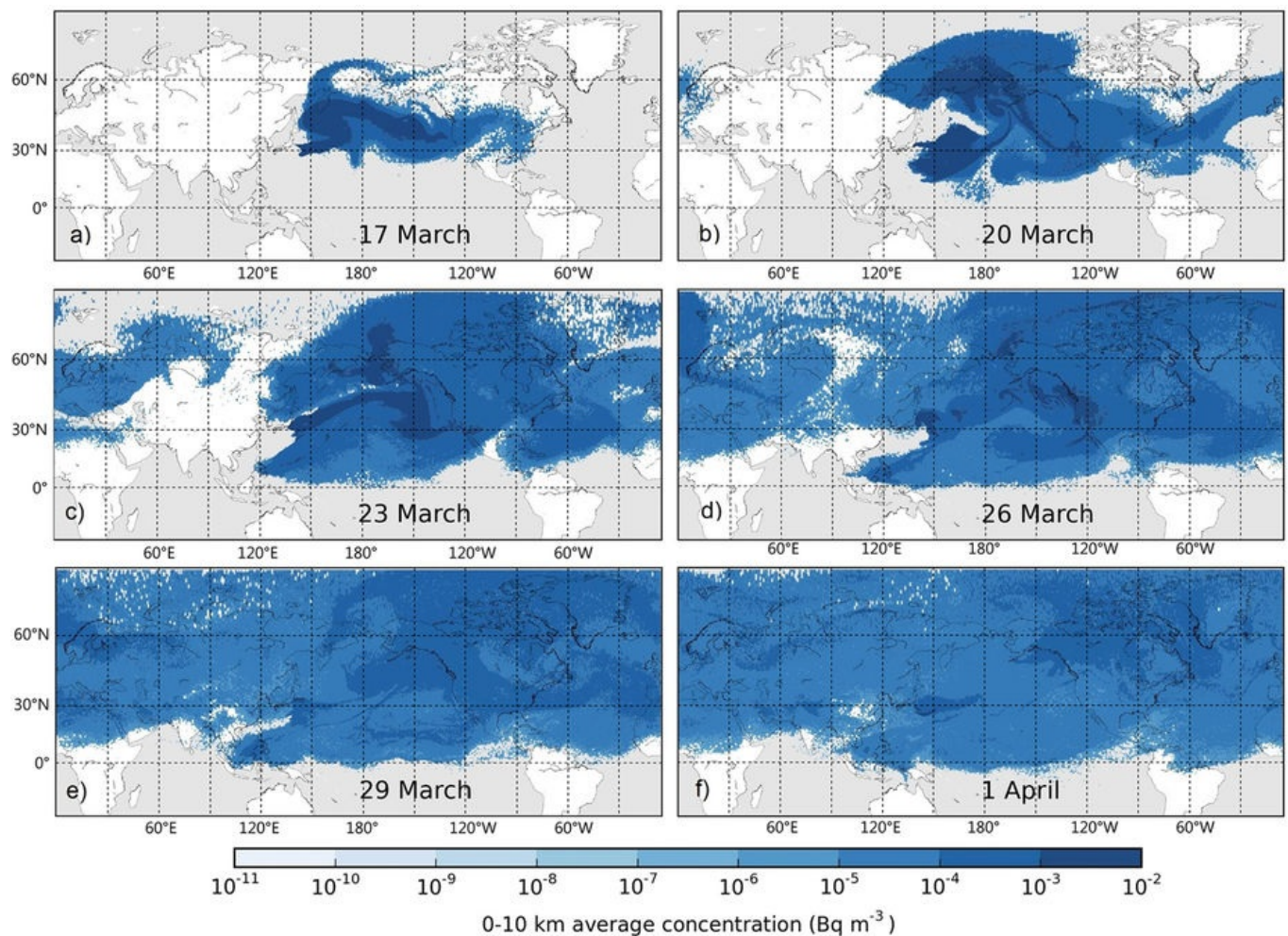


# VULNERABILITY TO TERRORISM OF NUCLEAR SPENT FUEL: THE SOUTH KOREAN CASE



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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

In this essay, Jungmin Kang estimates inventories of radioactive material in spent fuel pools in South Korea that might be attacked by terrorists. He analyses radiological plumes under prevailing winds at different seasons. He concludes that: "Cooperation among relevant countries in the region to reduce the risk of SFPF might include the following measures: a) Design basis threat (DBT) on SFP and Force-on-force tests; and b) Radiation emergency preparedness and public information regulations."

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Banner image: Modelled  $^{131}\text{I}$  activity concentrations in the troposphere (0-10,000 m) on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> days after the initial release from Fukushima, from [here](#).

## **II. NAPSNET SPECIAL REPORT BY JUNGMIN KANG**

### **VULNERABILITY TO TERRORISM OF NUCLEAR SPENT FUEL: THE SOUTH KOREAN CASE**

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#### **Status and Prospects of Nuclear Power**

One of the most rapidly growing developed countries in the world today, South Korea has been increasingly relying on nuclear power since 1978, when it started its first commercial nuclear power plant. Figure 1 shows the past and expected growth in installed nuclear capacity through 2035.[\[1\]](#)

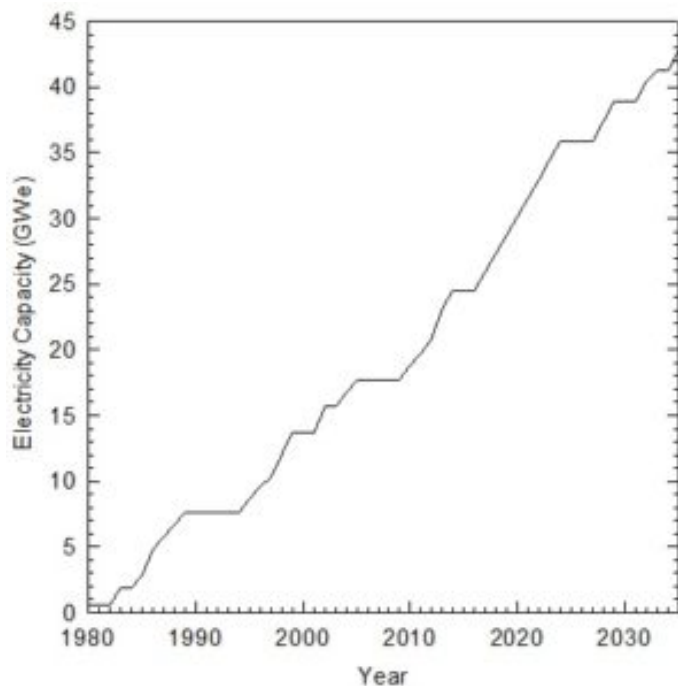


Figure 1. Installed nuclear generation capacity in the ROK (1980-2035)

Table 1 and 2 show power reactors in operation and under construction or planned, respectively, in South Korea. All of the nuclear power plants in South Korea are located along the coast of the peninsula, as shown in Figure 2. On September 14, 2012, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) announced that Yeongdeok and Samcheok both located on the East coast have been identified as new sites for nuclear power plants.[2]

Table 1. Power reactors in operation[3]

Reactor	Type	Net capacity	Commercial operation	Planned close
Kori 1	PWR – Westinghouse	576 MWe	4/78	6/2017
Kori 2	PWR – Westinghouse	640 MWe	7/83	2023
Wolsong 1	PHWR – Candu 6	657 MWe	4/83	2022 or 2036
Kori 3	PWR – Westinghouse	1011 MWe	9/85	2025
Kori 4	PWR – Westinghouse	1010 MWe	4/86	
Hanbit 1, Yonggwang	PWR – Westinghouse	961 MWe	8/86	
Hanbit 2, Yonggwang	PWR – Westinghouse	977 MWe	6/87	
Hanul 1, Ulsan	PWR – Framatome	963 MWe	9/88	
Hanul 2, Ulsan	PWR – Framatome	965 MWe	9/89	
Hanbit 3, Yonggwang	PWR (System 80)	1000 MWe	12/95	
Hanbit 4, Yonggwang	PWR (System 80)	998 MWe	3/96	
Wolsong 2	PHWR – Candu	650 MWe	7/97	
Wolsong 3	PHWR – Candu	665 MWe	7/98	
Wolsong 4	PHWR – Candu	669 MWe	10/99	
Hanul 3, Ulsan	OPR-1000	997 MWe	8/98	
Hanul 4, Ulsan	OPR-1000	999 MWe	12/99	
Hanbit 5, Yonggwang	OPR-1000	994 MWe	5/02	
Hanbit 6, Yonggwang	OPR-1000	993 MWe	12/02	
Hanul 5, Ulsan	OPR-1000	998 MWe	7/04	
Hanul 6, Ulsan	OPR-1000	997 MWe	4/05	
Shin Kori 1	OPR-1000	999 MWe	2/11	
Shin Kori 2	OPR-1000	1000 MWe	7/12	
Shin Kori 3	APR1400	1340 MWe	(9/16)	
Shin Wolsong 1	OPR-1000	998 MWe	7/12	
Shin Wolsong 2	OPR-1000	1000 MWe	7/15	
Total: 25		23,017 MWe		

Table 2. Power reactors under construction or planned[4]

Reactor	Type	Gross capacity	Start construction	Commercial operation
Shin Kori 4	APR1400	1400 MWe	August 2009	March 2017
Shin Hanul 1, Ulsan	APR1400	1400 MWe	July 2012	April 2018
Shin Hanul 2, Ulsan	APR1400	1400 MWe	June 2013	February 2019
Total under const: 3		4200 MWe (5360 MWe net, 1340 each)		
Shin Kori 5	APR1400	1400 MWe	September 2016	March 2021
Shin Kori 6	APR1400	1400 MWe	September 2017	March 2022
Shin Hanul 3, Ulsan	APR1400	1400 MWe	2018	December 2022
Shin Hanul 4, Ulsan	APR1400	1400 MWe	2019	December 2023
Cheongji 1	APR+	1500 MWe	2022?	December 2026
Cheongji 2	APR+	1500 MWe	2023?	December 2027
Cheongji 3 or Daepin 1	APR+	1500 MWe	2025?	2029?
Cheongji 4 or Daepin 2	APR+	1500 MWe	2026?	2029?
Total planned: 8		11,600 MWe		

## National Policy on Spent Fuel Management

At its 253rd meeting in 2004, the Korean Atomic Energy Committee (AEC) announced that a national policy for spent fuel management would be decided later in consideration of progress of domestic and international technology development, and that spent fuel would be stored at reactor sites through 2016 under KHNP's authority.[\[5\]](#)

Since then, South Korea has not decided the spent fuel management policy till May 25, 2016 when the MOTIE firstly announced a national plan on the spent fuel management, based on recommendations by the Public Engagement Commission on Spent Nuclear Fuel Management (PECOS), an independent advisory body that was established in October 2013, in June 2016.[\[6\]](#)

The main substance of the national plan is as follows.[\[7\]](#)

- Government plans to build a geologic disposal site to be operational in 2053. To do this, it is scheduled for government to select site for an Underground Research Laboratory (URL) at the disposal site by 2028, to construct the URL and to do empirical study till 2042.
- An interim storage facility is to be built at the disposal site by 2035, to store spent fuel until operation of disposal site. If unavoidable, spent fuel would be stored at onsite temporary storage facilities till operation of the interim storage site begins. In addition, government would try to utilize an international spent fuel management facility for storage and disposition of spent fuel if available.
- R&D of reduction of volume and radiotoxicity of spent fuel would be continued.



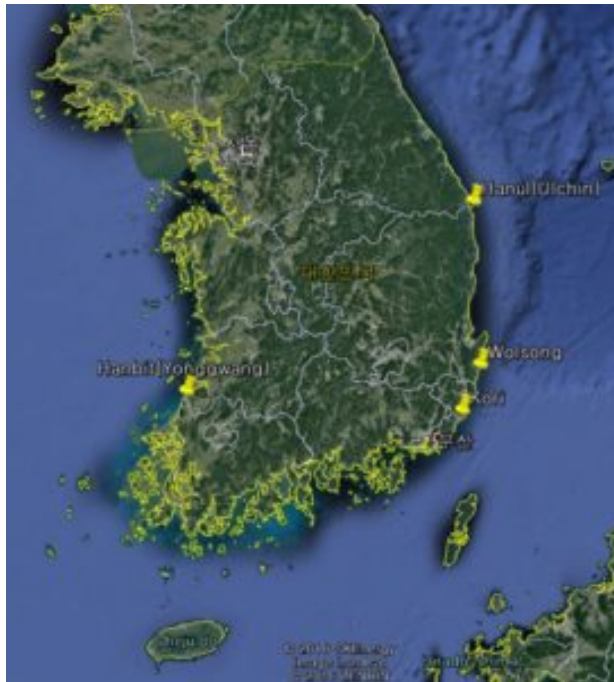


Figure 2. Satellite image of Korean peninsula indicating four NPP sites[8]

### Status of Spent Fuel Generation

As of the end of 2015, 16,289 fuel assemblies of PWR spent fuel and 408,797 fuel bundles of CANDU spent fuel were stored in the spent fuel storage facilities at South Korea's four NPP sites. Table 3 shows the spent fuel inventories at the four sites as of the end of 2015.[9]

Table 3. Inventory of spent fuel at NPP sites in South Korea as of the end of 2015

Reactor	Reactor type	Annual spent fuel discharge (tHM)	Amount of SF in the Pool (tHM)[10]
Kori 1	PWR	14.4	114
Kori 2	PWR	15.9	281
Kori 3	PWR	20.5	818
Kori 4	PWR	20.5	797
Shin Kori 1	PWR	20.4	154
Shin Kori 2	PWR	20.4	98
Hanbit 1	PWR	20.5	666
Hanbit 2	PWR	20.5	456
Hanbit 3	PWR	20.4	372
Hanbit 4	PWR	20.4	378
Hanbit 5	PWR	20.4	255
Hanbit 6	PWR	20.4	254
Hanul 1	PWR	20.5	401
Hanul 2	PWR	20.5	408
Hanul 3	PWR	20.4	430
Hanul 4	PWR	20.4	404
Hanul 5	PWR	20.4	231
Hanul 6	PWR	20.4	206
Shin Wolsong 1	PWR	20.4	47
Shin Wolsong 2	PWR	20.4	20

Wolsong 1	CANDU	103.7	587.7
Wolsong 2	CANDU	103.7	714.7
Wolsong 3	CANDU	103.7	818.7
Wolsong 4	CANDU	103.7	799.7
			4908.0 (dry storage)

## Hazard of Spent Fuel

Spent fuel contains high level radioactive nuclides, including Cs-137. Cs-137 (a 30-year half-life) is a potent land contaminant because 95% of its decays are to an excited state of Ba-137, which de-excites by emitting a penetrating gamma ray. Approximately 0.1 MBq of Cs-137 is contained in the 1 tHM of 10-year cooled PWR spent fuel with burnup of 40 MWd/kgHM.[\[11\]](#) Cs-137 has forced the long-term relocation of population from large area by the April 1986 Chernobyl accident and the March 2011 Fukushima accident.

In the Chernobyl accident, about 2 Mega Curies (MCi) were released from the reactor. Strict radiation-dose control measures were imposed in areas contaminated to levels greater than 15 Ci/km<sup>2</sup> (555 kBq/m<sup>2</sup>) of Cs-137. The total area of this radiation-control zone was 10,000 km<sup>2</sup>. More than 100,000 residents were evacuated.[\[12\]](#)

In the Fukushima accident, areas contaminated to levels greater than 27 Ci/km<sup>2</sup> (1 MBq/m<sup>2</sup>) were adopted for relocation. The area of relocation was 1,100 km<sup>2</sup>. 88,000 residents were evacuated.[\[13\]](#)

## Cooling Spent Fuel in the Pool

Spent fuel pools (SFP) are located in buildings adjoining the reactor containment buildings at NPP. PWR spent fuel assemblies are stored vertically at specific rack systems in the pool. The size of SFP is typically about 12 m deep and vary in width and length depending on a specific NPP (e.g., the size of SFP of Hanbit 5 & 6 is 7.4 m wide, 9 m long and 12 m deep[\[14\]](#)). Figure 3 shows diagram of a generic PWR spent fuel pool.

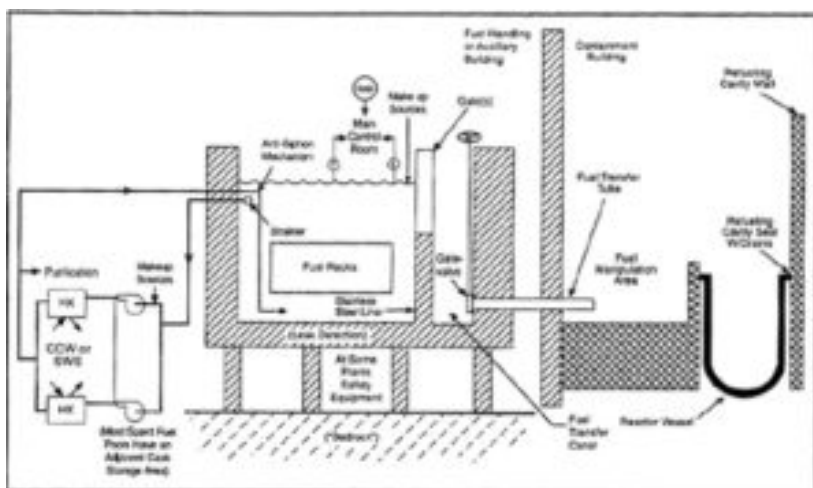


Figure 3. A diagram of a generic PWR spent fuel pool[\[15\]](#)

SFP water is cooled by a dedicated cooling system. As shown in Figure 3, water is pumped through heat exchangers where heat is transferred to an intermediate cooling system, which finally rejects heat to the plant's ultimate heat sink.[\[16\]](#)

## Low Density vs. High Density Spent Fuel Pool

Due to lack of storage capacity of pools onsite and an off-site destination for their accumulating spent fuel, nuclear-power plant operators have packed as many fuel assemblies as possible into their storage pools (see Figure 4a). The standard spacing for the high-density racks is 23 cm. This high-density racked fuel is kept sub-critical by enclosing each fuel assembly in a metal box whose walls contain neutron-absorbing boron.[\[17\]](#)

These boron-containing partitions would block the horizontal circulation of cooling air if the pool water were lost, greatly reducing the benefits of mixing recently-discharged with older fuel. During a partial uncovering of the fuel, the openings at the bottoms of the spent-fuel racks would be covered in water, completely blocking air from circulating up through the fuel assemblies.

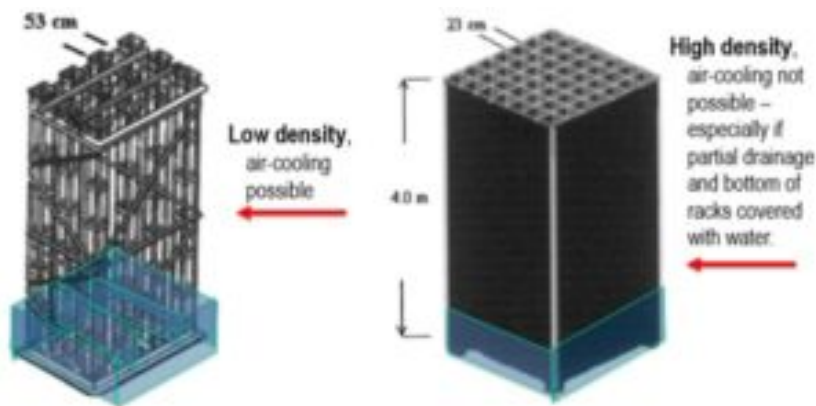


Figure 4a. Low density and high density PWR spent-fuel racks[\[18\]](#)

### Hydrogen Explosion in High Density Spent Fuel Pool

Spent fuel pool accidents involving a loss of coolant have the potential for leading to significant fuel heat up and resultant release of fission products to the environment. Such an accident would involve decay heat raising the fuel temperature to the point of exothermic cladding oxidation, which would cause additional temperature escalation (leading to “zirconium fire”) to the point of fission product release.[\[19\]](#) Figure 4b illustrates SFPF.

Hydrogen is produced when the zirconium cladding of the spent fuel is uncovered and becomes hot in the presence of water vapor. US NRC staff found less hydrogen and explosion much less likely with low-density pool storage. If building stays intact, much less Cs-137 released to atmosphere.[\[20\]](#)

US NRC assumes the range of SFP release fractions as show in Table 4 for PWR.

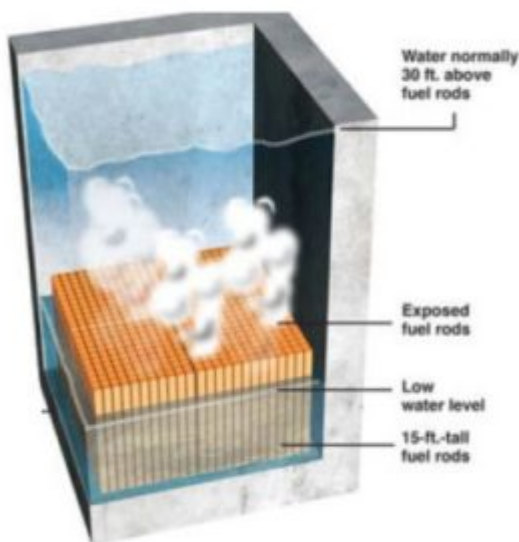


Figure 4b. Spent fuel pool partial drainage and zirconium fire[\[21\]](#)

Table 4. Estimated cumulative cesium inventory release fraction given a PWR SFPF[\[22\]](#)

SFP loading	Low case	Base case	High case
High-density	10%	75%	90%
Low-density	0.5%	3%	5%

## Scenarios of Terrorists Attack on Spent Fuel

Potential scenarios that can lead to loss of spent fuel cooling caused by loss of cooling water inventory sufficient to interrupt heat transfer to the cooling system or result in uncover of the fuel and by failure of cooling system pumps and heat exchangers to transfer heat from the pool to the ultimate heat sink.

A 2006 NAS report considered four classes of terrorist attack scenarios:[\[23\]](#)

- Air attacks using large civilian aircraft or smaller aircraft laden with explosives,
- Ground attacks by groups of well-armed and well-trained individuals,
- Attacks involving combined air and land assaults, and
- Thefts of spent fuel for use by terrorists (including knowledgeable insiders) in radiological dispersal devices.

Loss of coolant scenarios described by UK POST in 2004

A 2004 UK Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology describes ways in which loss of coolant could occur from a pool due either to an accident or to sabotage as followings.[\[24\]](#)

- Evaporation: if the cooling systems which extract heat from the cooling water were damaged, the temperature of the cooling water would rise, leading to evaporation. This would take place very slowly and it would probably be several days or weeks before the fuel elements were exposed to air, thus allowing time for remedial action to be taken.



- Drainage: this could occur through damage to the network of pipes or tubes connecting the pool to other areas. This would take place more rapidly than first scenario but it is reasonable to assume that there would be a variety of options available for operator intervention before the water level fell below the level of the fuel.
- Severe damage to the pond walls or floor - e.g. due to aircraft crash or dropping of a heavy load. This could result in rapid drainage of water from the ponds.

### A Case Study of Fukushima SFPF Accident

Although there was no spent fuel pool fire at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, TEPCO learned that the catastrophe had been avoided by a lucky break detailed in a report released by the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine in 2016 about the lessons learned from the Fukushima nuclear accident.

Frank von Hippel and Michael Schoeppner analyzed the hypothetical fire of the Fukushima spent fuel pool #4 using the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) HYSPLIT model,<sup>[25]</sup> which uses meteorological data archived in NOAA's Global Data Assimilation System. Figure 5 shows the areas of Japan contaminated to more than 1 MBq/m<sup>2</sup> by the actual accident, which released in the range of 6-20 PBq and by hypothetical 4-day releases of 890 PBq beginning on 9 April and 19 March 2011, respectively. The compulsory relocation zone shown on the right of Figure 5 could extend to 31,000 km<sup>2</sup> that covers about 8% of Japan's land area, including 27% of the population of Japan or 35 million people.<sup>[26]</sup>

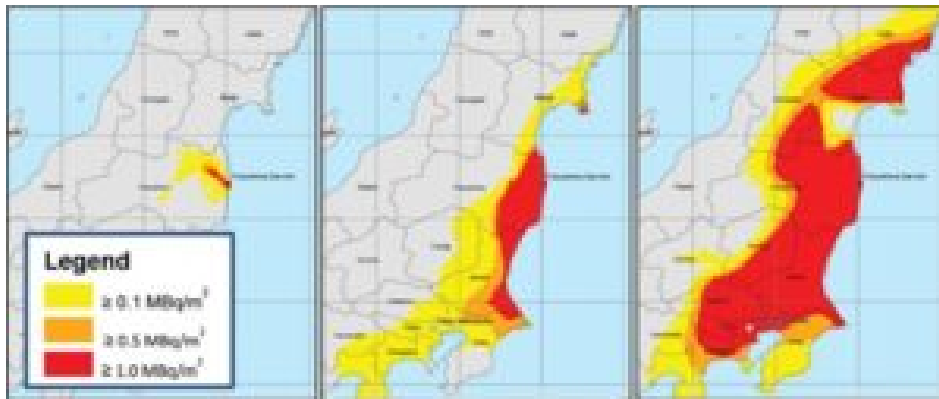


Figure 5. Contamination levels after the hypothetical fire of the Fukushima spent fuel pool #4

### A Case Study of Kori-3 SFPF Accident

Kori-3 pool with high-density rack contains approximately 818 tHM of spent fuel as of the end of 2015. Figure 6 to 8 show three results of contamination levels after the hypothetical fire of Kori-3 pool. Source term of the PWR spent fuel were calculated by Jungmin Kang using ORIGEN2 code<sup>[27]</sup> while Michael Schoeppner performed the dispersion and deposition simulations using HYSPLIT code with historic weather data of the first day of every month in 2016 surrounding Kori. We assume release of 1,600 PBq Cs-137 for 3 days.

Table 5 shows the summarized results of the Kori-3 SFPF accident. For example, for South Korea, average and maximum compulsory area are 9,000 km<sup>2</sup> and 54,000 km<sup>2</sup>, respectively, while average and maximum number of evacuated people are 5.4 million and 24.3 million, respectively.

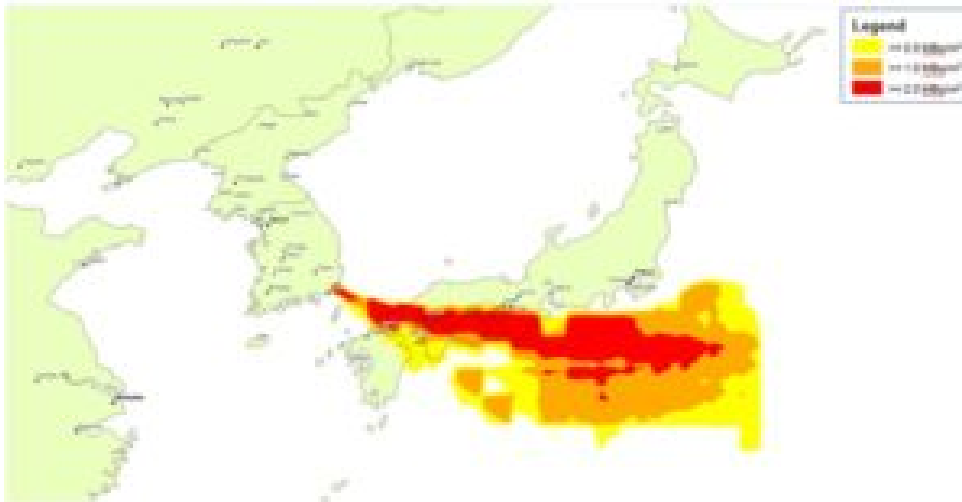


Figure 6.  
Contamination levels after the hypothetical fire of Kori-3 pool using weather data on Jan 1, 2015

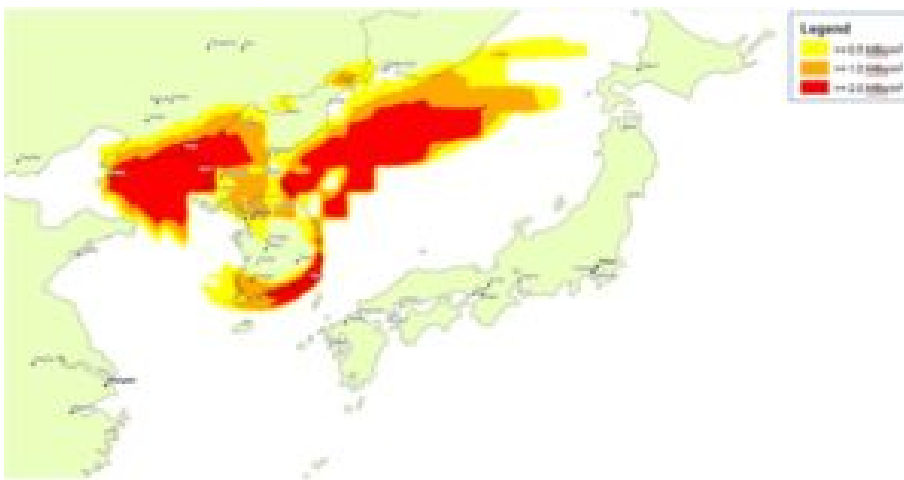


Figure 7. Contamination levels after the hypothetical fire of Kori-3 pool using weather data on Apr. 1, 2015

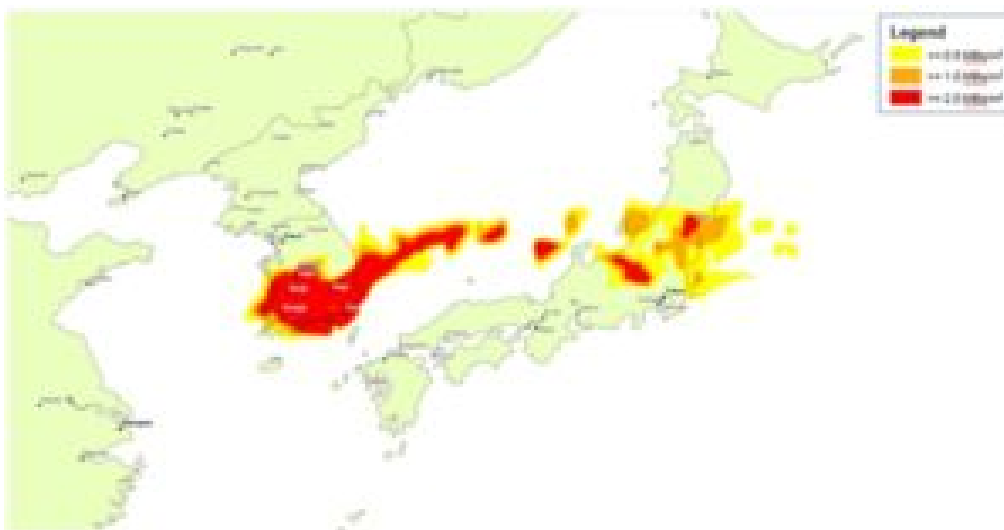


Figure 8. Contamination levels after the hypothetical fire of Kori-3 pool using weather data on Sep. 1, 2015

Table 5. Summarized results of the Kori-3 SFPF accident

Country	Contaminated area (km <sup>2</sup> )		Evacuated people	
	Average	Max	Average	Max
<b>ROK</b>				
Evacuated area	9,000	54,000	5,400,000	24,300,000
Evacuated area for more than 30 years	6,000	45,000	3,300,000	19,000,000
<b>DPRK</b>				
Evacuated area	5,000	54,000	1,100,000	13,400,000
Evacuated area for more than 30 years	2,000	30,000	620,000	7,400,000
<b>Japan</b>				
Evacuated area	27,000	67,000	7,900,000	28,300,000
Evacuated area for more than 30 years	14,000	40,000	4,300,000	18,400,000
<b>China</b>				
Evacuated area	2,000	28,000	700,000	8,700,000
Evacuated area for more than 30 years	1,000	9,000	400,000	4,900,000

## How to Reduce the Risk of SFPF

Including Jungmin Kang, authors of a 2003 S&GS paper have proposed a number of possible actions to correct for the obvious vulnerabilities of spent fuel pools and to reduce the worst- case release that can occur from such pools, as summarized in Table 6.[\[28\]](#)

Table 2: Summary of proposals.

Type	Action	Comment
Regulation	Congress should decide the probability of a terrorist-caused spent-fuel pool fire to be used by the NRC as a basis for regulatory cost-benefit analysis.	The NRC currently has no basis for deciding a limit on how much should be spent on strengthening protections against terrorist actions.
	The NRC should require that nuclear-power plant operators have the capability to operate and repair spent-fuel pools under accident conditions or after an attack.	This would apply the NRC's defense in depth approach for nuclear power plants to spent-fuel pools.
Operation	Minimize the movement of spent fuel casks over spent-fuel pools.	This has to be balanced with the proposal to remove older fuel from the pools.
	Minimize occasions when the entire core is moved to the pool during refueling outages.	Technically possible with some potential inconvenience to licensees.
	Transfer spent fuel to dry-cask storage 5 years after discharge from the power reactor.	Transfer probably could be accomplished somewhat earlier. Implementation will probably require Congress to permit use of the Nuclear Waste Fund or to enact a retrospective fee on electricity consumers—estimated at about 0.03–0.06 cents per kilowatt hour generated from the spent fuel.
Design	Return to open-frame storage—perhaps with additional measures of criticality control.	
	Provide for emergency ventilation of spent-fuel buildings.	Analysis is required on how to control this air supply if a fire did start.
	Install emergency water sprays.	Water from the sprays could block air circulation in a dense-packed pool or feed a fire under some circumstances.
	Make preparation for emergency repair of holes in pool walls and bottom.	
	Armor exposed outside walls and bottoms against projectiles.	Feasibility may vary greatly for different pool designs.

Table 6. Summary of proposal to reduce the risk of SFPF

## The Role of Regional Cooperation

Cooperation among relevant countries in the region to reduce the risk of SFPF might include the

following measures:

- Design basis threat (DBT) on SFP and Force-on-force tests
- Radiation emergency preparedness and public information regulations

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1. The top priority of spent fuel management is public safety. Spent fuel should be managed safely and effectively under government responsibility. Selected spent fuel management technologies should be proven by the experts. The results of technological application should not be an excessive burden for future generations.
2. It should be made a rule to move spent fuel to reliable storage facilities before temporary storage capacity is exceeded or the operating permit of temporary storage facilities expires.
3. Government should build a final geologic disposal site to be operational in 2051. To do this, it is desirable for government to select site for an Underground Research Laboratory (URL) at the disposal site or at a site with similar geologic characteristics by 2020, to construct the URL till 2030, and to do empirical study after 2030.
4. With resident participation, an environmental radiation supervisory center (tentative) would be established at the final geologic disposal site and a site for URL. Paying for local communities is recommended to improve the quality of life and to improve a stable economic base for the communities that host the final geologic disposal site and the site for URL. First, it would create new jobs and vitalize local economy by locating related organizations of spent fuel research and management. Second, it would pay municipalities for the disposal of spent fuel. Third, it would help conserve the local communities' natural environment and establish urban development plans for the local communities with a special subsidy.
5. A pre-disposal stage storage facility is to be built at URL site, which would be selected in 2020, to store NSF until operation of disposal site. If unavoidable, spent fuel would be stored at onsite temporary storage facilities till operation of disposal site begins. In addition, close cooperation between the countries would be required to prepare an international spent fuel management facility.
6. If temporary storage facilities are built within NPP site to store spent fuel, "NSF storage fee" is

to be paid to localities. A Resident Foundation (tentative) shall be established and run at each NPP region in order to ensure transparent and efficient collection and management of "NSF storage fees." It is also necessary for government and NPP hosting regions to negotiate in detail on the payment of reasonable fee for spent fuel currently stored at each NPP site.

7. It is necessary to prioritize the technologies for storage, transportation, disposal, and for the reduction of volume and toxicity of spent fuel, as well as to set up and execute a detailed plan for the development of such technologies. We should establish, above all, standard for control. We should also set up an institutional mechanism and operate an integrated system for experts from various disciplines to initiate technology development with social responsibility.
8. It is highly desirable to secure safety, responsibility, stability, efficiency, and transparency in spent fuel management. For this, we advise to establish NSF Technology and Management Corporation (tentative) in which government, utilities, and the public co-own the stake and share the responsibility for technology development and phased management.
9. It is necessary to enact Special Law on NSF (tentative) or amend existing laws and regulations as soon as possible in order to provide transparency, stability and sustainability in spent fuel management as well as to uphold credibility of the spent fuel policy.
10. In order to set up and execute spent fuel management policy immediately, an inter-ministry decision-making body (NSF Planning Committee) and its working-level executive arm (NSF Policy Implementation Committee) are to be set up and operated within the government.

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(As of 30 JUN 2014, KHNP)			
NPP Sites		Transported amount (FA)	Remarks
Kori 1,2,3,4	PWR	1,588	Kori 1 → Kori 3,4, Shinkori 1 Kori 2 → Kori 3,4, Shinkori 2 Kori 3 → Shinkori 1 Kori 4 → Kori 3
Hanbit 1	PWR	228	Hanbit 2 → Hanbit 1
Hanul 1,2	PWR	456	Hanul 1 → Hanul 3,4 Hanul 2 → Hanul 3,4
Subtotal		2,272	
Wolsong 1,2,3,4	PHWR	248,400	Wolsong 1-4 → dry storage facility



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