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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 September

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 subdrain and groundwater drain systems, as well as, bypassing groundwater pumped during the month of September at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS).

1. Subdrain and Groundwater Drain Systems

In September, purified groundwater pumped from the subdrain 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 September 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 September, 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 September 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)

Contact: International Nuclear Energy Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tel 03-5501-8227 Results of analyses on the quality of the purified groundwater pumped from the subdrain and groundwater drain systems at Fukushima Daiichi NPS (made available by TEPCO prior to discharge)

		T	(Unit: Bq/L)	
Data of compling	Detected	Analytical body		
Date of sampling *Date of discharge	nuclides	TEPCO	Third-party organization	
	Cs-134	ND (0.72)	ND (0.72)	
September 25 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.54)	ND (0.54)	
*Discharged on September 30 th	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.32)	
Coptombol 00	H-3	850	910	
	Cs-134	ND (0.79)	ND (0.70)	
September 24 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.78)	
*Discharged on August 29 th	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.32)	
August 29	H-3	900	970	
	Cs-134	ND (0.68)	ND (0.59)	
September 23 rd , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.61)	
*Discharged on September 28 th	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.34)	
September 26**	H-3	970	1,000	
	Cs-134	ND (0.56)	ND (0.69)	
September 22 nd , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.51)	
*Discharged on September 27 th	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.35)	
ocptomber 27	H-3	990	1,000	
	Cs-134	ND (0.70)	ND (0.50)	
September 21st, 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.54)	
*Discharged on September 26 th	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.33)	
September 20**	H-3	940	1,000	
	Cs-134	ND (0.45)	ND (0.76)	
September 20th, 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.80)	ND (0.67)	
*Discharged on September 25 th	Gross β	ND (1.7)	ND (0.35)	
September 25"	H-3	800	860	
	Cs-134	ND (0.63)	ND (0.79)	
September 19 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.77)	
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.33)	
September 24 th	H-3	730	780	
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September 18 th , 2020	Cs-134	ND (0.45)	ND (0.87)
•	Cs-137	ND (0.54)	ND (0.89)
*Discharged on September 23 rd	Gross β	ND (0.63)	ND (0.32)
·	H-3	640	680
O 1 1 17th 2000	Cs-134	ND (0.70)	ND (0.61)
September 17 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.63)
*Discharged on September 22 nd	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.31)
coptombol 22	H-3	610	660
	Cs-134	ND (0.72)	ND (0.69)
September 16 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.54)
*Discharged on September 21 st	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.35)
September 21	H-3	630	660
	Cs-134	ND (0.69)	ND (0.64)
September 15 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.47)	ND (0.54)
*Discharged on September 20 th	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.29)
September 20**	H-3	620	670
	Cs-134	ND (0.73)	ND (0.59)
September 14 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.74)	ND (0.63)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.32)
September 19 th	H-3	830	880
	Cs-134	ND (0.67)	ND (0.63)
September 13 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.60)	ND (0.63)
*Discharged on September 18 th	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.35)
September 10	H-3	880	970
	Cs-134	ND (0.64)	ND (0.69)
September 12 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.60)	ND (0.63)
*Discharged on September 17 th	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.37)
September 17**	H-3	920	970
	Cs-134	ND (0.61)	ND (0.55)
September 11 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.54)	ND (0.66)
*Discharged on September 16 th	Gross β	ND (0.57)	ND (0.35)
September 16**	H-3	1,000	1,100
	Cs-134	ND (0.49)	ND (0.53)
September 10 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.77)	ND (0.63)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (1.3)	ND (0.32)
September 15 th	H-3	930	1,000
	Cs-134	ND (0.79)	ND (0.62)
September 9 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.69)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.39)
September 14 th	H-3	880	920
September 8th, 2020	Cs-134	ND (0.85)	ND (0.58)
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*Discharged on	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.66)
September 13 th	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.36)
	H-3	860	910
	Cs-134	ND (0.76)	ND (0.59)
September 7 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.61)
*Discharged on September 12 th	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.38)
September 12**	H-3	750	790
	Cs-134	ND (0.58)	ND (0.61)
September 6 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.54)	ND (0.69)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.36)
September 11 th	H-3	750	790
	Cs-134	ND (0.71)	ND (0.83)
September 5 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.61)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.34)
September 10 th	H-3	780	810
September 4th, 2020	Cs-134	ND (0.56)	ND (0.61)
*Discharged on	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.61)
September 9 th	Gross β	ND (1.7)	ND (0.35)
	H-3	890	970
September 3 rd , 2020	Cs-134	ND (0.73)	ND (0.67)
•	Cs-137	ND (0.54)	ND (0.63)
*Discharged on September 8 th	Gross β	ND (2.1)	ND (0.36)
·	H-3	850	910
Contombor and 2000	Cs-134	ND (0.64)	ND (0.60)
September 2 nd , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.63)
*Discharged on September 7 th	Gross β	ND (2.1)	ND (0.35)
' 	H-3	860	910
Sontombor 1st 2020	Cs-134	ND (0.64)	ND (0.57)
September 1 st , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.73)
*Discharged on September 6 th	Gross β	ND (0.64)	ND (0.36)
	H-3	870	920
August 24st 2000	Cs-134	ND (0.85)	ND (0.47)
August 31 st , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.47)	ND (0.58)
*Discharged on September 5 th	Gross β	ND (2.1)	ND (0.36)
	H-3	880	920
August 20th 2000	Cs-134	ND (0.61)	ND (0.55)
August 30 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.84)	ND (0.63)
*Discharged on September 4 th	Gross β	ND (1.9)	0.39
	H-3	900	940
August 29th, 2020	Cs-134	ND (0.50)	ND (0.87)
*Discharged on	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.67)
September 3 rd	Gross β	ND (1.9)	0.39

	H-3	870	940
	Cs-134	ND (0.72)	ND (0.81)
August 28 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.77)
*Discharged on September 2 nd	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.41)
Gepteriber 2	H-3	920	970
	Cs-134	ND (0.45)	ND (0.53)
August 27 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.54)	ND (0.57)
*Discharged on September 1 st	Gross β	ND (0.69)	ND (0.33)
ocpicitiber 1	H-3	910	970

- st 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

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)

	Detected	Analytical body		
Date of sampling	nuclides	JAEA	TEPCO	Japan Chemical Analysis Center
	Cs-134	ND (0.0028)	ND (0.0046)	ND (0.0065)
	Cs-137	0.023	0.025	0.0023
August 1 st ,2020	Gross α	ND (0.61)	ND (3.4)	ND (1.9)
August 11,2020	Gross β	ND (0.47)	ND (0.64)	ND (0.52)
	H-3	1,100	1,000	1,100
	Sr-90	0.0077	0.0088	0.013

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

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)
September 3 rd , 2020	Cs-134	ND (0.73)
*0	Cs-137	ND (0.50)
*Sampled before discharge of purified	Gross β	10
groundwater.	H-3	ND (0.82)

(Reference)

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

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

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)

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Date of sampling		Analytical body	
*Date of discharge	Detected nuclides	TEPCO	Japan Chemical Analysis Center
	Cs-134	ND (0.56)	ND (0.77)
September 16 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.66)
*Discharged on September 24 th	Gross β	ND (0.68)	ND (0.35)
September 24**	H-3	86	92
- "	Cs-134	ND (0.82)	ND (0.53)
September 9 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.53)
*Discharged on September 17 th	Gross β	ND (0.65)	ND (0.49)
September 17**	H-3	89	93
	Cs-134	ND (0.41)	ND (0.53)
September 2 nd , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.45)
*Discharged on September 10 th	Gross β	ND (0.67)	ND (0.54)
September 10**	H-3	100	110
	Cs-134	ND (0.57)	ND (0.48)
August 26 th , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.39)
*Discharged on September 3 rd	Gross β	ND (0.74)	ND (0.53)
September 3.2	H-3	110	100

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

^{*} In order to ensure the results, Japan Chemical Analysis Center, a third-party organization, has also conducted an analysis and verified the radiation level of the sampled water.

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)

		Analytical body		
Date of sampling	Detected nuclides	JAEA	TEPCO	Japan Chemical Analysis Center
	Cs-134	ND (0.0024)	ND (0.0046)	ND (0.0064)
	Cs-137	ND (0.0021)	ND (0.0043)	ND (0.0043)
August 5 th , 2020	Gross α	ND (0.51)	ND (3.2)	ND (1.9)
August 5", 2020	Gross β	ND (0.48)	ND (0.66)	ND (0.51)
	H-3	120	110	120
	Sr-90	ND (0.0012)	ND (0.0014)	ND (0.0054)

 $^{^{\}star}$ ND: represents a value below the detection limit; values in () represent the detection limit.

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

(Unit: Bq/L)

Date of sampling	Detected nuclides	Sampling point (South discharge channel)
	Cs-134	ND (0.85)
September 3 rd , 2020	Cs-137	ND (0.65)
	Gross β	13
	H-3	ND (0.82)

(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

 $[\]fine M$ The operational target of Gross $\fine \beta$ is 1 Bq/L in the survey which is conducted once every ten days.