Remember Fukushima: March 2011 the accident continues

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Tsunami hits Fukushima Daiichi



Tsunami floods Fukushima plant



March 12: Explosion at Unit 1



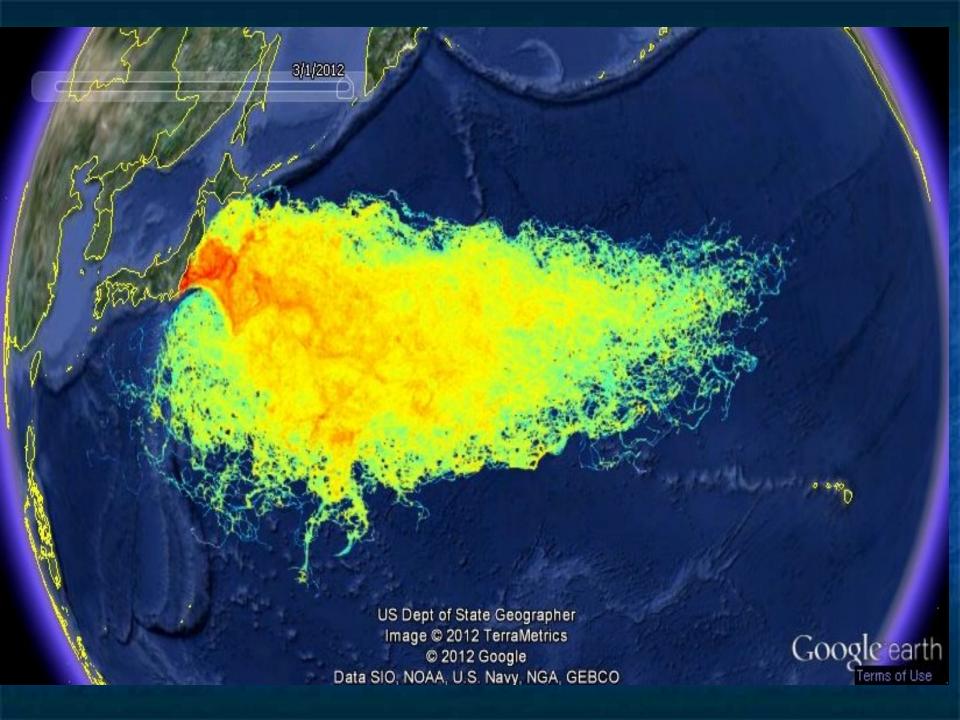
March 14 – Explosion at Unit 3

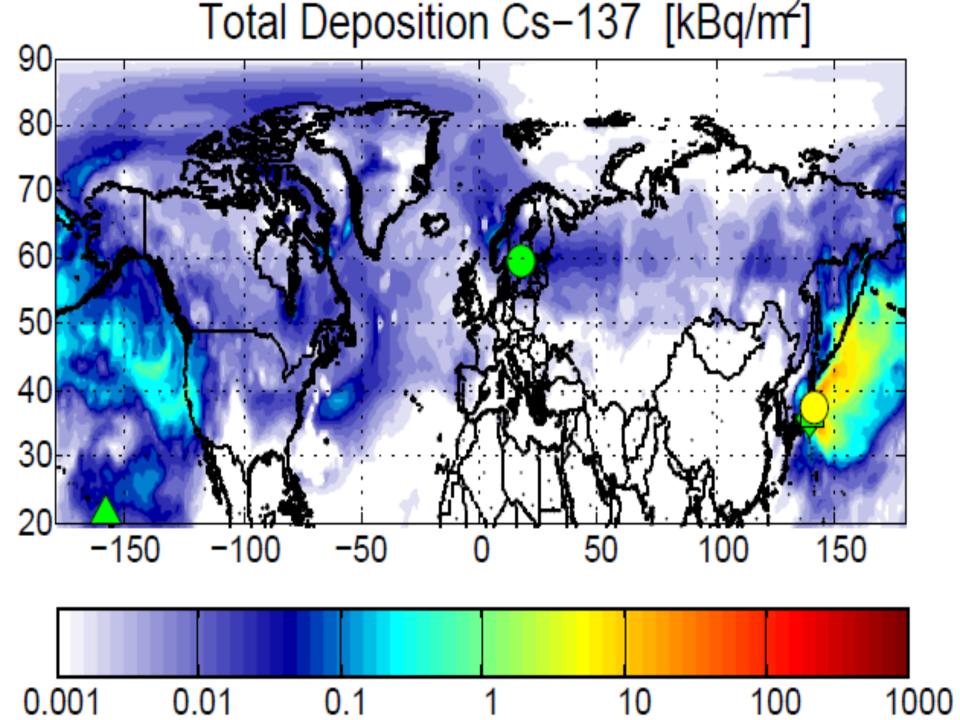


Damage to Units 4,3









Melted nuclear fuel –first pics



Radiation Dose Rate -TEPCO

530 Sv per hour
= 0.15 Sv per second
Lethal dose in ~40 seconds

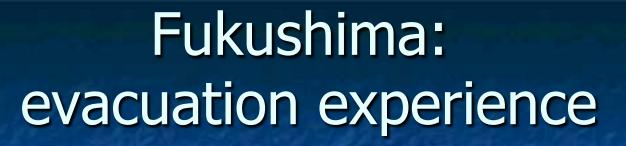
https://www.environews.tv/world-news/alert-new-radiation-readings-fukushima-reactor-2-unimaginable-lethal-1-min/

FUKUSHIMA - present situation

- Ongoing leaks of contaminated water from reactors http://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/english/news/ 20140213 22.html
- unresolved = how to reliably store huge volumes of tritium contaminated water
- massive radioactive wastes produced by decontamination
- dangerous nature of melted reactor cores
- spent fuels in precarious ponds on top of reactors 1,2,3

23 million bags at 100,000 sites







Health Effects

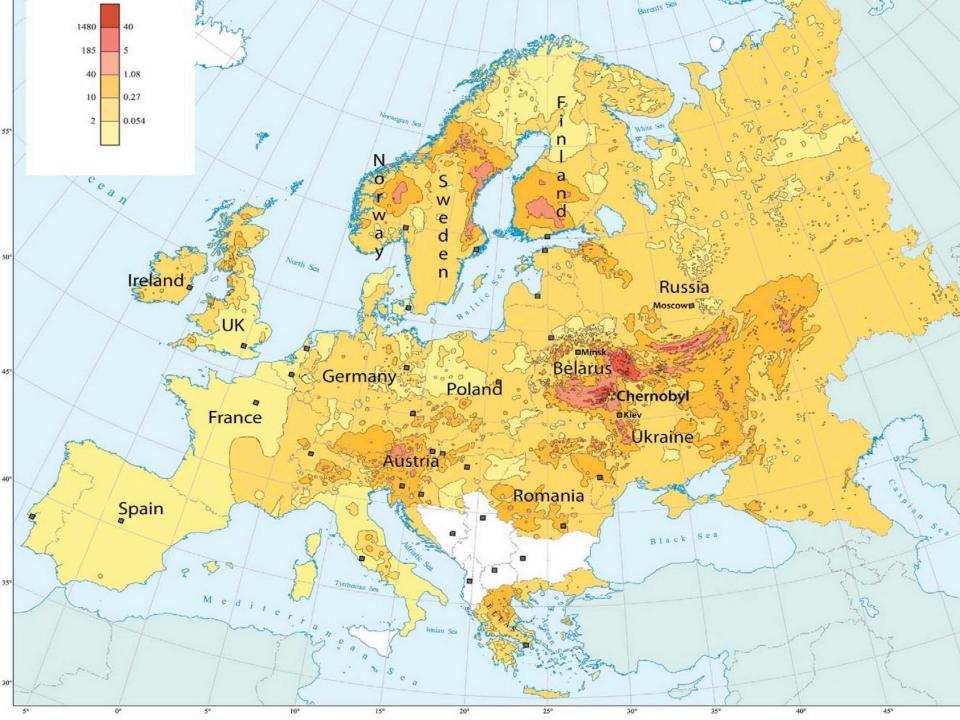


in a nutshell...

- 50,000 people still evacuated
- 10,000s cases of post-trauma stress disorder, depression, anxiety disorders from evacuations
- An estimated 3,600 deaths from nuclear part of the accident from evacuations, ill-health and suicides
- ~40,000 workers exposed, some up to 100-250 mSv
- ~5,000 fatal cancers over next 60 years
- 8% of Japan (30,000 km²) including parts of Tokyo,
 contaminated >10 kBq/m²
- Economic losses between £300 and £500 billion

Chernobyl 1986: the world's worst nuclear accident

Sad to say - even worse than Fukushima



Fallout in UK May 1, 1986



George Santayana philosopher (1863 - 1952)

Governments that are unable to learn from history
are condemned to repeat it.

Cicero

Roman Consul, Statesman (106 BC – 43 BC)

"Salus populi suprema lex esto."

The safety of the people is the supreme law.