

EDITOR'S NOTE ON FUKUSHIMA

THIS SPECIAL issue was developed as a result of presentations at the HPS 2011 Annual Meeting that focused on the initial responses of the health physics community to the 11 March 2011 accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in Japan. The Special Issue Editors and the authors that appear in this issue have compiled a comprehensive collection of papers describing the operational challenges faced by the various U.S. radiological response teams during this unprecedented emergency. I think you will find their insights with regard to measurements and modeling, response, and lessons learned to be both technically interesting and inspiring. This, I believe, is an example of the health physics community at its finest.

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Issue of *Health Physics*. They have led the effort to capture the events and initial responses from a radiological perspective at the Fukushima Daiichi facilities. I also offer thanks to the many authors who contributed papers. Everyone, including the Journal staff and reviewers, worked hard and long hours to bring the articles through the peer review process and to completion in a timely manner. Your efforts were essential to the quality of the content and the timeliness of this issue. It is contributions like these that help make *Health Physics* such a well-respected journal in the field of radiation protection. To all, please accept this note of congratulations and thanks.

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