

## Another Fukushima storage tank leaking

Another tank storing contaminated water at the troubled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant has developed problems. This is the third tank to leak at the plant.

Tokyo Electric Power Company had been moving contaminated water into the tank from an underground tank that was found to have leaked 120 tons of water last week.

The chlorine level at a monitoring point between triple-layered insulating sheets at the receiving tank stood at 910 parts per million on Tuesday, compared to 4 ppm on Monday. This indicates water leakage.



TEPCO says it halted the transfer of water at 12:47 PM on Tuesday. It later confirmed that the chlorine level was 200 times higher than the previous day and found a concentration of radioactive substances.

The utility explained that the upper areas of the tanks could leak, so it would keep water levels below 80 percent capacity.

But the receiving tank has a capacity of 13,000 tons and was only 55 percent full.

Water is believed to be leaking from the lower part of the container. TEPCO will be required to again review its methods of managing contaminated water.

The company continues to struggle with a huge amount of contaminated water, with insufficient alternate storage areas.

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