

April 26 is International Chernobyl Remembrance Day. Duke Energy has at least two employees with a connection to the area and/or the event. To commemorate the day we gathered to go over the timeline, watch a couple of videos, and discuss the current situation in the Ukraine.

The United Nations has a website dedicated to the Day: [International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day | United Nations](#)

- We went over the power point timeline.
- We watched the video Chernobyl – 1986, from the UN website: [Chernobyl 1986 - YouTube](#)
- We watched a video from 2020: Inside Reactor 4 Control Room, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rh7gXlXqI64> Things to note about this video:
  - It has a fuzzy intro, commercials; suggest using closed captions, narrator has an accent that might seem heavy to some
  - Unit 3 shutdown in 2000 – no reactors of this type currently in operation
  - train cars to move spent fuel
  - The AZ-5 button
  - The unit 3 shutdown video piece: smoking in the control room (!), AZ-5 button operation (the cover)
  - The part where they are instructed tour guests to walk fast: most contaminated area...maybe they meant radioactive area? No one was dressed out.
- We then watched a BBC News video on the current situation: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-61048256>
  - Electricity cut off for a few days
  - The Red Forest
  - National Guard taken by Russian forces
- Members continued to post to the Teams chat in the days following the session:
  - [https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2022/06/02/ukraine-chernobyl-damage-done-by-russians/?wpisrc=nl\\_sb\\_smartbrief](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2022/06/02/ukraine-chernobyl-damage-done-by-russians/?wpisrc=nl_sb_smartbrief)
  - [https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2022/04/28/chernobyl-radiation-levels-grossi/?wpisrc=nl\\_sb\\_smartbrief](https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2022/04/28/chernobyl-radiation-levels-grossi/?wpisrc=nl_sb_smartbrief)
  - The Science Channel had a program on Chernobyl and HBO has Chernobyl: The Lost Tapes
  - <https://world-nuclear.org/information-library/safety-and-security/safety-of-plants/chernobyl-accident.aspx>