# Current Radiation Monitoring Activity on Fukushima Dai-ichi NPP Accident

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### **Comprehensive Radiation Monitoring Plan**

(Enacted on February 1, 2019)

#### 1. What is Comprehensive Radiation Monitoring Plan?

On 11 March 2011, a massive amount of radioactive material was released from Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)'s Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS). The Monitoring Coordination Meeting, which was set up under the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, developed "Comprehensive Radiation Monitoring Plan" on 2 August 2011, and the relevant ministries, agencies and others have conducted radiation monitoring.

No significant increase of the concentrations for radionuclides has been found so far, while eight years have passed since the accident at Fukushima Daiichi NPS. However, high air dose rates and high concentrations for radionuclides released by the accident at Fukushima Daiichi NPS have been still found in some areas around Fukushima Daiichi NPS.

Thus, it conducts radiation monitoring continuously.

# **Comprehensive Radiation Monitoring Plan**

#### 2. Roles and Tasks

# Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA)

The NRA plays the role of Headquarters to make a necessary coordination with other organizations to conduct comprehensive radiation monitoring, and to assess monitored data by the relevant organizations

#### 1. Methods of measuring radiation dose



#### Airborne Monitoring

Aircraft such as helicopter equipped with a detector(s) are used for monitoring. The detailed method is described in the next page.

#### **Survey Meters**

Radiation doses are measured by survey meters.



Cars equipped with a detector(s) are used for monitoring.



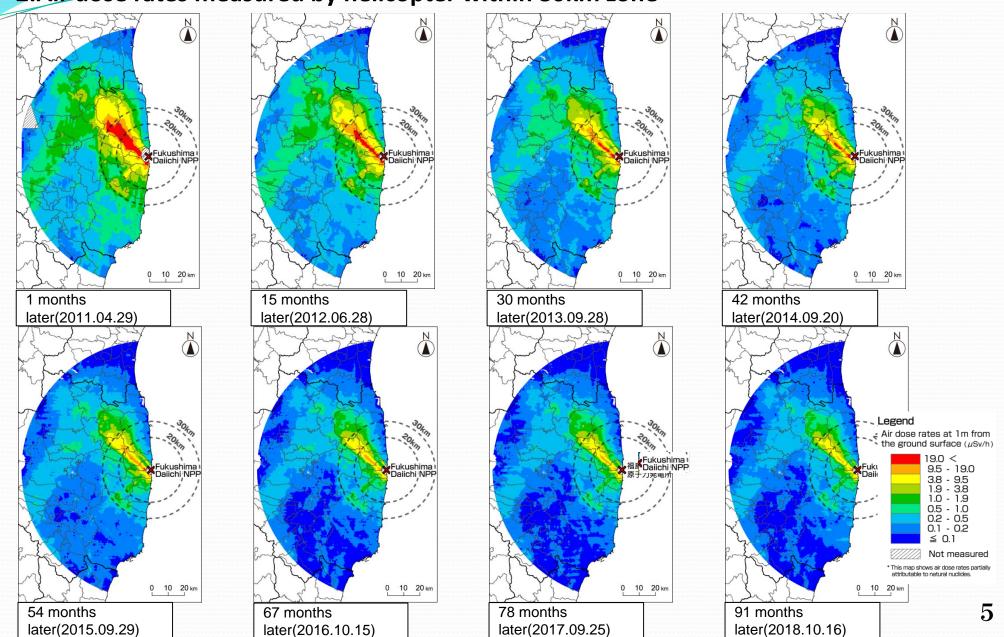


#### **Monitoring Posts**

Radiation doses are measured at monitoring posts. Approximately 3600 posts are located in Fukushima Prefecture.



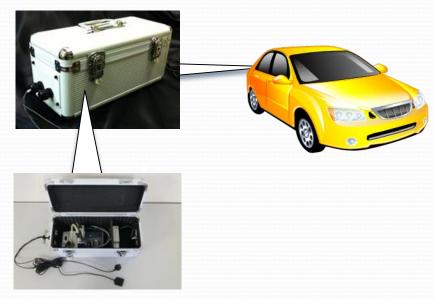
#### 2. Air dose rates measured by helicopter within 80km zone



#### 3.Car-borne & survey meter monitoring trends

#### **1** Car-borne survey

Car-borne survey is conducted by a vehicle equipped with the KURAMA-II radiation monitoring system.



Radiation monitoring system (KURAMA-II)

#### **2**Survey meter monitoring

Environmental radiation survey is conducted by a NaI(Tl) scintillation survey meter at the field of open area around the measurement point.

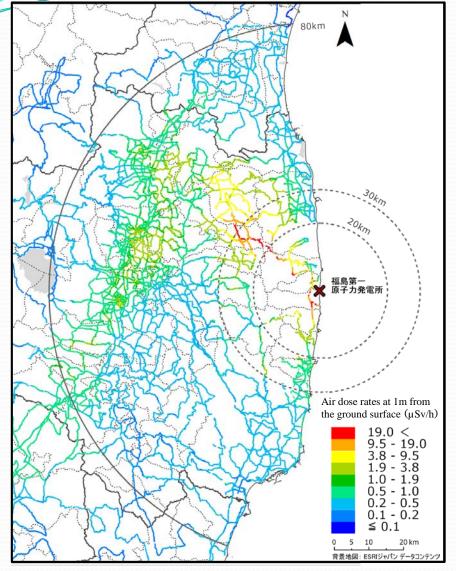


NaI(Tl) scintillation survey meter





4. Air dose rates measured by car-borne survey

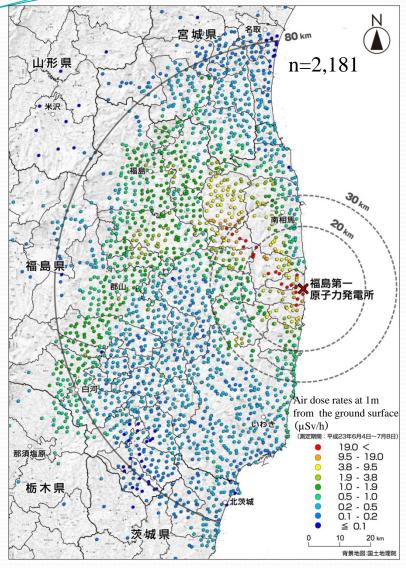


Air dose rates at 1m from the ground surface (µSv/h)

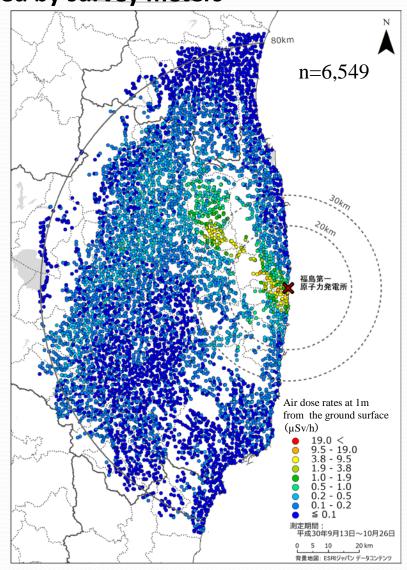
3 months after the accident (June, 2011)

92 months after the accident (November, 2018)  $_{7}$ 

Air dose rates measured by survey meters



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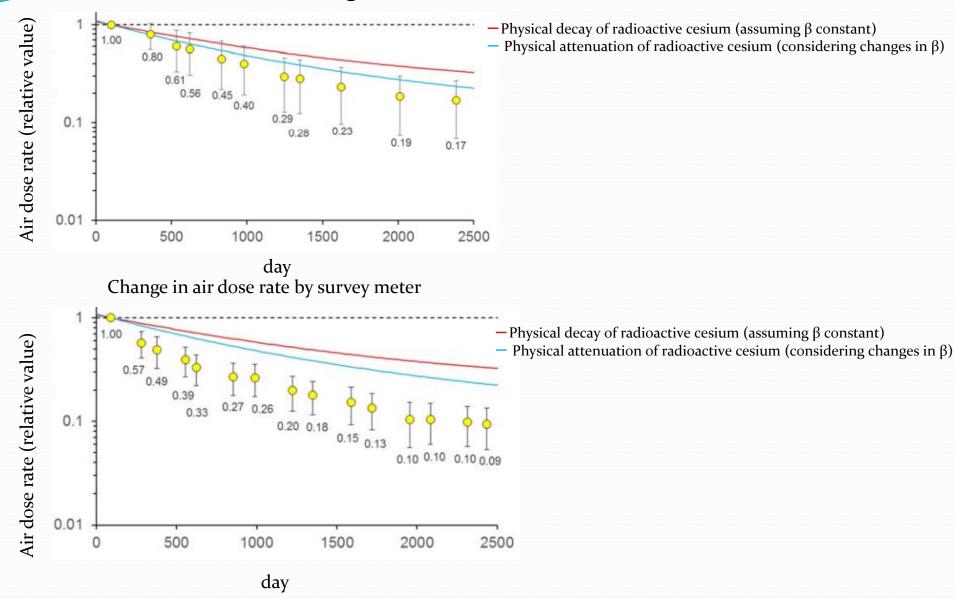


91 months after the accident (October, 2018)

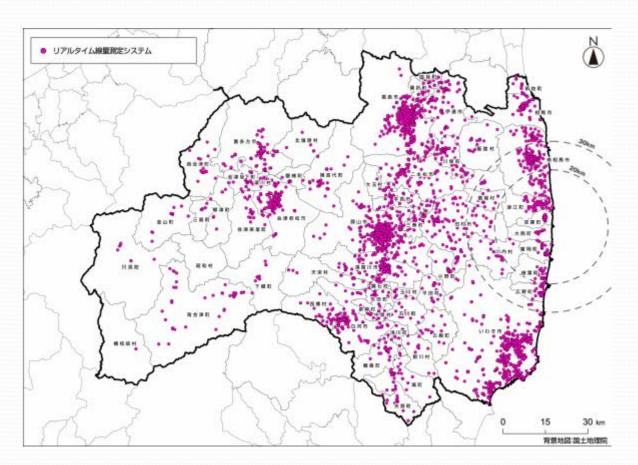
n: number of the measured points

#### 6. Changes in air dose rate

Change in air dose rate by car-borne survey



#### 7. Monitoring Posts





Real-time Dose Measurement System

Layout of Real-time Dose Measurement System (March, 2018)

1.Seawater/Sediment Sampling Points for Sea Areas Monitoring

#### **1**Seawater

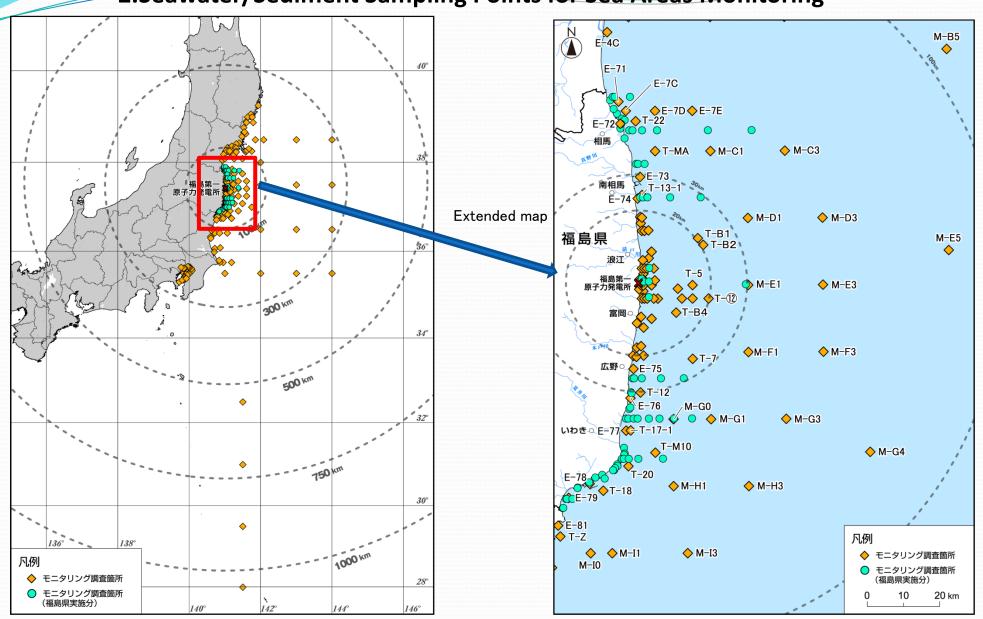


**2**Sediment

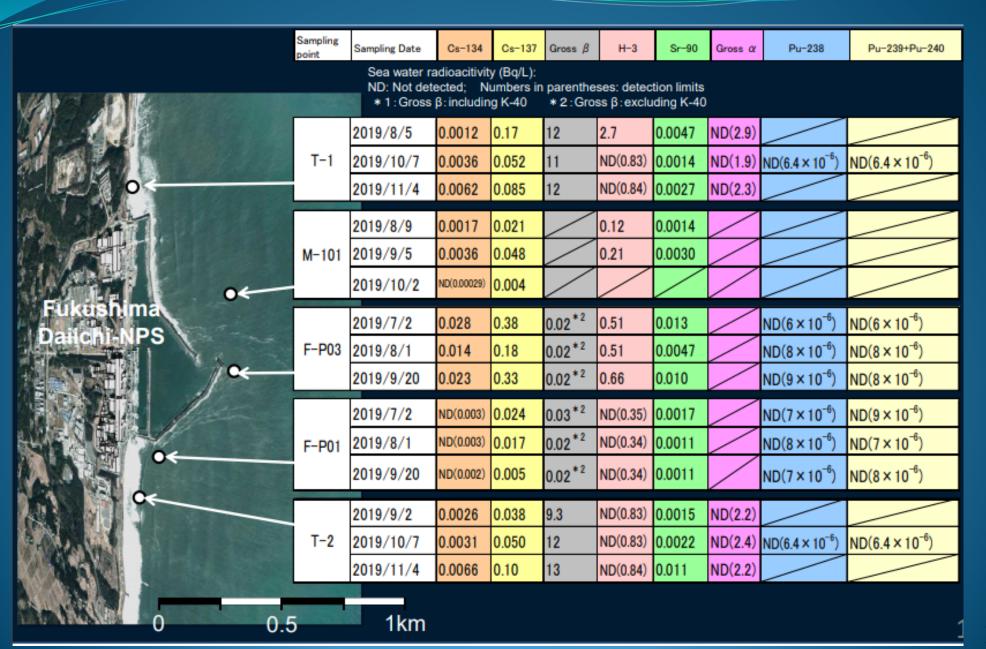


Radionuclides that must be measured are Cs-134 and Cs-137. Other radionuclides are to be analyzed as necessary

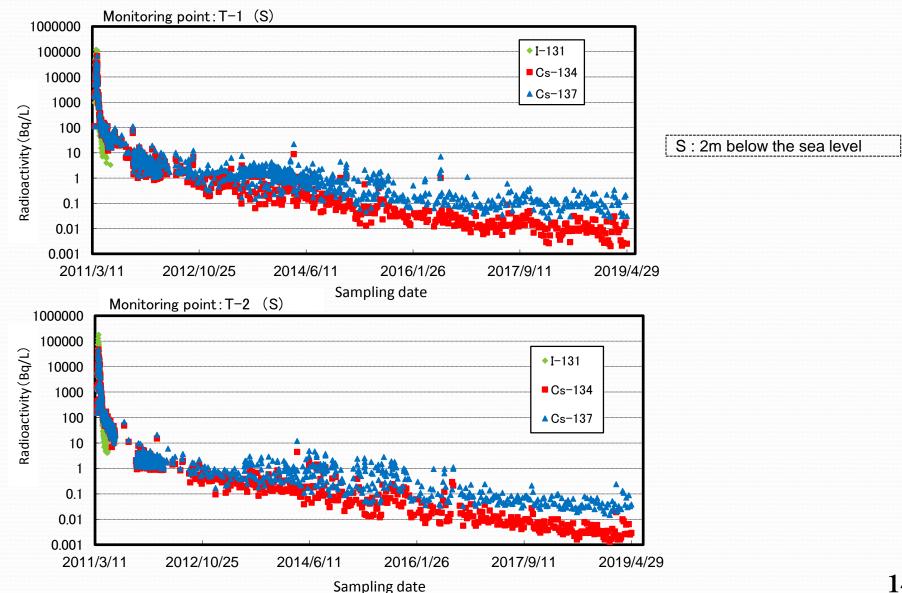
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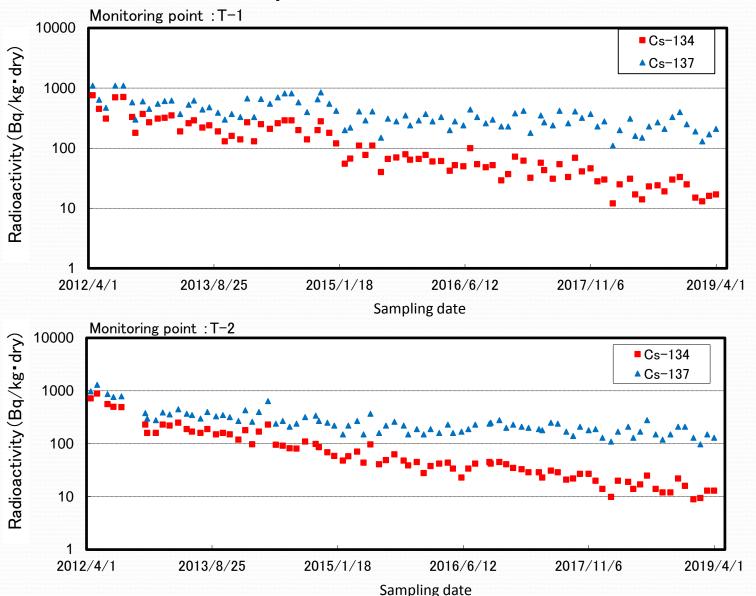
3. The most recent radioactivity data of sea area within 2km from the NPS



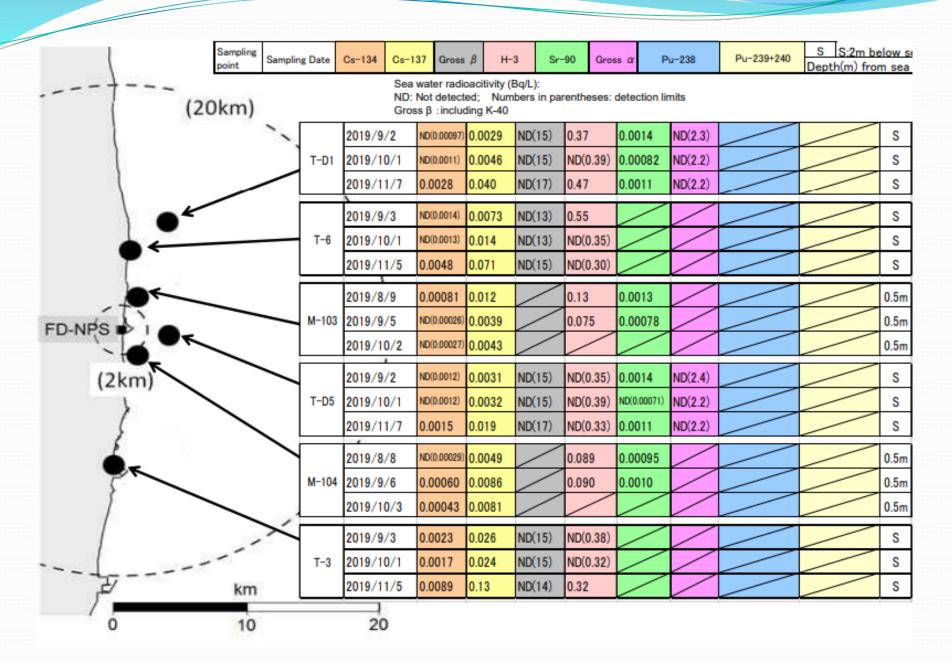
4. Change of the radioactivity concentration of the seawater in sea area close to Fukushima Daiichi NPS / coastal sea area



5. Change of the radioactivity concentration of the sediment in sea area close to Fukushima Daiichi NPS / coastal sea area



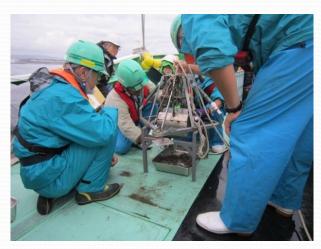
# Monitoring methods and results on Sea area 6. Most recent radioactivity data of sea area between 2-20km from the NPS



# 3. Monitoring outside Comprehensive Radiation Monitoring Plan Inter-laboratory comparisons between IAEA and Japan for sea area monitoring (2014~)



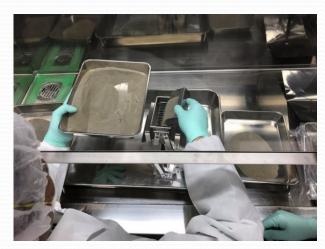
Marine samples were collected from the vessels off the coast of TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station.



The surface sediment samples were collected using a grab sampler.



A large plastic container with valves was filled with surface seawater and sub-samples of 20L-plastic containers were filled from each valve.

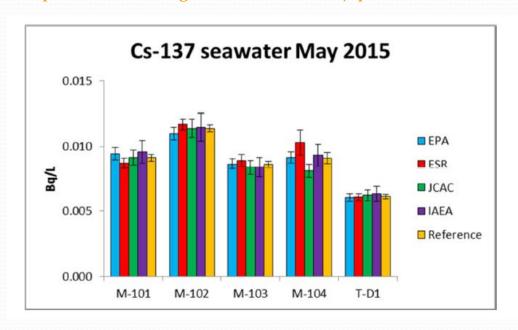


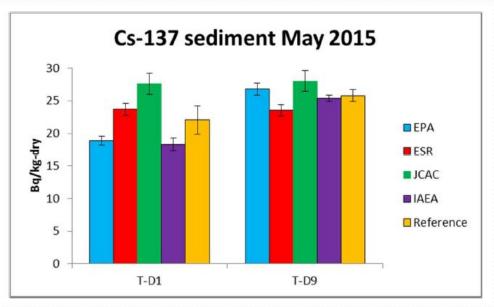
Division of sediment samples by the splitter. These samples were subsequently analyzed in parallel by laboratories in Japan and IAEA.

#### 3. Monitoring outside Comprehensive Radiation Monitoring Plan

#### Results of Seawater and Sediment Inter-laboratory Comparison between IAEA and Japan

https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/japanese-data-on-marine-samples-near-fukushima-reliable-iaea-report-concludes



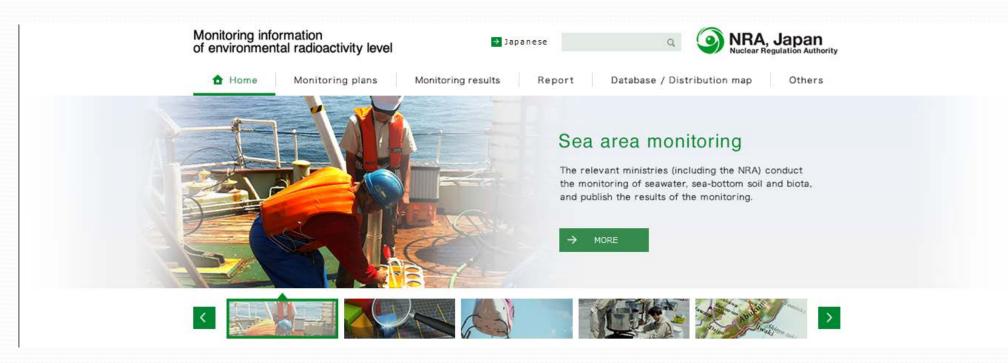


- The above charts demonstrated consistency among laboratories concerning the concentration of Cesium-137 in seawater samples and sediment samples.
- IAEA found that Japanese labs are reliable in analyzing seawater, sediment and fish samples near Fukushima.

# 4. Dissemination of monitoring information

Monitoring data after TEPCO's Fukushima NPS accident are available in this URL:

https://radioactivity.nsr.go.jp/en/



# 5. Summary

- Environmental radiation has been monitored based on 'Comprehensive Radiation Monitoring Plan' continuously.
- •The results of monitoring for environmental radioactive materials have been becoming more stably lower compared to the time of the accident.
- Monitoring results are sent through NRA's website.



# Thank you for your attention

