

# The 2011 Tohoku Pacific Earthquake and Current Status of Nuclear Power Stations

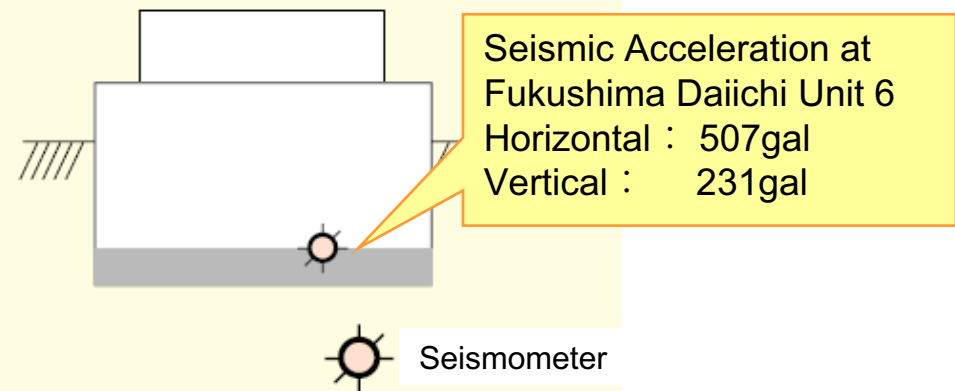
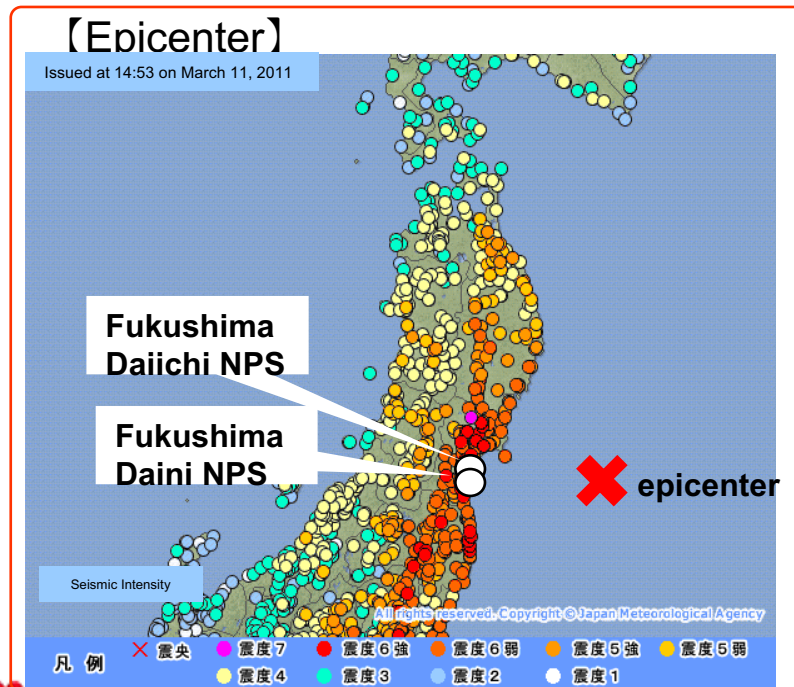
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# Tohoku Pacific Ocean Earthquake

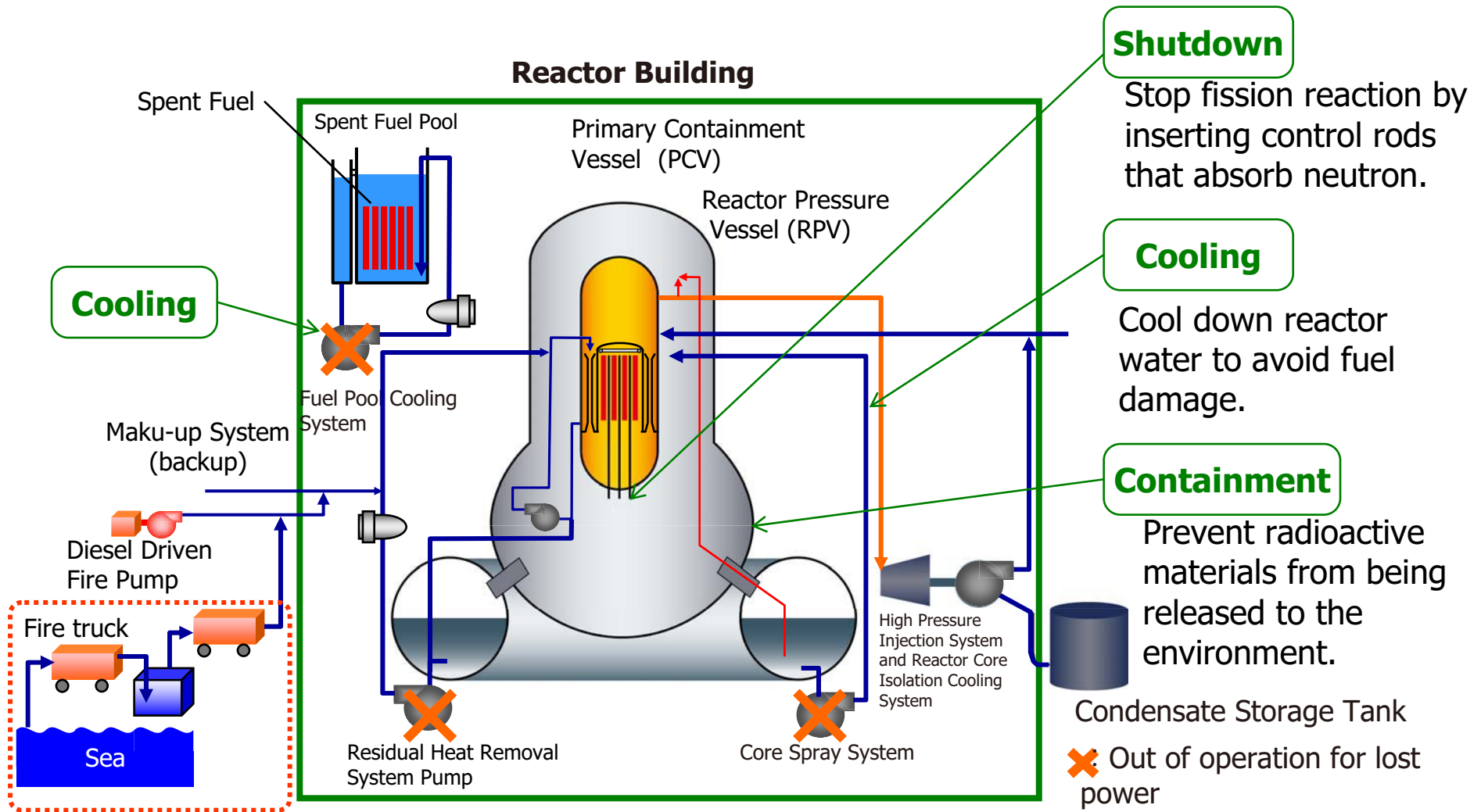
- **Time:** 2:46 pm on Fri, March 11, 2011.
- **Place:** Offshore Sanriku coast (northern latitude of 38 degrees, east longitude of 142.9), 10km in depth, Magnitude 9.0
- **Intensity:**
  - Level 7** at Northern Miyagi prefecture
  - Upper 6** at Naraha, Okuma, and Fudaba, Fukushima pref. (Nuclear Power Station)
  - Lower 6** at Ishinomaki, Onagawa, Tokai in Miyagi pref.
  - Lower 5** at Kariwa, Niigata pref.
  - 4** at Rokkasho, Higashidori in Aomori pref., Kashiwazaki, Niigata pref.



\* gal: a unit of acceleration defined as  $\text{cm/s}^2$ .

# This Accident Description: Fukushima Daiichi

- All operating Units automatically shutdown. Offsite Power Supply lost by the quake (1F1-6)
- Diesel Generators started, however Tsunami's wave flooded all DGs but one at 1F6
- Seawater Pumps failed due to the Tsunami (1F1-6)



# Plant Status: Fukushima Daiichi

- Unit1-3: Automatic Shutdown
- Unit1-4: Offsite Power Lost due to earthquake. Diesel Generators started, however lost by Tsunami's wave
- Unit 1-3: Core Cooling System failed, Water injected via Fire Protection Lines. Water level reduced below the Top of Fuel. Unit 5-6: Core Cooling system was recovered
- Unit 1-4 Spent Fuel Pool: Seawater injected by Fire Engines external pumps. Unit2:from 3/17 fire truck pumps were injecting seawater, expanded to Unit 3 and 4 on 3/20
- Unit1,3 and 4: Hydrogen explosion caused the upper half of R/B damage. Unit2 may be damaged by Suppression chamber.
- Unit1-3 emitted radioactive substances during Venting to reduce inner pressure of the Reactor Pressure Vessel

As of 31 March

		#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	
<b>Pre-Earthquake Status</b>		<b>Operating</b>			<b>Shutdown for Maintenance</b>			
<b>After Earthquake</b>	<b>Shutdown</b>	○ <b>Automatic Shutdown</b>			—	—	—	
	<b>Cooling</b>	<b>Reactor</b>	△ Offsite Power Freshwater	△ Offsite Power Freshwater	△ Offsite Power Freshwater	— Offsite Power Shutdown	○ Cold Shutdown	○ Cold Shutdown
		<b>Pool</b>	△	△	△	△	○	○
	<b>Containment</b>		<b>Reactor Building damaged</b>	<b>One Blowout Panel opened</b>	<b>Reactor Building damaged</b>	<b>Reactor Building damaged</b>	<b>Drilled holes on the roof of Reactor Building</b>	<b>Drilled holes on the roof of Reactor Building</b>

○ :functioning △: non-functioning(working progress) ×:non-functioning (not working)

# Plant Status: Fukushima Daini

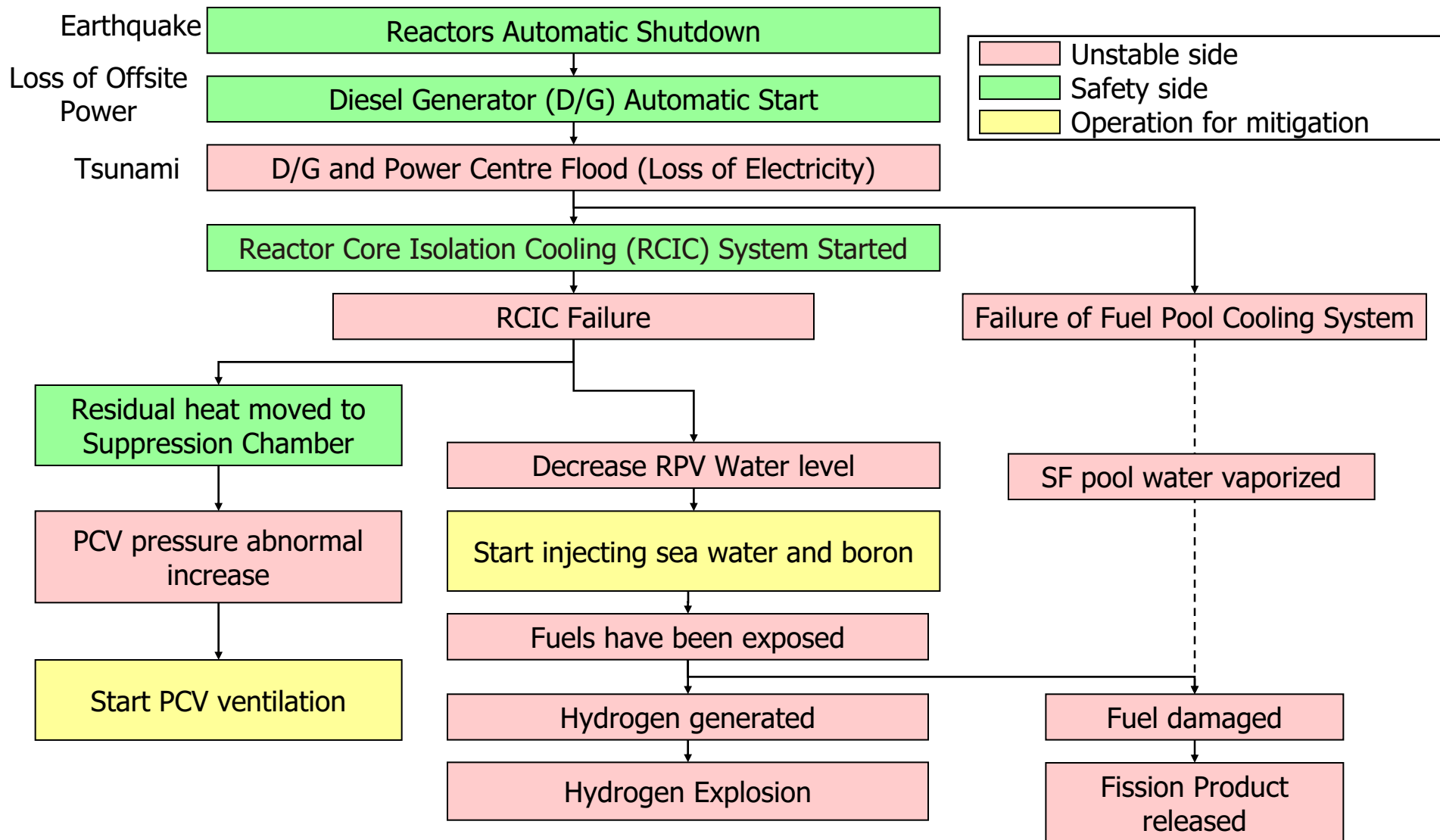
- Unit1-3: Automatic Shutdown. Unit 4-6: Units in extended outage
- Unit1-4: Offsite Power maintained. Diesel Generators lost by the Tsunami flooding
- Unit 3: Cold Shut down in 22hrs after the quake
- Unit 1,2 and 4: Core Cooling system recovered and successfully to achieve Cold Shutdown

As of 31 March

		Fukushima Daini Nuclear Power Station			
		Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Before Earthquake	Status	Operating			
	Shut down	○			
After Earthquake	Cooling	○ (Cold Shutdown)			
	Containment	○			

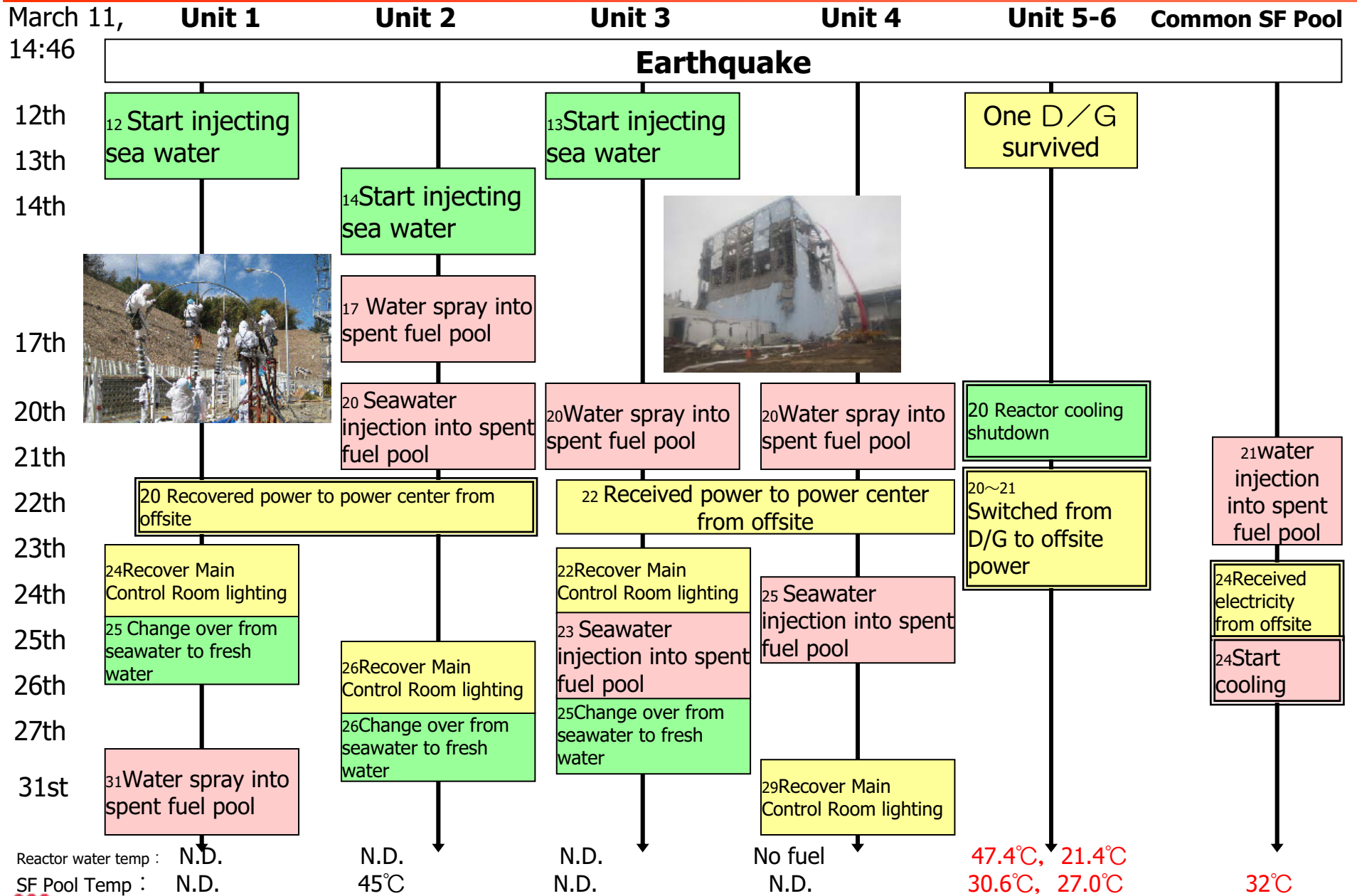
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# Course of Events (Fukushima Daiichi Unit 3)



# Chronology of Fuel Cooling

SF Pool    Reactor    Power Supply



# Plant Parameters (Fukushima Daiichi) as of March 31 14:00

## Reactor Pressure [MPag]

Unit1	Unit 2	Unit 3
0.506	-0.011	0.016

## FPC Skimmer Surge Tank level [mm]

Unit1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
4,500	5,600	N.D.	5,200

## RPV Temp [°C]

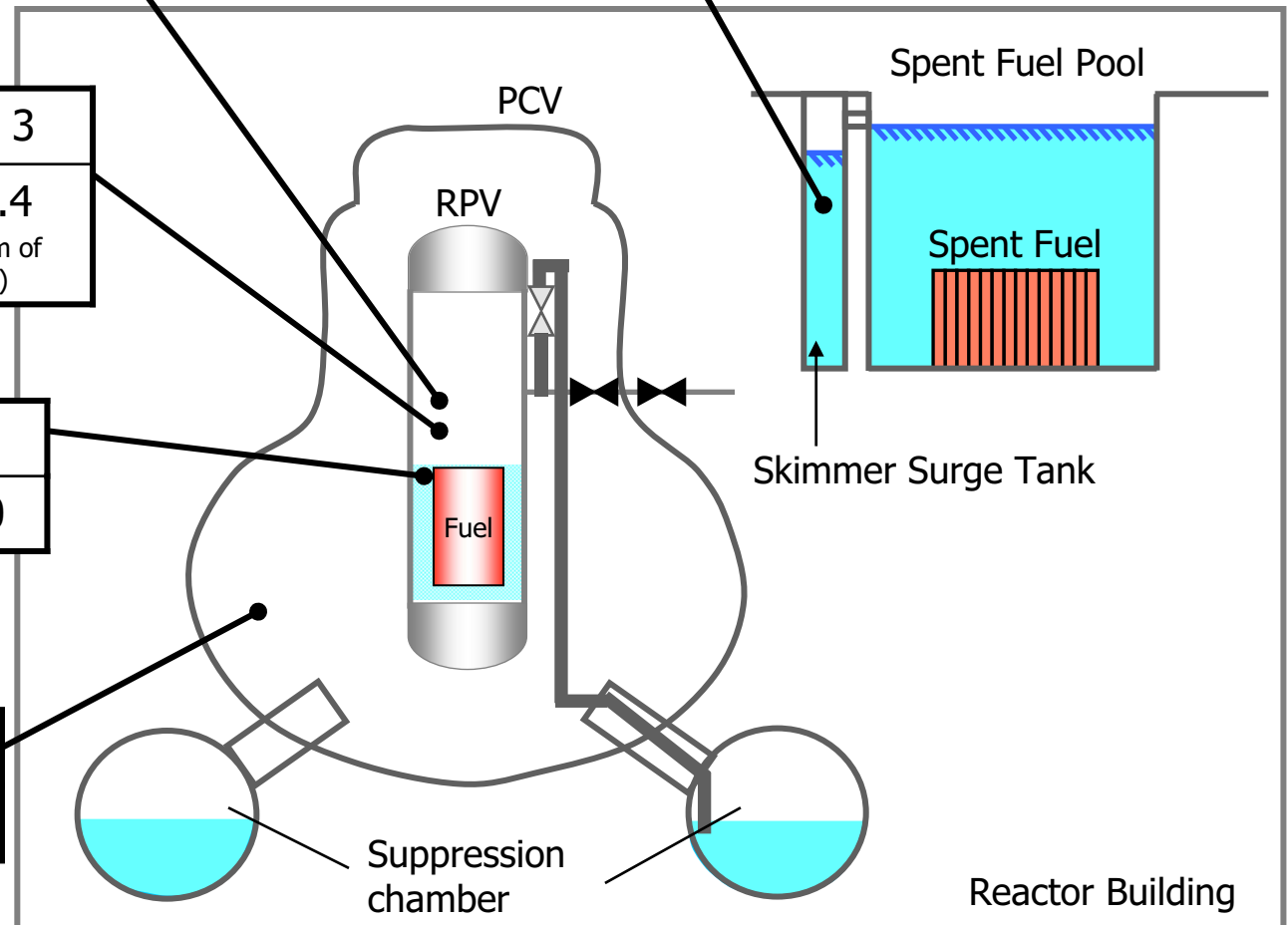
Unit1	Unit 2	Unit 3
246.1 (Feedwater Nozzle)	172.4 (Feedwater Nozzle)	114.4 (bottom of RPV)

## Reactor water level [mm]

Unit1	Unit 2	Unit 3
-1,650	-1,500	-2,250

## Drywell pressure [MPaabs]

Unit1	Unit 2	Unit 3
0.210	0.110	0.1066





# Evacuation

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## **Fri 11 March**

- 14:46 Automatic Shutdown
- 19:03 Emergency Announcement (Daiichi) by the Gov't
- 21:23 3 km radius evacuation order and 10 km radius citizens take shelter directed by the PM

## **Sat 12 March**

- 5:44 10 km radius evacuation directed by the PM
- 7:45 Emergency Announcement (Daini) by the Gov't  
3 km radius evacuation and 10 km radius (Daini) taking shelter directed by the PM
- 17:39 10 km radius evacuation (Daini) directed by the PM
- 18:25 20 km radius evacuation (Daiichi) directed by the PM

## **Tue 15 March**

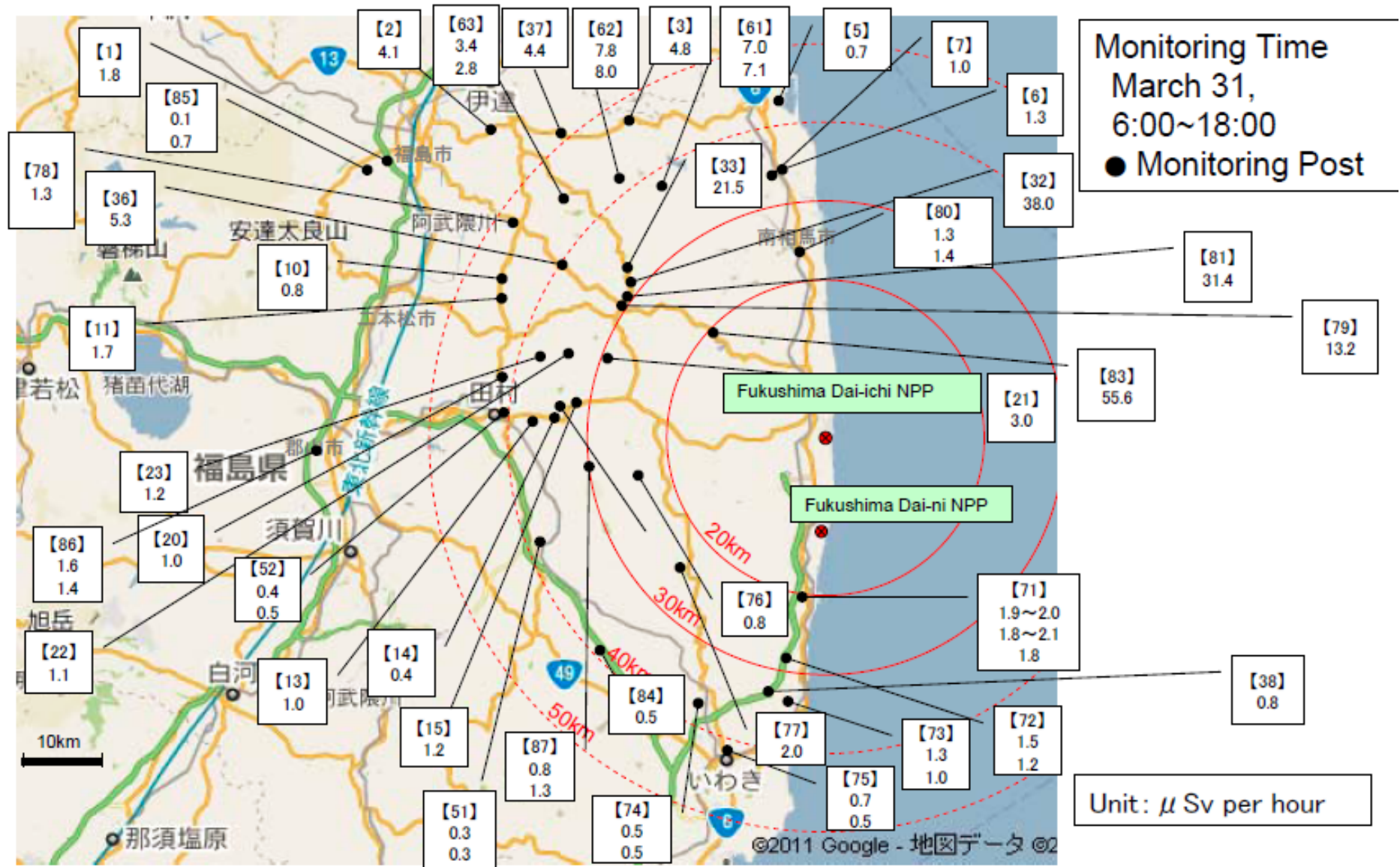
- 11:00 20-30 km radius taking shelter (Daiichi) directed by the PM

## **Fri 25 March**

- am 20-30 km radius evacuation (Daiichi) recommended by the Chief Cabinet Secretary

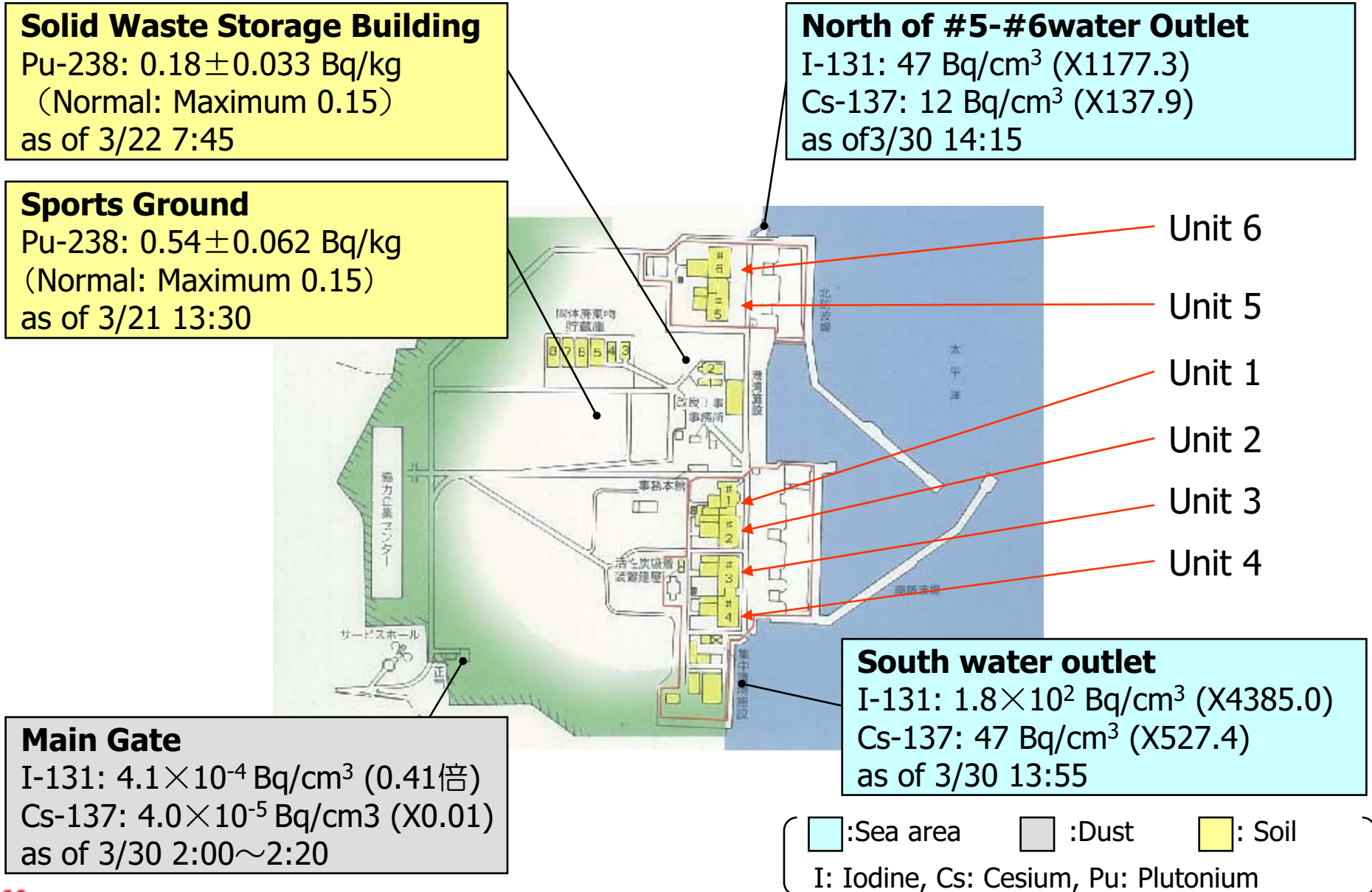
# Monitoring Data

Readings at Monitoring Post out of Fukushima Dai-ichi NPP



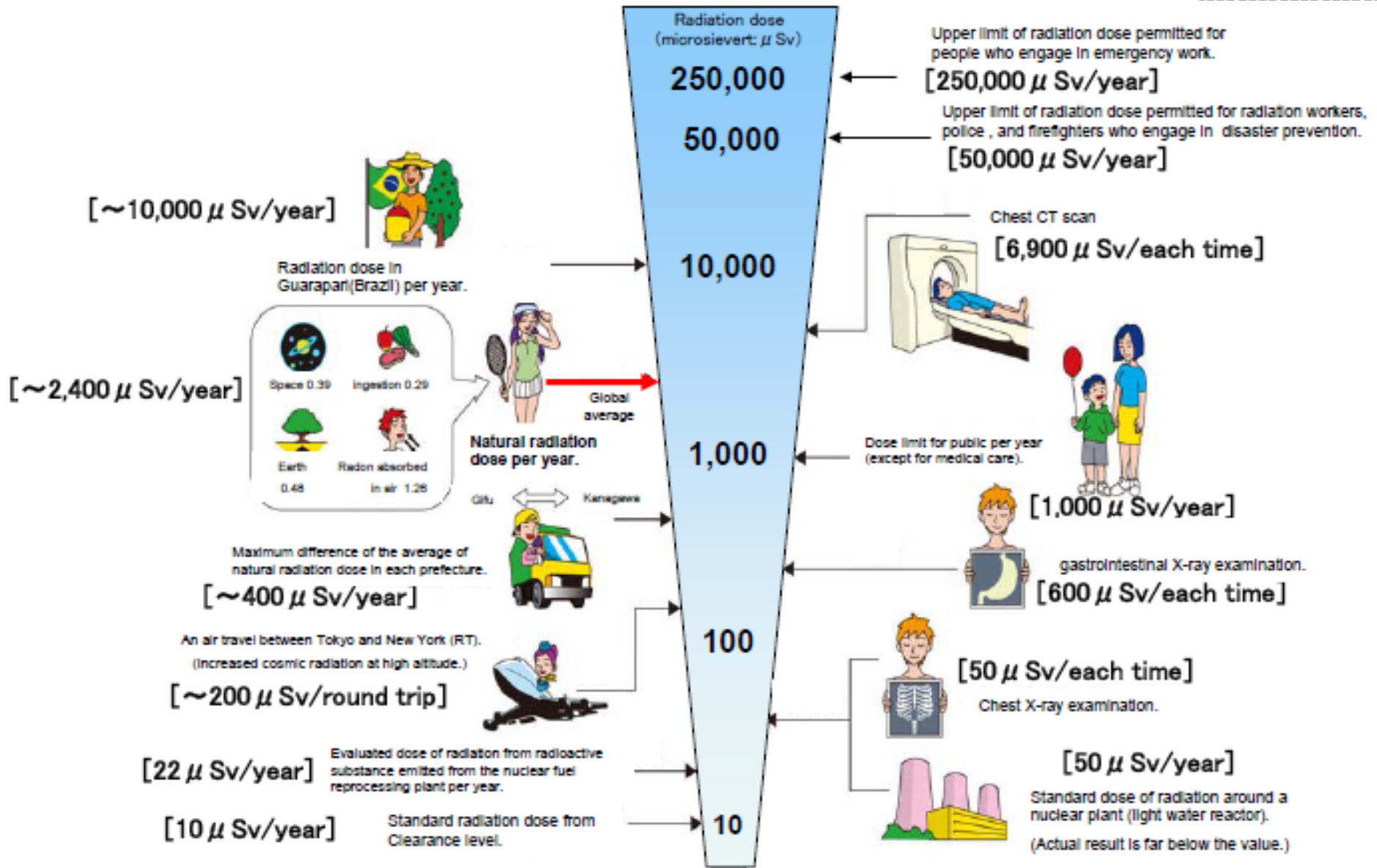
Source: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

# Monitoring Data inside the Site Boundary



# Radiation in Daily-life

※Unit :  $\mu$  Sv



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# Recovery status (Main Control Room)

- Main Control Room Power recovered
  - March 22 22:45 Turn on Power to the Unit 3 Main Control Room
  - March 24 11:30 Turn on Power to the Unit 1 Main Control Room
  - March 26 16:46 Turn on Power to the Unit 2 Main Control Room
  - March 29 11:50 Turn on Power to the Unit 4 Main Control Room



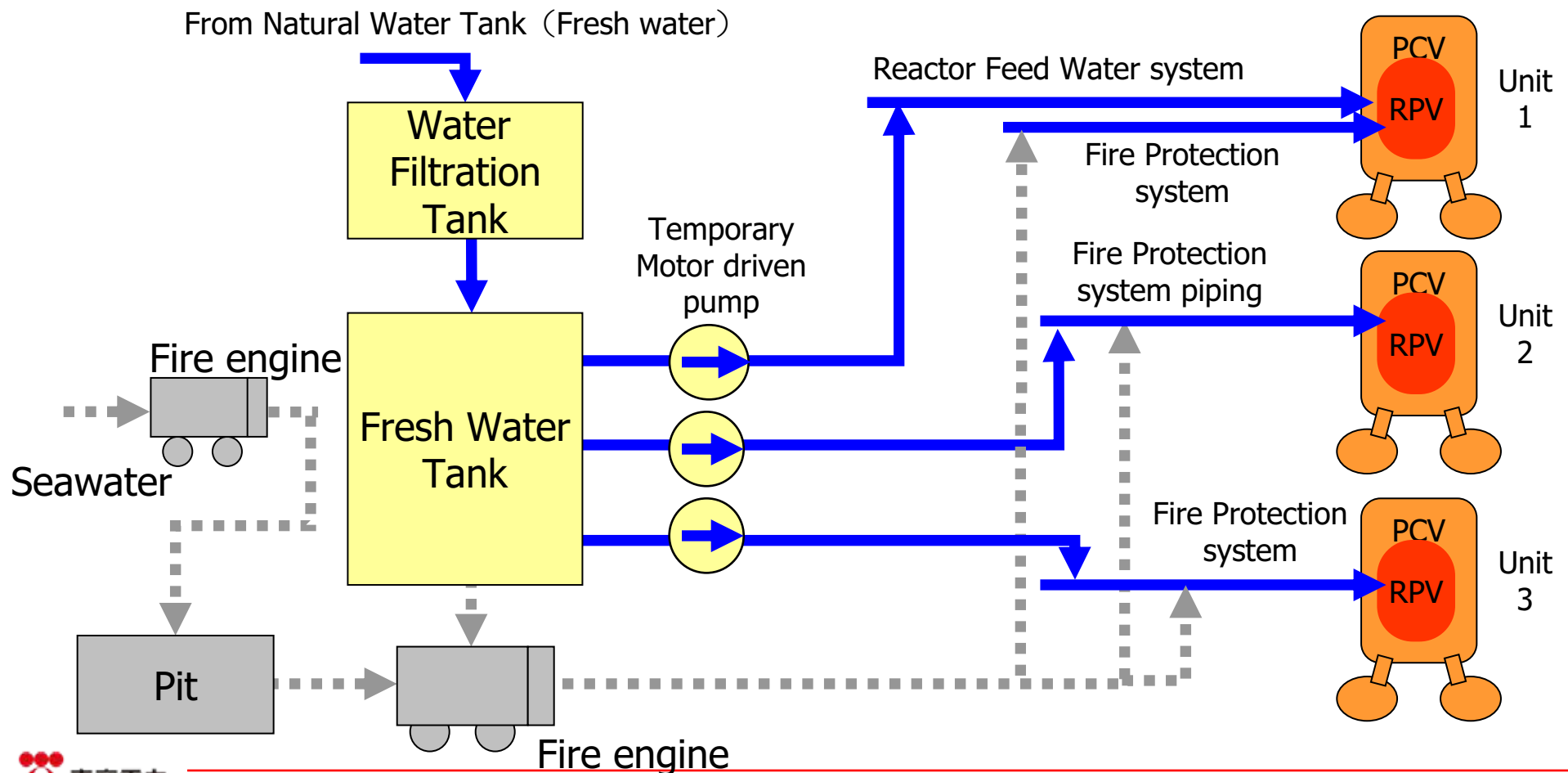
Unit 1 Main Control Room turned on (The light fixture is broken by the earthquake)



Unit 1 Main Control Room Recovery

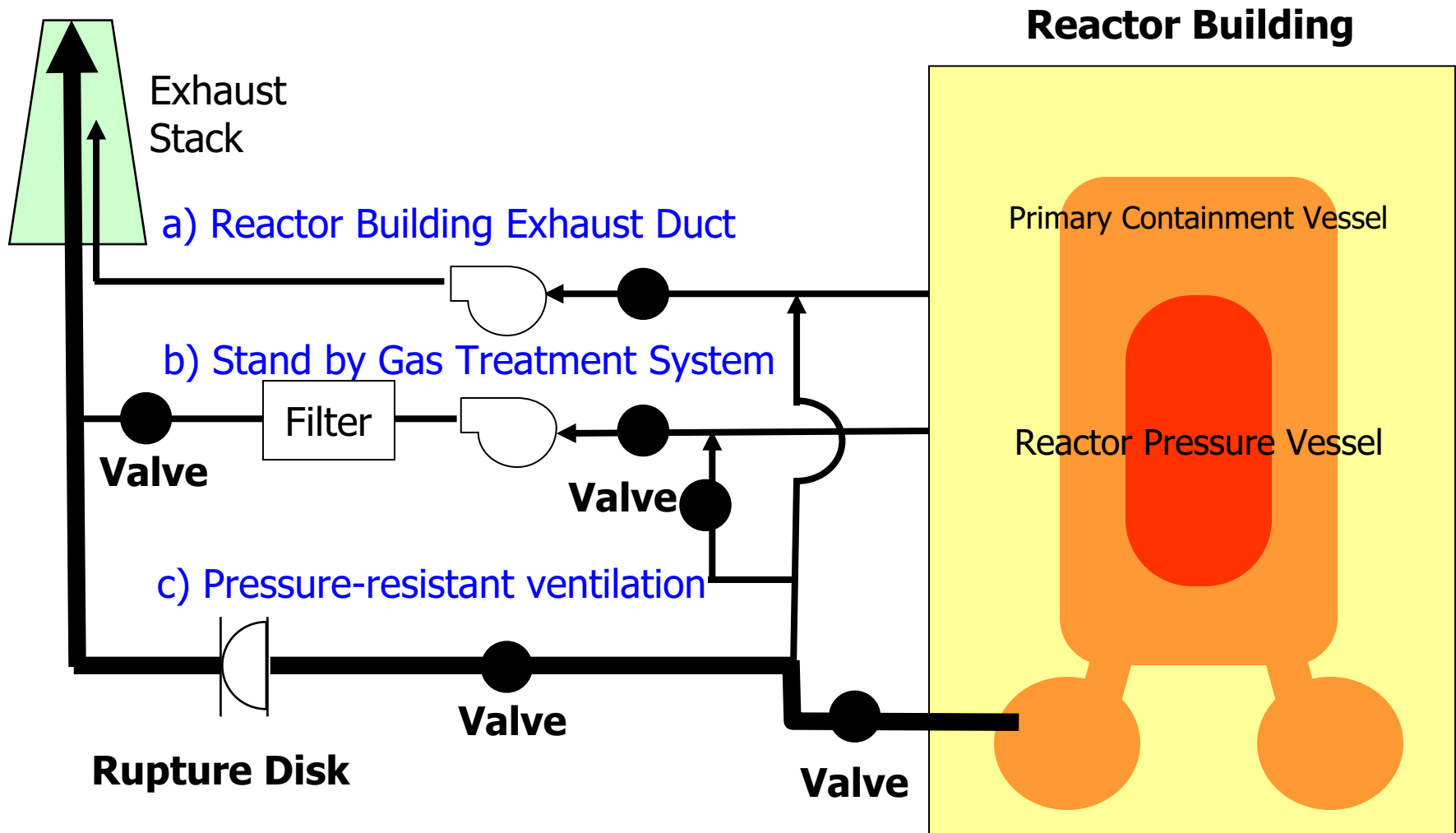
# [Reference] Reactor Feed Water System

- Change over from seawater to fresh water with motor driven pump
- Unit 1: 25 March, changed to fresh water, pump motorized on 29 March
- Unit 2: 26 March, changed to fresh water, pump motorized on 27 March
- Unit 3: 25 March, changed to fresh water, pump motorized on 28 March



# [Reference] Measure to Decrease Pressure of PCV (Ventilation)

➤ Ventilation by-passing filter was adopted in this accident

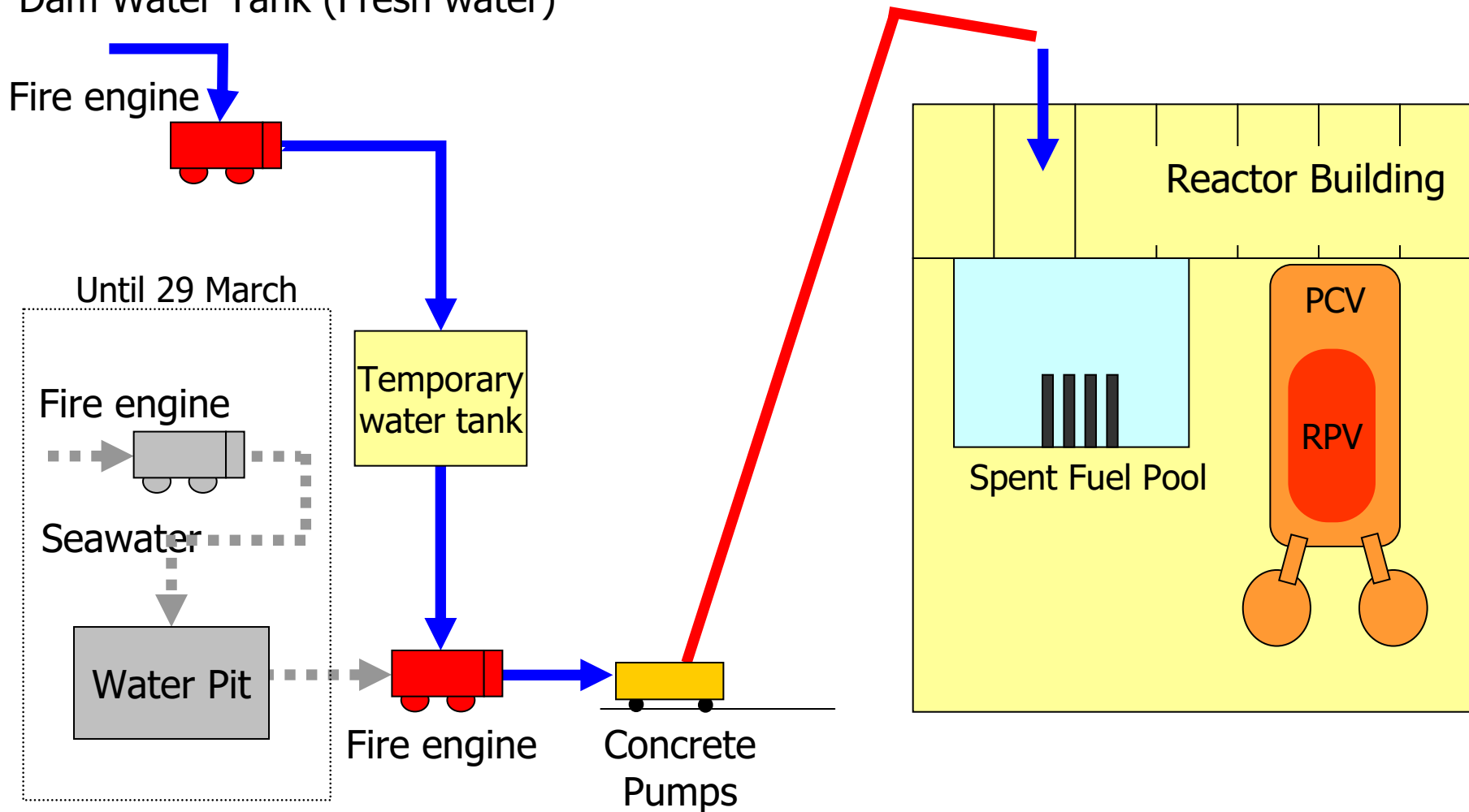


## [Reference] Water spray into spent fuel pool

Unit 1,3 and 4: Water Spray with Fire Engines

Unit 2: Existing Fire Protection Line is used

Dam Water Tank (Fresh water)





# [Reference] Water Removal Process from Turbine Building

- Investigating the source of the water
- Unit 2 surface rate is as high as 1000mSv/h
- Unit 1 pump up water to the condenser. The water will be transferred to the Condenser Storage Tank and then to the Suppression Pool Surge Tank.
- Unit 2-4: Condenser Storage Tank water transferred to the Suppression Pool Surge Tank

## <Water Paddle in Unit 2>

