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## Fukushima update: TEPCO admits radiation leaks will continue for at least three more months, maybe longer



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(NaturalNews) Thanks to an announcement by TEPCO, we now have a "target date" for addressing the radiation leaks from Fukushima. Believe it or not, TEPCO now says it plans to "reduce" the radiation leaking within *three months*. Notice that there is no admitted goal of "ending" the radiation within three months; just *reducing* it. So a drop in radiation of one percent would qualify as meeting this goal.

This is basically a blatant admission that the radiation leaks are going to continue way beyond 90 days.

TEPCO also says it now plans to cool the spent [fuel rods](#) **within nine months**. They're now basically shooting for the end of the year to try to make this happen.

(<http://www.usatoday.com/money/topst...>)

So what happens if there's another [tsunami](#) between now and the end of the year? [Fukushima](#) is basically just FUBAR at that point, it seems. Because another tsunami wave would easily just rip out the spent [fuel](#) rods and wash the plutonium back into the ocean, unleashing vast amounts of [radiation](#) directly into the [environment](#).

### Wishing does not stop the radiation

If everything goes as planned -- and I'm sure Mr. Murphy will have something to say about that -- the Fukushima facility should be in "cold shutdown" within nine months, at which time a years-long effort to **entomb the reactors** will be launched. If wishful thinking dominates our near future, Fukushima should be completed entombed and locked away in long-term storage within a few years.

This new Fukushima timetable is, of course, little more than a **Christmas wish list**. I wish Santa will bring me a new toy train! I wish Santa will bring me a new bike! And [Japan](#) wishes Santa will bring it a Fukushima solution before the end of the year.

Sometimes, of course, the things you wish for don't necessarily come true. That's how we got to this

whole Fukushima situation in the first place, you may recall: TEPCO wished its backup diesel generators would run the cooling pumps, but they didn't. TEPCO then wished the backup batteries would run the cooling pumps, but they ran out of juice in 8 hours. At that point, TEPCO wished it could prevent core meltdowns by spraying sea [water](#) on the spent fuel rods, but that didn't turn out too well, either.

TEPCO's wishing, it turns out, is no match for the laws of physics.

In fact, if you're keeping track, TEPCO's wish list isn't turning it to be much of a reliable indicator of what happens in the real world. If I were a gambler, I'd be willing to wager a lot of [money](#) that TEPCO's current wish list of having all this done by the end of the year is no more likely to happen than a [household](#) cat sprouting a new tail on its back end so that it has TWO tails to play with. Then again, with all the radiation in the air these days, that sort of mutation might become more common than we'd like...

## Other developments at Fukushima

- There are fresh radiation leaks that are causing radiation levels in the ocean waters near Fukushima to reach **6,500 times** the legal limit. (<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/art...>)
- The estimated cost of the cleanup and recovery effort from Fukushima is now at **\$300 billion** (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asi...>)
- TEPCO has announced it will pay US \$12,000 to each household that was evacuated from the area due to the Fukushima fallout. (<http://www.usatoday.com/money/topst...>) That's almost enough to cover a few months of [cancer](#) treatment, I suppose, if you think chemotherapy and radiation is the cure for radiation-induced cancer, anyway.
- The tsunami deposited a huge catamaran directly on top of a two-story building. See the astonishing picture at <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/art...>
- An advisor to Japan's Cabinet, Kenichi Matsumoto, told reporters that areas around Fukushima would be uninhabitable. He later retracted that statement (<http://www.prisonplanet.com/japan-f...>). See how quickly this all gets political?
- Robots have now detected very high levels of radiation exposure inside Fukushima's power plants: 49 millisieverts per hour. (<http://www3.nhk.or.jp/daily/english...>)
- A level of 270 millisieverts per hour was recently detected in the Number One reactor. The level is so high that nuclear workers are unable to even approach the buildings now (<http://www3.nhk.or.jp/daily/english...>).
- A [petition](#) was launched last week to suspend all nuclear licensing (<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-rele...>)
- Cesium-137 levels continue to rise in the [ocean water](#) near Fukushima (<http://www3.nhk.or.jp/daily/english...>).
- Brian Moench, president of Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment and a member of Union of Concerned Scientists wrote an op-ed piece that emphasizes there is no "safe" level of exposure to radiation from Fukushima. In this piece, he demolishes the excuses of the Fukushima denialists: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/opinio...>

• The mainstream media is already starting to express skepticism over TEPCO's 9-month timeline projections for getting the Fukushima situation under control. Here's an [article](http://ecocentric.blogs.time.com/20...) from TIME:  
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## Radioactive fallout from Fukushima approaching same levels as Chernobyl



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(NaturalNews) Despite all the desperate efforts by world governments to downplay the severity of the release of radioactive material from Fukushima, world radiation sensors are revealing the ugly truth about the Fukushima catastrophe that the nuclear industry doesn't want you to know: The radioactive fallout is now as much as 73 percent of the daily radiation emitted from Chernobyl following its meltdown disaster. That's the story on **Iodine-131**, the radioactive iodine isotope that's now spreading across the globe.

Similarly, the amount of **caesium-137** being released by Fukushima has now reached 60 percent of that released by Chernobyl (<http://www.newscientist.com/article...>).

### Radiation spreading across oceans and continents

This is the data from the global network of radiation sensors that were originally installed to monitor the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT). They were designed to detect illegal nuclear weapons testing events, but now they're proving to be quite effective at picking up the massive release of deadly radiation from the Fukushima nuclear power complex -- which is still burning, by the way.

The monitoring stations are located in Alaska, Hawaii, Montreal and other cities, indicating that the radiation fallout from Fukushima now spans oceans and continents.

Because Fukushima continues to leak radiation into the environment, its total radioactive output may yet exceed that of Chernobyl. There's certainly a lot more fuel at Fukushima than there ever was at Chernobyl: 1,760 tons of nuclear fuel versus just 180 tons at Chernobyl.

So Fukushima has **ten times the amount of fresh and spent fuel** as Chernobyl. And it's still spewing radiation every second. The food and water in Japan is already contaminated, the oceans are radioactive, the air is radioactive, neutron beams are jetting out of the nuclear facility, it's raining yellow water, workers are being hospitalized with radiation burns, and still the nuclear industry says stop worrying ... it's all safe!

### Fukushima quickly rising to the top of the list of the world's worst nuclear disasters

It only leads me to wonder: **How much worse is this going to get?** We were told just this week that

the reactors had their power restored, that the crisis was over, remember? The mainstream media has already blown past this story and doesn't express much concern at all over the situation. Yet this Fukushima catastrophe is quickly moving into the top position as the world's worst nuclear power plant disaster -- even as the media plays it down!

Fukushima may yet out-Chernobyl Chernobyl!

So where does all this radiation end up? Well, according to the Japanese and American governments, it all just magically fades away and there's nothing at all to worry about. But NaturalNews readers know better: This radiation ends up in the food, in the water, and circulating throughout the environment. Where will this end? No one knows for sure. But if there's one thing we've all learned from watching Tokyo this past week, it's that **the time to get prepared is right now!**

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- Always have at least 10 - 20 gallons of extra fresh water stored in your house or apartment. No matter what! Tokyo residents just found out the hard way that depending on tap water is a risky gambit.
- Always have extra food available, just in case. Next week on NaturalNews, by the way, we will be announcing the launch of a new line of **long-term storable superfoods and organic foods** packed in #10 steel cans (using BPA-free bags inside the cans).
- If you don't yet have potassium iodide or a source of natural iodine, and you're in an area that could be hit by radiation fallout, it's a wise idea to have some just in case. The NaturalNews Store has potassium iodide back in stock today (as of this writing) and is shipping all orders containing *\*only\** potassium iodide in 1-2 working days: <http://store.naturalnews.com/index....>
- Don't allow yourself to be caught unprepared by a natural or man-made disaster. **Governments lie to you** about disasters, almost as a rule. They always wait too long to tell people to do something, and by that time everybody's in a panic. So to avoid all that, **get prepared in advance** so you're safe, confident and not contributing to the supply shortage problems.

Remember, in any given emergency, **the people who prepared in advance are those who help ease the supply lines and ultimately leave more supplies available for others who didn't prepare.** So in any given city, the more people who have prepared in advance, the fewer people will panic and the lower the burden will be on emergency supplies.

That's why preparedness makes such obvious sense. Only a fool would tell Americans to *avoid* being prepared for the unknown -- especially in a time when nuclear power plants are on the verge of catastrophic 'dirty bomb' meltdown events.

Stay safe, folks. Even if it means just getting the basics squared away. If you drink anything out of the 2-liter bottles, just **save those bottles** and fill 'em with water. That's a start!

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# Fukushima raised to level 7 Chernobyl event, Japan admits more radiation escaped than we were told



Tuesday, April 12, 2011

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(NaturalNews) The title of this article probably should have been "TOLD YA SO." After all the downplaying, all the denials, all the disinfo and deceptions by both the nuclear industry and the mainstream media, it finally emerges that **the amount of radiation released by Fukushima was far, far higher than what we were told**. How high? So high that the Fukushima catastrophe has now been raised from a level 5 event to a level 7 event on the *International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale* (<http://www-ns.iaea.org/tech-areas/e...>). They just skipped right over level 6 because they know even a 6 would be laughable at this point.

A level 5 [event](#) is an "accident with wider consequences." A level 6 event is a "serious accident," and a level 7 event is a "major accident." If you really do the math, however, [Fukushima](#) should be a **level 28 event** because there are four reactors each at level seven ( $4 \times 7 = 28$ ). Chernobyl only had one reactor, and it stored far less [fuel](#) than any one of the Fukushima reactors.

The amount of released [radiation](#) required to qualify for a level 7 event is "several tens of thousands of terabecquerels." For example, 50,000 terabecquerels.

How much radiation has already been released from Fukushima? **500,000 terabecquerels** -- and that's just from iodine-131 and doesn't even count the other isotopes that are also being released (<http://apnews.myway.com/article/201...>). In other words -- and here's the real shocker -- **the amount of radiation released from Fukushima is over TEN TIMES the amount needed to qualify for a level 7 event!**

With the arrival of this new designation, **Fukushima is now OFFICIALLY a Chernobyl-class event**, and nuclear officials are now openly and publicly admitting that the total radiation release from Fukushima could soon *exceed Chernobyl* -- although they're desperately trying to claim it somehow won't, if only due to the [power](#) of their own imaginations.

Meanwhile, we're being treated to an ever-expanding lesson in the **table of elements** as yet more [radioactive](#) materials are being detected in the Fukushima releases. Today, **strontium** was found in the soils near Fukushima, adding to the impressive list of other elements that were blown into [the environment](#) by the explosions there: Plutonium, Iodine and Cesium. (<http://ca.news.yahoo.com/slight-amo...>)

If only Fukushima had blown **gold** out of its core, [Japan](#) might actually have a way to pay for all this, by the way. But sadly, the byproducts of nuclear fission are not the precious metals we would all wish for. Rather, they are the radioactive elements determined by the [laws](#) of physics -- the very same laws of physics that the nuclear [industry](#) once thought it had smugly conquered.

Murphy, that clever little bastard, seems to crop up everywhere these days.

## Far worse than we were originally told

With this new designation of a level 7 event, the massive cover-up has melted down. Although Japan has tried desperately to withhold radiation data, shut off the gauges, explain away the extremely high sensor readings and assure everybody that it was only a "miniscule" amount of radiation being released into the [environment](#), the sad but undeniable truth of the matter is that **Fukushima is a global-scale nuclear disaster** that's now unleashing radiation across the world that's showing up in our milk and food.

The excuse behind [raising](#) the event to level 7 right now instead of earlier is laughable but predictable: Authorities claim they just didn't know how to measure the radiation!

"Our preparations for how to measure (the radiation leakage) when such a tsunami and earthquake occurred were insufficient and, as a result, we were late in disseminating [information](#) internationally," said a senior official working for Prime Minister Naoto Kan. (<http://www.cnbc.com/id/42542704>)

In other words, the nuclear industry didn't know how to measure radiation, they claim, and even when they did figure out how to take measurements, they withheld the resulting data.

The clever disinfo campaign marches on. NISA is now saying that the radiation released into the atmosphere is only 10 percent of Chernobyl's release. But what they don't readily admit is that they're releasing massive quantities of **radioactive water** into the ocean, and that doesn't count as "atmosphere," you see.

They also don't want you to remember that Fukushima is engage in an **ongoing release of radiation** with absolutely no end in sight. It is only a matter of weeks, in other words, before Fukushima does exceed the total Chernobyl release levels.

How do we know that? For one, that same senior official quoted above also says the Japanese [government](#) is now telling TEPCO to "**set target [dates](#) for when it would halt the radiation leakage as well as restore the cooling systems**" (<http://www.cnbc.com/id/42542704>).

Set target dates? It's like being stuck in a bureaucratic nightmare. Let's all have a committee conference, and we'll put together an "actionable game plan" so that we can "accentuate our positive accomplishments" while we all "facilitate going forward with team players" and other such nonsense corporate speak that often flows from the mouths of business suit morons who have no idea what to do but somehow want to take credit for it.

If there's a target date to set for halting the radiation, it should be TODAY. If there's a target date to restore cooling to the spent fuel rods, it should be YESTERDAY. Does anyone really believe these are things to be slapped onto a calendar like your best friend's birthday?

Oh, and by the way, we're now supposed to believe the Japanese government is telling us the truth from here forward, I suppose. Sure, they lied about the radiation releases in the past. They downplayed the seriousness of the event; they withheld data and explained away the broken gauges as flukes. But now they're suddenly going to be up front with all of us and tell us the truth, you see. Now we're going to get honest and accurate information out of Japan, if you can believe that.

Still, nuclear industry shills can't help themselves from continuing to downplay the situation. "Judging from all the measurement data, it is quite under control," says Hironobu Unesaki, a nuclear physicist at Kyoto University Research Reactor Institute

(<http://apnews.myway.com/article/201...>). He also said that raising Fukushima to a level 7 event was no cause for worry, and that "...it doesn't mean that a significant amount of release is now continuing."

It seems that Unesaki didn't receive the memo that says, "Stop lying to the public." He's still operating from the previous official memo which instructed everyone to, "Deny and Downplay."

Remember when Fukushima was only a level 4 event and all the nuclear industry [experts](#) and government experts were saying "this is nothing like Chernobyl?" Then it was raised to a level 5 event and they repeated, "It's still nothing like Chernobyl." And now with the official designation at level 7, they're screaming, "We swear! It's nothing like Chernobyl!"

Except that it is. It's a lot like Chernobyl. All the elements are the same, after all: The toxic iodine-131 and cesium-137 being released into the environment. The strange but persistent government cover-ups. The lying to the public. The downplaying of the human fatalities caused by the event. The outrageous ineptitude of the nuclear industry "experts" who told us these power plants were safe.

It sound almost exactly like Chernobyl, come to think of it. And if you read the news archives from 1986, you'll find extremely harsh words from the [USA](#) condemning the Ukranian officials for withholding data and downplaying the situation there. And yet, just 25 years later, the tables are turned. Now Japan and the USA are in full-on cover-up mode, playing the part of the Soviet officials who lied to their own [people](#) about the severity of the disaster.

If there's one thing we've all learned from history, it's that you can always count on your government to lie to you in times of trouble. At precisely the moment the People need honest, accurate information about the severity of a disaster or crisis, government leaders will take to the podium and calmly announce that everything is fine and people should take no precautions whatsoever. And then immediately after these speeches are given, they scurry off to their underground command bunkers.

Here's a video of Obama telling Americans there's no problem with the radioactive fallout from Fukushima. It's hilarious (in a sad sort of way): <http://naturalnews.tv/v.asp?v=61EFA...>

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# A 100-year battle awaits Fukushima while suicide workers are needed to keep up the rescue efforts



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(NaturalNews) The unfolding of the Fukushima catastrophe continues to worsen. Here are today's most important developments:

- A nuclear expert is now warning that it will take 50 to 100 years before the spent nuclear rods at Fukushima will cool enough to be removed from the site. In the mean time, Japan must keep pouring water on the fuel, and that creates highly radioactive water that's being flushed directly into the ocean. So now we're looking at the possibility of a **century-long radiation leak** (<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/...>).
- The groundwater underneath the [Fukushima](#) nuclear power facility is now showing **10,000 times the level of radiation** normally allowed by government authorities. This is from iodine-131 measured at 15 meters below one of the reactors. (<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011...>)
- You've probably already heard that there have been efforts to use **robots** to help solve the Fukushima crisis, but those efforts have failed. Then again, who needs robots when you can just pay humans to do the same deadly work? Reuters is now reporting that a U.S. recruiting company is signing up **U.S. workers** to go to Fukushima and work on-site there as part of the crew that's trying to save the reactors (<http://ca.news.yahoo.com/exclusive-...>). Why would anyone agree to do such a thing? Because they're being promised **extra pay**, if you can believe that.

You gotta wonder, of course, how these people think they're going to be able to spend all that extra money if they're half-dead from radiation poisoning. But hey, if they get paid one dollar for every **millirem** of radiation they absorb, *they could soon be Fukushima's new millionaires!*

- The world's largest concrete pumping truck is headed to [Japan](#) as part of a plan that can only be the beginning of the total surrender of Fukushima (<http://chronicle.augusta.com/latest...>). The only reason you need to pump that much concrete is if you're building a giant Chernobyl-like entombment of the Fukushima facility. But who's going to keep spraying the spent nuclear fuel rods with [water](#) in the mean time? (Nobody knows...)
- Due to the failure of Fukushima, Tokyo will be experiencing **rolling blackouts** all summer long. Tokyo's [power](#) has been reduced by roughly 20 percent due to the Fukushima catastrophe (<http://edition.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/a...>).
- Fukushima workers who have been desperately trying to bring the reactors back under control have said **they expect to die** due to their repeated [exposure](#) to extremely high levels of radiation. Oh, but the Fukushima deniers claim radiation is safe and that no one has even been harmed by it! (Seriously...) (<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/wor...>)
- Remember, [health](#) authorities have been screaming for decades that sunlight exposure is



potentially deadly because of the radiation exposure. But Fukushima fallout, we're now told, is perfectly safe for you! I guess only the [sun](#) is dangerous, not nuclear [fuel](#) rod meltdowns. How's that for public health policy?

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# No end in sight for Fukushima disaster as bureaucrats battle the laws of physics



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(NaturalNews) As the famous physicist Dr. Michio Kaku said on April 4th, "The situation at Fukushima is relatively stable now... in the same way that you are stable if you hang by your fingernails off a cliff, and your fingernails begin to break one by one."

(<http://bigthink.com/ideas/37705>). That same article also refers to the Fukushima damage assessment by the NRC's Nuclear Safety Team, which concluded that "cooling to the core of Unit 1 might be blocked by melted fuel and also by salt deposits left over from the use of sea water."

That's the same sea water, of course, that has been sprayed onto the fuel rods to prevent them from going Chernobyl. The unfortunate side effect of boiling off tens of thousands of gallons of sea water, however, is that **is leaves behind a lot of salt**. Japan now appears to have an abundance of **radioactive sea salt** that's unfortunately caked on top of the spent fuel rods and actually preventing much more water from reaching those rods. In a sense, spraying salt water on spent nuclear fuel rods is sort of like spraying them with a slow-acting insulation. It's only a matter of time, it seems, before that insulation make it impossible for water to keep the rods below meltdown temperatures.

Meanwhile, the *Ministry of Economics, Trade and Industry* has mysteriously stopped reporting the dry well radiation reading in Reactor No. 1. Why would they do that? Because no readings are far more politically correct than extremely high readings, of course. It all happened right after an "off-the-charts" reading of radiation in the drywell of Reactor No. 1, which TEPCO officials quickly dismissed as a broken radiation gauge (<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/1110...>). Sure, it probably is broken by this point due to its exposure to massive doses of radiation!

The only way a drywell reading can attain such high readings, by the way, is if the nuclear fuel rods have breached their containment core.

Some of the readings coming out of Fukushima are admittedly "immeasurable," reported NHK World:

*"A radiation monitor at the troubled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant says workers there are exposed to immeasurable levels of radiation. The monitor told NHK that no one can enter the plant's No. 1 through 3 reactor buildings because radiation levels are so high that monitoring devices have been rendered useless. He said even levels outside the buildings exceed 100 millisieverts in some places."* (<http://www3.nhk.or.jp/daily/english...>)

## The truth gets diluted far more than the radiation

You're not supposed to know any of that, of course. Although the mainstream media claims that all the deadly iodine-131 gets dissipated across the Pacific Ocean before it can reach North America, the greater truth is that **the facts about Fukushima** are diluted and dispersed long before they reach our shores. The result is an ongoing dangerous cover-up of what's really happening there.

The mainstream media, of course, is blatantly engaged in an effort to suppress any scary-sounding information that might emerge about Fukushima. For example, a Forbes blog entitled "*Radiation Detected In Drinking Water In 13 More US Cities, Cesium-137...*" which contained the text, "Milk samples from Phoenix and Los Angeles contained iodine-131 at levels roughly equal to the maximum contaminant level permitted by EPA..." mysteriously disappeared, leaving just an empty shell of a page in its place. (After we published this article, the page was soon restored, by the way. We were contacted by the author who explained that he typo'd something in the Forbes content system, causing the article to appear blank. So it is accurate that this article mysteriously didn't show up, but the reason behind it thankfully wasn't censorship but rather just a typo. That's a relief because Forbes.com has actually been a solid source for a lot of information about the national debt, economic news and other topics.)

With a few exceptions, the only stories that appear to be allowed to remain online are those that claim current radiation levels are "harmless." For example, this story from AZCentral.com parrots the usual "don't worry about radioactive milk" line:

*Testing of milk samples in Arizona shows radiation levels that are thousands of times lower than a federal threshold that would cause authorities to take action, a state oversight agency said Friday. While the Arizona Department of Health Services has logged some concerns from the public following the Japanese nuclear incident, there is no reason to stop drinking milk, a department spokeswoman said. "I don't want to trivialize it, but it is trivial," Laura Oxley said. "It's thousands of times below any action level that we would need to do." (<http://www.azcentral.com/business/a...>)*

## Here come the pumping trucks

Have you ever seen an airplane swallow a truck? Check out the photos at <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/art...>

There, you'll see a massive Russian cargo plane gulping down a 95-ton "Putzmeister" concrete pumping truck that's being flown to Fukushima in order to spray more water on the nuclear fuel rods which continue to spew deadly radiation. The fuel rods are still in danger of reaching criticality (further meltdown with explosions), so the plan for now is to keep hosing them down with water.

This water, of course, becomes highly radioactive and eventually gets released into the Pacific Ocean. Right now, the amount of radioactive water being released tops **50,000 tons** (over 12 million gallons). (<http://www3.nhk.or.jp/daily/english...>)

This process of dumping radioactive water into the Pacific will reportedly continue for *decades* unless some other clever solution can somehow be put in place. Alongside all this, Hidehiko Nishiyama, deputy director-general of the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA), has mastered the art of Jedi mind tricks, saying, "We cannot say what the outlook is for the next stage... As soon as possible we would like to achieve stable cooling and set a course towards controlling radiation." (<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011...>)

In other words, *these are not the droids you're looking for.*

Notice, if you read between the lines, he is admitting the radiation is NOT controlled, and stable cooling has NOT been achieved. And really all they're doing is *hoping* to **have a plan** on how to somehow achieve that.

## Far from stable

Remember when we were told two weeks ago that Fukushima was "on the verge of stabilizing?"  
How's that for clever spin?

In contrast, ABC News (which has probably had the very best reporting among the MSM) recently carried this sentence: "A confidential assessment by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission obtained by The New York Times suggests that the damaged Fukushima Daiichi plant is far from stable. The report concludes that the Fukushima plant is facing a wide array of fresh threats that could persist indefinitely." (<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/fukush...>)

It continues with:

*...though a major leak in a maintenance pit of the plant has been plugged, there is still a great likelihood that significant amounts of radioactive water will continue to be released into the Pacific Ocean; the worldwide Just-In-Time manufacturing cycle has been interrupted; and increased levels of radiation have been detected on the U.S. East Coast.*

Remarkably, CNN is now carrying a story that appears to openly acknowledge the Fukushima situation may be all but hopeless. Written by Matt Smith, the article says: (<http://edition.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/a...>)

*A month into the crisis, the utility acknowledges, there is no end in sight. The problems are so far "beyond the design capacity" of the plant that the Japanese are working in uncharted territory, said Michael Friedlander, a former senior operator at U.S. nuclear power plants. "No nuclear power plant has ever considered the inability to get on long-term core cooling for more than a week, much less three weeks," Friedlander said.*

## Murphy's Law strikes again

Ah, that pesky Murphy has worked his magic yet again, it seems, interfering with the best-laid plans of arrogant men who stupidly believe they have conquered the laws of physics by having a backup diesel generator nearby. Now we're hearing announcements out of Japan that all future nuclear power plants must have TWO diesel generators on site, not just one.

Murphy laughs at such ignorance. How is two diesel generators better than one **when they're both fifteen feet under water?**

That such a preposterous suggestion is even being considered proves once again just how utterly out of touch with reality the nuclear industry remains. Why not just pass a government rule that **outlaws earthquakes?** It would have approximately the same effect.

Meanwhile, a citizen video showing a **nightmarish drive into the Fukushima zone** is making the rounds on YouTube and other sites. We've posted it on NaturalNews.TV for distribution across the NaturalNews articles. Watch it at: <http://naturalnews.tv/v.asp?v=2343E...>

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(NaturalNews) The battle to save the Fukushima nuclear power plant now appears lost as the radioactive core from Reactor No. 2 has melted through the containment vessel and dropped into the concrete basement of the reactor structure. This is "raising fears of a major release of radiation at the site," reports *The Guardian*, which broke the story (<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011...>). A former General Electric nuclear expert told *The Guardian* that [Japan](#) appears to have "lost the race" to save the reactor.

The only feasible interpretation from this analysis is that **radiation emissions from Fukushima could suddenly become much greater**. It is also now obvious that the radioactive fallout from Fukushima **will last for decades**, if not centuries.

Japan's Prime Minister Naoto Kan last night admitted the situation at Fukushima remains "unpredictable." Meanwhile, the presence of plutonium in soil samples is proof that the nuclear [fuel](#) rods have been compromised and are releasing material into the open atmosphere. (<http://www.breitbart.com/article.ph...>)

## But don't worry (and don't prepare)

How many times were we told over the last two weeks that the Fukushima situation was solved? How many times were we assured there was "no danger" to the world? President [Obama](#) even went out of his way to tell Americans they should *not* prepare for anything, since there was nothing to worry about.

Don't acquire any potassium iodide, people were told. The situation is completely under control and [nuclear power](#) is safe, clean and green!

That's the GE spin machine talking, of course, and I don't mean the spin cycle on your rusty old washing machine. It's the **network of corporate lies** that has characterized the nuclear power [industry](#) for at least the last three decades. And now those lies are coming back to haunt us all.

## What's next: Radioactive gas

So what happens now that the fuel core from Reactor No. 2 has burned its way through the containment vessel and dropped to the concrete floor? It follows the laws of physics, of course: The super-heated nuclear fuel reacts with the concrete material in the floor, producing highly **radioactive gas** which now runs the risk of escaping into the atmosphere if it gets through the outer containment wall.

But that's precisely the problem, you see. The outer containment wall was partially destroyed by the original hydrogen gas [explosion](#) that rocked Reactors 2 and 3. So we may be looking at a situation

right now where **there is nothing in the way of a massive release of radioactive gas** from Fukushima. It all has the makings of a ticking (dirty) time bomb.

## **When should Americans actually start preparing? Never!**

It makes you wonder: At what point will the worsening situation in Fukushima cross the threshold of President Obama's resistance to urge Americans to take prudent precautions against the possibility of serious radioactive fallout? The policy in Washington today seems to be that *no event is serious enough to warrant [preparedness](#) actions* among the American people.

Our Nobel Peace Prize-winning President seems to be too busy declaring illegal wars in Libya to spend even five minutes urging people on the West Coast to take sensible precautions against the increasing possibility of increased [radiation](#) exposure.

That's what the **alternative press** is for, of course: Bringing people the news and information they won't get from "official" sources that have strong financial ties to the nuclear [power](#) industry. While Obama tells Americans to do nothing, [NaturalNews](#) urges Americans to take basic preparedness precautions to be ready for any event the world may throw our way.

## **Preparedness is a rarity in modern [cities](#)**

As the citizens of Japan have recently learned the hard way, virtually no one has any extra stored water, [food](#) or medicine in the cities these days. Very few people are prepared for even small disruptions in basic infrastructure and supply lines. The average American living in a city today would die in less than 7 days if cut off from the grid supply of food and water. Their entire preparedness plan is to "trust the government."

That's what the Japanese people did, too. And now they're paying for that misplaced trust with what may soon become the most catastrophic nuclear disaster in the history of human civilization.

Although Fukushima doesn't look likely to suffer a large, one-time radiation explosion like Chernobyl, it's now clear that the Fukushima nuclear complex is going to emit radiation for a very, very long time. It now seems almost certain that Japan must bury the facility under millions of tons of concrete and sand.

## **How do you bury Fukushima for good?**

The problem is that there's not even enough concrete in Japan to handle the job. To accomplish such a task, Japan would have to import not only thousands of pieces of industrial concrete-handling trucks and machinery; it would also have to import concrete materials by the ship-load. We're talking about **millions of tons** of concrete materials, shipped in by ocean, from all over the world.

Has anybody done the math on how long that will take to coordinate? Just getting the materials shipped to Japan within 30 days would be a miracle. And you can't just plop down concrete and hope it sticks: You have to *engineer* the concrete effort so that it can resist future tsunamis and earthquakes. Normally, this would be at least a five-year [project](#).

Essentially, **you have to build a whole new massive concrete containment structure on top of the existing nuclear complex**. And remember: It was the corruption and cover-ups from the first such engineering project that helped cause this situation in the first place!

That's why this situation in Fukushima looks a lot more like Fubar than Fukushima. Fubar, of

course, is an endearing snippet from American slang which means "don't worry; the government is here to save you!"

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