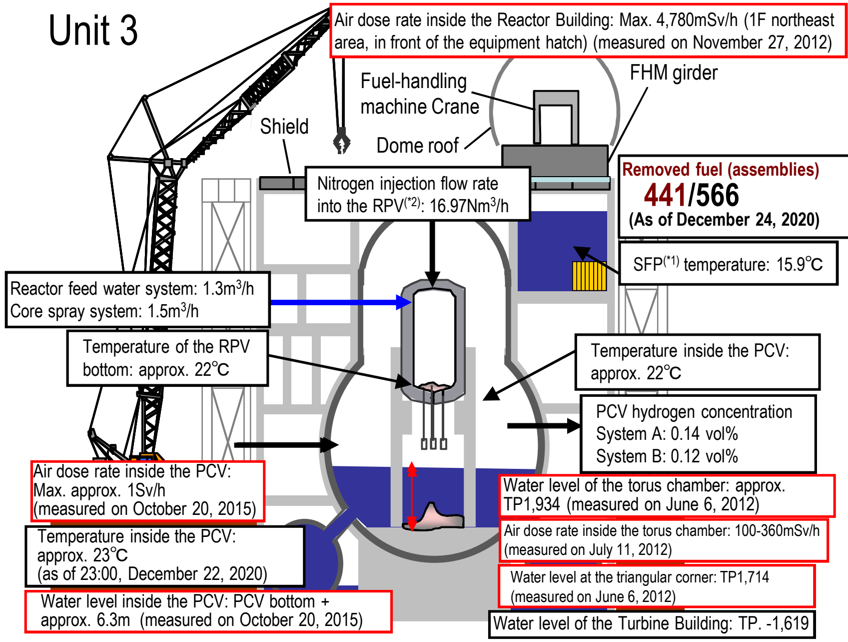
On January 18, 2014, a flow of water from around the door of the Steam Isolation Valve room in the Reactor Building Unit 3 1st floor northeast area to the nearby floor drain funnel (drain outlet) was detected. As the drain outlet connects with the underground part of the Reactor Building, there is no possibility of outflow from the building.

From April 23, 2014, image data has been acquired by camera and the radiation dose measured via pipes for measurement instrumentation, which connect the air-conditioning room on the Reactor Building 2nd floor with the Main Steam Isolation Valve Room on the 1st floor. On May 15, 2014, water flow from the expansion joint of one Main Steam Line was detected.

This is the first leak from PCV detected in the Unit 3. Based on the images collected in this investigation, the leak volume will be estimated and the need for additional investigations will be examined. The investigative results will also be utilized to examine water stoppage and PCV repair methods.

* Main Steam Isolation Valve: A valve to shut off the steam generated from the Reactor in an emergency

Unit 3



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Investigations inside PCV	1st (Oct – Dec 2015)	- Acquiring images - Measuring air temperature and dose rate - Measuring water level and temperature - Sampling contaminated water - Installing permanent monitoring instrumentation (December 2015)
	2nd (Jul 2017)	- Acquiring images - Installing permanent monitoring instrumentation (August 2017)
Leakage points from PCV		- Main steam pipe bellows (identified in May 2014)

Investigative results into the Unit 3 PCV equipment hatch using a small investigation device

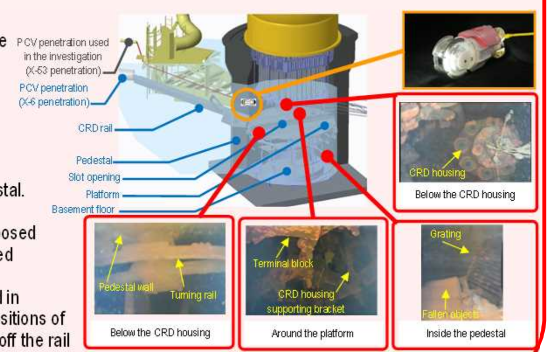
- As part of the investigation into the PCV to facilitate fuel debris retrieval, the status around the Unit 3 PCV equipment hatch was investigated using a small self-traveling investigation device on November 26, 2015.
- Given blots such as rust identified below the water level inside the PCV, there may be a leakage from the seal to the extent of bleeding.
  Methods to investigate and repair the parts, including other PCV penetrations with a similar structure, will be considered.

Investigation inside the PCV

Prior to fuel debris retrieval, the inside of the Primary Containment Vessel (PCV) was investigated to identify the status there including the location of the fuel debris.

[Investigative outline]

- The status of X-53 penetration(*4), which may be under the water and which is scheduled for use to investigate the inside of the PCV, was investigated using remote-controlled ultrasonic test equipment. The results showed that the penetration was not under the water (October 22-24, 2014).
- For the purpose of confirming the status inside the PCV, an investigation device was inserted into the PCV from X-53 penetration on October 20 and 22, 2015 to obtain images, data of dose and temperature and sample contaminated water. No damage was identified on the structure and walls inside the PCV and the water level was almost identical with the estimated value. In addition, the dose inside the PCV was confirmed to be lower than in other Units.
- In July 2017, the inside of the PCV was investigated using the underwater ROV (remotely operated underwater vehicle) to inspect the inside of the pedestal.
- Analysis of image data obtained in the investigation identified damage to multiple structures and the supposed core internals. Consideration about fuel removal based on the obtained information will continue.
- Videos obtained in the investigation were reproduced in 3D. Based on the reproduced images, the relative positions of the structures, such as the rotating platform slipping off the rail with a portion buried in deposits, were visually understood.



Status inside the pedestal

Capturing the location of fuel debris inside the reactor by measurement using muons

Period	Evaluation results
May – Sep 2017	The evaluation confirmed that no large lump existed in the core area where fuel had been placed and that part of the fuel debris potentially existed at the bottom of the RPV.

<Glossary>
(*1) SFP (Spent Fuel Pool) (*2) RPV (Reactor Pressure Vessel) (*3) PCV (Primary Containment Vessel) (*4) Penetration: Through-hole of the PCV

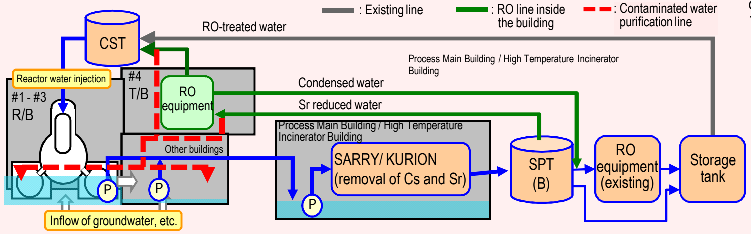
Progress toward decommissioning: Work related to circulation cooling and contaminated water treatment line

Immediate target	Stably continue reactor cooling and contaminated water treatment, and improve reliability

Work to improve the reliability of the circulation water injection cooling system and pipes to transfer contaminated water.

- Operation of the reactor water injection system using Unit 3 Condensate Storage Tank (CST) as a water source commenced (from July 5, 2013). Compared to the previous systems, the reliability of the reactor water injection system was enhanced, e.g. by increasing the amount of water-source storage and enhancing durability.
- To reduce the risk of contaminated-water leakage, the circulation loop was shortened by installing a reverse osmosis (RO) device in the Unit 4 Turbine Building within the circulation loop, comprising the transfer of contaminated water, water treatment and injection into the reactors. Operation of the installed RO device started from October 7 and 24-hour operation started from October 20. Installation of the new RO device inside the building shortened the circulation loop from approx. 3 to 0.8 km.
- To accelerate efforts to reduce the radiation density in contaminated water inside the buildings, circulating purification of contaminated water inside the buildings stared on the Unit 3 and 4 side on February 22 and on the Unit 1 and 2 side on April 11.
- For circulating purification, a new pipe (contaminated water purification line) divided from the water treatment equipment outlet line was installed to transfer water purified at the water treatment equipment to the Unit 1 Reactor Building and the Unit 2-4 Turbine Buildings.
- The risks of contaminated water inside the buildings will continue to be reduced in addition to reduction of its storage.

* The entire length of contaminated water transfer pipes is approx. 2.1km, including the transfer line of surplus water to the upper heights (approx. 1.3km).



Progress status of dismantling of flange tanks

- To facilitate replacement of flanged tanks, dismantling of flanged tanks started in H1 east/H2 areas in May 2015. Dismantling of all flanged tanks was completed in H1 east area (12 tanks) in October 2015, in H2 area (28 tanks) in March 2016, in H4 area (56 tanks) in May 2017, in H3 B area (31 tanks) in September 2017, in H5 and H5 north areas (31 tanks) in June 2018, in G6 area (38 tanks) in July 2018, H6 and H6 north areas (24 tanks) in September 2018 and G4 south area (17 tanks) in March 2019.


Start of dismantling in H1 east area


After dismantling in H1 east area

Completion of purification of contaminated water (RO concentrated salt water)

Contaminated water (RO concentrated salt water) is being treated using seven types of equipment including the multi-nuclide removal equipment (ALPS). Treatment of the RO concentrated salt water was completed on May 27, 2015, with the exception of the remaining water at the tank bottom. The remaining water will be treated sequentially toward dismantling the tanks.
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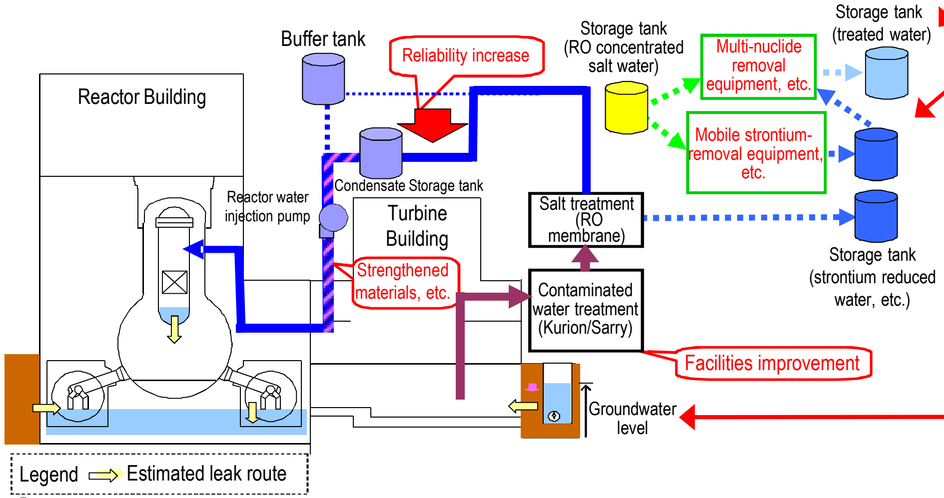
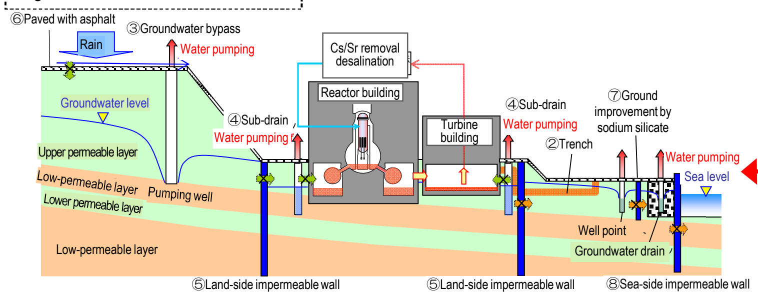
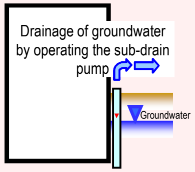




Preventing groundwater from flowing into the Reactor Buildings

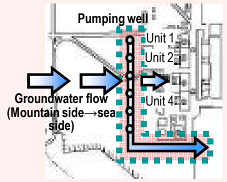


Reducing groundwater inflow by pumping sub-drain water

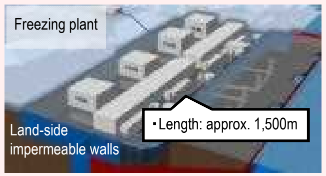
To reduce groundwater flowing into the buildings, pumping-up of groundwater from wells (sub-drains) around the buildings started on September 3, 2015. Pumped-up groundwater was purified at dedicated facilities and released after TEPCO and a third-party organization confirmed that its quality met operational targets.

Via a groundwater bypass, reduce the groundwater level around the Building and groundwater inflow into the Building

Measures to pump up groundwater flowing from the mountain side upstream of the Building to reduce the groundwater inflow (groundwater bypass) have been implemented.
The pumped up groundwater is temporarily stored in tanks and released after TEPCO and a third-party organization have confirmed that its quality meets operational targets.
Through periodical monitoring, pumping of wells and tanks is operated appropriately.
At the observation holes installed at a height equivalent to the buildings, the trend showing a decline in groundwater levels is checked.
The analytical results on groundwater inflow into the buildings based on existing data showed a declining trend.



Installing land-side impermeable walls with frozen soil around Units 1-4 to prevent the inflow of groundwater into the building



To prevent the inflow of groundwater into the buildings, installation of impermeable walls on the land side is planned. Freezing started on the sea side and at a part of the mountain side from March 2016 and at 95% of the mountain side from June 2016. Freezing of the remaining unfrozen sections advanced with a phased approach and freezing of all sections started in August 2017.

In March 2018, construction of the land-side impermeable walls was completed, except for a portion of the depth, based on a monitoring result showing that the underground temperature had declined below 0℃ in almost all areas, while on the mountain side, the difference between the inside and outside increased to approx. 4-5 m. The 21st Committee on Countermeasures for Contaminated Water Treatment, held on March 7, 2018, evaluated that together with the function of sub-drains, etc., a water-level management system to stably control groundwater and isolate the buildings from it had been established and had allowed a significant reduction in the amount of contaminated water generated.

For the unfrozen depth, a supplementary method was implemented and it was confirmed that temperature of the part declined below 0℃ by September 2018. From February 2019, maintenance operation started at all sections.

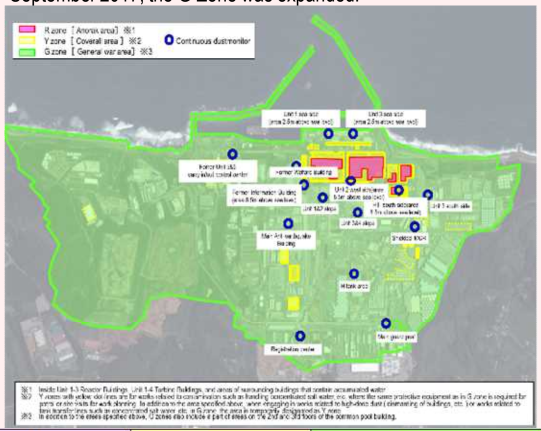
Progress toward decommissioning: Work to improve the environment within the site

Immediate targets	・Reduce the effect of additional release from the entire power station and radiation from radioactive waste (secondary water treatment waste, rubble, etc.) generated after the accident, to limit the effective radiation dose to below 1mSv/year at the site boundaries. ・Prevent contamination expansion in sea, decontamination within the site

Optimization of radioactive protective equipment

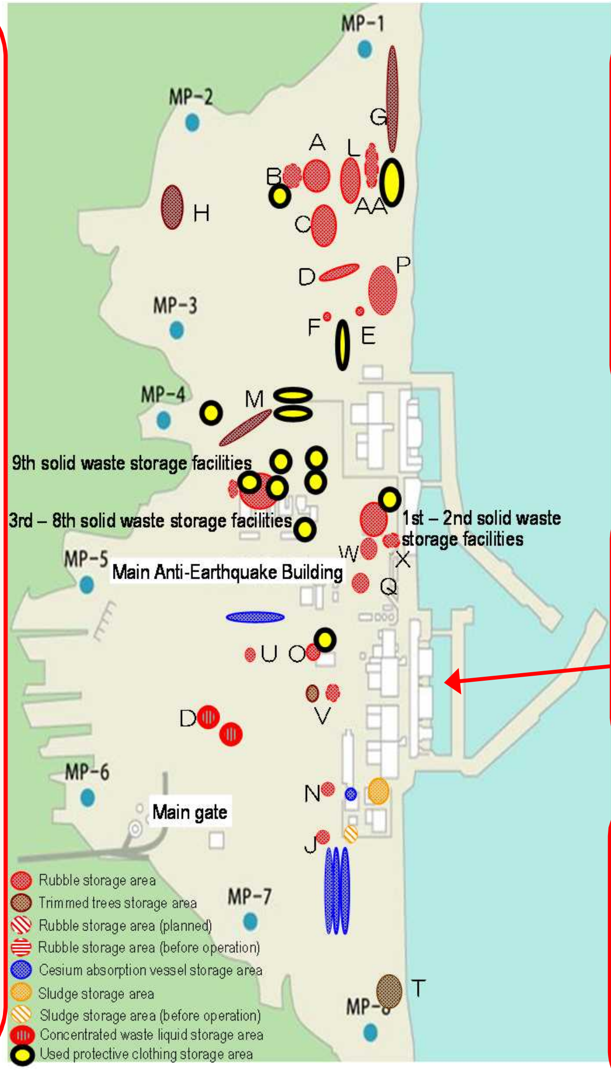
Based on the progress of measures to reduce environmental dosage on site, the site is categorized into two zones: highly contaminated area around Unit 1-4 buildings, etc. and other areas to optimize protective equipment according to each category aiming at improving safety and productivity by reducing load during work.

From March 2016, limited operation started. From March and September 2017, the G Zone was expanded.



R zone (Anorak area)	Y zone (Coverall area)	G zone (General wear)
Full-face mask	Full-face or half-face masks *1 *2	Disposable disposable mask
Anorak on coverall Or double coveralls	Coverall	General*3 / Dedicated on-site wear

*1 For works in buildings including water-treatment facilities [multi-nuclide removal equipment, etc.] (excluding site visits), wear a full-face mask.
*2 For works in tank areas containing concentrated salt water or Sr-treated water (excluding works not handling concentrated salt water, etc., patrol, on-site investigation for work planning, and site visits) and works related to tank transfer lines, wear a full-face mask.
*3 Specified light works (patrol, monitoring, delivery of goods brought from outside, etc.)



Installation of dose-rate monitors

To help workers in the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station precisely understand the conditions of their workplaces, a total of 86 dose-rate monitors were installed by January 4, 2016.

These monitors allow workers to confirm real time on-site dose rates at their workplaces.

Workers are also able to check concentrated data through large-scale displays installed in the Main Anti-Earthquake Building and the access control facility.

Installation of Dose-rate monitor

Installation of sea-side impermeable walls

To prevent the outflow of contaminated water into the sea, sea-side impermeable walls have been installed.

Following the completed installation of steel pipe sheet piles on September 22, 2015, connection of these piles was conducted and connection of sea-side impermeable walls was completed on October 26, 2015. Through these works, closure of sea-side impermeable walls was finished and the contaminated water countermeasures have been greatly advanced.

Installation of steel pipe sheet piles for sea-side impermeable wall

Status of the large rest house

A large rest house for workers was established and its operation commenced on May 31, 2015.

Spaces in the large rest house are also installed for office work and collective worker safety checks as well as taking rest.

On March 1, 2016 a convenience store opened in the large rest house. On April 11, operation of the shower room started. Efforts will continue to improve convenience of workers.