

Role of IAEA in assessment and prognosis during a nuclear or radiological emergency

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Introduction

- As a lesson from Fukushima Daiichi accident Agency has new response role in case of emergency at NPP

Assessment of potential consequences and prognosis of likely emergency progression

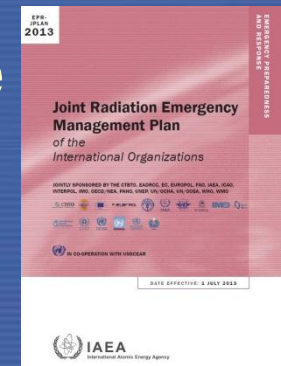
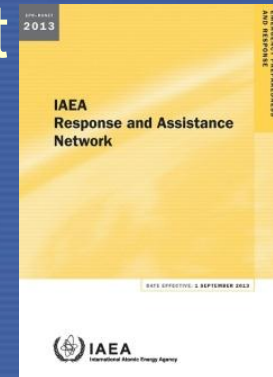
IAEA Action Plan on Nuclear Safety

‘Enhance transparency and effectiveness of communication and improve dissemination of information’

- “The IAEA Secretariat to provide Member States, international organizations and the general public with **timely, clear, factually correct, objective and easily understandable information** during a nuclear emergency on its **potential consequences, including analysis of available information and prognosis of possible scenarios** based on evidence, scientific knowledge and the capabilities of Member States.”

Introduction

- Other IAEA response roles
 - Notification and official information exchange
 - Provision of assistance on request
- Provision of public information
- Coordination of inter-agency response



Introduction

- To fulfil Agency's expanded response role IAEA Secretariat developed 'assessment and prognosis' (A&P) process and specific arrangements in its operating documents
 - Detailed in GC(57)/RES/9 and GC(58)/RES/10
- This presentation provides overview of developed A&P process

A&P Principle Goal

- To assess where and what protective and other response actions need to be taken by 'Accident State' and to provide advice, if needed (to 'Accident State' and potentially impacted States)
- To achieve this goal several specific activities/tasks need to be performed

Specific Tasks (1)

- Development of 'reasonably' bounding estimation of potential progression and associated radiation exposure, based on **available information, evidence and scientific knowledge**
- Evaluation of relevant information to assess if public is safe and will continue to be safe, and if not, identification of protective and other response actions that should be considered

Specific Tasks (2)

- Evaluation of relevant information to assess if workers and emergency workers are safe and will continue to be safe, and if not, identification of additional actions that should be considered
- Identification of actions that should be considered to protect international trade and interests
- Active alerting of MSs in which response actions may need to be considered and providing advice, as required

Specific Tasks (3)

- Assessment of protective and other response actions being implemented, recommended or discussed to assess if these are effective* and, if not, identification of actions that should be considered by MSs, relevant IOs and Agency
 - *Doing more good than harm
- On-going assessment and prognosis process based on new information received

Constraints and Limitations (1)

- Agency's A&P does not replace national responsibilities
- A&P is technically challenging – may generate variety of outputs (role of input data)
 - MSs capabilities actively utilized (via RANET)
- Significant information requirements
 - Timely sharing of technical data important, in particular with 'Accident State'

Constraints and Limitations (2)

- Delayed or unavailable data will delay AP outputs
- AP process reflects this reality
 - based on Agency's Safety Standards and guidance
 - considers scenarios where minimum technical info is available
- Inherent uncertainties will exist and these need to be communicated clearly to MSs and public

What is Needed

- Provision of critical set of technical parameters (in emergency) needed for AP
- Consistent evaluation of evolving scientific understanding of EPR issues
- Continues enhancement of capabilities
- Regular exercising both within Agency and externally with MSs and relevant IOs
- Informing MSs of Agency's arrangements and capabilities as they evolve

A&P Process

- Builds on existing international EPR framework complemented by MS capabilities through RANET or other agreements
- Allows input from several parties (including 'Accident State') to develop common understanding during event
- When possible, will provide consistent message to public through agreed upon channels

Assessment and prognosis process - Summary

Initiating process

Nuclear or radiological emergency occurs in a State

CA sends notification / advisory message to IAEA IEC

IEC assesses and verifies initial information. IEC requests additional information needed for AP

Initial assessment and prognosis

IEC performs AP using in-house expertise, capabilities and arrangements (through IES)

Feedback process for continual reassessment as the situation evolves and new information is learned

Compilation of results and formation of harmonized message

IEC discusses the AP with Accident State CA (and external support partners if they were involved)

IEC combines results into a credible AP

No

IEC determines if external support is required

Yes

IEC requests external support based on bilateral agreements with MS (preferably using RANET mechanism)

IEC is provided with external AP support

External support mechanism and process

Mechanism for resolving issues with the harmonized message

The matter is referred to the IAEA IES Steering Group for further steps

No

Is agreement reached to form a harmonized message?

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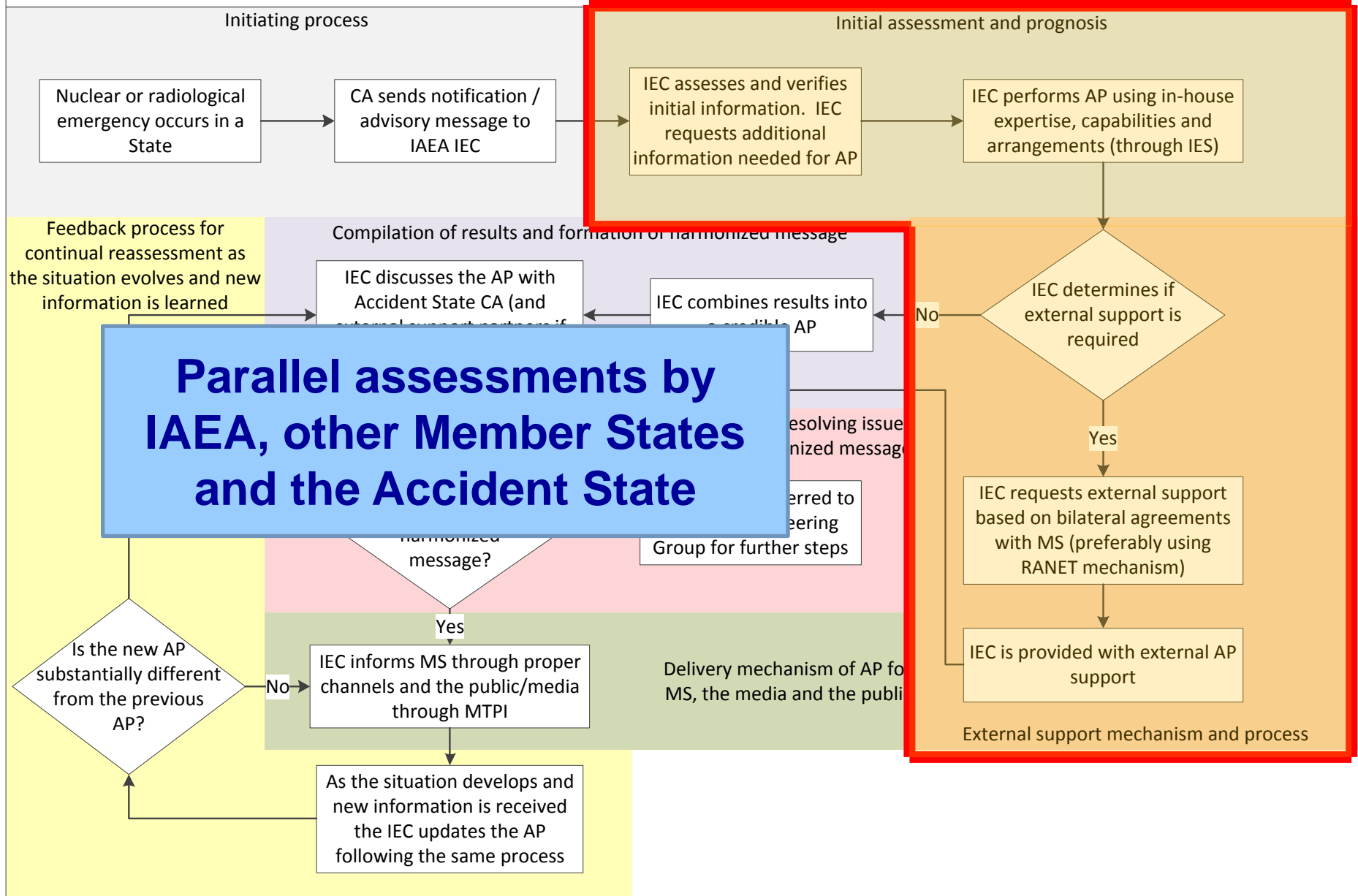
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Harmonizing messages between IAEA, other Member States and Accident State

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End result: Timely, clear and harmonized messages delivered to the public; technical messages through IAEA official channels

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Group for further steps

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External support mechanism and process

Process Challenges

- Sharing critical technical information
- Timeliness delivery of information
- Complex nuclear technologies require diverse and robust strategy to meet all potential scenarios
 - Need to fully understand capabilities of partners
 - Partners need to fully understand Secretariat capabilities
- Providing technical information to MS and clear, easily understandable information to public
- Clearly communicating uncertainties

Static Technical Parameters

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Emergency Preparedness and Response
Information Management System

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Welcome to EPRIMS!

EPRIMS is an interactive, web-based tool for Member States to share information on their preparedness and response capabilities for nuclear and radiological emergencies. EPRIMS offers a number of innovative features compared with previous systems used to share information on EPR. First, it allows multi-user entry of data with dialogue capabilities to ensure a broad involvement in each Member State of EPR professional in the assessment of their own EPR capabilities. Second, it offers a higher assessment resolution by allowing distinct input for different emergency preparedness categories, thereby reflecting differences in EPR arrangements for NPP and other activities, for example. Third it allows each Member State to decide with which other Member States they would like to share the information. And fourth, it is capable of on-line analysis of the data to provide an overview by country, by sub-region, by region or inter-regionally. And most importantly, EPRIMS can be used by each Member State to conduct their own EPR self-assessment.


In addition to knowledge sharing on EPR capabilities, EPRIMS will also contain a knowledge management database of static nuclear reactor technical information (RTI). During preparedness activities, Member States will be able to provide technical information regarding their nuclear power reactors, including technical schematics and figures, which can be used during an emergency for improving communications with the public. The IAEA will reference this invaluable information as part of its assessment and prognosis process to minimize information sharing requests and reduce the overall strain on communications during an emergency. To ease the population of this database and reduce overhead for Member States, the RTI has been prepopulated from the IAEA Power Reactor Information System (PRIS) database.



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About EPRIMS

The IAEA Emergency Preparedness and Response Information Management System (EPRIMS) is a web based platform enabling Member States and the IAEA to collectively generate national and regional profiles on emergency preparedness and response (EPR). Member States can develop communication channels at the national level to perform self-assessment of national EPR arrangements, in compatibility with IAEA safety standards. To facilitate the data collection, EPRIMS is linked to other IAEA information sources such as USIE, EPREV, IRRS, GNNSN and the IEC website. EPRIMS is a secure and restricted platform and allows Member States to manage its privacy settings and restrict information sharing. It is used for tracking the status and progress towards establishing, maintaining and sustaining effective EPR arrangements at national and regional level. It will facilitate the systematic identification and prioritization of national and regional EPR needs, and allow the IAEA to provide a tailored approach to address those needs.

Access to EPRIMS

EPRIMS is a role-based system. It means that only people with a username and password have access to the system. Depending on the user's role, he/she can have permissions to:


- read;
- read and edit;
- read, edit and publish.

For confidentiality reasons, Member States' users can only see by default their own national information. However, settings have been developed to enable Member States to share their EPR status with other Member States.

EPRIMS National Coordinator

A National EPRIMS Coordinator shall be identified in each Member State. The Coordinator will have "admin" rights, i.e. for adding other users from that Member State from different national organizations involve in national EPR. While only the National EPRIMS Coordinator has "publish" rights, he/she can assign read or read and edit rights to other users. The National EPRIMS Coordinator is formally nominated by the Member State through the National Competent Authority. The Coordinator's role is to ensure that the information in EPRIMS is accurate, comprehensive, up-to-date and truly reflects the national EPR capabilities. This will require that all data inputs are discussed and reviewed with concerned national organizations and counterparts. The Coordinator is also responsible for adding users within the Member State and assign (re-assigning) specific privileges. He/she is the single contact point between the Member State and the IAEA's Incident and Emergency Centre (IEC) for all issues relating to EPRIMS.

Static Technical Parameters



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Reactor Technical Information

This page contains a database of technical information concerning the different reactors in your country. Where available, information is automatically taken from the IAEA Power Reactor Information System (PRIS, <http://www.iaea.org/PRIS>). Information that is not available on PRIS is able to be uploaded by users for each reactor unit. Users are asked to review the information for each reactor unit and to provide any missing data wherever possible.

During an emergency the IAEA IEC will use this information as a reference for both technical data to be used for assessments and photographs which may be used in communication material prepared for sharing on USIE, during Permanent Mission briefings in Vienna or in press releases for the public.

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Switzerland	HWGCR	LUCENS	LUCENS	View
Switzerland	BWR	MUEHLEBERG	MUEHLEBERG	View
Switzerland	PWR	NIEDERAMT	NIEDERAMT	View
Switzerland	PWR	RUETHI		View
Switzerland	HTGR	VERBOIS		View
Taiwan, China	BWR	CHINSHAN-1	CHINSHAN	View
Taiwan, China	BWR	CHINSHAN-2	CHINSHAN	View

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- Digital resource for reactor information
- Detailed database, repopulated from existing IAEA resources
- Allows Member States to provide additional data such as pictures, graphs, etc.



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Dynamic Technical Parameters

- If static information is shared in advance, only dynamic information needs to be shared during an emergency
- Dynamic parameters (e.g., containment pressure) establish the status of critical safety functions
- IAEA has developed a list of the dynamic parameters that may be needed
 - What actually is needed to be shared depends on the type of emergency
 - IAEA staff follows procedures and uses tools to identify and request only the relevant technical parameters during an emergency

Dynamic Technical Parameters

General questions to establish status of safety functions

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Complimentedd with
detailed parameters
relevant for each function
based on the reactor
technology



	Inlet Header Sub-Cooling Margin PHTS Pressure and Temperature SG Water Level Reactor Building Dose rate Reactor Building Pressure and Temperature Moderator Level and Temperature	PP BARRIER	List of parameters as function of time to be used to diagnose barrier status	Vacuum Building Pressure Vacuum Building Spray Flow Rate EFADS Fan Flow Rate Secondary Side Activity Sump Level Reactor Building Hydrogen Concentration
FUEL MATRIX AND CLADDINGS	List of parameters as function of time to be used to diagnose barrier status Inlet Header sub-cooling margin Moderator Temperature and Level	REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM BOUNDARY	Reactivity (Moderator Overpower Protection trip) PHTS Pressure	REACTOR BUILDING AND DTS Pressure in the reactor building Temperature in the reactor building Duct Pressure SG Pressure SG dose rate SG dose rate SG Dosing Occurred Hydrogen concentration in the moderator Moderator level and narrow range and EFADS Fan Flow Rate EFADS Stack Flow Rate Radiation measurements in the environment
<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> Reactor specific dynamic technical parameters </div>				
CRITICAL SAFETY FUNCTIONS				
SUB-CRITICALITY	List of parameters as function of time associated to the CSF of the 1 st barrier SDS1 Tripped (Y or N) SDS2 Tripped (Y or N) Neutron Flux Source range Neutron Flux intermediate range BCLHF flow rate BCLLP flow rate	REMOVAL OF POWER FROM THE RCS	Shut-down cooling system pressure/ flow rate PHTS Pressure and Temperature PHTS Sub-cooling margin Hot leg temperature Cold leg temperature SG water level (wide range and narrow range) Pressure in SG	CONTAINMENT Pressure in the 2 nd barrier Pressure in Reactor Building Temperature in the Reactor Building Pressure in Vacuum Building Hydrogen Concentration in the reactor Building
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ASSOCIATED SYSTEMS				
SUB-CRITICALITY	Neutron Flux Source range Neutron Flux intermediate range BCLHF flow rate BCLLP flow rate WST tank level Sump level	REMOVAL OF POWER FROM THE RCS	List of systems as function of time associated to the CSF of the 2 nd barrier BCL recirculation flow rate BCL heat exchanger operational Heavy Water Supply tank level De-aerator tank level Emergency Management Equipment Status	List of systems as function of time associated to the CSF of the 2 nd barrier Containment Button Out Occurred (Y or N) Pressure in Vacuum Building Vacuum Building Dosing Occurred (Y or N) EFADS Fan Flow Rate EFADS Stack Flow Rate
RCS WATER INVENTORY				

Dynamic Technical Parameters

- Reduce the information being requested to only those questions and parameters that apply during a specific situation
- IAEA shares technical information with supporting Member States reducing burden on Accident State to provide such data
- Follow-up requests for additional data can go to from other countries to IAEA to accident state, coordinating and reducing technical demands on Accident State
- IAEA can act as focal point to harmonize technical assessments internationally for consistent public messaging

Deliverables

- Summaries with technical conclusions and visual imagery shared with Member States and International organizations
- Public statements

At no point would an assessment of the situation or prognosis of likely emergency progression be shared with the public without knowledge of the 'Accident State'

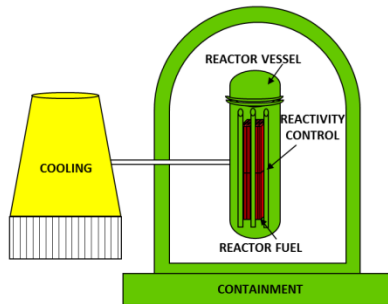
VIDEO

Example of Clear Technical Messages

Reactor Assessment Summary

Current declared emergency classification: **General Emergency**

IAEA assessed emergency classification: **General Emergency**



Potential for release?

Already occurred

Auxiliary Systems

AC Power (Offsite) **Failure** AC Power (EDG) **Failure**
DC Power **Failure**
Control Systems **Failure**

Critical features

Residual heat removal function **Failure**
Vessel Water Level **Failure**
Cooling Systems **Failure**

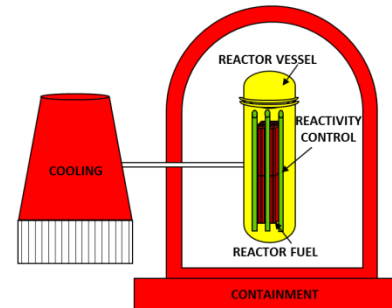
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Example of Clear Public Messages

Based on these reports and the information that has been made available, the IAEA considers the public is safe and sees no reason why this should not continue to be the case in the future.

...[IAEA] considers that the food supply chain is safely under control.



Events and highlights on the progress related to recovery operations at Fukushima Daiichi NPS

February, 2014

Section 1: Executive summary

- (1) The fact sheet uploaded in the link below is a summary of the current situation
http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/96_abe/decisions/2013/pdf/factsheet.pdf
- (2) Information update from the previous fact sheet
There have been no updates from the previous fact sheet.
- (3) The link of the previous fact sheet
There is no previous fact sheet at the moment.

Section 2: Current conditions and forecast onsite

2.1: Relevant information pertaining to issues related to the and fuel debris management)

- (1) New Information
 - (i) Newly added topic (in past three months)
Newly added topics of the past three months are as follows, please refer to "related information".
- Decommissioning of Units 5 and 6 at Fukushima Daiichi Electric Power Company (TEPCO) (January 31, 2014)
<http://www.tepco.co.jp/en/announcements/2014/123/>
- Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters decided Pro Measures for Decommissioning and Contaminated Water, Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) (December 20, 2013)
<http://www.meti.go.jp/english/earthquake/nuclear/de001.pdf>
- The results of the investigation and examining on matters of the Fukushima Nuclear Accident (TEPCO) (December 20, 2013)
http://www.tepco.co.jp/en/press/corp-com/release/20131220_001.pdf
- NRA's Action to TEPCO's Fuel Removal from Unit 4 Authority (NRA) (December 9, 2013)
<http://www.nsr.go.jp/english/data/131209.pdf>
- Fuel removal from Unit 4 spent fuel pool has started (TEPCO) (November 18, 2013)
http://www.tepco.co.jp/en/press/corp-com/release/20131118_001.pdf
- Nuclear Regulatory Authority (NRA)'s actions toward the reactor building, Fukushima Daiichi NPS (NRA) (November 18, 2013)

IAEA assessment on aspects presented in the February 2014 report "Events and highlights on the progress related to recovery operations at Fukushima Daiichi NPS"

The final IAEA Peer review report

The Final Report of the IAEA International Peer Review on the Mid- and Long-term Roadmap towards the Decommissioning of TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station Units 1-4 was published on the IAEA website on 13 February 2014. The mission was conducted from 25 November to 4 December 2013. The report acknowledges Japan's progress towards preparing Fukushima Daiichi for decommissioning and offers technical and policy advice on a range of issues, including fuel removal efforts, contaminated water management, and waste storage. As for the growing amounts of contaminated water at the site, the report advises that, to find a sustainable solution to the problem of managing contaminated water, TEPCO should consider all options, including the possible resumption of controlled discharges to the sea within authorized regulatory limits. TEPCO was advised to perform an assessment of the potential radiological impact to the population and the environment arising from the release of water containing tritium and any other residual radionuclides to the sea in order to evaluate the radiological significance and to have a good scientific basis for taking decisions. It is clear that final decision making will require engaging all stakeholders, including TEPCO, the NRA, the National Government, the Fukushima Prefecture Government, local communities and others. In this context, the report also stresses that the NRA should further enhance the seawater monitoring programme, by coordinating international laboratory comparisons to ensure good harmonization of the environmental data.

A press release describing the report is available on the IAEA webpage as is the full report:

- <http://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/2014/decommissioning.html>
- http://www.iaea.org/newscenter/focus/fukushima/final_report12014.pdf

Measurements taken in the sea and surrounding areas

There is an intensive sea area monitoring programme established at the Fukushima Daiichi NPS. It covers a collection of seawater, sediment and marine biota, and is also focused primarily on fish. Recent results in the sea area around Fukushima Daiichi NPS have indicated that the radionuclide concentration levels outside the port and in the open sea have been relatively stable.

The measures from TEPCO to prevent contamination of the sea have been shown to be successful. The levels measured in seawater in the vicinity of the F1 area have remained relatively stable. Cs-134 and Cs-137 are in most cases below the detection limit of the analytical methods and are mostly below 1 Bq/L. As a comparison, the concentrations after the accident in March/April and May were about a factor of 10^6 (approximately 100,000 times) higher than the present levels. The reported levels of tritium are below any concern. See the following figure which shows the trend of some of the measurements at one location over time:

Currently

- Agency's Incident and Emergency Centre is developing in consultation with MSs critical set of parameters needed for AP
- Testing A&P process in exercises to identify areas needing improvement

What Remains to be Done (1)

- Agreement with MSs on provision of critical set of technical parameters during emergency
- Promoting registration in RANET
 - Increasing current registered capabilities
 - Adding new registrants
 - Extended RANET functional areas as of September 1, 2013
- Develop detailed operational protocols with RANET MSs
- Continue to exercise exchange of information and development of harmonized messages

What Remains to be Done (2)

- Continue to ensure sustainable and efficient capability for A&P in response to emergency
- Continue to train Agency's response staff
- Expansion of capabilities within Agency
 - New procedures and tools to meet gaps
- Continue to discuss with Competent Authorities process improvements

Conclusion

Strong commitment and coordinated efforts of Member States and Secretariat are required for success of A&P in an emergency

Thank you!