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

Overflow of rainwater from Drainage K into the sea outside the port at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to provide all Missions with the information on overflow of rainwater from Drainage K into the sea outside the port at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS).

According to TEPCO, it confirmed at 8:24 am July 16th that part of rainwater in Drainage K had been overflowing into the sea outside the port, crossing over dikes placed in the drainage channel, because of heavy rain.

Regarding Drainage K, TEPCO has been transferring rainwater into the inside of the port by using 8 pumps, as a tentative measure before completion of the shifting work of Drainage K, so as to lead to the inside of the port. However, the precipitation surpassed the pump's capacity to transfer, even though the pumps were working normally.

TEPCO confirmed that the overflow had stopped as of 8:10 pm on the same day, due to the decrease of precipitation.

Although concentration level of radioactive materials in seawater sample collected at the discharge point of Drainage K rose temporarily, the level outside the port remains low enough compared to the density limit specified by the Reactor Regulation.

In the wake of this incident, the Government of Japan directed TEPCO to continue to monitor the situation and to implement the current shifting work of the drainage channels as soon as possible.

The latest information in English on this issue is posted on the TEPCO's English Twitter. https://twitter.com/TEPCO_English

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