### 2019 IAEA General Conference, Side Event

### **Eukushima Daiichi Decontamination and Decommissioning Current Status and Challenges**

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### Map of Japan and location of Fukushima Daiichi





Total output (4.7GW) could power more than 10 million households.

# Agenda 1. Contaminated Water Management 2. Fuel Removal from Spent Fuel Pools 3. Dismantlement of Unit 1/2 Stack 4. Toward Fuel Debris Retrieval

# 1. Contaminated Water Management



### **Generation, Purification and Storage of Contaminated Water**



Landside impermeable wall (Frozen wall)

Source: Based on the handout for public hearings held by METI in 2018

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### Three principles for measures to counter contaminated water

### **Three Principles**



### **TEPCO** Monitoring Level in the Sea

Compared to the situation just after the accident, the current level of radioactivity has been lowered to less than parts per million at the lowest.
The concentrations outside the port are substantially below the Japanese regulatory limits.



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### **TEPCO** ALPS-treated water

The aim of water purification using ALPS is to meet the criteria for the site boundary (less than 1mSv/year).

If we are to discharge the treated water into the environment, the water should be re-purified in order to meet the required criteria. (The percentage of water to be re-purified is 80%.)



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## 2. Fuel Removal from Spent Fuel Pools



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**TEPCO** Fuel Removal from Spent Fuel Pool at Unit 3 1/2

### **Fuel removal started on April 15, 2019.**



Loading onto the fuel transfer cask



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**TEPCO** Fuel Removal from Spent Fuel Pool at Unit 3 2/2

After loading onto the fuel transfer cask, the fuel is transported to the on-site common pool and stored in the fuel rack.



# 3. Dismantlement of Unit 1/2 Stack

### **TEPCO** Dismantlement of Unit 1/2 Stack

# The upper parts of the exhaust stack for Units 1 and 2 will be dismantled to further reduce risk, because the stack has damaged parts.



## 4. Toward Fuel Debris Retrieval

IRID has contributed to some work shown here

### Assumed distribution of fuel debris

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- Investigations suggest at Unit1, almost all has dropped to the bottom of the PCV.
- It is assumed that at Unit 2, some has dropped to the bottom of the RPV or PCV, while some still remain within the core.
- As for Unit 3, its situation is assumed to lie between Unit 1 and 2.



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An investigative device was lowered to the bottom of the PCV inside the pedestal.

### **Deposits thought to include fuel debris were found.**



### The touched places at the bottom of Unit 2 (Feb. 2019)

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Investigation at Unit 1 PCV (scheduled for second half of FY2019)

- A boat type device is being developed to understand the distribution of deposits mainly outside the pedestal.
- **X-2** penetration hole will be used as a access route.

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### **TEPCO** Investigation at Unit 1 : Formation of access route

The formation of an access route is underway using drilling and cutting technologies.The work was suspended due to the rise in the value on a temporary dust monitor.



### Accelerating the decommissioning work with safety and steadiness

### Establishment of a project-based approach

**:**Transition to the system which allows us to work in a planned manner, looking to the future

**Engaged in an emergency crisis mode to reduce the short-term high risk** 

- Contaminated Water Management
- Radioactivity Reduction

