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# Panel Discussion: Strategy, Planning and Licensing of

Facilities and Activities for RWM

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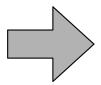
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### Characteristics of the waste after the accident

- Influence of injected sea water
  - ➤ Sea water affect disposal, corrosion
  - ➤ Influence of injected chemicals to protect corrosion
- Influence of injected boron, etc.
  - ➤ Boron affect the environment (consider when disposal)
- A great variety of radioactive waste
  - ➤ Radioactive materials were carried by hydrogen explosions
  - ➤ Non radioactive waste change into radioactive waste
- Influence of core melt down
  - ➤ Nuclides originated fuel distributed various place in plant
  - ➤ All waste is treated as trans-uranium waste ??

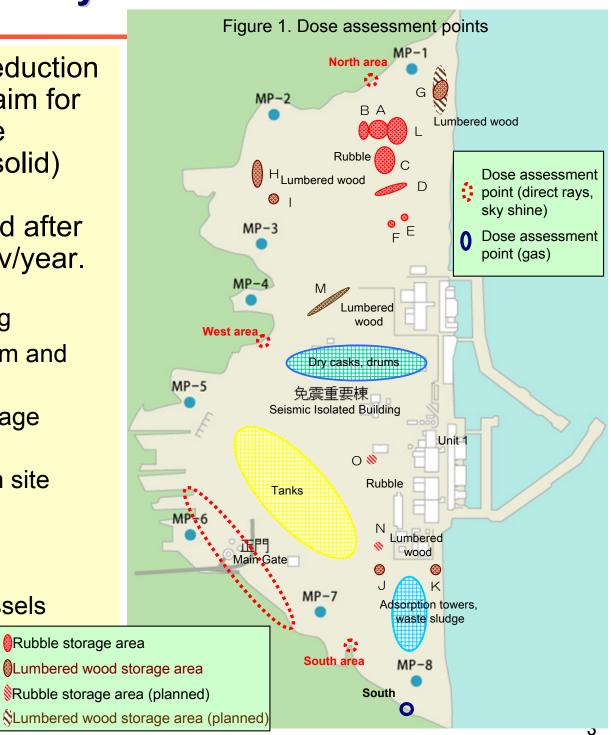


R&D consider these characteristics

### Plan to reduce site boundary dose

The plan calls for various dose reduction measures to be implemented to aim for the total assessment value of site boundary dose (gas, liquid, and solid) from newly released radioactive materials and radwaste generated after the accident to be less than 1mSv/year.

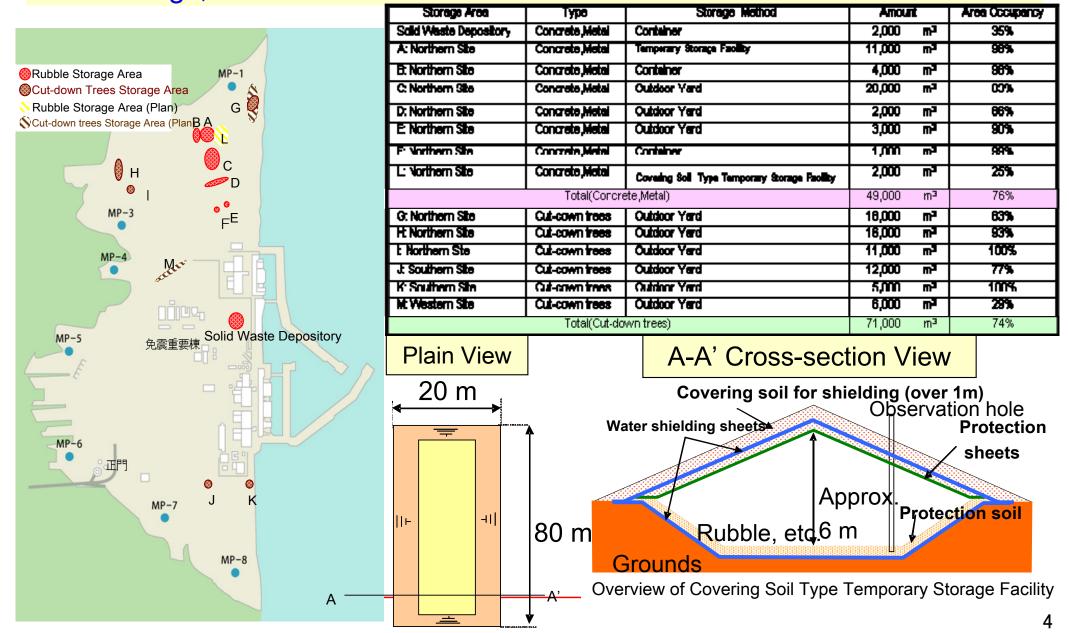
- Closing Unit 2 blow out panel opening
- Installing multi-nuclide removal system and related shielding
- Installing soil covered temporary storage facility and move rubble to the facility
- Moving rubble to locations away from site boundary
- Covering lumbered trees with soil
- Installing shielding for spent cesium adsorption vessels and move such vessels



### **Processing and Disposal of Waste**

✓ 49,000 m³ of concrete/metal and 61,000 m³ of Cut-down trees are stored.

✓ Temporary storage facilities with shielding measures using soil and sandbags, etc were built to reduce radiation dose at the site boundaries.

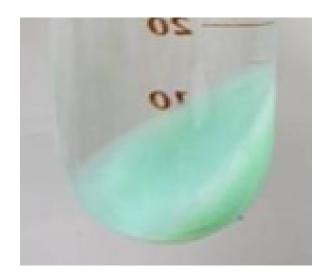


### **Example of radioactive waste**

Scene	Waste	Dose rate [mSv/h]	Volume of the waste		
Treatment for contaminated water	Sludge	Approx 10 <sup>3</sup>	597 m <sup>3</sup>		
	Zeolite	Approx 10 <sup>4</sup> at vessel surface	460 vessel		
	Concentrated liquid waste	Approx 10 <sup>4</sup> beta ray	Approx 200,000 m <sup>3</sup>		
Actives for plant restoration	Debris	Approx from 10 <sup>-3</sup> to 10 <sup>3</sup>	Approx 54,000 m <sup>3</sup>		
	Logged tree, Soil	Approx from 10 <sup>-3</sup> to 10 <sup>3</sup>	Approx 69,000 m <sup>3</sup>		
	Liquid waste from decontamination	Investigation from now on			
Dismantling	Waste from decommissioning, decontamination	Investigation in the future			



## **Examples of secondary waste produced by the treatment of contaminated water**



Sludge (made by JAEA)



Cesium adsorption vessel





Zeolite

Tank for concentration liquid waste

## **Examples of Debris**





Between Unit 2 and 3



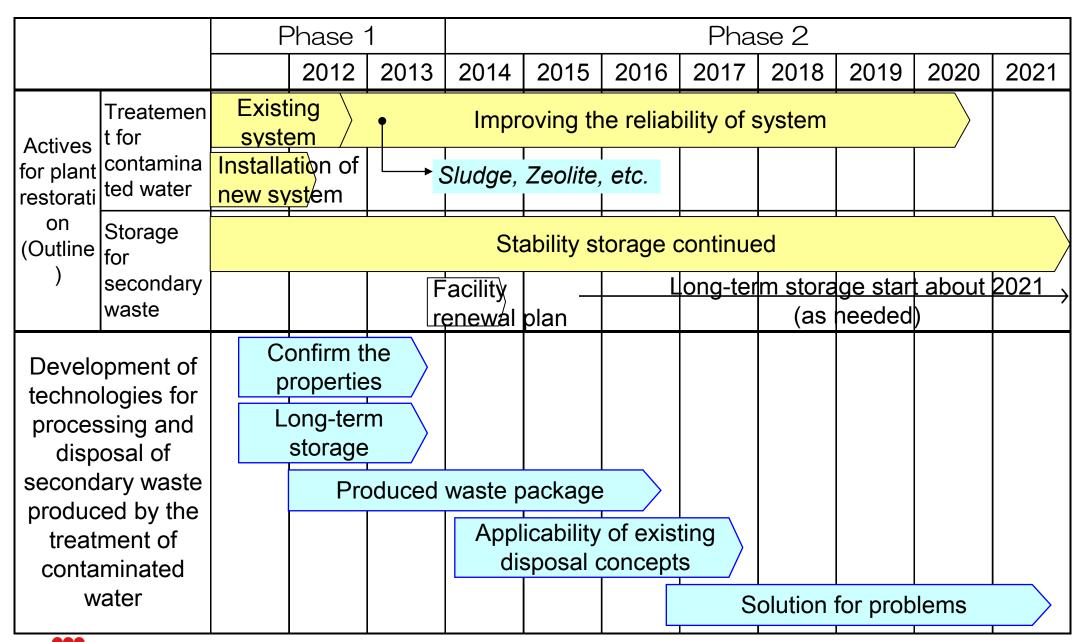


Inside of tent

Area of accumulated debris



## R&D for Secondary waste produced by the treatment of contaminated water



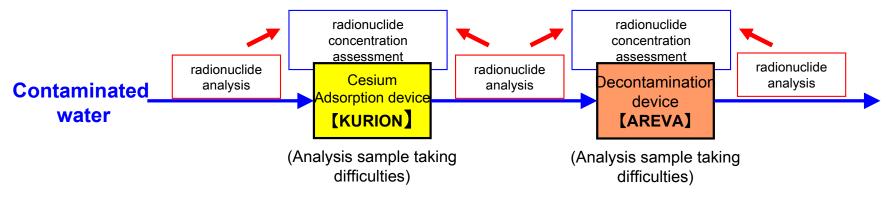
# Contaminated water treatment system / Sampling points for radioactive analysis

#### **Contaminated water analysis objective:**

Assessment of the concentration of radionuclide in waste zeolite and sludge, etc.

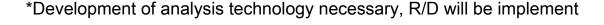
Difficulties with sampling waste zeolite/sludge directly: High dose, difficulties with remote operation.

⇒ Indirectly assessed from the radionuclide analysis of water samples taken from upstream and downstream of contaminated water treatment devices.



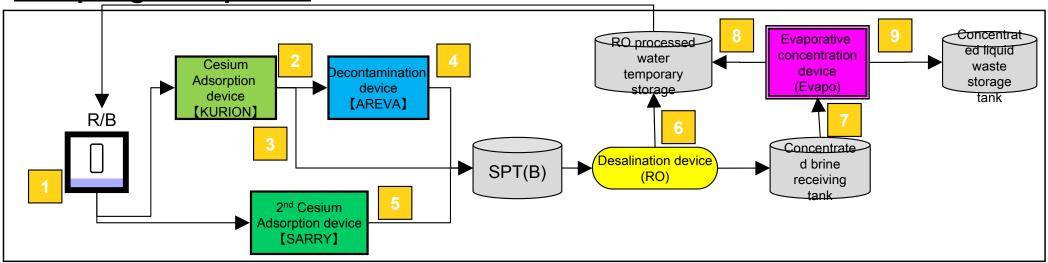
#### Radionuclide to be analyzed

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Radionuclide important when considering waste disposal(38 nuclide)
γ nuclide: Co-60, Nb-94, Cs-137, Eu-152, Eu-154
β nuclide: H-3, C-14, Cl-36, Ca-41, Ni-59, Ni-63, Se-79, Sr-90, Zr-93*, Mo-93*,
Tc-99, Pd-107*, Sn-126*, I-129, Cs-135*, Sm-151*, Pu-241
α nuclide: U-233, 234, 235, 236, 238, Np-237, Pu-238, 239, 240, 242,
Am-241, 242m, 243, Cm-244, 245, 246
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# Contaminated water treatment system / Sampling points for radioactive analysis

**Sampling tank points** 



No.	1		2	3		4			5		
Sample Name	С	Concentrated RW basement highly contaminated water (Accumulated water)		Water after cesium adsorption device Processing (Continuous)	Water after cesium adsorption device Processing (Single)		Water after decontamination device processing			Water after 2 <sup>nd</sup> cesium adsorption device processing	
Desalination device outlet water			7		8		9				
		Desalination device outlet water		Evaporative concentration device inlet water	concen	Evaporative concentration device outlet water		Evaporative concentration device concentrated waste water			

#### **Analysis conditions**

- Sample amount: 5ml/sample
- Minimum detection limit: 0.5 Bg/ml(Minimum detection limit lowered for radionuclide for which it can be lowered)
- In order to effectively leverage resources (analysts, equipment, time, etc.) and efficiently proceed with the radionuclide analysis of Fukushima accident waste, No.2~8 analysis shall be omitted when No.1,9 radioactivity concentration were below minimum detection limits.

### **Challenges**

#### 1. Sampling of debris, logged trees

Waste grouping method, Number of sample, Typical sample

#### 2. Influence and measure for chlorides

- If we except chlorides in the waste, how treated with chloride isotopes.
- Reasonable disposal method for chloride

### 3. Sampling of zeolite inside of cesium adsorption vessel Because of strong structure and high dose rate, it is difficult to sampling and it is necessary for exclusive instrument to sampling

- 4. Selection for important nuclides on safety evaluation Especially in this accident, which nuclide we should consider
- 5. Systematize and prioritize for processing and disposal of a great variety of waste2



# **Examples of Lessons learned from Foreign Organization**

- Integrated Waste Management
  - ✓ Fukushima Daiichi(1F)-specific waste management strategy is needed. It has to be regarded as key principles in designing decommissioning procedures.
  - ✓ The waste management strategy should include not only longterm storage but also re-using and recycling of materials. The facility and site plans should be established considering their prioritization.
  - ✓ Precise estimations of the future waste generation is important in long-term decommissioning planning. Close communication between decommissioning process management- and waste management-teams is indispensible.