Press Release (Mar 14, 2011)
White smoke around the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station Unit 3

At approximately 11:01am, an explosive sound followed by white smoke occurred at the reactor building of the Unit 3. It was believed to be a hydrogen explosion.

According to the parameter, it is estimated that the reactor containment vessel remains intact. However, the status of the plant and the impact of radioactive materials to the outside environment are presently under investigation.

Some workers have sustained injuries. Ambulances are on their way to care for them.

TEPCO continues to take all measures to restore the safety and security of the site and are monitoring the site's immediate surroundings.