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## **TEPCO's Fuel Removal from Unit 4 Spent Fuel Pool at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station**

Through the operational safety inspection by the Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA), it was acknowledged that 1,342 out of a total of 1,533 spent and unirradiated fuel assemblies in the Unit 4 Spent Fuel Pool at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station have been transferred to the Common Spent Fuel Pool on site as of 29 October 2014.

The fuel removal operation was suspended from 1 July to 3 September 2014 due to an annual inspection for the ceiling crane used for the operation, which resumed on 4 September 2014 by TEPCO.

The following URL for TEPCO's website leads to the current information on fuel removal operation:

<http://www.tepco.co.jp/en/decommision/index-e.html>

Troubles related to the fuel removal operation have not been reported by TEPCO to the NRA so far. The NRA continues to watch closely TEPCO's fuel removal operation through on-site inspection by the NRA Safety Inspectors.

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