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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 February 2017

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 February 2017 at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS).

1. Subdrain and Groundwater Drain Systems

In February, 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 February 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 (Mitsubishi Nuclear Fuel Co., Ltd, Kaken Co., Ltd and 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 is 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 February, 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 February 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 are 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 sampling process for analyses conducted this month is the same as the one announced 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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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
February 23 rd , 2017 *Discharged on February 28 th	Cs-134	ND (0.57)	ND (0.45)
	Cs-137	ND (0.75)	ND (0.78)
	Gross β	ND (2.4)	ND (0.32)
	H-3	860	900
February 22 nd , 2017 *Discharged on February 27 th	Cs-134	ND (0.81)	ND (0.88)
	Cs-137	ND (0.58)	ND (0.74)
	Gross β	ND (2.4)	ND (0.33)
	H-3	930	980
February 20 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 25 th	Cs-134	ND (0.62)	ND (0.79)
	Cs-137	ND (0.68)	ND (0.60)
	Gross β	ND (2.1)	ND (0.33)
	H-3	860	920
February 18 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 24 th	Cs-134	ND (0.58)	ND (0.68)
	Cs-137	ND (0.63)	ND (0.75)
	Gross β	ND (2.4)	ND (0.41)
	H-3	790	830
February 17 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 23 rd	Cs-134	ND (0.65)	ND (0.68)
	Cs-137	ND (0.75)	ND (0.86)
	Gross β	ND (2.7)	ND (0.35)
	H-3	800	840
February 16 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 22 nd	Cs-134	ND (0.63)	ND (0.60)
	Cs-137	ND (0.63)	ND (0.78)
	Gross β	ND (0.75)	0.40
	H-3	830	860
February 14 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 19 th	Cs-134	ND (0.64)	ND (0.84)
	Cs-137	ND (0.63)	ND (0.65)
	Gross β	ND (2.4)	ND (0.34)
	H-3	830	870
February 12 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 17 th	Cs-134	ND (0.63)	ND (0.79)
	Cs-137	ND (0.53)	ND (0.74)
	Gross β	ND (2.4)	ND (0.36)
	H-3	920	960

February 11 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 16 th	Cs-134	ND (0.68)	ND (0.86)
	Cs-137	ND (0.63)	ND (0.60)
	Gross β	ND (2.4)	ND (0.37)
	H-3	910	970
February 10 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 15 th	Cs-134	ND (0.68)	ND (0.70)
	Cs-137	ND (0.71)	ND (0.82)
	Gross β	ND (2.3)	ND (0.35)
	H-3	880	920
February 8 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 13 th	Cs-134	ND (0.68)	ND (0.60)
	Cs-137	ND (0.53)	ND (0.86)
	Gross β	ND (0.83)	0.40
	H-3	890	950
February 6 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 11 th	Cs-134	ND (0.81)	ND (0.67)
	Cs-137	ND (0.68)	ND (0.74)
	Gross β	ND (2.5)	0.44
	H-3	890	950
February 5 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 10 th	Cs-134	ND (0.76)	ND (0.76)
	Cs-137	ND (0.53)	ND (0.59)
	Gross β	ND (2.1)	ND (0.33)
	H-3	870	890
February 4 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 9 th	Cs-134	ND (0.54)	ND (0.49)
	Cs-137	ND (0.63)	ND (0.50)
	Gross β	ND (2.7)	ND (0.37)
	H-3	820	840
February 1 st , 2017 *Discharged on February 6 th	Cs-134	ND (0.52)	ND (0.54)
	Cs-137	ND (0.68)	ND (0.70)
	Gross β	ND (0.83)	ND (0.34)
	H-3	850	890
January 31 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 5 th	Cs-134	ND (0.40)	ND (0.79)
	Cs-137	ND (0.58)	ND (0.70)
	Gross β	ND (2.3)	0.46
	H-3	890	930
January 30 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 4 th	Cs-134	ND (0.62)	ND (0.66)
	Cs-137	ND (0.75)	ND (0.96)
	Gross β	ND (2.4)	ND (0.36)
	H-3	870	910
January 28 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 2 nd	Cs-134	ND (0.68)	ND (0.95)
	Cs-137	ND (0.63)	ND (0.78)
	Gross β	ND (2.5)	0.42
	H-3	920	940

- * * 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 : Mitsubishi Nuclear Fuel Co., Ltd, Kaken Co., Ltd and 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
January 1 st ,2017	Cs-134	ND (0.0033)	ND (0.0048)	ND (0.0063)
	Cs-137	0.0039	0.0049	ND(0.0040)
	Gross α	ND (0.46)	ND (3.1)	ND (3.5)
	Gross β	ND (0.45)	ND (0.72)	ND (0.57)
	H-3	570	530	540
	Sr-90	0.0037	ND (0.0013)	ND(0.0050)

* 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)
February 6 th , 2017 *During discharge	Cs-134	ND (0.59)
	Cs-137	ND (0.62)
	Gross β	14
	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.

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
February 15 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 28 th	Cs-134	ND (0.52)	ND (0.70)
	Cs-137	ND (0.58)	ND (0.59)
	Gross β	ND (0.72)	ND (0.60)
	H-3	130	130
February 8 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 21 th	Cs-134	ND (0.65)	ND (0.80)
	Cs-137	ND (0.63)	ND (0.53)
	Gross β	ND (0.75)	ND (0.52)
	H-3	120	140
February 1 st , 2017 *Discharged on February 14 th	Cs-134	ND (0.63)	ND (0.80)
	Cs-137	ND (0.58)	ND (0.76)
	Gross β	ND (0.72)	ND (0.55)
	H-3	140	150
January 25 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 7 th	Cs-134	ND (0.52)	ND (0.50)
	Cs-137	ND (0.63)	ND (0.59)
	Gross β	ND (0.83)	ND (0.50)
	H-3	140	150

- * * 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)

Date of sampling	Detected nuclides	Analytical body		
		JAEA	TEPCO	Japan Chemical Analysis Center
January 4 th , 2017	Cs-134	ND (0.0035)	ND (0.0049)	ND (0.0061)
	Cs-137	ND(0.0024)	ND(0.0039)	ND(0.0047)
	Gross α	ND (0.63)	ND (3.1)	ND (3.5)
	Gross β	ND (0.45)	ND (0.68)	ND (0.62)
	H-3	160	1150	150
	Sr-90	0.0038	ND (0.0015)	ND (0.0064)

* 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	Detected nuclides	Sampling point (South discharge channel)
January 10 th , 2017 *Discharged on February 2 nd	Cs-134	ND (0.67)
	Cs-137	ND (0.58)
	Gross β	11
	H-3	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	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.