

Fukushima N-Plant Suffers New Tainted Water Leakage

Tokyo, April 7 (Jiji Press)--Tokyo Electric Power Co. <9501> said Sunday radioactive water has leaked into the ground from another underground reservoir tank at its disaster-stricken Fukushima No. 1 nuclear power plant.

The leakage, following the discovery of a leaky tank two days before, damages the credibility of the plant's underground reservoir tanks. TEPCO will likely be forced to review its plans to store contaminated water at the plant, the scene of the nation's worst-ever nuclear accident after the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

As the latest water leakage is thought to be small in volume, TEPCO has no immediate plans to transfer the remaining water in the tank to another reservoir tank, the company said.

According to TEPCO, contaminated water has escaped from the No. 3 reservoir tank, located close to the No. 2 tank, in which the company found water leakage on Friday.

The two are among the seven underground reservoir tanks at the plant. Each tank is covered with three layers of water-shielding sheets.

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