

Risk Alert:

Japan Earthquake



Situation

A magnitude 8.9 earthquake struck off of Japan's northeastern coast at 2:46pm local time on Friday, 11 March 2011. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii said a tsunami warning was in effect for Japan, Russia, Marcus Island and the Northern Marianas. A tsunami watch has been issued for Guam, Taiwan, the Philippines, Indonesia and the U.S. state of Hawaii.

The quake struck at a depth of six miles (10 kilometers), about 80 miles (125 kilometers) off the eastern coast, the agency said. The area is 240 miles (380 kilometers) northeast of Tokyo.

Damage

There are early reports of damage in northeastern Japan, where a 10-metre tsunami swept away cars, buildings and ships. Buildings in Tokyo shook and there are reports of multiple building fires across the city. It is still too early to say what the total damage will be; however, Marsh will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Clients with Business in Japan

Marsh's local dedicated claims team and client executives have been mobilized to support our clients in their business recovery. The local teams are supported by our regional and international claims teams, including a team of specialists for large or complex claims. Marsh is also working closely with international and local adjusters to coordinate the response for our clients.

If you have business interests in the affected area, would like to review your business continuity planning, or have questions regarding your insurance cover, please contact your local Marsh Relationship Manager.

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