

| Time | Event | Responses by Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) | Responses by the national government (Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency) |
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| March 11 14:46 | The Great East Japan Earthquake occurred. (Seismic intensity 6 upper at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS)) | Fukushima Daiichi NPS Unit 1, Unit 2 and Unit 3 are automatically shut down by earth quake. Unit 4, Unit 5 and Unit 6 were under suspension due to periodic inspection. | The government established the Headquarters for Emergency Disaster Control, assembled officials at the Emergency Response Center, and dispatched officials to disaster-stricken areas by helicopter. |
| 15:15 | | | The Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency held a press conference and provided information online. |
| 15:27 15:35 | The first tsunami (4m in height) arrived. The second tsunami (15m in height) arrived. | | |
| 15:42 | | Report under Article 10 of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency (Emergency generators activated at Units 1 to 5, which had lost all AC power, were damaged due to the tsunami.) | The government established the Nuclear Accident Vigilance Headquarters. |
| 16:36 | | TEPCO judged that the events fall under Article 15 of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency. | |
| 19:03 | Aftershocks with seismic intensity 5 upper or less occurred several times. | | The government issued a Declaration of a Nuclear Emergency Situation and established the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters. |
| 21:23 | | | The government issued an evacuation order to residents within a 3-km radius of the NPS and ordered those within a 10-km radius to shelter indoors. |
| March 12 5:44 | | | The government issued an evacuation order to residents within a 10-km radius of the NPS. |
| 18:25 | | | The government issued an evacuation order to residents within a 20-km radius of the NPS. |

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As the emergency core cooling system stopped at Unit 1 and Unit 2 of Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)'s Fukushima Daiichi NPS, the government issued, based on the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency, a Declaration of a Nuclear Emergency Situation and established the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters at 19:03 p.m. on March 11, 2011.

At 21:23 p.m. on the same day, based on the same Act, the government issued an evacuation order to residents within a 3-km radius of the NPS and ordered those within a 10-km radius to shelter indoors.

Thereafter, the government expanded the coverage of the evacuation order, which was targeted to residents within a 3-km radius of the NPS, to cover those within a 10-km radius. As a result, a total of 51,207 residents in four towns within a 10-km radius were placed under the evacuation order.

As a hydrogen explosion occurred within the reactor building at Unit 1 at 15:36 p.m. on March 12, the coverage of the evacuation order was further expanded from residents within a 10-km radius to those within a 20-km radius of the NPS.

(Related to p.109 of Vol. 2, "Designation of Areas under Evacuation Orders," and p.110 of Vol. 2, "Designation of Restricted Areas and Areas under Evacuation Orders and Removal Thereof")

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