

NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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NDRRMC ADVISORY

TO : ALL CHAIRMEN, RDRRMCs, PDRRMCs, OCDRCs I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, CAR, CARAGA, ARMM and NCR

SUBJECT : Emergency Response Bulletin No. 3 re: Nuclear Emergency in Japan

DATE : 15 March 2011

Source: DOST-PNRI

1. OVERVIEW:

- Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (DOST-PNRI) is continuously monitoring the situation of the Fukushima-Daiichi Power Plants in Japan.
- The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Incident and Emergency Center has informed that an explosion was heard at the Fukushima-Daiichi Unit 2 at 2:10 UTC on March 14. The report also states that there is a possibility the suppression chamber may have been damaged due to this explosion. Further details are being awaited.
- All 4 Units of the Fukushima-Daiichi Nuclear Power Plants are still in shutdown condition.
- At Unit 1, plant operators were able to restore a residual heat remover system now being used to cool down the reactor core. Efforts are in progress to maintain cold shutdown of the reactor.
- A hydrogen gas explosion that destroyed the roof of Unit 3 reactor building took place but there has been no notable change in the radiation levels observed in the boundaries of the power plants.
- **There is no scientific and technical basis that radioactive plume or nuclear fall-out from Fukushima-Daiichi Nuclear Power Plants will hit the territory of the Philippines within the next 24 hours.**
- Wind projection according to PAGASA states that **wind in the Fukushima-Daiichi Nuclear Power Plants is heading East of Japan towards the Pacific Coast and is definitely going thousands of kilometres away from the Philippines territorial seas** as of 15 March 2011.
- The public is strongly advised to call the PNRI trunk lines with Tel. Nos. 929-6010 to 19 and 920-8787 or refer to the DOST (www.dost.gov.ph) PNRI website (www.pnri.dost.gov.ph) and STII (www.stii.dost.gov.ph) for further advisories.
- The public is also advised to access the international Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) website for the latest development (www.iaea.org) of the incident. The IAEA is considered the international watchdog which issues verified information about the events happening in Fukushima.

2. ACTIONS TAKEN:

- NDRRMC Advisory - Emergency Response Bulletin No. 3 on the Nuclear Emergency in Japan was disseminated to all regions through facsimile and website for further dissemination to their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs) from the provincial down to the municipal levels

You are hereby directed to monitor the situation and undertake precautionary measures in your area of responsibility (AOR). Likewise, the public and the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (DRRMCs) are advised to take appropriate actions.

In order to better inform/warn communities, you are reminded to disseminate these through local/community leaders and through your local media, including community radio stations. Conduct press briefings as often as needed. This local effort will complement and reinforce efforts at the national level.

Let us untiringly aim for zero casualties.

Submit report on actions taken thereof.

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