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Japan Earthquake TFJP01

Sunday, March 20, 2011
 0600 EDT

FUKUSHIMA DAI-ICHI NUCLEAR ISSUES

- (SBU) TEPCO reported one additional worker was exposed to unsafe levels of radiation, bringing the total number of TEPCO employees exposed to dangerous levels to seven. *(TFJP01/Embassy Tokyo email)*
- (SBU) Aerial monitoring flights conducted March 19 showed the 50-mile evacuation zone remains adequate. Air samples do not indicate any further melting of the reactor cores.
(DOE sitrep)
- (SBU) At the request of Japanese and U.S. governments, the Australian military plans to move one pump from Perth to Japan on March 21 for cooling the reactors. *(TFJP01)*
- (SBU) The IAEA began measuring radiation in air and soil in the Tokyo metropolitan area March 19. The IAEA also asked the United States to share detailed measurement data. *(TFJP01/Embassy Tokyo email, IAEA/TFJP01 fax)*
- (SBU) TEPCO decided there is no immediate need to vent the pressure at the Unit 3 reactor. The pressure is relatively high, but it has stabilized. *(TFJP01/Embassy Tokyo email, AP)*
- (U) Engineers restored power to the Unit 2 reactor. *(Reuters)*
- (U) Japan's Self Defense Forces (SDF) sprayed 80 tons of water to cool the storage pool for spent nuclear fuel at the Unit 4 reactor. *(NHK World)*
- (SBU) Contrary to previous reports, NRC representatives in Tokyo now assess Unit 3 and the spent fuel pool at Unit 4 to have water. *(TFJP01/Embassy Tokyo conference call)*
- (SBU) Units 5 and 6 were ventilated March 19 to prevent hydrogen buildup from causing an explosion. The temperature at both buildings decreased, indicating cooling is working again. *(TFJP01/Embassy Tokyo email)*
- (U) TEPCO stated the radiation level within the Fukushima facility declined since water spraying began March 19. *(NHK online)*

CONSULAR ISSUES AND POST OPERATIONS

- (SBU) Consulate General Naha reported that DOD dependents are authorized to take commercial flights in addition to DOD charters. *(TFJP01/Consulate Naha phone call)*
- (SBU) U.S. law firm Jones Day closed its Tokyo office and is relocating 110 attorneys, staff, and their families to southwest Japan. *(TFJP01/Embassy Tokyo email)*

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND RESPONSE

- (U) The National Police Agency reported 8,199 dead and 12,722 missing. *(AP)*
- (SBU) Japanese Ambassador Fujisaki and a USAID representative greeted the Fairfax County USAR team upon arrival in the United States at 0415 EDT. *(TFJP01/USAID phone call)*
- (U) Japan announced the creation of a task force under the prime minister's office for improved coordination of humanitarian assistance. *(TFJP01/Embassy Tokyo conference call)*
- (SBU) Japanese SDF delivered more than seven tons of kerosene airlifted by U.S. military helicopters to Kusenuma City, Miyagi prefecture. *(TFJP01/Embassy Tokyo email)*

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