

“Radioactive Cover-Up” at Fukushima — Experts Believe “Other Sources of Contamination” Are Flowing Into Ocean

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[Asahi Shimbun](#), Feb 28, 2015 (*emphasis added*): The nation’s nuclear watchdog body slammed [TEPCO] over its failure to disclose information on the leakage of radioactive rainwater into the sea... TEPCO President Naomi Hirose... **apologized profusely**... TEPCO became aware **more than a year ago** that the concentration of radioactive materials in the water flowing... was high [first disclosing it to regulators] **January 2014**... TEPCO continued to conceal details, including the fact that the concentration became high whenever it rained... However, **TEPCO had decided long ago there was no need to monitor rainwater for radioactive materials.**

[NHK transcript](#), Feb 27, 2015 : Experts and local government officials visited the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant to examine **sources of contaminated water flowing into the sea**...**Experts urged the operator to investigate whether rooftops of other reactor buildings are also sources** of tainted water.

[Yomiuri Shimbun](#), Feb 26, 2015: *NRA chief slams TEPCO for data reporting delay*... after **rainwater contaminated with high-level radioactive materials** leaked... into the sea... TEPCO reported in January last year that the radioactivity concentration in that trench was higher... TEPCO at last announced... high-level radioactivity [in water] on the rooftop of the No. 2 reactor building... **might be one of the sources** of contamination... The Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry... pointed out the **likelihood of there being other sources of contamination**... The Fisheries Agency on Wednesday conducted an **emergency hearing** with TEPCO officials... and told the utility firm to take measures to minimize damage impacting marine products... “We urge TEPCO to make details clear.”

[Japan Times](#), Feb 26, 2015: [Tepco] admitted Thursday that its latest problem with radioactive water has shattered the trust it was building in Fukushima... and that the **decommissioning of the Fukushima No. 1 plant might be delayed** [after] the surge in radiation detected in the water draining into the sea... The utility said the source of the contamination is the roof of the No. 2 reactor building, which... remains heavily contaminated.

[Naohiro Masuda, head of Tepco’s unit in charge of scrapping Fukushima Daiichi](#): “The trust of the people in Fukushima is the most important thing... we have damaged that trust... **Due to the damaged trust, all of the schedules for the decommissioning tasks could be delayed.**”

[Arirang](#), Feb 26, 2015: *Tokyo under fire for alleged cover-up of radioactive water* — [TEPCO] is under heavy fire for staying silent over a radioactive leak... flowing into the Pacific Ocean.

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