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Fukushima rehabilitation

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Major steps in Fukushima clean-up

- Damage inspection
- Water treatment
- Water drainage
- Debries removal
- Securing reactor buildings
- Cleanup of neighboring areas



Damage inspection

- High concentration of hydrogen
- Preventing hydrogen explosions -> Nitrogen
- Inspecting 2. reactor containment vessel
- Inspection of suppression chambers
- Measuring temperature, radiation levels, ...

Water treatment

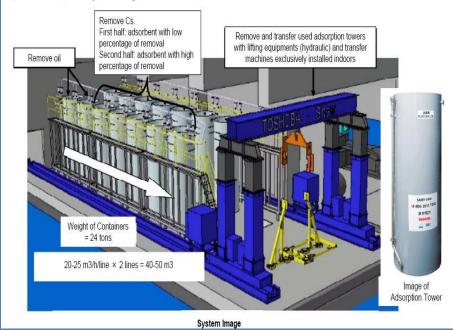
- Contaminated seawater
- Several filtering systems :
 - Landysh
 - AREVA/Kurion system
 - SARRY

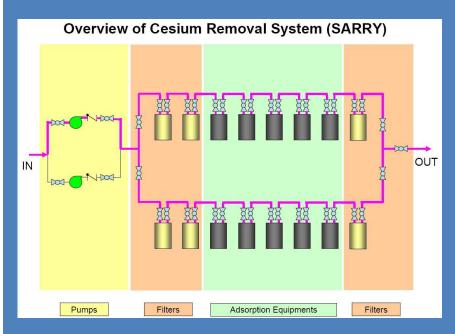
Filtering systems

July 14, 2011 Tokyo Electric Power company

Simplified Active Water Retrieve and Recovery System (SARRY)

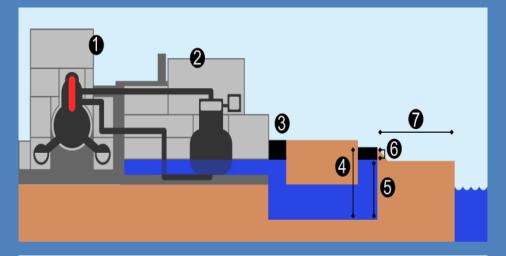
[Objective] To improve stability and redundancy of the water treatment system [Features] Simplified system. Streamlined with lead shield.

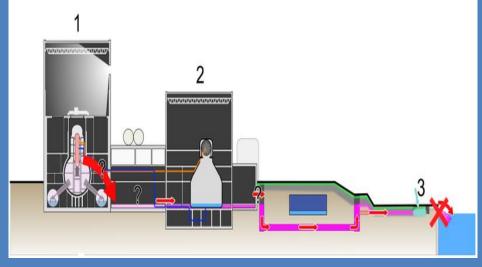




Water drainage

- Water leaked from reactor buildings to basement
- Some water leaked into the sea
- Solutions:
 - pumping water
 - repairing cracks
 - underground wall





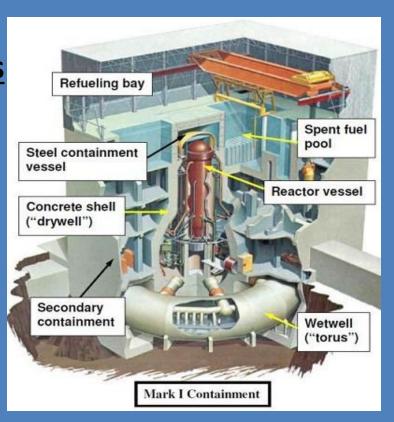
Debries removal

Debries were removed with remote controled vehicles



- Reactor will be scrapped
- At least 30 years
- Containment vessels will be repaired and filled with water
- Removal of spent fuel from reactor core
- Removal of melted fuel

- Fuel removal from storage pools
- Current situation
- Salt water in pools of reactor buildings 2-4
- Debries in pool of reactor building 3
- Monitoring water quality
- Removal work
- Improving water quality
- Clearing of debries
- Installing covers (against wind and rain)
- Inspecting existing equipment
- Removing undamaged fuel with existing equipment



- Removing damaged fuel with new equipment and placing it in new barels
- Clearing common pool
- Removing salt from fuel
- Transporting fuel from damaged pools to onsite commen pool
- Monitoring conditions in common pool

Possible problems

- Rubble scattering and posible high levels of radiation
- Installation of covers
- Problems with common pool
- Damaged fuel

Fuel removal from reactors

- Current situation
- 1496 containers of fuel
- Fuel -> fuel debries
- Meltdown
- Coolant is leaking

Removal work

- High levels of radiation
- Removal of debries
- Inspection of leaks
- Repairing of cracks

- Filling lower part of reactor with water
- Monitoring conditions
- Determining composition and distribution of fuel debries
- Repairing upper part of the reactor
- Filling up entire containment building with water
- Removal of steam separators and other equipment
- Removing damaged fuel after 10 years
- Removing melted fuel 10 15 years
- Safe storage and processing (removing salt) of damaged fuel
- Complications with waste management

- Disassembly of reactor facilities
- Similar to known methods
- Complete plan is not yet formulated
- Estimated time for the whole process 30 -40 years

Cleanup of neighboring areas

- All surounding areas with radiation level above 1 milisievert/year will be decontanimated
- Areas with high level radiation will be claned in stages
- Most areas will be cleaned by local authorities except "no-entry" zones which fall under government responsibility