

NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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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. 4 re: Nuclear Emergency in Japan

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Source: DOST-PNRI

OVERVIEW

- At 5:30 AM Manila Time, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reported an explosion at Unit 2 of the Daiichi Reactor that damaged the suppression chamber of the primary containment vessel. The event resulted in the momentary increase of radiation level measured at the millisievert per hour.
- At 12:50 PM Manila Time, the IAEA reported the incidence of an earlier fire that occurred at the building where the spent fuel storage pond of Unit 4 of the Daiichi nuclear power plant is located. According to the Embassy of Japan, the same fire was put out before 10:00 AM today. The event resulted in the release of radiation at a dose rate of at 400 millisievert per hour.
- As the events remain contained on site, persons who have been evacuated from the 30 km zone are considered safe.
- Further reports received by the DOST-PNRI (Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Nuclear Research Institute) indicate that all reactors vessels of Units 1, 2 and 3 remain intact.
- As per information from TEPCO (Tokyo Electric Power Company), the cooling problems of Units 1, 2, and 3 are under control.
- Containments for Unit 1 and 3 are also intact. And while the suppression chamber of Unit 2 is damaged, the rest of its containment unit remains intact.
- **DOST-PNRI emphasizes that there remains no immediate threat to the Philippines.**
- For more queries, please call DOST-PNRI Emergency response Center at 929-4719 or 920-8738 or 0917-278-3578 or log on to <http://www.pnri.dost.gov.ph>, <http://www.dost.gov.ph>, or <http://www.science.ph>, or [tweet@dost_pnri](http://twitter.com/dost_pnri).

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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