

# *Stop radioactive contamination of the Ocean!*



Photo by S. Kawashima

## Petition against the discharge of radioactive water containing tritium into the ocean from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

Prime Minister of Japan,  
Minister of Economy, Trade, and Industry of Japan,

In February 2020, the Subcommittee of the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry officially published their final report, which indicated, "The two waste-disposal methods, vapour release, and discharge into the sea, are the most practical options."<sup>1</sup> The report was based on the committee-members' suggestion that "discharge into the sea is more reliable operation."

The Advanced Liquid Processing System (ALPS) treated water, "tritium-polluted water", contains not only tritium but also various kinds of other radioactive materials, which were released from the nuclear reactors demolished by the unprecedented disaster. The concentrations of tritium, as well as other radioactive materials, and the whole volume of the polluted water far exceed those of water discharged from other nuclear power plants operating around the world. Choosing such an easy method for disposing of radioactive water is unacceptable to us, considering the need to protect a clean ocean environment which should be inherited to the future generation. The Japanese government should also consider the international impact of this means of disposal as the contamination will expand beyond the country's border.

Discharging tritium-polluted water into the ocean could cause serious damage again to us, the people of Fukushima, who have been making great efforts to recover our homeland. We might go back to where we started right after the nuclear accident, despite our efforts to reconstruct our lives and to repair the bad reputation of our products caused by radioactive contamination. This issue is a great problem especially for the fishing industry, as it is a critical time for fishermen in Fukushima who are about to move from test operations to full-scale operation. All other industries in Fukushima, including agriculture, forestry, and tourism, may also suffer the consequences, which might lead to more suffering in the lives of many people.

We cannot accept the proposal to discharge tritium-polluted water into the ocean, creating additional harm to the people of Fukushima, who have already suffered from the serious damage caused by the nuclear accident. This statement is our strong request and outcry.

For the reasons mentioned above, we strongly say to the Japanese government:

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.meti.go.jp/earthquake/nuclear/osensuitaisaku/committee/takakusyu/pdf/018\\_00\\_01.pdf](https://www.meti.go.jp/earthquake/nuclear/osensuitaisaku/committee/takakusyu/pdf/018_00_01.pdf)

**Do not release the ALPS treated water from the Tokyo Electric Power Company's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station, which contains tritium and other radioactive materials, into the air in the form of vapour, or discharge it into the sea.**

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