

Why the right can't be trusted

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The [Guardian has reported](#):

[Japan](#) has raised the severity level of its nuclear crisis to the maximum seven, putting the emergency at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant on a par with Chernobyl.

Officials from the nuclear and industrial safety agency (Nisa) confirmed that the crisis level had been raised from five to seven on the international nuclear and radiological event scale.

At the same time there are reports of serious shortages affecting economic production, 200,000 people without homes or having restricted access to them, there will be serious health issues for many, the sea has been contaminated affecting the food chain, maybe for some time to come, and the plant still has no cooling system meaning the crisis is far from over yet.

I think in retrospect that justifies [my comment on March 11 that](#):

Don't think nuclear melt down in Japan is some minor issue.

It's massive. For the world.

I am very, very worried.

This issue still has the capacity to have such an impact - and may well do so, given that the awareness of the severity of the issue is growing, not declining.

I'd compare that with Tim Worstall on his blog, [who said](#):

Absolutely the worst that could happen, absolutely the worst possible outcome, is that the reactors end up as a puddle of cold metal at the bottom of their containment vessels.

That's it. The chain reaction is already shut down. All that is left is the residual heat

which the water is cooling. If the water doesn't cool it then yes, the rods and fuel might melt. At which point they might stay liquid until they hit that 2-3 metres of reinforced concrete underneath them where they will solidify.

So the worst possible outcome is a 40 year old reactor which cannot be used again.

If evidence were needed that, as ever, the man has not a clue what he's talking about, this is it.

As ever, the judgement of the right wing is proven to be utterly unsound.