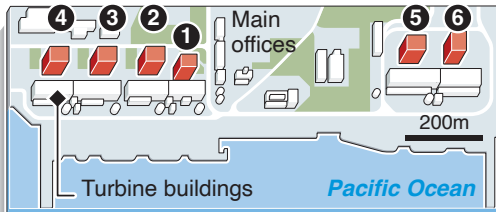


Fukushima nuclear plant status report



Reactor 1: Explosion on March 12 blows top off reactor building

Reactor core: Possible partial meltdown. Primary containment vessel intact. Radioactive iodine-131 found in seawater discharge

Reactor 2: Explosion on March 15 breaches primary containment and torus

Reactor core: Radioactive water found outside building suggests probable meltdown

Reactor 3: Crack seen down side of primary containment

Reactor core: Partial meltdown likely. This reactor uses mixture of uranium and plutonium. Plutonium found in soil at five places around plant

Reactor 4: Shutdown before earthquake. Spent fuel rods overheat causing explosion and release of radioactive steam on March 15. **Danger of spent fuel rods cracking open, causing large-scale release of radiation**

Reactor 5, 6: Shut before earthquake. **Power restored to cooling system of spent fuel storage pool**

