

Fukushima's Catastrophic Aftermath: The Dangers of Worldwide Nuclear Radiation

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Commemorating Fukushima.

Ten Years Ago. This incisive and carefully researched article was first written by **Stephen Lendman** in April 2013

In her book titled "[No Immediate Danger](#): Prognosis for a Radioactive Earth," nuclear power/environmental health expert Rosalie Bertell (1929 - 2012) said:

"Should the public discover the true health cost(s) of nuclear pollution, a cry would rise from all parts of the world and people would refuse to cooperate passively with their own death."

In her [article](#) titled "Radioactivity: No Immediate Danger," she coined a new word. "Omnicide" describes the ultimate human rejection of life. It's "difficult to comprehend," but it's happening, she said.

She called industrial radioactive pollution "cumulatively greater than Chernobyl. We are now in a no-win situation with radioactive materials, where (it's) acceptable to have cancer deaths, deformed children and miscarriages."

Industry propaganda falsely claims nuclear power is clean and green. The nuclear fuel cycle discharges significant amounts of greenhouse gases.

It's also responsible for hundreds of thousands of curies of deadly radioactive gases and elements in the environment annually.

"Claiming nuclear production of energy is 'clean,' " said Bertell, "is like dieting but stuffing yourself with food between meals."

Separately, she said:

"There is no such thing as a radiation exposure that will not do damage. There is a hundred per cent possibility that there will be damage to cells. The next question is: which damage do you care about?"

All toxic hazards are serious, she explained. Nuclear radiation is worst of all. It threatens all human life. "Our present path is headed toward species death - whether fast with nuclear war or technological disaster, or slow, by poison."

Global suicide is certain. Continued nuclear proliferation and Fukushima accelerated it.

March 11 marked its second anniversary. It's perhaps the worst ever environmental disaster. Reliable experts call large parts of Japan unsafe. They're too hazardous to live in.

According to Professor Hiroaki Koide, Tokyo's as contaminated as Fukushima. Thousands of city residents protested. They oppose nuclear power. They want safe energy sources replacing it.

Radiation contamination is widespread. East Asia, North America, Europe and other areas are affected.

Hazardous air, water and land readings across many areas globally are many multiples too high. Future epidemic cancer levels are certain. It occurs when body cells divide and spread uncontrollably. If untreated, it metastasizes and kills.

[Michel Chossudovsky](#) calls Fukushima "a nuclear war without a war." It's an "unspoken crisis of worldwide nuclear contamination."

Tens of thousands of children have confirmed thyroid abnormalities. They reflect the tip of the iceberg. Children are especially vulnerable. No radiation dose is safe.

Karl Grossman wants planet earth made a "nuclear free zone." We barely made it through the last century without a "major nuclear weapons exchange," he said.

Nuclear energy in all forms is unsafe. Safe, clean, renewable solar, wind, geothermal, and other energy sources are readily available.

Admiral Hyman Rickover (1900 - 1986) was the father of America's nuclear navy. In January 1982, he told a congressional committee that until a few billion years ago, "it was impossible to have any life on earth."

"There was so much radiation on earth you couldn't have any life, fish or anything." Gradually the amount subsided. "Now, we are creating something which nature tried to destroy to make life possible."

"Every time you produce radiation, (a) horrible force" is unleashed. "In some cases (it's) for billions of years, and I think the human race is going to wreck itself."

"I am talking about humanity. The most important thing we could do is start having an international meeting where we first outlaw nuclear weapons to start off with. Then we outlaw nuclear reactors, too."

"The lesson for history is when a war starts, every nation will ultimately use whatever weapons are available. That is the lesson learned time and again." "

"Therefore, we must expect, if another war, a serious war breaks out, we will use nuclear energy in some form. We will probably destroy ourselves." Widespread contamination acts in slow motion.

Disturbing reports explain. In early April, around 120 tons of contaminated water leaked from Fukushima's No. 1's underground storage tank. It contained an estimated 710 billion becquerels of radioactivity.

Water around the affected tank is highly radioactive. It's about 800 meters from the Pacific. Government and Tokyo Electric (Tepco) claimed it won't likely reach it. Numerous previous reports suggest otherwise.

Tepco general manager Masayuki Ono said "(w)e cannot deny the fact that our faith in the underwater tanks is being lost."

In November 2012, Nature.com headlined "Ocean still suffering from Fukushima fallout," saying:

"Radioactivity is persisting in the ocean waters close to Japan's ruined nuclear power plant at Fukushima Daiichi."

New data show high contamination levels. "The Fukushima disaster caused by far the largest discharge of radioactivity into the ocean ever seen."

Radiation levels aren't dropping. "The implications are serious for the fishing industry."

On December 26, CleanEnergy.org headlined "Japan Continues Struggle with Aftermath from the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster," saying:

"...an estimated 160,000 (Japanese) citizens still have not returned home. Reports of illness in humans and livestock continue to underscore the far reaching and difficult to predict impacts that a nuclear accident can cause."

In July 2012, 36% of Japanese children screened had abnormal thyroid growths. Months later an illness called the "Fukushima syndrome" was killing cattle throughout Fukushima Prefecture.

Mutations were found in butterflies and other insects. Their shorter life cycles allow genetic disruptions to show up sooner than in humans or other mammals.

On April 11, Bloomberg.com headlined "Tepco Faces Decision to Dump Radioactive Water in Pacific," saying:

"Leaks were found in three of seven pits in the past week...." Options for moving contaminated water are limited.

"With Japan's rainy season approaching, contaminated water levels are likely to increase..."

"Yesterday, Tepco reported another leak of radiated water, this time from a pipe."

"Pacific bluefin tuna caught off San Diego in August 2011 was found to contain radioactive cesium 10 times higher than fish seized in previous years...." Perhaps its much higher now.

On April 15, [Science Daily](http://ScienceDaily) headlined "The Fukushima Dai-Ichi Power Plant Accident: Two Years On, the Fallout Continues," saying:

"...(S)cientists are still trying to quantify the extent of the damage." Most important is "determining just how much hazardous material escaped into the atmosphere...."

Japan Atomic Energy Agency researchers now say previously estimated “137C and 131I” release rates were too low.

On March 11, 2013, nuclear expert [Arnie Gundersen](#) said “(t)here’s definitely a large crack, perhaps five inches in diameter, in Fukushima reactor 2.”

Containment is sorely lacking. Pacific Ocean leakage continues.

On April 24, [Natural News](#) headlined “Massive, uncontained leak at Fukushima is pouring over 710 billion becquerels of radioactive materials into atmosphere,” saying:

It’s the largest ever plant leakage. Fukushima’s disaster never ends. It “keeps on giving.”

“(N)ew reports indicate that a wealth of new radioactive materials have been spewed into the atmosphere.”

It’s spreading globally. Nuclear radiation is forever. It doesn’t dissipate or disappear. No safe level exists. Every dose is an overdose. Bertell was right. “Omnicide” threatens everyone.

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