

Fukushima reactor cooling system fails again

Tokyo Electric Power Company says the cooling system for a fuel pool at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant has failed again.

TEPCO says an alarm went off at around 2:30 PM on Friday, indicating that the system at the Number Three reactor had power trouble. Officials confirmed the failure.

The pool contains 514 units of spent fuel rods and 52 units of unused rods.

The utility says the pool's temperature was around 15 degrees Celsius at 2 PM, and that it would take about 2 weeks to reach 65 degrees, the in-house safety threshold.

Radiation levels near the plant have not changed.

Officials of the Nuclear Regulation Authority and Tokyo Electric are conducting on-site inspections.

A power failure occurred at the fuel pools of the reactor and 2 others at the plant last month.

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