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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 1,188 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.

The fuel removal operation is currently suspended from 1 July to early September of 2014, because the ceiling crane used for the fuel removal operation is undergoing annual checkup by TEPCO in accordance with the Act of Industrial Safety and Health.

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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