

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 fromleaking 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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