Information (17:00), October 29, 2021

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

1. Summary of decommissioning and contaminated water management

In September, the summary of monthly progress on decommissioning and contaminated water management of Fukushima Daiichi NPS was issued shown in Appendix 1. For more information, please see the following URL: https://www.meti.go.jp/english/earthquake/nuclear/decommissioning/pdf/mp202109.pdf

2. Sub-drain and Groundwater Drain Systems

In September, purified groundwater pumped from the sub-drain and groundwater drain systems was discharged on the dates shown in Appendix 2. 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 3).

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 4). 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 5. 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 6).

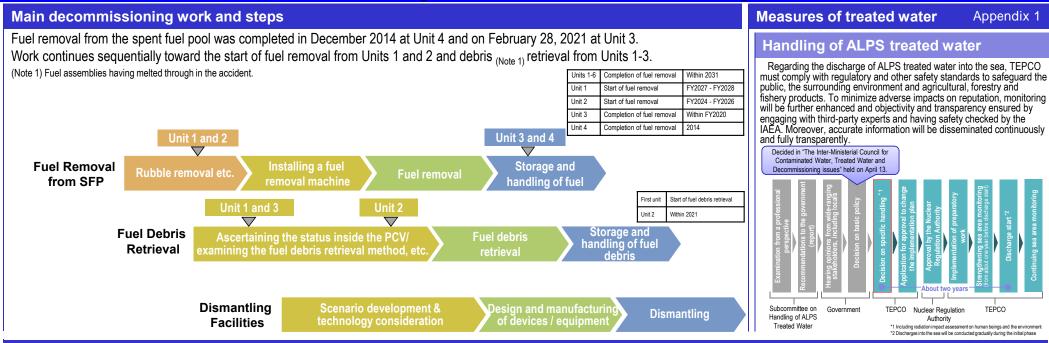
Moreover, TEPCO publishes analysis results on seawater sampled during the discharge operation at the nearest seawater sampling post from the discharge point (see Appendix 7). The result shows that the radiation levels in seawater remain lower than the density limit specified by the Reactor Regulation 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 Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tel 03-5501-8227

Outline of Decommissioning and Contaminated Water Management



Contaminated water management - triple-pronged efforts -

(1) Efforts to promote contaminated water management based on the three basic policies ① "Remove" the source of water contamination ② "Redirect" fresh water from contaminated areas

③ "Retain" contaminated water from leakage

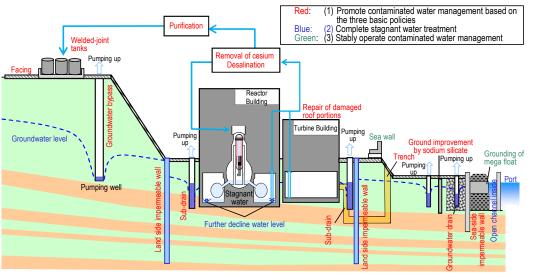
- Strontium-reduced water from other equipment is being re-treated in the multi-nuclide removal equipment (ALPS) and stored in welded-joint tanks.
- Multi-layered contaminated water management measures, including land-side impermeable walls and sub-drains, have stabilized the groundwater at a low level and the increased contaminated water generated during rainfall is being suppressed by repairing damaged portions of building roofs, facing onsite, etc. Through these measures, the generation of contaminated water was reduced from approx. 540 m³/day (in May 2014) to approx. 180 m³/day (in FY2019) and approx. 140 m³/day (in 2020).
- Measures continue to further suppress the generation of contaminated water to 100 m³/day or less within 2025.

(2) Efforts to complete stagnant water treatment

- To lower the stagnant water levels in buildings as planned, work to install additional stagnant water transfer equipment is underway. At present, the floor surface exposure condition can be maintained except for the Unit 1-3 Reactor Buildings, Process Main Building and the High Temperature Incinerator Building.
- In 2020, treatment of stagnant water in buildings was completed, except for the Unit 1-3 Reactor Buildings, Process Main Building and High-Temperature Incinerator Building. For Reactor Buildings, the amount of stagnant water there will be reduced to about half the amount at the end of 2020 during the period FY2022-2024.
- For Zeolite sandbags on the basement floors of the Process Main Building and High-Temperature Incinerator Building, measures to reduce the radiation dose are being examined with stabilization in mind.

(3) Efforts to stably operate contaminated water management

• To prepare for tsunamis, various measures are underway. For heavy rain, sandbags are being installed to suppress direct inflow into buildings while work closing building openings and installing sea walls to enhance drainage channels and other measures are being implemented as planned.



Progress Status and Future Challenges of the Mid-and-Long-Term Roadmap toward Decommissioning of TEPCO Holdings Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (Outline)

The test construction of the Japan Trench Tsunami Seawall started from June and as Approx. 16m

Progress status

To eliminate the risk of

heavy rain from an early

install the new D drainage

channel, a total of approx.

800m from the existing D

port. From September 6,

propulsion tunnel method.

To install the channel

before the 2022 typhoon

Spent Fuel Pool

(SFF

392

season, work proceeds

Operating floor

Water

iniectio

Reactor Building (R/B)

fuel removal

October.

safely.

Primary Containment

Vessel (PCV)

Reactor

Pressure

Vessel (RPV)

Fuel

debris

drilling started by the

drainage to the inside of the

stage, there is a plan to

◆ The temperatures of the Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) and Primary Containment Vessel (PCV) of Units 1-3 have been maintained within the range of approx. 25-35°C*1 over the past month. There was no significant change in the concentration of radioactive materials newly released from Reactor

Buildings into the air*2. It was concluded that the comprehensive cold shutdown condition had been maintained.

the construction procedures were

underway and on schedule.

Facility special for Sub-drain &

Removed fuel (assemblies)

(Fuel removal completed

on February 28, 2021)

Water

injection

function transfer and others will be

566/566

confirmed, work to install concrete wall

material for the seawall construction started

from September 14. Toward completion in the 2nd half of FY2023, construction is

Furthermore, work is underway to arrange

the filtered water tank west side area, a high ground to which the Water-Treatment

Groundwater will be transferred. Work of

completed at the end of FY2023 - early FY2024.

* 2 In August 2021, the radiation exposure dose due to the release of radioactive materials from the Unit 1-4 Reactor Buildings was evaluated at less than 0.00005 mSv/year at the site boundary The annual radiation dose from natural radiation is approx. 2.1 mSv/year (average in Japan)

Approx. 4.5m

26 20

Wall

material

Base concrete

1568/1568

Stiller.

<Test construction of concrete wall

material> (September 8)>

< Installation of concrete wall material (September 27)>

Cover for fuel removal

Removed fuel (assemblies)

1535/1535^{*1}

(Fuel removal completed on December 22, 2014)

To eliminate the risk of heavy rain from an early stage, drilling of the new D drainage channel started steadily progressing

Ours dei

Unit 1 Unit 2 Unit 3 Unit 4

New draina de (in stalle d)

B drainage

D drainage

Blowout panel (closed)

Water

injectior

<Outline of the drainage>

<Drilling by the propulsion

tunnel method>

Front chamber

615

New D drainage

K drainage

N 🕄 A drainage (after replacement)

Unit 6 Unit 5

A drainage

Unit 5/6 drainage

Fransfer of slurry in the High-Integrity Construction of the Japan Trench Tsunami Seawall and others is Container and response to the damage to the

* 1 The values varied somewhat, depending on the unit and location of the thermometer.

exhaust filter Work to transfer slurry (sediment) in the High-Integrity Container (HIC) was suspended on August 24 as the dust concentration at the outlet of the HIC exhaust filter increased. Subsequently, countermeasures such as installing an alternative filter were implemented and the transfer of the first HIC by the transfer equipment was completed on September 28.

Furthermore, exhaust filters inside ALPS were also

Exhaust filters constitute ancillary equipment different from the purification function such as pretreatment facilities and the purification performance of ALPS remains unaffected. Moreover, there was no body contamination or intake of workers and it was evaluated that there were no influence on

Inspection continues for exhaust filters of other facilities, causes of damages and others will be investigated, and countermeasures implemented from the perspective of facilities, operation and maintenance.

Toward the Unit 1 PCV internal investigation. work to eliminate interferences was completed

Toward the internal investigation of the Unit 1 Primary Containment Vessel (PCV), all work to eliminate interferences related to creation of an

access route was completed on September 17. After this, pre-work will be implemented including pulling out the AWJ (Abrasive Water Jet) equipment and inserting the guide pipe. Pre-work continues toward starting the

investigation within

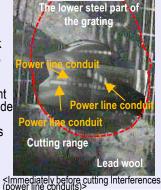
FY2021.

In response to the damage to this HIC exhaust filter, HIC exhaust filters connecting to the multi-nuclide removal equipment (ALPS) were inspected, whereupon similar damage was detected. (* Similar damage was also detected when replacing exhaust filters two years ago.)

inspected, with damage detected in 32 of a total of 76 filters (including damage to HIC of the ALPS).

the outside.

PCV internal



Unit 3

Shield

Unit 4 * 1 Including two new fuel assemblie removed first in 2012. Investigation utilizing the existing drilled hole of the shield plug

Dome roof

Fuel-handling

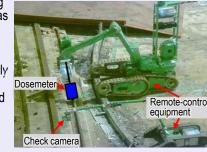
machine Crane

FHM girder

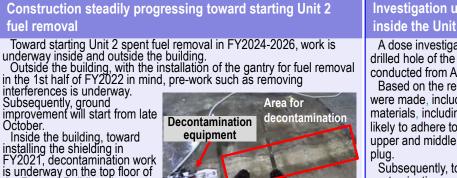
inside the Unit 2 Reactor Building top floor

A dose investigation from the existing drilled hole of the Unit 2 shield plug was conducted from August to September. Based on the results, assumptions were made, including that radioactive materials, including cesium, were highly likely to adhere to and accumulate in upper and middle sections of the shield

Subsequently, to understand the contamination conditions more accurately, dose investigations will be conducted over the shield plug from October and the new drilled hole from December.



<Image of the dose investigation over the shield plug



Unit 2

installing the shielding in FY2021, decontamination work is underway on the top floor of the Reactor Building. At present, rough decontamination on the floor surface was completed and decontamination of the high area is being prepared.

Unit 1



<High-pressure water decontamination on the floor>



2/9

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)
Dete of complian	Dete stad	Analyti	cal body
Date of sampling *Date of discharge	Detected nuclides	TEPCO	Third-party organization
	Cs-134	ND (0.72)	ND (0.54)
September 25 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.69)
*Discharged on September 30 th	Gross β	ND (1.7)	ND (0.34)
September 50	H-3	920	970
	Cs-134	ND (0.61)	ND (0.48)
September 24 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.54)
*Discharged on September 29 th	Gross β	ND (2.1)	ND (0.35)
September 29	H-3	970	970
	Cs-134	ND (0.53)	ND (0.51)
September 23 rd , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.54)	ND (0.71)
*Discharged on September 28 th	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.37)
September 20	H-3	930	930
	Cs-134	ND (0.67)	ND (0.58)
September 22 nd , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.54)	ND (0.66)
*Discharged on September 27 th	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.29)
	H-3	870	930
	Cs-134	ND (0.72)	ND (0.60)
September 21 st , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.58)
*Discharged on September 26 th	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.32)
September 20	H-3	880	900
0 / 1 00#	Cs-134	ND (0.70)	ND (0.58)
September 20 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.54)	ND (0.58)
*Discharged on September 25 th	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.34)
September 25	H-3	900	940
	Cs-134	ND (0.75)	ND (0.72)
September 19 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.66)
*Discharged on September 24 th	Gross β	ND (0.55)	ND (0.29)
	H-3	910	930
0	Cs-134	ND (0.63)	ND (0.82)
September 18 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.57)
*Discharged on September 23 rd	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.37)
	H-3	890	920

(Unit[.] Ba/L)

0 () () ()	Cs-134	ND (0.61)	ND (0.78)
September 18 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.63)
*Discharged on September 23 rd	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.34)
September 23 rd	H-3	880	900
-	Cs-134	ND (0.68)	ND (0.67)
September 17 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.53)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (1.6)	ND (0.34)
September 22 nd	H-3	820	840
-	Cs-134	ND (0.63)	ND (0.64)
September 16 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.47)	ND (0.63)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (1.6)	ND (0.34)
September 21 st	H-3	940	950
	Cs-134	ND (0.67)	ND (0.57)
September 15 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.69)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.32)
September 20 th	H-3	920	940
	Cs-134	ND (0.63)	ND (0.70)
September 14 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.66)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.33)
September 19 th	H-3	900	920
	Cs-134	ND (0.53)	ND (0.70)
September 13th, 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.54)	ND (0.63)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.33)
September 18 th	H-3	800	800
	Cs-134	ND (0.63)	ND (0.62)
September 12 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.51)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.35)
September 17 th	H-3	680	700
	Cs-134	ND (0.82)	ND (0.43)
September 12 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.47)	ND (0.61)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (2.1)	ND (0.35)
September 17 th	H-3	830	840
	Cs-134	ND (0.61)	ND (0.68)
September 11 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.60)	ND (0.76)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (1.7)	ND (0.33)
September 16 th	H-3	880	890
	Cs-134	ND (0.68)	ND (0.47)
September 10 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.60)	ND (0.69)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (0.70)	ND (0.31)
September 15 th	H-3	830	830

O () Otherses	Cs-134	ND (0.64)	ND (0.67)
September 9 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.66)
*Discharged on September 14 th	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.34)
	H-3	800	800
	Cs-134	ND (0.68)	ND (0.54)
September 9 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.54)	ND (0.66)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.32)
September 14 th	H-3	810	820
	Cs-134	ND (0.49)	ND (0.60)
September 8 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.61)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.32)
September 13 th	H-3	970	970
	Cs-134	ND (0.82)	ND (0.54)
September 7 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.66)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.39)
September 12 th	H-3	940	940
	Cs-134	ND (0.70)	ND (0.69)
September 6 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.47)	ND (0.78)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (2.1)	ND (0.34)
September 11 th	H-3	830	850
	Cs-134	ND (0.78)	ND (0.52)
September 5 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.54)	ND (0.77)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.33)
September 10 th	H-3	860	890
	Cs-134	ND (0.76)	ND (0.66)
September 4 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.89)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (1.7)	ND (0.35)
September 9 th	H-3	810	830
	Cs-134	ND (0.78)	ND (0.78)
September 4 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.72)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.36)
September 9 th	H-3	830	850
	Cs-134	ND (0.69)	ND (0.80)
September 3 rd , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.60)	ND (0.67)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.36)
September 8 th	H-3	900	920
	Cs-134	ND (0.72)	ND (0.68)
September 2 nd , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.67)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.36)
September 7 th	H-3	900	920

	Cs-134	ND (0.61)	ND (0.66)
September 1 st , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.77)
*Discharged on September 6 th	Gross β	ND (0.65)	ND (0.37)
September 6"	H-3	890	920
	Cs-134	ND (0.53)	ND (0.72)
August 31 st , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.72)
*Discharged on September 5 th	Gross β	ND (2.1)	ND (0.37)
September 5"	H-3	780	780
	Cs-134	ND (0.56)	ND (0.69)
August 30 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.61)
*Discharged on September 4 th	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.41)
	H-3	800	820
	Cs-134	ND (0.72)	ND (0.61)
August 29 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.60)	ND (0.71)
*Discharged on September 3 rd	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.38)
September 5	H-3	860	870
	Cs-134	ND (0.79)	ND (0.66)
August 28 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.81)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (0.66)	ND (0.34)
September 2 nd	H-3	780	790
	Cs-134	ND (0.87)	ND (0.71)
August 27 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.60)	ND (0.72)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.36)
September 1 st	H-3	720	750

- * * 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)

				(Unit: Bq/L)
		Analytical body		
Date of sampling	Detected nuclides	JAEA	TEPCO	Japan Chemical Analysis Center
	Cs-134	ND (0.0028)	ND (0.0046)	ND (0.0069)
	Cs-137	0.0067	0.0085	0.0083
August 1 st ,2021	Gross α	ND (0.50)	ND (3.4)	ND (2.4)
August 19,2021	Gross β	ND (0.38)	ND (0.64)	ND (0.47)
	H-3	650	630	650
	Sr-90	0.0069	0.0076	0.0060

 * 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 9 th , 2021	Cs-134	ND (0.61)
	Cs-137	ND (0.65)
*Sampled before discharge of purified	Gross β	10
groundwater.	H-3	ND (1.8)

(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.

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		Analytical body	
*Date of discharge	Detected nuclides	TEPCO	Japan Chemical Analysis Center
4	Cs-134	ND (0.63)	ND (0.46)
September 21 st , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.66)
*Discharged on September 29 th	Gross β	ND (0.70)	ND (0.33)
September 29	H-3	64	66
	Cs-134	ND (0.86)	ND (0.48)
September 11 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.63)	ND (0.50)
*Discharged on	Gross β	ND (0.65)	ND (0.62)
September 19 th	H-3	65	62
	Cs-134	ND (0.53)	ND (0.37)
September 6 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.43)
*Discharged on September 15 th	Gross β	ND (0.59)	ND (0.48)
September 15	H-3	57	58
	Cs-134	ND (0.59)	ND (0.37)
September 1 st , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.70)	ND (0.49)
*Discharged on September 9 th	Gross β	ND (0.58)	ND (0.59)
September 9	H-3	61	62
	Cs-134	ND (0.77)	ND (0.53)
August 25 th , 2021	Cs-137	ND (0.65)	ND (0.43)
*Discharged on September 2 nd	Gross β	ND (0.67)	ND (0.52)
	H-3	55	55

* * 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)

				(Unit: Bq/L)
		Analytical body		
Date of sampling	Detected nuclides	JAEA	TEPCO	Japan Chemical Analysis Center
	Cs-134	ND (0.0028)	ND (0.0039)	ND (0.0059)
	Cs-137	ND (0.0021)	ND (0.0037)	ND (0.0046)
August 4 th , 2021	Gross α	ND (0.45)	ND (3.4)	ND (2.4)
August 4 , 2021	Gross β	ND (0.38)	ND (0.60)	ND (0.58)
	H-3	58	57	60
	Sr-90	0.0022	ND (0.0013)	ND (0.0053)

 * 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)
	Cs-134	ND (0.81)
Contomber Oth 2024	Cs-137	ND (0.65)
September 9 th , 2021	Gross β	12
	H-3	3.8

(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.