Progress of Landside Impermeable Wall freezing: Phase 2 of the first stage

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OThe purpose of the Landside Impermeable Wall construction lies not in freezing soil to form an underground wall but in keeping groundwater from flowing into the reactor/turbine buildings and preventing new contaminated water from being generated.

OBy closing less than 95 percent of the mountain side of the Landside Impermeable Wall in Phase 2 of the first stage, it is expected that the amount of groundwater flowing into the areas around the reactor/turbine buildings will be reduced. This will help keep groundwater from being contaminated during the first stage.

OThroughout the first stage, how freezing of the Landside Impermeable Wall has progressed will be checked by monitoring the difference in groundwater levels inside and outside of the wall and the amount of groundwater pumped up by the subdrain and groundwater drain systems and the well point system.

2-1 Distribution map of soil temperatures (north side of Unit 1)





2-2 Distribution map of soil temperatures (west side of Units 1-2)





2-3 Distribution map of soil temperatures (west side of Units 3-4)





2-4 Distribution map of soil temperatures (south side of Unit 4)





2-5 Distribution map of soil temperatures (east side of Units 3-4)





2-6 Distribution map of soil temperature (east side of Units 1-2)





3-1 Auxiliary construction to further freezing the areas where soil freezing began on December 3 (as of Wednesday, December 21)

To further freezing the areas where soil freezing began on Dec. 3, 2016, auxiliary construction (chemical injection) will be applied to the points where soil temperatures are expected not to go below 0°C a month later.







3-2 Auxiliary construction on the landside except for the areas where soil freezing began on December 3 (as of Wednesday, December 21)



3-3 Schedule for auxiliary construction to further freezing the landside (based on the changes of soil temperatures from November 4 to December 8) and its progress (as of Wednesday, December 21)

(Areas where soil freezing began on December 3)

Areas where freezing began	Thermom eter pipe	Progress status	December 2016		January 2017			February 2017			March 2017			
West ① Began on Dec. 3	420-5S 430-5S 431-5S 440-5S	In progress			•									
West ⑤ Began on Dec. 3	150-7S 160-7S 170-7S 180-7S	In progress		•										

(Other areas)

BLK	Thermom eter pipe	Progress status	December 2016	January	January 2017			February 2017			March 2017		
5BLK	331-5S	Completed	[2nd Highest Prior	ty]	Highest	priority】→Completed. Currently no points categor					rized		
	340-5S	Completed			i	l		I	I i	is calego	1260		
	180-5S	Completed			【3rd High i	est Priority]→No points categorized							
	50-5S	Completed	•										
	40-5S	Completed											
6 BLK	30-68	Completed											
	10-6S	Completed	•										
	40-6S	Yet to be applied					*	-					
7 BLK	80-7S	Completed											
	70-7S	Completed	•										
3 BLK	270-3S	Completed	•										

* Some schedule changes (ex. moving forward) may occur depending on how auxiliary construction progresses in the areas where soil freezing began on December 3.

3-4 Auxiliary construction to further freezing the mountainside, (Freezing began on December 3 West⁵) **TEPCO** soil temperature decrease





[180-7S] : Auxiliary construction is under way. Soil temperatures are decreasing relatively steadily. [170-7S] : Auxiliary construction is under way. Soil temperatures are decreasing relatively steadily. [160-75]: Auxiliary construction is under way. Soil temperature decrease is being monitored. [150-7S] : Auxiliary construction is yet to be applied. Soil temperatures are decreasing relatively steadily.





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3-5 Auxiliary construction to further freezing the mountainside, soil temperature decrease (6BLK)



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4-1 Groundwater levels and hydraulic heads



(in the medium-grained sandstone layer 1 on the seaside)



The data of groundwater levels as of 12 p.m. on December 20

4-2 Groundwater levels and hydraulic heads (in the medium-grained sandstone layer 2 on the landside)



Monitoring items in an early stage of the ice wall freezing (Second Stage, seaside, water levels in the medium-grained sandstone layer) 3. Landside Impermeable Wall (groundwater levels around the seaside and the operations of Subdrain pumping system)



Co-5D

RW8

Start of Second

Stage freezing

4. Groundwater levels inside and outside the Landside Impermeable Wall





Mountain 2-①

Start of Phase

1 freezing

-Co-4D

Start of Phase 2 freezing

TP+m

10.0

9.0





The data of groundwater levels as of 12 p.m. on December 20

4-3 Groundwater levels and hydraulic heads (in the alternating strata layer and the fine- and rough-grained sandstone layer 1 on the seaside)

Monitoring items in an early stage of the ice wall freezing (Phase 1 Stage 1, seaside, water levels in the middle-grained sandstone layer)



The data of groundwater levels as of 12 p.m. on December 20

4-4 Groundwater levels and hydraulic heads (in the alternating strata layer and the fine- and rough-grained sandstone layer 2 on the landside

Monitoring items in an early stage of the ice wall freezing (Phase 1 Stage 1, seaside, water levels in the middle-grained sandstone layer)



7. Landside Impermeable Wall (groundwater levels around the seaside and the operations of Subdrain pumping system)

8. Groundwater levels inside and outside of the Landside Impermeable Wall









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5-1 Coolant leakage at 1BLK (1)







[Incident] On December 19, 2016, a coolant leak was found around 1BLK-H1, one of the coolant header return pipes for the landside impermeable wall.

[Probable cause] Under investigation

[Future action]

- •Source of the leakage will be identified by removing insulators surrounding the pipe.
- ⇒ On Tuesday, December 20, source of the leakage was found at one of the header pipe joints.
- •Repair will be carried out after removing coolant from the header pipe, dismantling the joint, and identifying the cause of the leak.

5-1 Coolant leakage at 1BLK (3)





Source of the leakage identified on December 20 (one of the header pipe joints)



Coolant leakage on December 19 (a joint of covering material near the source of the leakage)



Leakage confirmed by adding pressure on December 20

Location of the leakage at 1BLK-H1 header return pipe

5-1 Coolant leakage at 1BLK (4)





5-1 Coolant leakage at 1BLK (5)











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