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

A Puddle of Highly-Contaminated Water at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station and Its Impact on the Sea Water

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to inform all Missions about the information on a puddle of highly-contaminated water at the Fukushima Daiichi NPS and its impact on the sea water.

TEPCO announced on February 24th that a puddle of highly contaminated water was detected at the large carry-in entrance rooftop of the Unit 2 Reactor Building.

Ever since the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi NPS, TEPCO has taken measures to decontaminate and clean drainages in order to satisfy the conditions on marginal radiation levels which were set by the Nuclear Regulation Authority. However, following the fact that the radiation levels in the Drainage K has not been lowered to the satisfactory level, TEPCO conducted survey at some places where the radiation level is high, especially where TEPCO assumed that contaminated water would possibly flow into the Drainage K. As a result, aforementioned fact was newly observed.

In response to this event, the Government of Japan will instruct TEPCO to take every appropriate measures including decontamination and cleaning of the drainages in order to prevent radioactive materials from flowing out from the site through the drainages.

Regarding the radiation level of the sea water outside the port of the Fukushima Daiichi NPS, as it has been announced in the past, the level remains low enough compared to the density limit specified by the Reactor Regulation. For further information, please refer to the following webpage of TEPCO.

http://www.tepco.co.jp/en/press/corp-com/release/2015/1248334_6844.html

Also, please note that this course of event is different from the event

which MOFA announced on February 23rd regarding the temporal rise of radioactive data in the drainage at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi NPS.

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