

Plant Status of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

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<1. Status of the Nuclear Reactor and the Primary containment vessel> (As of February 18 at 11:00)

Unit	Status of Water injection		Bottom temperature of Reactor pressure vessel	Pressure of primary containment vessel	Hydrogen density Of Primary containment vessel
Unit 1	Injecting Fresh water	Core Spray System: Approx. 1.7 m ³ /h	24.3 °C	106.0k Paabs	0.01 vol%
		Feed Water System: Approx. 4.4 m ³ /h			
Unit 2	Injecting Fresh water	Core Spray System: Approx. 10.0 m ³ /h	29.9 °C *	113k Paabs	0.06 vol%
		Feed Water System: Approx. 7.6 m ³ /h			
Unit 3	Injecting Fresh water	Core Spray System: Approx. 5.0 m ³ /h	48.7 °C	101.6k Paabs	/
		Feed Water System: Approx. 3.0 m ³ /h			

* We evaluated that the thermocouple previously used (2-3-69H1) was out of order and instead started to use the data measured by other thermocouple (2-3-69H2) from today.

[Unit 2]

- Because the tendency of temperature rise at the bottom of the PCV had been accelerated since February 2 and it continued, we have increased the amount of water injection to the reactor since 14:10 on February 12. We confirmed that the meter indicated 82°C exceeding 80°C which is the maximum temperature limit at the bottom of the PCV for the safety operation defined in the safety regulation^{*2} and evaluated that it violated the regulation at 14:20 on February 12. In order to satisfy the limit of the safety operation, we increased the amount of water injection. After the countermeasure was taken, the temperature continued to rise and we conducted an investigation of the meter which monitors the temperature at the bottom of the PCV. As a result of the investigation, we evaluated that the thermocouple has been out of order due to disconnection, because the DC resistance was higher than normal level. After the inspection of the soundness of thermocouple, we evaluated that it has been out of order.
- 14:00 February 17: We evaluated that the temperature at the bottom of the PCV was not actually risen and it didn't exceed the limit of the safety operation. Our evaluation of violation of the safety operation was corrected retroactive to February 12. The meter was deleted from the list of the meters to monitor the temperature of the bottom of the PVC. The temperature is monitored with the other meters.

*1) Based on the management of facilities stipulated at the Article 12 "Mid-term safety securing" of Act of the Regulation of Nuclear Source Material, Nuclear Fuel Material and Reactors, it provides "Operational Limit" and "measures required in the case that does not satisfy the Operational Limit", it is required to respond based on the measures required in the case that does not satisfy the Operational Limit. In our case, in order to implement the preservation work, it was shifted to outside of operational limit condition [increase of injected water amount into reactor in any 24 hours shall be less than 1.0m²/h] as planned (from 1:55 pm on February 12), we changed the water injection amount into the reactor of Unit 2. At 2:20 pm, we judged that it was not satisfied "the temperature is below 80 °C at the bottom of PCV", which is stipulated in "the Reactor Facility safety Regulation" as one of the "Conditions of operation". as the indicated temperature was 82 °C beyond 80 °C. We continue to change the water injection amount accordingly.

*2) Reactor Facility Safety Regulation provides necessary conditions such as the numbers of the permitted machines etc.

or criteria of temperatures and pressures for securing multiple safety function for operating reactors and for keeping nuclear power stations stable and these are treated as conditions for operation. When there happen some malfunctions of equipment provided in the regulation and a nuclear power station can not clear the conditions temporarily, operators have to take required countermeasures.

[Unit 4] [Unit 5] [Unit 6]

- No significant incidents have happened.

<2. Status of the Spent Fuel Pool> (As of February 18 at 11:00)

Unit	Cooling type	Status of cooling	Temperature of water in Spent Fuel Pool
Unit 1	Circulating Cooling System	Under operation *	25.0 °C
Unit 2	Circulating Cooling System	Under operation	12.3 °C
Unit 3	Circulating Cooling System	Under operation	14.6 °C
Unit 4	Circulating Cooling System	Under operation	24.0 °C

* System secondary air fin cooler: out of service

[Unit 2]

- Desalination equipment has been activated in order to reduce density of salt from the spent fuel pool since 11:50 on January 19.
- At around 5:00 am on February 8, the alarm of “abnormally low suction pressure of the high pressure RO pump” in the desalination apparatus for the Unit 2 spent fuel pool went off, and its operation was automatically stopped. The interlock arrangement closed all the isolation valves in the system. The alternative cooling system for the spent fuel pool continues its operation. Therefore, there is no impact on the cooling. We also confirmed by the site investigation that there was no leakage from the apparatus.
- From 3:20 pm on February 18, based on the result of the site survey, it was estimated that the operation stop was caused by the instantaneous pressure drop (pressure pulsation). The system was reactivated after implementing the countermeasure.

[Unit 3]

- Radioactive material removal equipment has been activated in order to remove radioactive materials from the spent fuel pool since 3:18 pm on January 14.

<3. Status of water transfer from the Vertical Shaft of the Trench and the basement floor of the Turbine Building>

Unit	Draining water source	Place transferred	Status
Unit 2	Unit 2 T/B	Central Radioactive Waste Treatment Facility [Miscellaneous Solid Waste Volume Reduction Treatment Building(High Temperature Incinerator Building)]	14:43 on February 10 - Transferring
Unit 6	Unit 6 T/B	Temporary tank	From 10:00 to 16:00 on February 18 Transferring

<4. Status of the Treatment Facility and the Storage Facility> (As of February 18 at 7:00)

Facility	Cesium adsorption apparatus	Secondary Cesium adsorption apparatus (sarry)	Decontamination instruments	water desalinations (reverse osmosis membrane)	water desalinations (evaporative concentration)
Operating status	Under operation	Under operation*	Out of service	Operating intermittently according to the water balance	Operating intermittently according to the water balance

*Cleaning of filter is implemented accordingly.

- June 8, 2011 ~ Large tanks to store contaminated and decontaminated water are transported and installed.

<5. Others>

- October 7, 2011 ~ : Continuously implementing water spray using water after purifying accumulated water of Unit 5 and Unit 6 to prevent spontaneous fire of trimmed trees and diffusion of dust.
- January 11, 2012 ~ : As finding accumulated water including radioactive materials (December 18, 2011) at the trench between Process Main Building of Central Radioactive Waste Treatment Facility and Miscellaneous Solid Waste Volume Reduction Treatment Building (High Temperature Incinerator Building), we started inspection of the other trenches in the site. *Please refer to the other reference materials for the result of daily inspection.

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