

Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station: Americium and Curium analysis result in the soil

1. Analysis result

(Unit : Bq/kg·wet soil)

Sampling spot (): Distance from the stack of Unit 1, 2	Date of sampling/ Analyses organization	Pu-238 ^{*1}	Pu-239 ^{*1} Pu-240 ^{*1}	U-234 ^{*2}	U-235 ^{*2}	U-238 ^{*2}	Am-241	Cm-242	Cm-243 Cm-244
Playground(west-northwest approx. 500m)	June 6/ Japan Chemical Analysis Center	(1.7 ± 0.14) × 10 ⁻¹	(6.6 ± 0.80) × 10 ⁻²	(8.0 ± 0.41) × 10 ⁰	(3.8 ± 0.72) × 10 ⁻¹	(8.8 ± 0.44) × 10 ⁰	(3.4 ± 0.74) × 10 ⁻²	(1.7 ± 0.083) × 10 ⁰	(1.1 ± 0.14) × 10 ⁻¹
Adjacent to industrial waste disposal facility (south-southwest approx. 500m)		(6.7 ± 0.91) × 10 ⁻²	(2.6 ± 0.54) × 10 ⁻²	(5.9 ± 0.36) × 10 ⁰	(2.9 ± 0.70) × 10 ⁻¹	(5.7 ± 0.35) × 10 ⁰	(2.2 ± 0.55) × 10 ⁻²	(1.1 ± 0.052) × 10 ⁰	(4.1 ± 0.75) × 10 ⁻²
Average nuclide concentration ratio of Unit 1~3 (ratio in case Pu-238 as 1) ^{*3}		1	-	-	-	-	0 . 1	1 0	1

*1 : Announced on June 22, 2011 *2 : Announced on July 7, 2011 *3 : Calculated value by ORIGEN code (Approximate figure)

2. Evaluation

Detected Am and CM can be considered to be caused by the nuclear accident of this time.

- Nuclide of Cm-242/Cm-243/Cm-244 do not exist in the natural world and especially, Cm-242 (half-life : approx. 160 days) , which has relatively short half-life be detected.
- Concentration ratio of each nuclide (Am-241/Cm-242/Cm-243,Cm-244) against sampling number and of Pu-238 is almost as same as the average composition ratio of Unit 1~3.

Sampling number Pu-238 : (Am-241 / Cm-242 / Cm-243 , Cm-244) 1 : (0.2 / 10 / 0.6)

Sampling number Pu-238 : (Am-241 / Cm-242 / Cm-243 , Cm-244) 1 : (0.3 / 16 / 0.6)

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