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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 July

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 July at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS).

1. Summary of decommissioning and contaminated water management

In July 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/mp202307.pdf>

2. Sub-drain and Groundwater Drain Systems

In July 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 July 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.

3. Groundwater Bypassing

In July, 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 July 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:

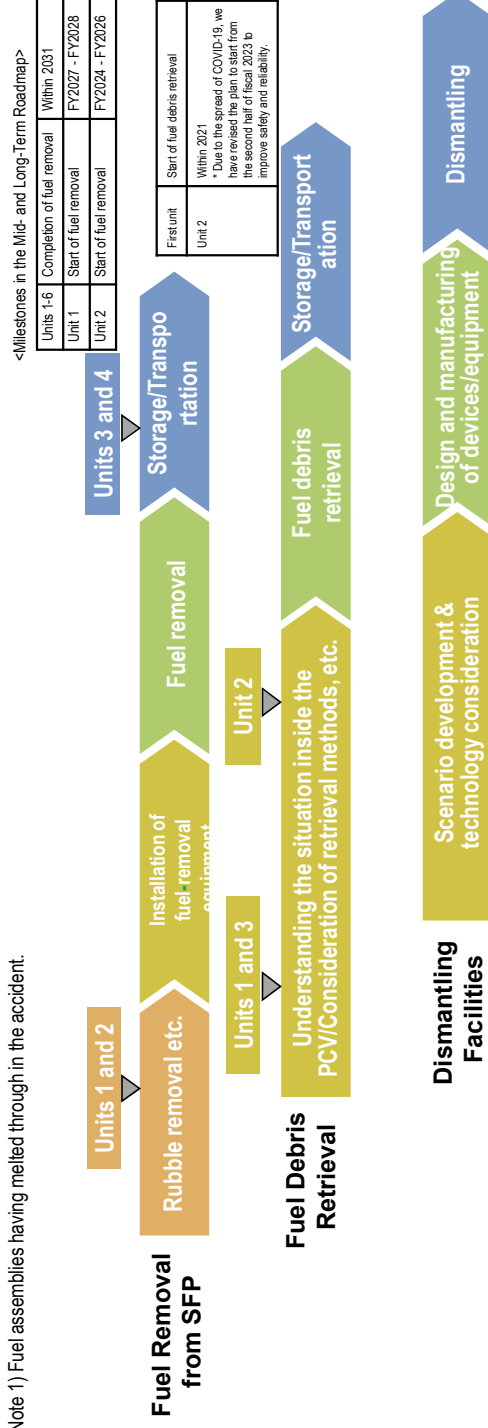
<http://www.tepco.co.jp/en/nu/fukushima-np/handouts/index-e.html>)

Contact: International Nuclear Energy Cooperation Division,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tel 03-5501-8227

Main decommissioning work and steps

Fuel removal from the spent fuel pool was completed in December 2014 at Unit 4 and on February 28, 2021 at Unit 3. Work continues sequentially toward the start of fuel removal from Units 1 and 2 and debris (Note 1) retrieval from Units 1-3.

(Note 1) Fuel assemblies having melted through in the accident.



Contaminated water management - triple-pronged efforts -

- Efforts to promote contaminated water management based on the three basic policies
 - "Remove" the source of water contamination
 - "Redirect" fresh water from contaminated areas
 - "Retain" contaminated water from leakage

- Strontium-reduced water from other equipment is being re-treated in the Advanced Liquid Processing System (ALPS: multi-nuclide removal equipment) 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. 130 m³/day (in FY2021).
- Measures continue to further suppress the generation of contaminated water to 100 m³/day or less within 2025.

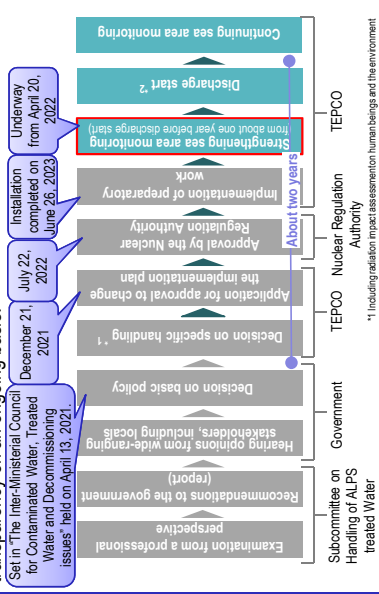
(2) Efforts to complete stagnant water treatment

- To reduce the stagnant water levels in buildings as planned, work to install additional stagnant water transfer equipment is underway.
- 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.
- While conducting the dust impact assessment, measures to reduce the stagnant water level were implemented. In March 2023, the target water level in each building was achieved. For the Units 1-3 Reactor Buildings, "reducing stagnant water in the Reactor Buildings to about half the amount at the end of 2020 during the period FY2022-2024" was achieved.
- 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.

Measures for treated water

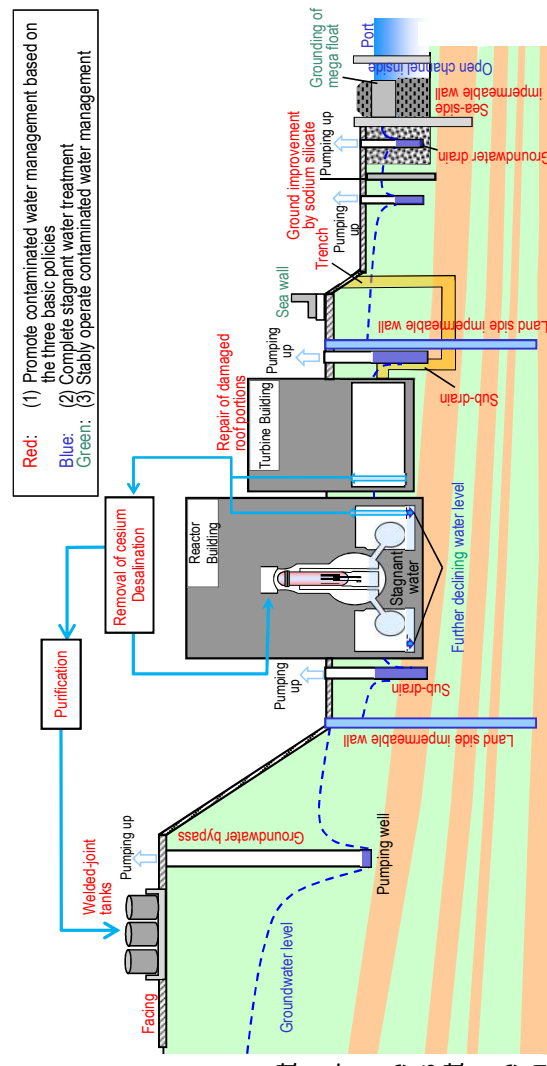
Handling of ALPS treated water

Regarding the discharge of ALPS treated water into the sea, TEPCO must comply with regulatory and other safety standards to safeguard the public, the surrounding environment and agricultural, forestry and fishery products. To minimize adverse impacts on reputation, monitoring will be further enhanced and objectivity and transparency ensured by engaging with third-party experts and having safety checked by the IAEA. Moreover, accurate information will be disseminated with full transparency on an ongoing basis.



(3) Efforts to stably operate contaminated water management

- Various measures are underway to prepare for tsunamis. As of countermeasures for heavy rain, sandbags are being installed to suppress direct inflow into buildings while work to close openings in buildings and install 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)

Progress status

- ◆ The temperatures of the Reactor and the Primary Containment Vessel of Units 1-3 have been maintained stable. There was no significant change in the concentration of radioactive materials newly released from Reactor Buildings into the air. It was concluded that the comprehensive cold shutdown condition had been maintained.

Progress status related to the response to ALPS treated water (completion of the pre-service inspections and publication of the Comprehensive Report of the IAEA safety review)

Regarding ALPS treated Water Dilution/Discharge Facility and Related Facilities, installation of the facilities was completed on June 26, TEPCO underwent the pre-service inspection by the Nuclear Regulatory Authority (NRA) for the period June 28-30 and received a certificate of completion on July 7.

Going forward, TEPCO will do its utmost to maintain and manage ALPS treated water dilution/discharge facility and related facilities while also proactively engaging in initiatives to improve safety in the field, such as implementing operational training, so as to operate these facilities with precision.

The Comprehensive Report on the safety review concerning handling of ALPS-treated water was also published by the IAEA on July 4.

In the Executive Summary of the IAEA Comprehensive Report, the IAEA concluded the following:

- Based on its comprehensive assessment, the IAEA has concluded that the approach to the discharge of ALPS treated water into the sea and the associated activities by TEPCO, NRA and the Government of Japan, are consistent with relevant international safety standards.
- The IAEA has concluded, based on its comprehensive assessment, that the discharge of the ALPS treated water, as currently planned by TEPCO, will have a negligible radiological impact on people and the environment. We will continue to share necessary information with the IAEA, while striving to foster further understanding of the international community about the discharge of ALPS treated water into the sea.

Unit 2 Progress status of PCV internal investigation and trial retrieval

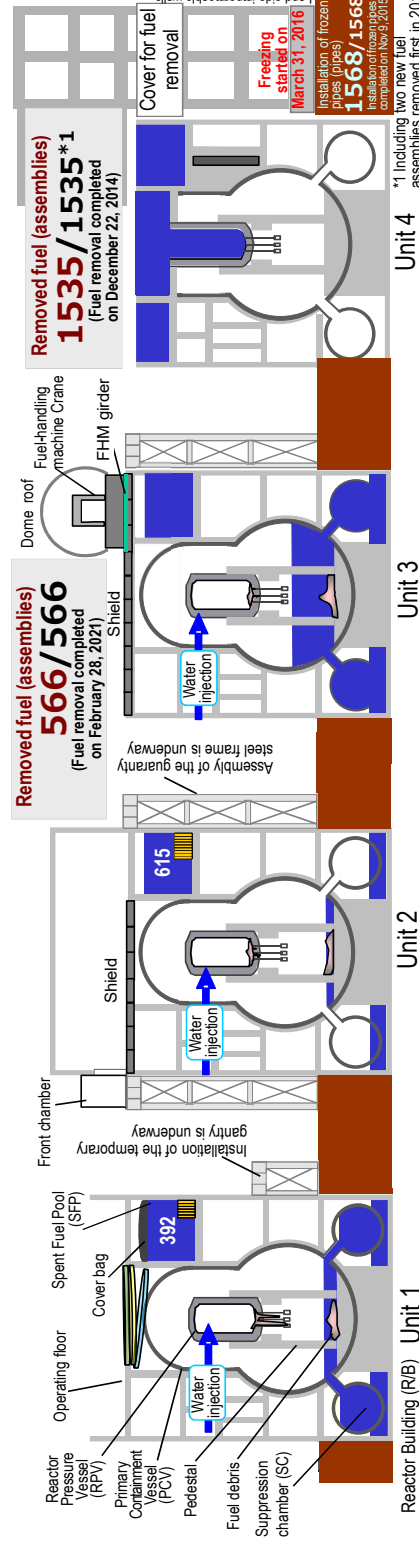
To open the X-6 penetration hatch before retrieving trial debris, removal of 24 hatch bolts is underway.

As of July 26, nine of 20 bolts, for which connections with nuts were cut, had been removed.

After cutting the remaining bolt-nut connections, bolts will be pushed in and removed and the hatch will be opened. No significant variation was detected in the indicated values of dust monitors and monitoring posts, nor any abnormality in plant parameters.



< Status of removal of bolts >
(July 19, 2023)



Unit 2 Work to reduce the radiation dose of reactor system instrumentation pipes toward investigation inside the RPV

The internal structure of the Unit 2 Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) will be investigated by a fiber scope using the existing instrumentation pipes. Work to reduce high airborne radiation dose in the work area will be conducted.

Decontamination on the floor and other work has been underway since April 10 and cleaning of the radiation source pipes and other related work will be implemented after August. During work, parameters inside the PCV will be monitored to confirm no significant variation.

Units 1/2 Progress status of removal and other work of SGTS pipes

For pipes of the Units 1/2

Standby Gas Treatment System (SGTS), cutting and removal of 8 sections

interfering with installation of the Unit 1 Reactor Building cover were completed on July 14. After removing rubble from the Units 1/2 Radioactive Waste Treatment Building,

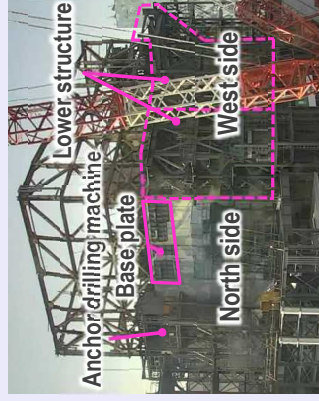
construction of the large cover south side will commence.

Removed SGTS pipes will be analyzed and stored after shredding.

Unit 1 Progress status of work toward fuel removal

Toward installing the large cover, anchors are being drilled and base plates are being installed on the east and north sides.

From June, the installation of the lower structure started from the west side. As of July 26, installation of two blocks had been completed (progress rate: approx. 6%).



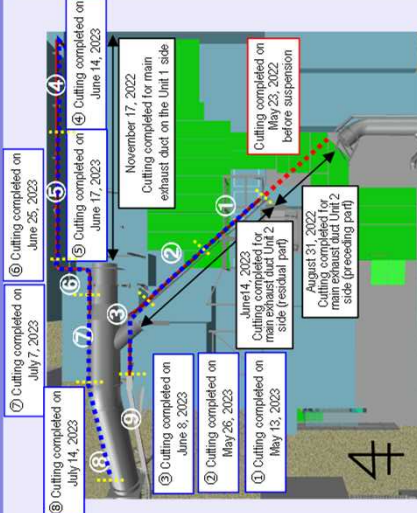
< Status of work of Unit 1 Reactor Building >
(July 24, 2023)

Units 3/4 Status of on-site investigation toward dismantling the exhaust stack

Toward removing the Units 3/4 exhaust stack, to examine the influence of the radiation dose during dismantling and measures to prevent dust scattering, the radiation dose inside the exhaust stack and SGTS pipes were investigated in June.

Investigative results compiled in July showed that the radiation dose inside the exhaust stack was approx. 0.165-0.352 mSv/h and approx. 0.336-0.650 mSv/h inside the SGTS pipes.

These results were lower than the average airborne 0.650 mSv/h dose around the exhaust stack. Based on the dose results acquired during this investigation, specific cutting methods for the exhaust stack and measures to suppress dust scattering will be examined.



< Status of cutting of SGTS pipes >

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
July 27 th , 2023 *Discharged on August 1 st	Cs-134	ND (0.62)	ND (0.62)
	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.64)
	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.37)
	H-3	700	750
July 26 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 31 st	Cs-134	ND (0.79)	ND (0.68)
	Cs-137	ND (0.72)	ND (0.75)
	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.38)
	H-3	660	710
July 25 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 30 th	Cs-134	ND (0.86)	ND (0.47)
	Cs-137	ND (0.76)	ND (0.59)
	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.34)
	H-3	610	650
July 24 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 29 th	Cs-134	ND (0.89)	ND (0.55)
	Cs-137	ND (0.89)	ND (0.48)
	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.34)
	H-3	660	680
July 23 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 28 th	Cs-134	ND (0.75)	ND (0.64)
	Cs-137	ND (0.76)	ND (0.62)
	Gross β	ND (1.7)	ND (0.33)
	H-3	630	690
July 22 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 27 th	Cs-134	ND (0.53)	ND (0.64)
	Cs-137	ND (0.61)	ND (0.57)
	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.35)
	H-3	660	690
July 21 st , 2023 *Discharged on July 26 th	Cs-134	ND (0.65)	ND (0.60)
	Cs-137	ND (0.64)	ND (0.51)
	Gross β	ND (0.64)	ND (0.40)
	H-3	660	680
July 20 th , 2023 *Discharged on	Cs-134	ND (0.78)	ND (0.66)
	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.70)

July 25 th	Gross β	ND (1.6)	ND (0.35)
	H-3	680	730
July 19 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 24 th	Cs-134	ND (0.57)	ND (0.60)
	Cs-137	ND (0.72)	ND (0.79)
	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND(0.37)
	H-3	660	690
July 18 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 23 th	Cs-134	ND (0.57)	ND (0.71)
	Cs-137	ND (0.55)	ND (0.58)
	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.37)
	H-3	620	670
July 17 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 22 th	Cs-134	ND (0.69)	ND (0.65)
	Cs-137	ND (0.78)	ND (0.70)
	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.35)
	H-3	580	640
July 16 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 21 st	Cs-134	ND (0.65)	ND (0.60)
	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.58)
	Gross β	ND (1.6)	ND(0.35)
	H-3	640	690
July 15 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 20 th	Cs-134	ND (0.74)	ND (0.81)
	Cs-137	ND (0.67)	ND (0.67)
	Gross β	ND (1.7)	ND (0.36)
	H-3	710	790
July 14 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 19 th	Cs-134	ND (0.62)	ND (0.57)
	Cs-137	ND (0.82)	ND (0.58)
	Gross β	ND (0.60)	ND (0.34)
	H-3	760	820
July 13 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 18 th	Cs-134	ND (0.62)	ND (0.75)
	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.67)
	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.32)
	H-3	840	910
July 12 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 17 th	Cs-134	ND (0.62)	ND (0.60)
	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.61)
	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.30)
	H-3	940	1000
July 11 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 16 th	Cs-134	ND (0.79)	ND (0.58)
	Cs-137	ND (0.82)	ND (0.54)
	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.33)
	H-3	950	1000
July 10 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 15 th	Cs-134	ND (0.71)	ND (0.68)
	Cs-137	ND (0.82)	ND (0.72)
	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.35)

	H-3	930	990
July 9 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 14 th	Cs-134	ND (0.89)	ND (0.53)
	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.59)
	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.33)
	H-3	920	1000
July 8 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 13 th	Cs-134	ND(0.79)	ND(0.56)
	Cs-137	ND(0.66)	ND(0.57)
	Gross β	ND(1.6)	ND(0.33)
	H-3	970	1100
July 7 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 12 th	Cs-134	ND (0.66)	ND (0.64)
	Cs-137	ND (0.81)	ND (0.57)
	Gross β	ND (0.59)	ND (0.43)
	H-3	990	990
July 6 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 11 th	Cs-134	ND (0.74)	ND (0.68)
	Cs-137	ND (0.62)	ND (0.68)
	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND(0.34)
	H-3	880	960
July 5 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 10 th	Cs-134	ND (0.55)	ND (0.68)
	Cs-137	ND (0.59)	ND (0.64)
	Gross β	ND (1.7)	ND (0.36)
	H-3	870	910
July 4 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 9 th	Cs-134	ND (0.74)	ND (0.68)
	Cs-137	ND (0.76)	ND (0.72)
	Gross β	ND (1.7)	ND (0.35)
	H-3	800	890
July 3 rd , 2023 *Discharged on July 8 th	Cs-134	ND (0.75)	ND (0.62)
	Cs-137	ND (0.86)	ND (0.51)
	Gross β	ND (1.6)	ND (0.31)
	H-3	830	920
July 2 nd , 2023 *Discharged on July 7 th	Cs-134	ND (0.72)	ND (0.64)
	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.54)
	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND (0.34)
	H-3	840	910
July 1 st , 2023 *Discharged on July 6 th	Cs-134	ND (0.55)	ND (0.64)
	Cs-137	ND (0.85)	ND (0.62)
	Gross β	ND (0.65)	ND (0.32)
	H-3	820	910
June 30 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 5 th	Cs-134	ND (0.89)	ND (0.62)
	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.54)
	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND (0.35)
	H-3	780	850
June 29 th , 2023	Cs-134	ND (0.77)	ND (0.57)

*Discharged on July 4 th	Cs-137	ND (0.59)	ND (0.79)
	Gross β	ND (1.8)	ND (0.35)
	H-3	780	780
June 28 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 3 rd	Cs-134	ND (0.77)	ND (0.65)
	Cs-137	ND (0.59)	ND (0.58)
	Gross β	ND (2.0)	ND(0.37)
	H-3	720	790
June 27 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 2 nd	Cs-134	ND (0.84)	ND (0.60)
	Cs-137	ND (0.73)	ND (0.54)
	Gross β	ND (1.9)	ND(0.38)
	H-3	840	870

- * * 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)

Date of sampling	Detected nuclides	Analytical body		
		JAEA	TEPCO	Japan Chemical Analysis Center
June 2 nd ,2023	Cs-134	ND (0.0035)	ND (0.0054)	ND (0.0070)
	Cs-137	ND(0.0029)	ND(0.0040)	ND (0.0057)
	Gross α	ND (0.42)	ND (2.0)	ND (1.9)
	Gross β	ND (0.46)	ND (0.64)	ND (0.53)
	H-3	970	950	980
	Sr-90	ND (0.0042)	ND (0.0044)	ND(0.0057)

* 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.

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)
June 7 th , 2023 *Sampled before discharge of purified groundwater.	Cs-134	ND (0.84)
	Cs-137	ND (0.61)
	Gross β	14
	H-3	ND (0.34)

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
July 27 th , 2023 *Discharged on August 1 st	Cs-134	ND (0.55)	ND (0.62)
	Cs-137	ND (0.67)	ND (0.54)
	Gross β	ND (0.70)	ND (0.30)
	H-3	58	60
July 20 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 25 th	Cs-134	ND (0.65)	ND (0.60)
	Cs-137	ND (0.69)	ND (0.61)
	Gross β	ND (0.56)	ND (0.33)
	H-3	48	52
July 13 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 18 th	Cs-134	ND (0.80)	ND (0.59)
	Cs-137	ND (0.61)	ND (0.72)
	Gross β	ND (0.66)	ND (0.28)
	H-3	42	47
July 5 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 10 th	Cs-134	ND (0.98)	ND (0.60)
	Cs-137	ND (0.72)	ND (0.48)
	Gross β	ND (0.65)	ND (0.32)
	H-3	45	48
June 29 th , 2023 *Discharged on July 4 th	Cs-134	ND (0.61)	ND (0.64)
	Cs-137	ND (0.90)	ND (0.51)
	Gross β	ND (0.66)	ND (0.28)
	H-3	54	60

- * * 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)

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		JAEA	TEPCO	Japan Chemical Analysis Center
June 2 nd , 2023	Cs-134	ND (0.0035)	ND (0.0051)	ND (0.0073)
	Cs-137	ND (0.0029)	ND (0.0036)	ND (0.0051)
	Gross α	ND (0.28)	ND (2.0)	ND (1.9)
	Gross β	ND (0.44)	ND (0.61)	ND (0.65)
	H-3	51	51	52
	Sr-90	0.0012	ND (0.0013)	ND (0.0070)

* 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.

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)
June 7 th , 2023	Cs-134	ND (0.83)
	Cs-137	ND (0.65)
	Gross β	9.5
	H-3	ND (0.31)