

TEPCO reports leak from another water storage tank

Tokyo Electric Power Company says it has found a small leakage of contaminated water from a storage facility at its Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. This follows a recent massive leak from another underground tank.

The company examined a contaminated water storage tank adjacent to the underground tank that had leaked 120 tons of radioactive water. The 2 tanks have the same structure.

TEPCO says a small amount of radioactive strontium was detected just outside a triple-layer of waterproof sheets underneath the storage tank, leading to discovery of the leak.

The tank contains more than 10,000 tons of contaminated water. But the utility says it is a minor leak as it hasn't observed any change in the tank's water level and the concentration of radioactive substances is low.

It says it will continue to monitor the storage facility, but it sees no need to transfer the water to a different tank.

TEPCO is now transferring 13,000 tons of contaminated water from the tank where the massive leak occurred to 2 other tanks nearby.

The utility says it will take 2 more days until Tuesday to finish the work.

TEPCO officials apologized for causing concern and explained that no water from either leak has reached the ocean.

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