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 January 2025. 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 January was 11.32 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.

Table 1. External Exposure Dose

	November 2024			D	ecember 20	24	J	January 2025	
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	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	2
5-10	1	81	82	0	58	58	1	37	38
1-5	17	501	518	19	412	431	15	510	525
1 or less	1034	6318	7352	997	6489	7486	982	6357	7339
Total	1052	6903	7955	1016	6959	7975	998	6906	7904
Maximum (mSv)	5.1	10.9	10.9	2.2	9.3	9.3	5.20	11.32	11.32
Average (mSv)	0.09	0.35	0.31	0.08	0.28	0.25	0.08	0.28	0.26

[•] 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 December 31, 2024 and from April 1, 2021 to January 31, 2025, and Table 3: from April 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 and from April 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025 for comparison.

Table 2. Cumulative Exposure Dose for Five Years

	April 20	21 - Decem	ber 2024	April 2	021 - Januai	y 2025		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	88	88	0	102	102	0	14	14
20-50	31	1226	1257	31	1260	1291	0	34	34
10-20	68	1899	1967	70	1913	1983	2	14	16
5-10	130	1697	1827	134	1717	1851	4	20	24
1-5	379	2867	3246	388	2912	3300	9	45	54
1 or less	1298	8828	10126	1288	8876	10164	-10	48	38
Total	1906	16605	18511	1911	16780	18691	5	175	180
Maximum (mSv)	34.42	63.92	63.92	34.56	65.47	65.47	-	-	-
Average (mSv)	2.02	5.39	5.04	2.06	5.45	5.10	-	-	ı

[•] 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 20	24 - Decem	ber 2024	April 2	024 - Januaı	ry 2025		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	2	414	416	2	523	525	0	109	109
5-10	25	812	837	35	862	897	10	50	60
1-5	154	1830	1984	165	1967	2132	11	137	148
1 or less	1196	6694	7890	1182	6667	7849	-14	-27	-41
Total	1377	9750	11127	1384	10019	11403	7	269	276
Maximum (mSv)	10.8	16.4	16.4	10.94	16.41	16.41	-	-	-
Average (mSv)	0.52	1.71	1.57	0.58	1.86	1.71	-	-	-

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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
M aximum (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

	N	ovember 202	24	D	ecember 20	24		January 2025			
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	5	5	0	5	5	0	2	2		
5-10	2	104	106	0	70	70	1	44	45		
1-5	21	569	590	23	531	554	15	562	577		
1 or less	1029	6225	7254	993	6353	7346	982	6298	7280		
Total	1052	6903	7955	1016	6959	7975	998	6906	7904		
Maximum (mSv)	7.7	12.3	12.3	3.0	15.0	15.0	5.20	11.32	11.32		
Average (mSv)	0.10	0.40	0.36	0.09	0.35	0.31	0.09	0.31	0.28		

- 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

	November 2024			D	ecember 20	24	January 2025		
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	5	5	0	3	3	0	2	2
5-10	1	92	93	0	64	64	1	44	45
1-5	18	512	530	20	426	446	15	562	577
1 or less	1033	6294	7327	996	6466	7462	982	6298	7280
Total	1052	6903	7955	1016	6959	7975	998	6906	7904
Maximum (mSv)	5.1	12.5	12.5	2.3	11.5	11.5	5.20	11.32	11.32
Average (mSv)	0.09	0.37	0.33	0.08	0.30	0.27	0.09	0.31	0.28

- 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 December 31, 2024 and from April 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025 for comparison.

Table 9 shows the distribution of cumulative exposure dose for five years, starting on April 1, 2021: from April 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024 and from April 1, 2021 to January 31, 2025 for comparison.

Table 7. Equivalent Dose to the Skin

	April 20	24 - Decem	ber 2024	April 2	024 - Januai	ry 2025		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	23	23	0	29	29	0	6	6		
10-20	5	554	559	5	673	678	0	119	119		
5-10	29	842	871	39	882	921	10	40	50		
1-5	157	1833	1990	167	1925	2092	10	92	102		
1 or less	1186	6498	7684	1173	6510	7683	-13	12	-1		
Total	1377	9750	11127	1384	10019	11403	7	269	276		
Maximum (mSv)	12.3	40.6	40.6	12.44	44.33	44.33	-	-	-		
Average (mSv)	0.57	2.00	1.82	0.62	2.16	1.98	-	-	-		

[•] 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 20	24 - Decem	ber 2024	April 2	024 - Januai	ry 2025		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	2	520	522	2	633	635	0	113	113	
5-10	27	764	791	37	831	868	10	67	77	
1-5	156	1807	1963	168	1948	2116	12	141	153	
1 or less	1192	6659	7851	1177	6607	7784	-15	-52	-67	
Total	1377	9750	11127	1384	10019	11403	7	269	276	
Maximum (mSv)	10.9	17.2	17.2	11.04	17.2	17.2	-	-	-	
Average (mSv)	0.53	1.84	1.68	0.59	2.01	1.84	-	-	-	

- 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.

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

	April 20	24 - Decemb	ber 2024	April 2	024 - Januai	y 2025		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	96	96	0	109	109	0	13	13
20-50	33	1330	1363	33	1358	1391	0	28	28
10-20	68	1921	1989	70	1930	2000	2	9	11
5-10	131	1617	1748	137	1671	1808	6	54	60
1-5	383	2845	3228	389	2867	3256	6	22	28
1 or less	1291	8796	10087	1282	8845	10127	-9	49	40
Total	1906	16605	18511	1911	16780	18691	5	175	180
Maximum (mSv)	34.88	64.97	64.97	34.92	65.04	65.04	-	-	-
Average (mSv)	2.05	5.65	5.28	2.09	5.72	5.35	-	-	-

- 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 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.