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To All Missions (Embassies, Consular posts and International Organizations in Japan)

Report on the discharge record and the seawater monitoring results at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station during February

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to provide all international Missions in Japan with a report on the discharge record and seawater monitoring results with regard to groundwater pumped from the sub-drain and groundwater drain systems, as well as, bypassing groundwater pumped during the month of February at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS).

1. Sub-drain and Groundwater Drain Systems

In February purified groundwater pumped from the sub-drain and groundwater drain systems was discharged on the dates shown in Appendix 1. Prior to every discharge, an analysis on the quality of the purified groundwater to be discharged was conducted by Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) and the results were announced.

All the test results during the month of February have confirmed that the radiation levels of sampled water were substantially below the operational targets set by TEPCO (these operational targets are well below the density limit specified by the Reactor Regulation). The results of these analyses were also confirmed by third-party organization (Tohoku Ryokka Kankyohozen Co.).

In addition, TEPCO and Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA), at the request of the Government of Japan, regularly conduct more detailed analyses on the purified groundwater. The results of JAEA's latest analyses confirmed that TEPCO's analyses were accurate and verified that the radiation levels of sampled groundwater was substantially below the operational target (see Appendix 2).

Moreover, TEPCO publishes the results of analyses conducted on seawater sampled during the discharge operation at the nearest seawater sampling post from the discharge point (see Appendix 3). The results show that the radiation levels of seawater remain lower than the density limit specified by the Reactor Regulation and significant change in the radioactivity has not been observed.

2. Groundwater Bypassing

In February, the pumped bypassing groundwater was discharged on the dates shown in Appendix 4. Prior to every discharge, an analysis on the quality of the groundwater to be discharged was conducted by TEPCO and the results were announced.

All the test results during the month of February have confirmed that the radiation levels of sampled water were substantially below the operational targets set by TEPCO (these operational targets are well below the density limit specified by the Reactor Regulation). The results of these analyses were also confirmed by Japan Chemical Analysis Center.

In addition, TEPCO and JAEA, at the request of the Government of Japan, regularly conduct more detailed analyses on the groundwater. The results of JAEA's latest analyses confirmed that TEPCO's analyses were accurate and verified that the radiation levels of the sampled groundwater were substantially below the operational target (see Appendix 5).

Moreover, TEPCO publishes analysis results on seawater sampled during the discharge operation at the nearest seawater sampling post from the discharge point (see Appendix 6). The result shows that the radiation levels in seawater remain lower than the density limit specified by the Reactor Regulation and significant change in the radioactivity has not been observed. The analysis had been conducted once a month until March 2017. Since April 2017, it is conducted four times a year because there has been no significant fluctuation in the concentration of radioactive materials in the sea water, and no influence on the surrounding environment has been confirmed.

The sampling process for analyses conducted this month is the same as the one conducted in the information disseminated last month. Results of the analyses are shown in the attached appendices:

(For further information, please contact TEPCO at (Tel: 03-6373-1111) or refer to the TEPCO's website:
http://www.tepco.co.jp/en/nu/fukushima-np/handouts/index-e.html)

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Appendix 1

Results of analyses on the quality of the purified groundwater pumped from the sub-drain and groundwater drain systems at Fukushima Daiichi NPS (made available by TEPCO prior to discharge)

(Unit: Bq/L)

Date of sampling *Date of discharge	Detected nuclides	Analytical body	
		TEPCO	Third-party organization
February 24th, 2023 *Discharged on March 1st	Cs-134	ND (0.65)	ND (0.62)
	Cs-137	ND (0.80)	ND (0.64)
	Gross β	ND (0.64)	ND (0.36)
	H-3	820	840
February 22nd, 2023 *Discharged on February 27th	Cs-134	ND (0.50)	ND (0.57)
	Cs-137	ND (0.77)	ND (0.69)
	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.38)
	H-3	830	890
February 21st, 2023 *Discharged on February 26th	Cs-134	ND (0.59)	ND (0.57)
	Cs-137	ND (0.54)	ND (0.55)
	Gross β	ND (2.1)	ND (0.37)
	H-3	890	910
February 19th, 2023 *Discharged on February 24th	Cs-134	ND (0.70)	ND (0.60)
	Cs-137	ND (0.60)	ND (0.55)
	Gross β	ND (2.1)	0.46
	H-3	810	880
February 17th, 2023 *Discharged on February 22nd	Cs-134	ND (0.56)	ND (0.54)
	Cs-137	ND (0.60)	ND (0.77)
	Gross β	ND (0.68)	ND (0.36)
	H-3	870	930
February 15th, 2023 *Discharged on February 20th	Cs-134	ND (0.68)	ND (0.65)
	Cs-137	ND (0.77)	ND (0.49)
	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.37)
	H-3	980	990
February 14th, 2023 *Discharged on February 19th	Cs-134	ND (0.52)	ND (0.59)
	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.64)
	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.45)
	H-3	960	1000
February 12th, 2023 *Discharged on	Cs-134	ND (0.56)	ND (0.53)
	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.50)

February 17th	Gross β	ND (1.7)	ND (0.4)
	H-3	1000	1100
February 10th, 2023 *Discharged on February 15th	Cs-134	ND (0.65)	ND (0.55)
	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.45)
	Gross β	ND (0.64)	0.48
	H-3	900	990
February 8th, 2023 *Discharged on February 13th	Cs-134	ND (0.45)	ND (0.46)
	Cs-137	ND (0.47)	ND (0.68)
	Gross β	ND (1.7)	ND (0.36)
	H-3	960	970
February 6th, 2023 *Discharged on February 11th	Cs-134	ND (0.50)	ND (0.76)
	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.72)
	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.37)
	H-3	920	970
February 4th, 2023 *Discharged on February 9th	Cs-134	ND (0.78)	ND (0.66)
	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.64)
	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.46)
	H-3	840	910
February 2nd, 2023 *Discharged on February 7th	Cs-134	ND (0.80)	ND (0.58)
	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.61)
	Gross β	ND (0.68)	ND (0.36)
	H-3	840	910
January 31st, 2023 *Discharged on February 5th	Cs-134	ND (0.67)	ND (0.65)
	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.55)
	Gross β	ND (1.6)	ND (0.38)
	H-3	850	870
January 29th, 2023 *Discharged on February 3rd	Cs-134	ND (0.76)	ND (0.54)
	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.61)
	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.38)
	H-3	930	930
January 28th, 2023 *Discharged on February 2nd	Cs-134	ND (0.61)	ND (0.62)
	Cs-137	ND (0.54)	ND (0.74)
	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.39)
	H-3	1000	1100

- * ND: represents a value below the detection limit; values in ( ) represent the detection limit.
- In order to ensure the results, third-party organizations have also conducted an analysis and verified the radiation level of the sampled water.
- Third-party organization : Tohoku Ryokka Kankyohozen Co., Ltd

Appendix 2

Result of detailed analyses conducted by TEPCO, JAEA, and Japan Chemical Analysis Center (In order to confirm the validity of analysis, the Government of Japan also requests JAEA; and TEPCO requests Japan Chemical Analysis Center to conduct independent analyses)

(Unit: Bq/L)

Date of sampling	Detected nuclides	Analytical body		
		JAEA	TEPCO	Japan Chemical Analysis Center
January 1st,2023	Cs-134	ND (0.0033)	ND (0.0050)	ND (0.0055)
	Cs-137	0.0024	0.0058	ND (0.0048)
	Gross α	ND (0.41)	ND (2.5)	ND (2.3)
	Gross β	ND (0.46)	ND (0.62)	ND (0.54)
	H-3	840	820	850
	Sr-90	0.0066	ND (0.0024)	0.0089

* ND: represents a value below the detection limit; values in ( ) represent the detection limit.

(Reference) (Unit: Bq/L)

Radionuclides	Operational Targets	Density Limit specified by the Reactor Regulation	World Health Organization (WHO) Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality
Cs-134	1	60	10
Cs-137	1	90	10
Gross α	—	—	—
Gross β	3 (1) ※	—	—
H-3	1,500	60,000	10,000
Sr-90	—	30	10

※ The operational target of Gross β is 1 Bq/L in the survey which is conducted once every ten days.

※ The reference table shows the values of operational targets before discharge. Since the values after discharge contain natural radioactive materials in seawater, there will be differences between the values and the operational targets values.

Appendix 3

Results of analysis on the seawater sampled near the discharge point (North side of Units 5 and 6 discharge channel)

(Unit: Bq/L)

Date of sampling	Detected nuclides	Sampling point (South discharge channel)
December 8th, 2022 *Sampled before discharge of purified groundwater.	Cs-134	ND (0.66)
	Cs-137	ND (0.79)
	Gross β	11
	H-3	ND (0.30)

Appendix 4

Results of analyses on the water quality of the groundwater pumped up for bypassing at Fukushima Daiichi NPS (made available by TEPCO prior to discharge)

(Unit: Bq/L)

Date of sampling *Date of discharge	Detected nuclides	Analytical body	
		TEPCO	Third-party organization
February 17th, 2023 *Discharged on February 22nd	Cs-134	ND (0.45)	ND (0.54)
	Cs-137	ND (0.54)	ND (0.67)
	Gross β	ND (0.66)	ND (0.32)
	H-3	51	52
February 10th, 2023 *Discharged on February 15th	Cs-134	ND (0.63)	ND (0.67)
	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.52)
	Gross β	ND (0.69)	ND (0.33)
	H-3	50	50
February 3rd, 2023 *Discharged on February 8th	Cs-134	ND (0.56)	ND (0.66)
	Cs-137	ND (0.60)	ND (0.66)
	Gross β	ND (0.63)	ND (0.36)
	H-3	41	49

- * ND: represents a value below the detection limit; values in ( ) represent the detection limit
- In order to ensure the results, third-party organizations have also conducted an analysis and verified the radiation level of the sampled water.
- Third-party organization: Tohoku Ryokka Kankyohozen Co., Ltd

Appendix 5

Result of detailed analyses conducted by TEPCO, JAEA, and Japan Chemical Analysis Center (In order to confirm the validity of analysis, the Government of Japan also requests JAEA; and TEPCO requests Japan Chemical Analysis Center to conduct independent analyses)

(Unit: Bq/L)

Date of sampling	Detected nuclides	Analytical body		
		JAEA	TEPCO	Japan Chemical Analysis Center
January 7th, 2023	Cs-134	ND (0.0023)	ND (0.0045)	ND (0.0065)
	Cs-137	ND (0.0021)	0.0046	ND(0.0052)
	Gross α	ND (0.49)	ND (2.5)	ND (2.3)
	Gross β	ND (0.48)	ND (0.59)	ND (0.55)
	H-3	52	52	53
	Sr-90	ND (0.0012)	ND (0.0015)	ND (0.0058)

* ND: represents a value below the detection limit; values in ( ) represent the detection limit.

(Reference) (Unit: Bq/L)

Radionuclides	Operational Targets	Density Limit specified by the Reactor Regulation	World Health Organization (WHO) Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality
Cs-134	1	60	10
Cs-137	1	90	10
Gross α	—	—	—
Gross β	5 (1) ※	—	—
H-3	1,500	60,000	10,000
Sr-90	—	30	10

※ The operational target of Gross β is 1 Bq/L in the survey which is conducted once every ten days.

※ The reference table shows the values of operational targets before discharge. Since the values after discharge contain natural radioactive materials in seawater, there will be differences between the values and the operational targets values.

Appendix 6

Results of analyses on the seawater sampled near the discharge point (Around South Discharge Channel)

(Unit: Bq/L)

Date of sampling ※conducted four times a year	Detected nuclides	Sampling point (South discharge channel)
December 8th, 2022	Cs-134	ND (0.60)
	Cs-137	ND (0.54)
	Gross β	12
	H-3	ND (0.30)