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TEPCO ordered to address radioactive water leaks at Fukushima plant

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Tokyo Electric Power Co. faced increasing pressure from government entities Monday to address recent radioactive water leakages and power outages at its accident-stricken Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

"If these kinds of incidents continue to occur, the very process toward decommissioning the (crippled) reactors could be affected," Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Toshimitsu Motegi told TEPCO President Naomi Hirose in their meeting, while adding that the public is "greatly" concerned about the situation at the plant in northeastern Japan.

Motegi also ordered TEPCO to take measures so that radioactive water found to be leaking from the plant's two underground storage tanks will not end up flowing into the adjacent Pacific Ocean.

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