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TEPCO yet to pay 10.5 billion yen decontamination costs to state

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Tokyo Electric Power Co. has not paid back to the government 10.55 billion yen that has been spent to clean up radiation-contaminated land around the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, government officials said Friday.

The sum is part of a total of 14.9 billion yen the Environment Ministry has asked TEPCO to pay by February based on a special law on decontamination, enacted after the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi complex disaster.

The utility has not yet agreed to pay the 10.55 billion yen, with one official saying the company "cannot judge whether it is a demand based on the special law."

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