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The Ministry of the Environment, Japan

The Current Situation of Large Container Bags in Temporary Storage Sites (TSS) after Heavy Rain by Typhoon Hagibis

The Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOE) checked the large container bags, which contain removed soil generated from off-site decontamination works derived from the accident of TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, to make sure whether those bags were swept into the river from Temporary Storage Sites (TSS) due to the heavy rain by Typhoon Hagibis.

Findings as of October 20th (at 17:00 local time) are as follows:

- **TSS managed by the MOE**

All 236 TSS have been checked.

Iitate Village

The MOE found one large container bag was carried away but the bag has been already retrieved on 15th October. The MOE also has confirmed that no damage, no losses in the contents, and no influence on air dose rates.

- **TSS managed by local municipalities**

All 716 TSS have been checked.

Tamura City

20 bags were found. 8 of them have not been damaged. 11 of them have been retrieved and found empty, while 1 of them has not been retrieved. In addition to 20 bags, 2 bags that were judged not to have been used at the temporary storage site were found. The city and the MOE have confirmed that no influence is found on air dose rates and water quality monitoring so far.

Nihonmatsu City

15 of 2339 bags have been lost. 5 of the lost bags, however, have been already retrieved on 18th October. The city and the MOE have confirmed that no influence is found on air dose rates and water quality monitoring so far.

Kawauchi Village

18 of 2677 bags have been swept away and 2 of lost bags had been retrieved. One of the retrieved bag was empty and the content was swept away, while the other bag had no damage. The village and the MOE have confirmed that no influence is found on air dose rates and water quality monitoring so far.

The MOE will make every effort to find the bags yet to be retrieved as soon as possible using drones and check the total number of bags in TSS under the cooperation of local municipalities. The MOE also will continue to check any effects on the environment regularly and consider the further prevention measures.

• TSS managed by local municipalities outside Fukushima Prefecture

27 of all 44 TSS outside Fukushima Prefecture had been checked. 16 TSS in Marumori Town and 1 TSS Shiroishi City both in Miyagi Prefecture have not been checked yet. These municipalities and the MOE will check the current situation of the sites as soon as possible.