Sequence of Developments at Nuclear Power Stations Affected by the Earthquake

| March 11 (Fri) | |
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| 14:46 | The M9.0 earthquake struck. |
| | Shutdown of all reactors in operation at Onagawa, Fukushima I (Daiichi) and II |
| | (Daini) and Tokai Daini was confirmed. |
| | All AC power sources for Units 1 through 3 at Fukushima I were lost, and that was |
| 15:42 | reported to the government pursuant to Article 10 of the Special Law of |
| | Emergency Preparedness for Nuclear Disaster ("the Law"). |
| 15:45 | Oil tanks were washed away by tsunami. |
| 16:10 | The Nuclear Safety Commission (NSC) convened the Technical Advisory Body for Nuclear Emergencies. |
| 16:36 | Water injection failed to function in the Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) |
| | at Fukushima Daiichi Units 1 and 2, and that was reported to the government |
| | pursuant to Article 15 of the Law. |
| " | A Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters was set up at the Prime Minister's |
| | Official Residence in Tokyo. |
| 19:03 | A Declaration of Nuclear Emergency was issued for Fukushima Daiichi. |
| " | The nuclear disaster task force headquarters was convened. |
| 20:50 | Fukushima Prefecture issued an evacuation directive to residents living within a 2- |
| | km radius of Fukushima Daiichi. |
| | Prime Minister Naoto Kan (referred to as "the PM" below) directed residents living |
| 21:23 | within a 3-km radius of Fukushima Daiichi to evacuate, and those living within a |
| 140(0.1) | 10-km radius to take shelter indoors. |
| March 12 (Sat) | All it till O NDC II I I I I I |
| 1:17 | All units at the Onagawa NPS achieved states of cold shutdown. |
| 4:00 | Pressure in the containment vessel at Unit 1 of Fukushima Daiichi rose to approx. 840 kPa beyond the design value. |
| 5:22 | The pressure-control function was lost at Unit 1 of Fukushima Daini, and that was |
| | reported to the government pursuant to Article 15 of the Law. |
| | The pressure-control function was lost at Unit 2 of Fukushima Daini, and that was |
| 5:32 | reported to the government pursuant to Article 15 of the Law. |
| 5:44 | The PM directed residents living within a 10-km radius of Fukushima Daiichi to |
| | evacuate. |
| 7:11 | The PM visited Fukushima Daiichi. |
| 7:45 | A Declaration of Nuclear Emergency was issued for Fukushima Daini. |
| | The PM directed residents living with a 3-km radius of Fukushima Daini to |
| " | evacuate. |
| 9:07 | A pressure relief valve on the pressure vessel at Unit 1 of Fukushima Daiichi was |
| | opened. |
| 14:49 | There was information that radioactive cesium (Cs) had been detected around Unit |
| | 1 at Fukushima Daiichi. |
| 15:36 | An hydrogen explosion occurred at Unit 1 of Fukushima Daiichi. |
| 17:39 | The PM directed residents living within a 10-km radius of Fukushima Daini to |
| | evacuate. |
| 18:25 | The PM directed residents living within a 20-km radius of Fukushima Daiichi to |
| | evacuate. |
| 20:20 | Seawater was injected into the reactor at Unit 1 of Fukushima Daiichi. |

| March 13 (Sun) | |
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| 5:58 | Water injection failed to function in the Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) at Unit 3 of Fukushima Daiichi, and that was reported to the government pursuant to Article 15 of the Law. |
| 9:20 | A pressure relief valve on the pressure vessel at Unit 3 of Fukushima Daiichi was opened. |
| 13:12 | Seawater was injected into the reactor at Unit 3 of Fukushima Daiichi. |
| March 14 (Mon) | |
| 4:08 | Water temperature of the spent fuel storage pool at Unit 4 of Fukushima Daiichi increased to 84 degrees C. |
| 6:10 | Pressure in the containment vessel at Unit 3 of Fukushima Daiichi rose to approx. 460 kPa beyond the design value. |
| 11:01 | An hydrogen explosion occurred at Unit 3 of Fukushima Daiichi. |
| 13:25 | The reactor water level at Unit 2 of Fukushima Daiichi was found to be low, from which it was concluded that the reactor cooling function had been lost. |
| 16:34 | Seawater was injected into the reactor at Unit 2 of Fukushima Daiichi. |
| March 15 (Tue) | |
| 0:40 | Tokai Daini achieved states of cold shutdown. |
| 5:35 | The government established the Fukushima Nuclear Power Station Accident Task Force Headquarters. |
| 6:20 | An explosive sound was heard at Unit 2 of Fukushima Daiichi, which was judged to indicate an abnormality in the pressure suppression pool. |
| " | A part of a wall in the operation area of Unit 4 of Fukushima Daiichi was damaged. |
| 7:15 | All units at Fukushima Daini achieved states of cold shutdown. |
| 9:38 | A fire occurred at the reactor building of Unit 4 of Fukushima Daiichi. |
| 10:22 | A radiation level of 400 mSv/h was measured around Unit 3 of Fukushima Daiichi. |
| 11:00 | The PM directed residents living with a 20 to 30-km radius of Fukushima Daiichi to take shelter indoors. |
| 11:26 | The off-site center was evacuated to the Fukushima Prefectural Office in Fukushima City. |
| 12:29 | The fire at Unit 4 of Fukushima Daiichi was extinguished. |
| March 16 (Wed) | G |
| 8:37 | An enormous amount of white smoke belched out of Unit 3 of Fukushima Daiichi. |
| 16:00 | Self-Defense Force helicopters were to drop water on Unit 3 of Fukushima Daiichi, but the attempt was abandoned due to the high level of radiation. |
| March 17 (Thu) | · |
| 9:48 | Self-Defense Force helicopters began dropping water on Unit 3 of Fukushima Daiichi. |
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