

Press Release (This is provisional translation. Please refer to the original text written in Japanese.)

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Water Supply Division
Health Service Bureau

To Press and whom it may concern,

Detection of radioactive materials in tap water (275th announcement)

This is an announcement that we have obtained the results of survey on radioactive materials in water supply conducted by the Government's Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, water supply utilities, etc.

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) obtained the results of survey on radioactive materials conducted by the Government's Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, water supply utilities, etc. using tap water collected within Fukushima prefecture by May 18(350 data).

In addition to the above, the information on measurement results from other prefectures were newly reported to MHLW (539 data).

No results exceeding "the Management Target Level" (see the Note below) were found in this survey. At the present time, there is no restriction on water intake by the general public or infants implemented by water supply utilities etc. MHLW will continue to obtain data on tap water and take appropriate measures based on it.

Note)

MHLW has newly established the target level for management of radioactive materials in tap water as 10 Bq/kg as the sum of cesium-134 and cesium-137, which has replaced the previous index levels for the restriction of water intake and should be regarded as an indication to take necessary sanitary measures pertinent to the management and administration of the water supply facilities etc.(Nos. 1-0305 to 3-0305 issued by Water Supply Division, Health Service Bureau, MHLW on March 5, 2012)