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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 May

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 May at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS).

1. Subdrain and Groundwater Drain Systems

In May, 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 May 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. and Japan Chemical Analysis Center).

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 May, 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 May 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 subdrain 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
May 25th, 2019 *Discharged on May 30th	Cs-134	ND (0.56)	ND (0.57)
	Cs-137	ND (0.68)	ND (0.62)
	Gross β	ND (2.4)	ND (0.32)
	H-3	730	780
May 23rd, 2019 *Discharged on May 28th	Cs-134	ND (0.40)	ND (0.60)
	Cs-137	ND (0.68)	ND (0.80)
	Gross β	ND (0.71)	ND (0.33)
	H-3	740	790
May 21st, 2019 *Discharged on May 26th	Cs-134	ND (0.89)	ND (0.64)
	Cs-137	ND (0.58)	ND (0.66)
	Gross β	ND (2.2)	ND (0.33)
	H-3	760	810
May 19th, 2019 *Discharged on May 24th	Cs-134	ND (0.54)	ND (0.62)
	Cs-137	ND (0.58)	ND (0.45)
	Gross β	ND (2.6)	ND (0.36)
	H-3	460	500
May 17th, 2019 *Discharged on May 22nd	Cs-134	ND (0.62)	ND (0.61)
	Cs-137	ND (0.46)	ND (0.67)
	Gross β	ND (0.79)	ND (0.33)
	H-3	570	620
May 15th, 2019 *Discharged on May 20th	Cs-134	ND (0.49)	ND (0.68)
	Cs-137	ND (0.63)	ND (0.70)
	Gross β	ND (2.3)	ND (0.34)
	H-3	900	970
May 13th, 2019 *Discharged on May 18th	Cs-134	ND (0.52)	ND (0.65)
	Cs-137	ND (0.58)	ND (0.59)
	Gross β	ND (2.6)	ND (0.34)
	H-3	860	940
May 11th, 2019 *Discharged on	Cs-134	ND (0.52)	ND (0.61)
	Cs-137	ND (0.71)	ND (0.53)

May 16th	Gross β	ND (2.4)	ND (0.34)
	H-3	690	750
May 9th, 2019 *Discharged on May 14th	Cs-134	ND (0.54)	ND (0.83)
	Cs-137	ND (0.71)	ND (0.57)
	Gross β	ND (0.65)	ND (0.34)
	H-3	720	800
May 7th, 2019 *Discharged on May 12th	Cs-134	ND (0.52)	ND (0.55)
	Cs-137	ND (0.46)	ND (0.56)
	Gross β	ND (2.2)	ND (0.36)
	H-3	690	750
May 5th, 2019 *Discharged on May 10th	Cs-134	ND (0.60)	ND (0.61)
	Cs-137	ND (0.53)	ND (0.76)
	Gross β	ND (2.2)	ND (0.34)
	H-3	700	750
May 4th, 2019 *Discharged on May 9th	Cs-134	ND (0.81)	ND (0.59)
	Cs-137	ND (0.68)	ND (0.71)
	Gross β	ND (2.1)	ND (0.31)
	H-3	710	770
May 3rd, 2019 *Discharged on May 8th	Cs-134	ND (0.71)	ND (0.62)
	Cs-137	ND (0.68)	ND (0.69)
	Gross β	ND (2.5)	ND (0.34)
	H-3	700	770
May 2nd, 2019 *Discharged on May 7th	Cs-134	ND (0.59)	ND (0.47)
	Cs-137	ND (0.53)	ND (0.64)
	Gross β	ND (0.66)	ND (0.32)
	H-3	700	750
April 27th, 2019 *Discharged on May 2nd	Cs-134	ND (0.62)	ND (0.62)
	Cs-137	ND (0.63)	ND (0.56)
	Gross β	ND (2.4)	ND (0.31)
	H-3	750	800

- * 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
April 3rd,2019	Cs-134	0.0030	ND (0.0047)	ND (0.0066)
	Cs-137	0.026	0.032	0.029
	Gross α	ND (0.63)	ND (3.1)	ND (2.0)
	Gross β	ND (0.46)	ND (0.68)	ND (0.55)
	H-3	930	790	850
	Sr-90	ND (0.0013)	ND (0.0013)	ND (0.0053)

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

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)
March 15th, 2019 *Sampled before discharge of purified groundwater.	Cs-134	ND (0.61)
	Cs-137	ND (0.72)
	Gross β	11
	H-3	ND (1.6)

(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.

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	Japan Chemical Analysis Center
May 30th, 2019 *Discharged on May 21st	Cs-134	ND (0.74)	ND (0.52)
	Cs-137	ND (0.71)	ND (0.53)
	Gross β	ND (0.83)	ND (0.51)
	H-3	110	110
May 23rd, 2019 *Discharged on May 14th	Cs-134	ND (0.62)	ND (0.54)
	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.44)
	Gross β	ND (0.63)	ND (0.52)
	H-3	110	120
May 16th, 2019 *Discharged on May 7th	Cs-134	ND (0.58)	ND (0.59)
	Cs-137	ND (0.63)	ND (0.50)
	Gross β	ND (0.69)	ND (0.52)
	H-3	110	110
April 30th, 2019 *Discharged on May 10th	Cs-134	ND (0.66)	ND (0.59)
	Cs-137	ND (0.53)	ND (0.54)
	Gross β	ND (0.66)	ND (0.57)
	H-3	120	120

- * 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.

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
April 4th, 2019	Cs-134	ND (0.0034)	ND (0.0049)	ND (0.0058)
	Cs-137	ND (0.0023)	ND (0.0043)	ND (0.0048)
	Gross α	ND (0.70)	ND (3.1)	ND (2.0)
	Gross β	ND (0.46)	ND (0.68)	ND (0.57)
	H-3	120	110	120
	Sr-90	ND (0.0017)	ND (0.0015)	ND (0.0052)

* 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 ※conducted four times a year	Detected nuclides	Sampling point (South discharge channel)
March 15th, 2019	Cs-134	ND (0.63)
	Cs-137	ND (0.46)
	Gross β	10
	H-3	7.7

(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.