

# Lessons Learned from the Fukushima NPS Accidents

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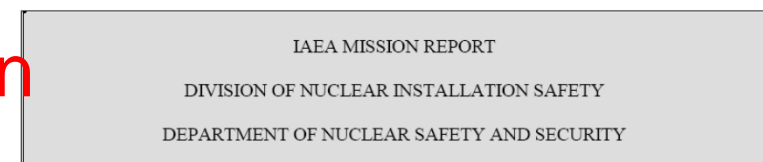
# IAEA Expert Group conclusion on Fukushima



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- This June, IAEA expert group visited Fukushima.
- This group is composed by **18 experts from 12 countries** headed by Mr **Weightman** from HSE, UK.
- There is Jennifer **Uhle** from **USNRC**.
- They summarized **15 conclusion** and **16 recommendation**.



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1. There is a need to consider the **periodic alignment** of national regulations in particular of the impact of external hazards.

**(every ten years)**

For Fukushima, the original design condition of the tsunami was **3.1m high** and **in 2002**

they revised to **5.7m** and ACRS member

indicated there is the evidence of **15m**

**tsunami** at **Jorgan Earthquake in 869.**

The **actual tsunami** was **14.5m** this time .

# List of earthquakes in Japan

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

This is a **list of earthquakes in Japan** with a magnitude of 7.0 or above or which caused significant damage or casualties. As indicated below, magnitude is measured on the Richter magnitude scale ( $M_L$ ) or the moment magnitude scale ( $M_w$ ), or the surface wave magnitude scale ( $M_s$ ) for very old earthquakes. The present list is not exhaustive and reliable and precise magnitude data is scarce for earthquakes that occurred prior to the development of modern measuring instruments.

*This list is incomplete; you can help by expanding it ([http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List\\_of\\_earthquakes\\_in\\_Japan&action=edit](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_earthquakes_in_Japan&action=edit)).*

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Yayoi Earthquake

Date <span>✎</span>	Magnitude <span>✎</span>	Name of quake	Japanese name	Rōmaj
November 29, 684	8.0–8.4 (unknown scale)	Hakuko Nankai earthquake	白鳳南海地震	Hakuko Nankai
June 5, 745	7.9 $M_s$	occurred at Minoh		
<b>July13, 869</b>	8.3 M	869 Sanriku earthquake and tsunami	貞観三陸地震	Jōgan s jishin

# 56th Emperor Seiwa

Present Emperor is **125th**.

All victims by the Tsunami have no responsibilities.

I have all responsibility because the god punished my activities as the emperor.

Do not take any tax from these areas attacked by the tsunami.

I will pray at Ise Temple and the officers should go there and help all victims.

Clean up the mass of rubble.



**858~876 as Emperor**

**Jorkan Earthquake and Tsunami** attacked the same area **in 869**.

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2. **Strengthen the management** in the case of the **severe accident**.

In Japan, there is the **special training on the severe accident at the job site including the prime minister once a year**.

But it is a kind of **ceremony** which means they do not believe the severe accident really happens.

The **complicated structures and organizations can result in delay in urgent decision making**.

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3. 2007 IRRS (Integrated Regulatory Review Service) indicated the complicated regulatory organizations.

There is no answer on this issue from Japanese Government .



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*25 to 30 June 2007*

DIVISION OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATION SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF NUCLEAR SAFETY AND SECURITY

R1 **Recommendation:** The role of NISA as the regulatory body and that of NSC, especially in producing safety guides, should be clarified.

**RECOMMENDATIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND GOOD PRACTICES**

S1 **Suggestion:** NISA is effectively independent from ANRE, in correspondence with the GS-R-1. This situation could be reflected in the legislation more clearly in future.



# Stress Test Report in Europe

- 14 countries within 27 EU countries are operating **148 Nuclear Power Plants**.
- They submitted the interim reports on the stress test.
- Every NPSs have concluded as follows.
- It was **not necessary to take immediate emergency measures**.
- **A complementary safety assessment of nuclear installations** with respect to similar events should be considered within short term.
- **Only Switzerland Muhleberg NPS** made modification of the intake structure **to restart the plant**.
- **Final conclusion will be determined mid 2012 in IAEA**

## NRC published Recommendations for Enhancing Reactor Safety in the 21st Century

- USNRC studied Fukushima accident and summarized 12 recommendations and added 2 more on October.
- It is not necessary to take immediate emergency measures, but they have to reconsider the defense in depth basic philosophy in the long term.

## Japan should need the quick actions

- Fukushima made the terribly bad accident.
- Japanese NPSs should reflect these bad mistakes and **make the necessary modifications as soon as possible to show the nuclear safety to the public .**
- Japan should **make the clear philosophy on the severe accident and require its rule-making with the international harmonization.**

# Enhancing the system against SA

The most important ones on the nuclear safety are

Water , Electricity ,and Instrumentation

## Short Term Modification

- Water supply system to the core without electricity.
- Gas Turbine Generator ,Electric Car and so on.
- Enhancing Instrumentation of water level, pressure, radiation level and so on.
- Training and Education.

## Middle Term Modification

- PCV Vent System with Filter working at PCV design pressure by Safety Valve or Rupture Disk.



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