# Evaluation of the exposure dose of workers engaged in radiation work at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

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TEPCO has been evaluating the exposure dose of workers who engaged in radiation work at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station under two types, internal and external exposure to radiation, and has submitted the evaluation results to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare regularly.

TEPCO today submitted to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare a report on the exposure dose evaluation the data of which are those we collected until the end of May 2020. Here is part of the report: the maximum value of the external exposure dose among the workers who engaged in the work at the power station in May was 8.51mSv, and regarding the internal exposure dose, no significant value was measured.

## **Exposure Dose Distribution**

## 1. Effective Dose from External Exposure

Table 1 shows the distribution of external exposure dose of workers who were involved in radiation work at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station for the past three month.

**Table 1. External Exposure Dose** 

	M arch 2020				April 2020		May 2020			
Dose Ranges (mSv)	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	
Above 100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
75-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
50-75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20-50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10-20	0	4	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	
5-10	0	46	46	0	28	28	0	24	24	
1-5	17	765	782	18	591	609	9	556	565	
1 or less	900	5252	6152	807	4737	5544	773	4763	5536	
Total	917	6067	6984	825	5357	6182	782	5343	6125	
Maximum (mSv)	1.86	14.30	14.30	3.37	10.40	10.40	1.81	8.51	8.51	
Average (mSv)	0.12	0.47	0.42	0.11	0.39	0.35	0.09	0.36	0.33	

<sup>•</sup> The values of the exposure dose and the number of the workers in the table above are subject to change, because there are cases that APD data are replaced with monthly dose data measured by integral dosimeters. Or dose data of workers who wore only an integral dosimeter (ex., workers who entered only the Seismic Isolation Building) need to be updated in the table after the publication of the data.

## 2. Sum of External and Internal Exposure Dose (Effective Dose)

Table 2 shows the distribution of cumulative exposure dose of workers who are involved in radiation work at Fukushima Daiichi for five years, starting on April 1, 2016. Table 3 shows the distribution of cumulative exposure dose in the fiscal year of 2019. Two different periods of time are shown in the Table 2: from April 1, 2016 to April 30, 2020 and from April 1, 2016 to May 31, 2020, and Table 3: from April 1, 2020 to April 30, 2020 and from April 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020 for comparison.

**Table 2. Cumulative Exposure Dose for Five Years** 

	April 2016 - April 2020			April	2016 - May	2020	Difference			
Dose Ranges (mSv)	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	
Above 100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
75-100	0	18	18	0	20	20	0	2	2	
50-75	0	235	235	0	245	245	0	10	10	
20-50	68	1772	1840	69	1811	1880	1	39	40	
10-20	144	2317	2461	144	2309	2453	0	-8	-8	
5-10	186	2375	2561	186	2375	2561	0	0	0	
1-5	592	4564	5156	595	4597	5192	3	33	36	
1 or less	1295	9525	10820	1294	9601	10895	-1	76	75	
Total	2285	20806	23091	2288	20958	23246	3	152	155	
Maximum (mSv)	46.82	80.02	80.02	46.94	81.42	81.42	-	-	-	
Average (mSv)	2.99	6.42	6.08	3.02	6.47	6.13	-	-	-	

<sup>•</sup> The values of the exposure dose and the number of the workers in the table above are subject to change, because there are cases that APD data are replaced with monthly dose data measured by integral dosimeters. Or dose data of workers who wore only an integral dosimeter (ex., workers who entered only the Seismic Isolation Building) need to be updated in the table after the publication of the data.

<sup>•</sup> No significant internal exposure has been reported since October 2011.

Table 3. Cumulative Exposure Dose in the Fiscal Year of 2020

	April 2020			Apri	2020 - May	2020	Difference			
Dose Ranges (mSv)	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	
Above 100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
75-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
50-75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20-50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10-20	0	1	1	0	5	5	0	4	4	
5-10	0	28	28	0	129	129	0	101	101	
1-5	18	591	609	37	925	962	19	334	353	
1 or less	807	4737	5544	857	4815	5672	50	78	128	
Total	825	5357	6182	894	5874	6768	69	517	586	
Maximum (mSv)	3.37	10.40	10.40	3.74	13.20	13.20	-	-	-	
Average (mSv)	0.11	0.39	0.35	0.18	0.68	0.62	-	-	-	

<sup>•</sup> The values of the exposure dose and the number of the workers in the table above are subject to change, because there are cases that APD data are replaced with monthly dose data measured by integral dosimeters. Or dose data of workers who wore only an integral dosimeter (ex., workers who entered only the Seismic Isolation Building) need to be updated in the table after the publication of the data.

#### 3. Sum of External and Internal Exposure Dose of Workers Exposed to Especially High Radiation (Effective Dose)

Table 4 shows the distribution of cumulative exposure dose of workers exposed to especially high radiation.\*1

Table 4. Cumulative Exposure Dose (workers exposed to especially high radiation)

Dose Ranges (mSv)	March 2011 - September 2015
Above 100	1
75-100	191
50-75	233
20-50	267
10-20	186
5-10	129
1-5	145
1 or less	51
Total	1203
Maximum (mSv)	102.69
Average (mSv)	36.49

(Since October 2015, TEPCO Holdings has opted not to report to the Labour Standards Inspection Office about workers exposed to especially high radiation.)

\*1. Workers exposed to especially high radiation means workers who are involved in operations in which they could be exposed to the emergency exposure dose limit (100mSv), which is stipulated in "Ordinance on Prevention of Ionizing Radiation Hazards, Chapter 7." In more detail, they are workers engaged in the work to maintain the function of the cooling facility to cool down the reactor facility or the spent fuel tank in the reactor facility, the steam turbine and its related facilities or the surrounding area where the radiation doses exceed 0.1mSv/h. Or they are workers who would engage in keeping running the function to control or prevent the release of a large number of radioactive materials should it be likely to occur due to malfunction or damage of the reactor facility.

So far workers who have worked as "workers exposed to especially high radiation" are all TEPCO employees.

- \*2. The number of "workers exposed to especially high radiation" each month is the number of the workers who reported working as such workers in a given month and were engaged in that work. The figures in the cumulative data during the period from March 2011 to September 2015 in Table 4 above include the numbers of workers who have been reported to work as "workers exposed to especially high radiation" at least once
- \*3. The values of the exposure dose and the number of the workers in the table above are subject to change, because there are cases that APD data are replaced with monthly dose data measured by integral dosimeters. Or the dose data of workers who wore only an integral dosimeter (ex., workers who entered only the Seismic Isolation Building) need to be updated in the table after the publication of the data.
- \*4. The figure shown in the dose range, "Above 100mSv," in the cumulative data during the period from March 2011 to September 2015 is the figure when the March 2011 data of the internal exposure dose were reevaluated in July 2013.

#### 4. Equivalent Dose

Table 5 and Table 6 show equivalent dose to the skin and the lens of the eyes of the workers, respectively, who were involved in radiation work at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station for the past three months.

Table 5. Equivalent Dose to the Skin

	March 2020				April 2020		May 2020			
Dose Ranges (mSv)	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	
Above 500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
300-500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
250-300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
200-250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
150-200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
100-150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
75-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
50-75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20-50	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10-20	0	10	10	0	6	6	0	0	0	
5-10	0	83	83	0	43	43	0	25	25	
1-5	22	860	882	21	659	680	9	594	603	
1 or less	895	5111	6006	804	4649	5453	773	4724	5497	
Total	917	6067	6984	825	5357	6182	782	5343	6125	
Maximum (mSv)	3.98	24.40	24.40	3.37	16.70	16.70	1.81	8.51	8.51	
Average (mSv)	0.14	0.58	0.52	0.12	0.45	0.41	0.09	0.39	0.35	

- The values of the exposure dose and the number of the workers in the table above are subject to change, because there are cases that APD data are replaced with monthly dose data measured by integral dosimeters. Or the dose data of workers who wore only an integral dosimeter (ex., workers who entered only the Seismic Isolation Building) need to be updated in the table after the publication of the data.
- Equivalent dose is a measure of the radiation dose to organs and tissues, and the equivalent dose limit to the skin is 500mSv/year (the emergency exposure dose limit is 1Sv).
- Equivalent dose to the skin is measured at a depth of 70 micrometers from the skin surface. When the equivalent dose is measured with a dosimeter other than the one put on around the chest and the abdomen, for example, a finger dosimeter, the maximum measurement value is counted as the equivalent dose.

Table 6. Equivalent Dose to the Lens of the Eyes (Including inside of full-face mask)

	March 2020				April 2020		May 2020			
Dose Ranges (mSv)	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	
Above 150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
100-150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
75-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
50-75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20-50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10-20	0	4	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	
5-10	0	62	62	0	30	30	0	25	25	
1-5	19	774	793	20	601	621	9	594	603	
1 or less	898	5227	6125	805	4725	5530	773	4724	5497	
Total	917	6067	6984	825	5357	6182	782	5343	6125	
Maximum (mSv)	3.98	14.50	14.50	3.37	10.40	10.40	1.81	8.51	8.51	
Average (mSv)	0.13	0.50	0.45	0.11	0.40	0.36	0.09	0.39	0.35	

- The values of the exposure dose and the number of the workers in the table above are subject to change, because there are cases that APD data are replaced with monthly dose data measured by integral dosimeters. Or the dose data of workers who wore only an integral dosimeter (ex., workers who entered only the Seismic Isolation Building) need to be updated in the table after the publication of the data.
- Equivalent dose is a measure of the radiation dose to organs and tissues, and the equivalent dose limit to the lens of the eye is 150mSv/year (the emergency exposure dose limit is 300mSv).
- The equivalent dose to the lens of the eyes is measured at an appropriate depth of 1 centimeter or 70 micrometers from the skin surface using one of the following method:
  - ① The case of using dosimeter put inside full face mask
  - ② The case of using dosimeter put around the chest, the abdomen or the head and neck (excluding the case of ①)

### 5. Cumulative Equivalent Dose

Table 7 and Table 8 show the distribution of cumulative equivalent dose to the skins and the lens of the eyes of the workers, respectively, who were involved in radiation work at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station during two different periods of time, from April 1, 2020 to April 30, 2020 and from April 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020 for comparison.

Table 7. Equivalent Dose to the Skin

	April 2020			Apri	2020 - May	2020	Difference			
Dose Ranges (mSv)	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	
Above 500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
300-500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
250-300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
200-250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
150-200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
100-150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
75-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
50-75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20-50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10-20	0	6	6	0	12	12	0	6	6	
5-10	0	43	43	0	148	148	0	105	105	
1-5	21	659	680	39	1004	1043	18	345	363	
1 or less	804	4649	5453	855	4710	5565	51	61	112	
Total	825	5357	6182	894	5874	6768	69	517	586	
Maximum (mSv)	3.37	16.70	16.70	3.74	18.12	18.12	-	-	-	
Average (mSv)	0.12	0.45	0.41	0.19	0.76	0.69	-	-	-	

- The values of the exposure dose and the number of the workers in the table above are subject to change, because there are cases that APD data are replaced with monthly dose data measured by integral dosimeters. Or the dose data of workers who wore only an integral dosimeter (ex., workers who entered only the Seismic Isolation Building) need to be updated in the table after the publication of the data.
- Equivalent dose is a measure of the radiation dose to organs and tissues, and the equivalent dose limit to the skin is 500mSv/year (the emergency exposure dose limit is 1Sv).
- Equivalent dose to the skin is measured at a depth of 70 micrometers from the skin surface. When the equivalent dose is measured with a dosimeter other than the one put on around the chest and the abdomen, for example, a finger dosimeter, the maximum measurement value is counted as the equivalent dose.

Table 8. Equivalent Dose to the Lens of the Eyes (Including inside of full-face mask)

	April 2020			April	2020 - May	2020	Difference			
Dose Ranges (mSv)	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	TEPCO Employees	Contractors	Total	
Above 150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
100-150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
75-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
50-75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20-50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10-20	0	1	1	0	5	5	0	4	4	
5-10	0	30	30	0	141	141	0	111	111	
1-5	20	601	621	39	970	1009	19	369	388	
1 or less	805	4725	5530	855	4758	5613	50	33	83	
Total	825	5357	6182	894	5874	6768	69	517	586	
Maximum (mSv)	3.37	10.40	10.40	3.74	13.20	13.20	-	-	-	
Average (mSv)	0.11	0.40	0.36	0.18	0.71	0.64	-	-	-	

- The values of the exposure dose and the number of the workers in the table above are subject to change, because there are cases that APD data are replaced with monthly dose data measured by integral dosimeters. Or the dose data of workers who wore only an integral dosimeter (ex., workers who entered only the Seismic Isolation Building) need to be updated in the table after the publication of the data.
- Equivalent dose is a measure of the radiation dose to organs and tissues, and the equivalent dose limit to the lens of eyes is 150mSv/year (the emergency exposure dose limit is 300mSv).
- The equivalent dose to the lens of the eyes is measured at an appropriate depth of 1 centimeter or 70 micrometers from the skin surface using one of the following method:
  - ① The case of using dosimeter put inside full face mask
  - The case of using dosimeter put around the chest, the abdomen or the head and neck (excluding the case of ①)