



## Water Pumps At Fukushima's Nuke Plant Halted; Bullet Train Derails After Powerful Japan Quake

### Description

**Update (1231ET):** Japan's Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA) reports water pumps at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant's spent pool have been halted after a powerful earthquake.

NRA said pumps went offline for spent pools at reactor number one and three. Pumps for reactor number three were restarted at 12:22 am local time. The regulator said there's "enough time" to restart pumps at reactor number one. It also said fire alarms were triggered at the plant's number five turbine though details are scant.

Kyodo News reports radiation levels at the plant are normal. This is the same nuclear power plant that went into a meltdown eleven years ago after a powerful earthquake. The plant has since been halted.

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**Update (1219ET):** A Tohoku Shinkansen bullet train has "derailed," according to Bloomberg's Gearoid Reidy.

NHK says that JR East checking reports that a Tohoku Shinkansen bullet train has been derailed due to the quake

— Gearoid Reidy ?????????? (@GearoidReidy) [March 16, 2022](#)

Kyodo News says there were a hundred passengers on the bullet train at the time of the derailment. No further details are available.

Bloomberg reports no one is injured among the 96 passengers or the crew.

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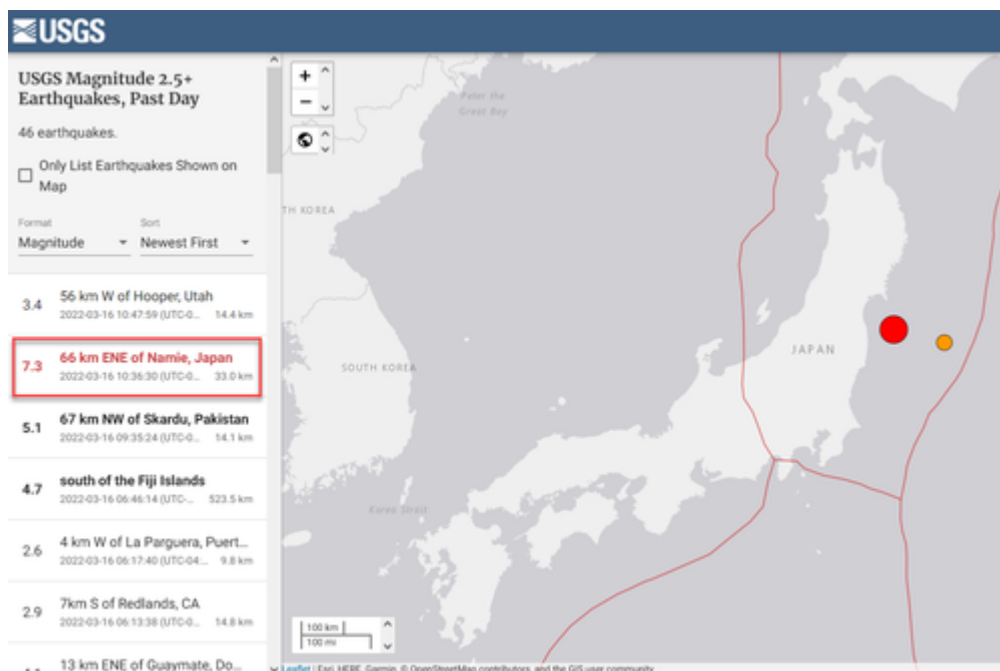
**Update (1154ET):** Residents in the Miyagi Prefecture of Tokyo on the east coast of Honshu island have been told to evacuate after the quake. Tsunami advisories are still active.

Radiation levels at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant are normal. No abnormalities have been reported at other nuclear power plants in the country.

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Reports indicate a magnitude 7.3 earthquake has struck off Fukushima, Japan, as a tsunami advisory has been issued, according to NHK World-Japan. The powerful earthquake was felt across the country, shaking buildings in Tokyo and triggering power outages. Reports indicate waves up to one meter may hit Japan's northern coast.

### Where the earthquake struck.



The Meteorological Agency has issued a tsunami advisory for coastal areas of Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures.



Reuters' William Mallard said the earthquake was felt around the country. He posted a map that shows some areas in the country recorded magnitude +6.

6+ on the [#Japan #earthquake](#) intensity scale is some shaking. We rocked back and forth a good while on first floor in Yokohama. [#?? pic.twitter.com/J3k7nrF401](#)

— William Mallard (@BillyMallard) [March 16, 2022](#)

Here's a video of what appears to be someone's home office shaking in Tokyo.

Strong M7.3 earthquake rocking Fukushima, this is my desk in Tokyo now – you can hear the whole apartment building shaking. Scary. [pic.twitter.com/UiiM7yzmkN](#)

— John Daub (ONLY in JAPAN) (@ONLYinJAPANtv) [March 16, 2022](#)

Scenes of Tokyo shaking.

BREAKING: Live cam captures shaking as strong earthquake hits Tokyo, Japan  
[pic.twitter.com/UqEZdEKoKy](#)

— Insider Paper (@TheInsiderPaper) [March 16, 2022](#)

Here is the footage inside the subway train. [#Tokyo #Japan #earthquake](#)  
[pic.twitter.com/pC8F8hpHXu](#)

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Tokyo has gone dark: Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) says two million households are without power after the quake. They also say 700,000 buildings have lost power in the metro area.

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— Koheii????????????? (@koheii) [March 16, 2022](#)

Earthquake hit Japan just now...

There was a sudden blackout in Tokyo? [pic.twitter.com/VO8ibeeU9j](https://pic.twitter.com/VO8ibeeU9j)

— Kyle Anime Scouter (@kylescouter) [March 16, 2022](#)

?? TEPCO (Japan's biggest power company) now reporting 700,000+ buildings in Tokyo have lost power. And 2M+ buildings in its service area due to the [#earthquake](#)

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— Kurumi Mori (@rumireports) [March 16, 2022](#)

Fukushima airport goes dark.

Loud rumblings heard at Fukushima airport [#earthquake](#) [#Fukushima](#)  
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— bbouy | FROGZILLA to the moon!! (@Bbouy\_1) [March 16, 2022](#)

Video of street poles shaking in Fukushima.

Strong M7.3 earthquake rocking Fukushima. [#Earthquake](#) [#JapanEarthquake](#) [#??](#)  
[pic.twitter.com/n1XA9OiGUK](https://pic.twitter.com/n1XA9OiGUK)

— Pablo Antonio Lpz®? (@Palh29) [March 16, 2022](#)

The area where the quake struck is northern Japan was previously devastated by a 9.0 magnitude quake and tsunami in 2011 that also caused a nuclear disaster.

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