

Nuclear Radioactive Waste of Fukushima Reactor Flowing Directly in Ocean - Officials Kept Secret for the Past Year

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[Japan Times](#), Feb 25, 2015 (emphasis added): Radioactive isotopes [have] been **draining into the Pacific... from the roof of the No. 2 reactor** building, which is **highly contaminated...** Meanwhile [on Sunday, Tepco reported water contaminated with high levels of radiation](#) was **flowing into the ocean** at the plant's port.

[Kyodo News](#), Feb 25, 2015: **Highly toxic water leaks into ocean from Fukushima plant** —**Highly radioactive** rainwater [is] accumulating on the rooftop of the No. 2 reactor building... **In a separate incident... highly contaminated water leaked** into the nearby bay through a different gutter... The cause and the **amount of water leakage** remain **unknown**.

[Reuters](#), Feb 25, 2015: [TEPCO believes] a pool of **highly contaminated** water on the roof [is coming from] **gravel and blocks** laid on the roof of the building... it **plans to remove** them by the **end of March**.

[Fairewinds Chief Engineer Arnie Gundersen on WDEV](#), Feb 24, 2015 (at 30:15 in): "The pressures got so high in the containment, it blew the top off the containment."

[IANS](#), Feb 25, 2015: [Tepco] announced having detected deposits of **highly radioactive** water on the roof of the plant's reactor number 2. The liquid contained 29,400 becquerel per litre of radioactive caesium and 52,000 of strontium and other beta-ray emitting substances... [Tepco] **decided against making the findings public** until now **as it did not have results of the analysis on the accumulated liquid's radioactivity levels**.

[Newsweek](#), Feb 25, 2015: *The fallout from the Fukushima disaster is **far from over**...* Local commercial fishermen are reportedly outraged... "I don't understand why [Tepco] kept silent... Fishery operators are **absolutely shocked**," [said] Masakazu Yabuki, chief of the Iwaki fisheries cooperative... [The] plant has been **plagued by a staggering number of accidents**.

[Xinhua](#), Feb 25, 2015: *TEPCO blasted for concealing latest radioactive leak for nearly a year* — [Fishermen blamed TEPCO] for knowingly allowing radioactive substances... **to flow freely into the sea since April last year...** this year [Prime Minister] Abe's **government announced that TEPCO would be the Main Sponsor for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics...** local, national and **international fury once again rises** at [TEPCO]... [It's] the **latest**

indication that the crisis at the plant is far from under control... Japan's top government spokesperson reiterated the government's long-standing mantra... "The **situation is completely under control... Any negative impact** of radioactive water on the environment **is completely blocked.**"

[NHK](#), Feb. 24, 2015: [TEPCO] **did not take any measures to prevent** radioactive water...**flowing into the Pacific...** TEPCO was aware... April last year [yet] **has not installed floodgates [and] does not plan to install any devices** in the channel.

[NHK](#), Feb. 25, 2015: [R]adioactive substances **spilled into the Pacific beyond the plant's port...** TEPCO **knew last April [and] did nothing to prevent** contaminated water from **leaking directly out to sea**, nor did it make the finding public.

[NHK](#), Feb. 25, 2015: *Fishermen accuse TEPCO of betrayal...* A TEPCO official... apologized.

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