



## Fukushima Open Thread - Tue 3/29

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The latest news from the nuclear disaster in Japan:

[Toxic Pools Threaten to Spill into Ocean](#)

[Fukushima radioactive fallout nears Chernobyl levels](#)

[Plutonium found in Fukushima plant soil](#)

[TEPCO shares halted/Japanese stocks fall](#)

[REUTERS - An Overview of Questions and Answers regarding Fukushima](#)

Below are some questions and an open thread for links, analysis and perspective.

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Despite 2 weeks of following this in the news I am still unclear about the implications of this crisis. Some people I respect think it has major global implications while others think it will be confined to local impacts with largely non-harmful radiation. Right now I'm in the former camp, based on the current paucity of resilience in the global economic/trade system. But there are a lot of unknowns.

Here are some of the questions that come to mind:

*What is the plan regarding containing the radiation at the Fukushima plant?*

*Will Japan nationalize TEPCO? What would be implications of that?*

*Given their debt levels how can Japan pay for business-as-usual rebuilding?*

*If international governments/IMF support Japan, does this accelerate currency 'discovery'?*

*As suggested in [yesterdays thread](#), what does this imply for global supply chains?*

*What will be the psychological impact on the Japanese people?*

*What would happen if they announce a wider evacuation area - say 50x50 miles?*

*What does this mean for the future of nuclear? And future energy mix/social trajectories?*

Etc.



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