

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

**Measures taken against radioactive materials in tap water
exposed to the nuclear power plant accidents**

Date	Response
March, 2011	
11 th	(The Great East Japan Earthquake struck. The declaration of the Nuclear Emergency Situation was issued concerning the Tokyo Electric Power Company's Fukushima No.1 Nuclear Power Plant.)
19 th	The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) <u>requested</u> that local governments and water supply utilities publicly announce <u>that residents should refrain from drinking tap water, in case the concentration level of radioactive materials in tap water exceeds the indexes for the restriction on the intake of food and beverage.</u>
21 st	MHLW <u>requested</u> that local governments and water supply utilities publicly announce <u>that residents should refrain from giving infants tap water, in case the concentration level of radioactive iodine in tap water exceeds 100 Bq/kg.</u>
21 st and 25 th	MHLW requested the provision of survey results on the radioactive level in tap water to local governments and water supply utilities, when they conduct surveys.
26 th and 27 th	MHLW notified water supply utilities to consider taking countermeasures, such as the reduction or suspension of water intake, the placement of covers on water treatment plants, etc. after rainfall, to the extent that they do not affect water supply, because radioactive materials in tap water tend to be detected in a high level of concentration after rainfall.
31 st	MHLW requested that related local governments regularly report the detection results concerning water supply utilities located in their area, regardless of the entities carrying out the survey.
April, 2011	
4 th	<u>As for the index levels on radioactive materials in tap water, MHLW publicly announced the maintenance of the present index levels for the time being, and the development of the monitoring policy, etc.,</u> and also notified local governments and water supply utilities of them.
11 th	MHLW <u>prepared "Q & A for local governments"</u> in which the public announcement dated April 4 is illustrated in an understandable way, and notified it to the local governments and water supply utilities.

※ In addition, MHLW has announced the results of monitoring survey conducted on tap water publicly, since March 19th.