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### **Update on Recovery at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station**

The Government of Japan provided an update on recovery operations at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS) to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), released together with the IAEA's own assessment on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the following link:

[https://www.iaea.org/sites/default/files/events\\_fukushima\\_daiichi\\_feb2016.pdf](https://www.iaea.org/sites/default/files/events_fukushima_daiichi_feb2016.pdf)

Highlights from the IAEA's assessment in the latest report:

- Various countermeasures against infiltration of groundwater into the reactor buildings, including groundwater pumping, have had a positive impact.
- The levels of radioactivity in the marine environment are low and relatively stable. In the November 2015 proficiency test administered to Japanese analytical organizations, levels of cesium detected in samples of fish caught in the sea around Fukushima are far below the Japanese regulatory limit for human consumption of general foods.
- The situation with regard to food, fishery and agricultural production continues to be stable. The measures taken to monitor and respond to issues regarding radionuclide contamination of food are appropriate, and the food supply chain is under effective control.

The same information is also available from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet, at the following websites:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

[http://www.mofa.go.jp/dns/inec/page18e\\_000038.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/dns/inec/page18e_000038.html)

Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet:

[http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/96\\_abe/decisions/2014/osensui\\_e.html](http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/96_abe/decisions/2014/osensui_e.html)