

# Japan Begins Secretly Releasing Irradiated Water From Fukushima Disaster Into the Ocean

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*Tokyo Electric Power Company (better known as TEPCO) started releasing irradiated seawater from Monday afternoon into an underwater tunnel that has been built to release Fukushima nuclear contaminated water into the sea, Japan's public broadcaster NHK said on Tuesday.*

According to TEPCO, the tunnel will be filled with some 6,000 tons of seawater by around noon on Tuesday.

**The process, according to [China Daily](#), was carried out "secretly" on Monday because Japan's unilateral decision of dumping more than 1.3 million metric tons of treated but still radioactive water into the ocean provoked consistent protests from neighboring countries, such as China, Pacific Island communities and civil society groups in the most affected prefectures such as Fukushima, Iwate and Miyagi.**

And instead of targeting what will be a tangible environmental catastrophe in just days, the hollow and hypocritical virtue signaling talking heads continue droning on about such meaningless drivel as ESG and global warming.

Also, oddly enough, there has not been a peep about this clear and present ocean disaster from either the original Greta, or her new and improved for mass-consumption replacement, Sophia Kianni, who lately appears to be more focused on building up her scantily-clad, environmentally-fighting image than, well, fighting for the environment...

Under Japan's plan, once filled with seawater, the tunnel, which was completed this April, will guide contaminated water from the crippled Fukushima Daiichi power plant to a point about 1 kilometer offshore. And now, the whole release system is almost complete, except

for a reservoir that will store those contaminated water before its release. TEPCO said before that all construction work will be done by the end of this month.

If it's done, **the release would be sufficient to fill about 500 Olympic-sized swimming pools** and the water has been used to cool highly radioactive damaged reactor cores as the massive earthquake and tsunami destroyed the Fukushima plant's cooling systems, triggering the meltdown of three reactors and the release of large amounts of radiation.

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*Featured image: Greenpeace activists protest outside the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) shareholder's meeting held at The Prince Park Tower in Tokyo. They hold a banner which reads: "TEPCO: The worst Ever Polluting Company." TEPCO is the operator of the crisis-stricken Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant which has been emitting radion since it was struck by an earthquake and tsunami on March 2011. The activists also raised a banner reading "No more nuclear" in Japanese, asking TEPCO to disengage from the nuclear industry.*

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