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 November 2024. 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 November was 11.36 mSv, 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 months.

	September 2024				October 2024	ł	Ν	November 2024		
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	
5-10	0	10	10	0	62	62	0	82	82	
1-5	10	378	388	16	554	570	19	518	537	
1 or less	982	6147	7129	1022	6289	7311	1010	6300	7310	
Total	992	6535	7527	1038	6905	7943	1029	6903	7932	
Maximum (mSv)	1.9	7.9	7.9	4.1	9.9	9.9	4.84	11.36	11.36	
Average (mSv)	0.07	0.22	0.20	0.09	0.34	0.31	0.09	0.34	0.30	

Table 1. External Exposure Dose

• 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, 2021. Table 3 shows the distribution of cumulative exposure dose in the fiscal year of 2024. Two different periods of time are shown in the Table 2: from April 1, 2021 to October 31, 2024 and from April 1, 2021 to November 30, 2024, and Table 3: from April 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024 and from April 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024 for comparison.

	April 2	2021 - Octobe	er 2024	April 20	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	47	47	0	72	72	0	25	25
20-50	28	1205	1233	30	1220	1250	2	15	17
10-20	67	1822	1889	69	1857	1926	2	35	37
5-10	126	1667	1793	125	1674	1799	-1	7	6
1-5	370	2811	3181	376	2851	3227	6	40	46
1 or less	1302	8629	9931	1303	8706	10009	1	77	78
Total	1893	16181	18074	1903	16380	18283	10	199	209
Maximum (mSv)	32.52	61.02	61.02	33.26	62.58	62.58	-	-	-
Average (mSv)	1.94	5.27	4.92	1.98	5.34	4.99	-	-	-

Table 2. Cumulative Exposure Dose for Five Years

• 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.

• No significant internal exposure has been reported since October 2011.

Table 3. Cumulative Exposure Dose in the Fiscal Year of 2024

	April 2	2024 - Octobe	er 2024	April 20	April 2024 - November 2024			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	214	214	0	335	335	0	121	121		
5-10	17	659	676	23	724	747	6	65	71		
1-5	128	1621	1749	142	1789	1931	14	168	182		
1 or less	1200	6619	7819	1202	6565	7767	2	-54	-52		
Total	1345	9113	10458	1367	9413	10780	22	300	322		
Maximum (mSv)	8.8	16.4	16.4	9.74	16.46	16.46	-	-	-		
Average (mSv)	0.40	1.36	1.24	0.46	1.56	1.42	-	-	-		

• 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 (100 mSv), 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 0.1 mSv/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 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 eye 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

	S	eptember 202	24		October 2024	1	Ν	lovember 202	24
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	1	1	0	0	0
10-20	0	1	1	0	5	5	0	3	3
5-10	0	13	13	0	75	75	0	82	82
1-5	11	432	443	19	622	641	19	563	582
1 or less	981	6089	7070	1019	6202	7221	1010	6255	7265
Total	992	6535	7527	1038	6905	7943	1029	6903	7932
Maximum (mSv)	1.9	14.2	14.2	4.8	21.8	21.8	4.85	11.36	11.36
Average (mSv)	0.07	0.25	0.23	0.10	0.40	0.36	0.09	0.35	0.32

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 500 mSv/year (the emergency exposure dose limit is 1 Sv).

• 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, and the maximum measurement value is counted as the equivalent dose.

Table 6. Equivalent Dose to the Lens of the Eye

	S	eptember 202	24		October 2024	1	N	November 2024			
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	0	0	0	2	2	0	3	3		
5-10	0	18	18	0	80	80	0	82	82		
1-5	11	393	404	19	555	574	19	563	582		
1 or less	981	6124	7105	1019	6268	7287	1010	6255	7265		
Total	992	6535	7527	1038	6905	7943	1029	6903	7932		
Maximum (mSv)	2.1	9.2	9.2	4.2	10.8	10.8	4.85	11.36	11.36		
Average (mSv)	0.07	0.24	0.22	0.10	0.37	0.33	0.09	0.35	0.32		

• 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 50 mSv/year and 100 mSv/5 years (the emergency exposure dose limit is 300 mSv). The equivalent dose limit to the lens of the eye before April 1, 2021 was 150mSv/year (the emergency exposure dose limit was 300 mSv).

• The equivalent dose to the lens of the eye is measured at a depth of 1 centimeter for neutron ray, 3 millimeters for X-ray, gamma ray and beta ray from the skin surface. However, as for X-ray, gamma ray and beta ray, it is measured at a depth of 1 centimeter or 70 micrometer when deemed appropriate with consideration for radiation type and energy type (since April, 2021).

5. Cumulative Equivalent Dose

Table 7 and Table 8 show the distribution of cumulative equivalent dose to the skins and the lens of the eye 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, 2024 to October 31, 2024 and from April 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024 for comparison.

Table 9 shows the distribution of cumulative exposure dose for five years, starting on April 1, 2021: from April 1, 2021 to October 31, 2024 and from April 1, 2021 to November 30, 2024 for comparison.

	April 2	2024 - Octob	er 2024	April 20)24 - Novemł	per 2024		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	7	7	0	12	12	0	5	5
10-20	0	298	298	2	438	440	2	140	142
5-10	23	732	755	26	764	790	3	32	35
1-5	133	1626	1759	146	1798	1944	13	172	185
1 or less	1189	6450	7639	1193	6401	7594	4	-49	-45
Total	1345	9113	10458	1367	9413	10780	22	300	322
Maximum (mSv)	10.0	30.1	30.1	10.35	30.51	30.51	-	-	-
Average (mSv)	0.43	1.58	1.43	0.50	1.78	1.62	-	-	-

Table 7. Equivalent Dose to the Skin

• 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 500 mSv/year (the emergency exposure dose limit is 1 Sv).

• 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, and the maximum measurement value is counted as the equivalent dose.

Table 8. Equivalent Dose to the Lens of the Eye

	April 2	2024 - Octob	er 2024	April 20)24 - Noveml	per 2024		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	281	281	1	419	420	1	138	139
5-10	19	653	672	24	704	728	5	51	56
1-5	130	1601	1731	145	1777	1922	15	176	191
1 or less	1196	6578	7774	1197	6513	7710	1	-65	-64
Total	1345	9113	10458	1367	9413	10780	22	300	322
Maximum (mSv)	8.6	17.2	17.2	10.35	17.2	17.2	-	-	-
Average (mSv)	0.41	1.46	1.33	0.47	1.68	1.52	-	-	-

• 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 50 mSv/year and 100 mSv/5 years (the emergency exposure dose limit is 300 mSv).

• The equivalent dose to the lens of the eye is measured at a depth of 1 centimeter for neutron ray, 3 millimeters for X-ray, gamma ray and beta ray from the skin surface. However, as for X-ray, gamma ray and beta ray, it is measured at a depth of 1 centimeter or 70 micrometer when deemed appropriate with consideration for radiation type and energy type.

	April 2	2021 - Octobe	er 2024	April 20	021 - Noveml	per 2024		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	58	58	0	84	84	0	26	26
20-50	29	1303	1332	32	1318	1350	3	15	18
10-20	67	1838	1905	68	1872	1940	1	34	35
5-10	128	1595	1723	127	1603	1730	-1	8	7
1-5	375	2787	3162	379	2836	3215	4	49	53
1 or less	1294	8600	9894	1297	8667	9964	3	67	70
Total	1893	16181	18074	1903	16380	18283	10	199	209
Maximum (mSv)	33.48	64.60	64.60	34.44	64.60	64.60	-	-	-
Average (mSv)	1.97	5.52	5.14	2.01	5.60	5.22	-	-	-

Table 9. Equivalent Dose to the Lens of the Eye: Cumulative Exposure Dose for Five Years

• 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 50 mSv/year and 100 mSv/5 years (the emergency exposure dose limit is 300 mSv).

• The equivalent dose to the lens of the eye is measured at a depth of 1 centimeter for neutron ray, 3 millimeters for X-ray, gamma ray and beta ray from the skin surface. However, as for X-ray, gamma ray and beta ray, it is measured at a depth of 1 centimeter or 70 micrometer when deemed appropriate with consideration for radiation type and energy type.