



## Fukushima Accident Severity Level Raised to '7': Gundersen Discusses Lack of Data



Hi, I'm Arnie Gundersen from Fairewinds, and today is Wednesday, April 13th.

I'd like to talk to you today about three things that have come up in the last couple of days. The first is that Tokyo Electric [TEPCO] has raised the accident severity level to a 7. The second is similarities that I'm seeing between how this accident is progressing at Fukushima Island [TMI] and Chernobyl in regards to controlling the information. The third is that I've received a lot of emails about, "What should I do here in the states [U.S.A]," and "What should I tell my family about potentially changing lifestyle habits or leaving?" So I'd like to discuss those today.

The first one is, yesterday TEPCO changed the rating of this accident from a 5 to a 7. This means is: they had been saying it was like Three Mile Island, and now they're saying it's as bad as Chernobyl. Well, I've felt that way for almost the last month. Frankly, it should not be a surprise to anyone that this accident is as bad [as Chernobyl]. There are seven reactors and fuel pools that are not being cooled here, and there's been three meltdowns at Fukushima. So the net effect is that this is certainly a catastrophe on the level of Chernobyl. It has been for the last couple of months, [correction] couple of weeks, rather.