



## INCIDENT AND EMERGENCY CENTRE

**Subject: Release of radioactivity from Unit 4 of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant**

At 04:50 UTC on 15 March 2011 the IAEA was informed by the Japanese authorities that the spent fuel storage pond at Unit 4 of the Daiichi nuclear power plant is on fire and radioactivity is being released directly into the atmosphere. Dose rates up to 400 millisievert per hour have been reported at the site. There is the possibility that the fire has been caused by a hydrogen explosion.

The IAEA has contacted the World Meteorological Organization and has asked that the results of atmospheric models be circulated to all Member States.

The IAEA will issue further information as soon as it becomes available.

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