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Radioactive water problems at Fukushima nuke plant force rethink

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The government and Tokyo Electric Power Co. will present broad new thinking in May on ways to prevent radioactive water from increasing at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, industry minister Toshimitsu Motegi said Friday.

Motegi made the remarks during a meeting to discuss the decommissioning process of the plant's stricken reactors, as TEPCO continues to grapple with water leaks found recently at several underground storage tanks at the site.

The Nuclear Regulation Authority released an estimate the same day that the leaks could lead to the density of radioactive strontium in groundwater exceeding the legal limit in about 10 years in the coastal area of the plant.

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