Leakage from the Desalination System (RO3) at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

Date and Time: December 10, 2010 at 10:55 AM

Location: In the temporary warehouse of the desalination system (RO3)

Outline

1. A cooperative company worker on patrol found a puddle as he entered the temporary warehouse (10:55 AM).

2. The desalination system (RO3) was manually stopped (10:55 AM) and the leakage was confirmed to have stopped (11:00 AM).

3. The hose was inspected and recovered. The leaked water (approx. 60L) was cleaned up (3:20 PM).

Estimated leakage amount: Approx. 96L (4m x 8m x 3mm). The leaked water remains in the dam and has not flowed to the outside.

Radiation dose measurement results

Water surface :0.02 [mSv/h], :4.0 [mSv/h]

Ambient dose: :0.01 [mSv/h], :1.0 [mSv/h]

Leakage location: The drain header at the outlet of RO3-2 cassette

Estimated cause

- Header joint part came off due to the RO cassette drain valve was opened after being touched.

Countermeasures

- Install a warning sign near the valve and remind workers be aware of the risk.

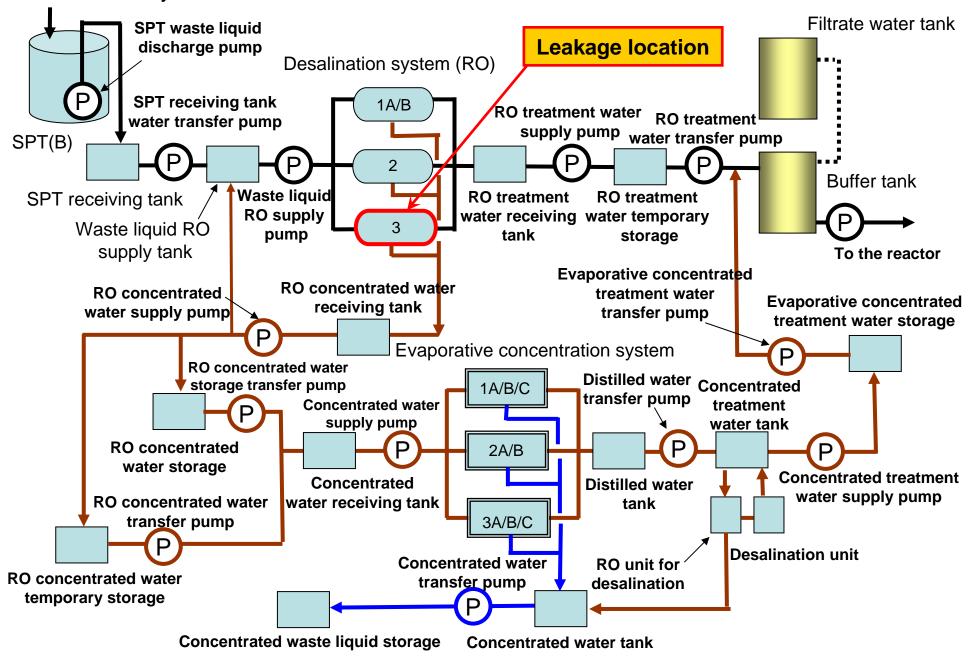
- Have the valve closed at all times utilizing an INSULOK, etc.

- The system will be restarted once the countermeasures are implemented (Planned on December 11 AM).

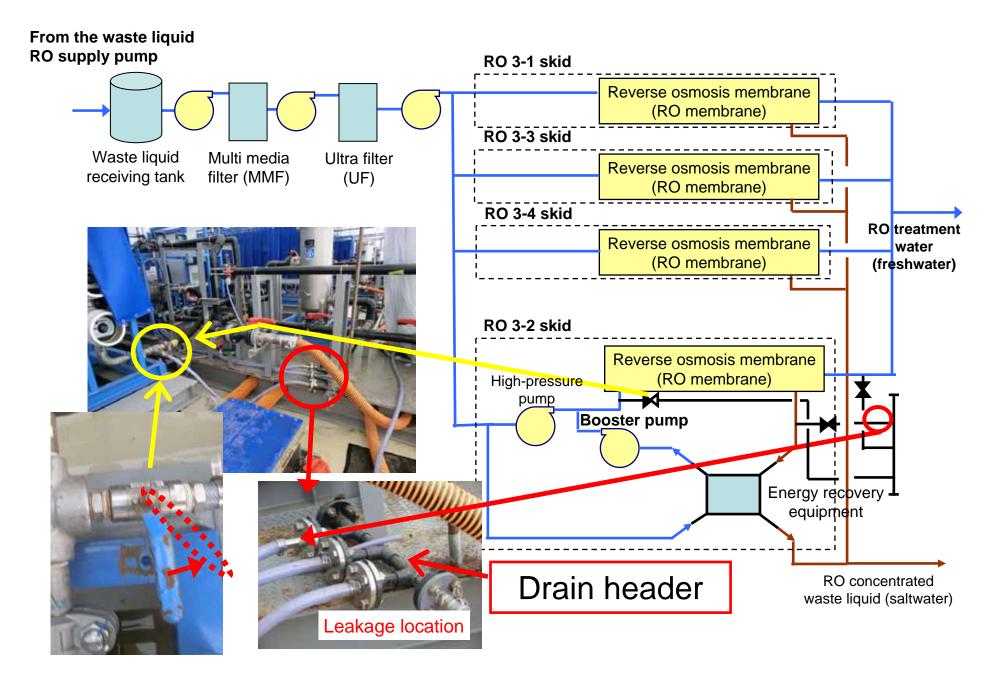
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Overview of the Desalination System



Desalination System (RO3) Structure and Leakage Location



Water Leakage Location in the Desalination System (Reverse Osmosis Membrane) 3

