

Fukushima Nuclear Radiation Highest Ever, Exceeds Capacity of Measuring Device ...

Fuel Likely Leaking Out Of Containment Vessel

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Things are – literally – heating up again at Fukushima:

- [Tepco Says Highest Radiation Yet Is Detected at Fukushima Dai-Ichi](#)
- [10+ sieverts per hour means there is direct exposure to fuel rods or spent fuel ponds: Australia's former top radiation official](#)
- [Tepco: Ultra-high radiation levels may be from melted fuel that leaked out of containment vessel](#)
- [Paper: TEPCO needs to check if high radiation doses are "spreading elsewhere" — Two more spots appear to be above 10 sieverts per hour, but no plans to actually take measurements](#)
- [New indoor radiation dose record at Fukushima ... May be higher as it exceeded capacity of measuring device](#)
- [New York Times: Fatal Radiation Level Found at Fukushima — "Exceeded" 10 sieverts per hour, measuring device was maxed out](#)
- [Experts: Melt-through scenario means even higher radiation readings to come — Likely many more reports of deadly radiation in future](#)
- [Tokyo U. nuke expert: Radioactive substances may have "poured" into pipe during explosion — Levels could also be extremely high outside Reactors No. 3 and 4](#)
- [Asahi: Latest detection of such high radiation levels is evidence that radioactive material spewed from Fukushima at much higher levels than previously believed](#)

In related news from Japan:

- [Gov't says 1,500 tons of highly radioactive sludge may end up as "soil for gardening"](#)

- [Japan gov't: Agency funding project to monitor online info about Fukushima crisis — Around the clock monitoring of “blogs on nuclear power” and “Twitter accounts”](#)
- [“Collusive relationship” between Japan gov't and nuclear power industry — U.S. regulators illustrate why it's so dangerous](#)

But Reuters [notes](#) that the world's most hazardous nuclear plant in terms of worker radiation exposure is in the U.S., not Japan. This Reuters [graphic](#) ranks the world's 5 most hazardous plants (Fukushima is only the 5th most hazardous):



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Other U.S. nuclear updates include:

- While it was initially claimed that only 2 acres were burned at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, [133 acres were actually burned](#)
- [Radioactive fish have been found in Connecticut River — State officials trying to determine source of Strontium-90](#)
- [Whistleblowers Say Nuclear Regulatory Commission Watchdog Is Losing Its Bite](#)

One piece of good news. The river level outside the Fort Calhoun nuclear plant has dropped to [1006 feet](#), well below the critical 1014 foot danger level:



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