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 weeks. First is that Tokyo Electric [TEPCO] has raised the accident severity level to a 7. This means: they had been saying it was like Three Mile Island, and now they’re saying it’s like Chernobyl. Well, I’ve felt that way for almost the last month. Frankly, it should surprise 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 in a fuel pool. So the net effect is that this is certainly a catastrophe on the level of what has been for the last couple of months, [correction] couple of weeks, rather.

The second is similarities that I’m seeing between how this accident is progressing and Three Mile 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 different countries about potentially changing lifestyle habits or leaving?” So I’d like to address those today.