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Radioactive water leaked from Japan nuclear plant after earthquake UPDATE
(Updates with further details)

KASHIWAZAKI, Japan (Thomson Financial) - Water containing some radioactive materials leaked from a nuclear power plant in Japan after a strong earthquake on Monday, a spokesman for the firm running the facility said.

'We have confirmed that water containing a slight amount of radioactive materials leaked out of the facility,' said Shougo Fukuda, a spokesman for Tokyo Electric.

A fire also briefly broke out at the plant, the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa facility, following the deadly 6.8 magnitude earthquake, but was

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"But the leakage is believed to be far below the levels that could affect the environment," he said, adding that no workers at the plant were exposed to radiation.

The deadly 6.8 magnitude earthquake also ignited a fire at the site, the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa facility, one of the world's largest nuclear power plants.

Black smoke billowed for hours from the plant until the blaze was extinguished. Fukuda said it was not immediately known if the earthquake or the fire caused the radioactive water leakage.

The fire was centred on electricity supply facilities and not the nuclear reactors themselves, which were automatically shut down by well-established quake safety measures, Tokyo Electric said.

Monday's earthquake reduced homes to rubble in the areas hardest hit northwest of the capital Tokyo and triggered small tsunami waves.

At least seven people were killed and nearly 700 others injured.

Dozens of aftershocks hit throughout the day as thousands of people flocked to schools and other temporary shelters to spend the night. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe broke away from election campaigning to race to the scene.

Rescue workers were hunting for anyone buried alive in the wreckage after nearly 300 buildings were flattened by the quake, which also shook skyscrapers in the capital even though it lies more than 200 kilometres (125 miles) from the epicentre.

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Drip, Drip, Dribble

by atheo on 16.07.2007 [17:35]

At first they report no leaks, which then becomes "a slight ammount". How much is "a slight ammount" and will we ever find out or will we have to await the eventual casualty counts. Then again those could be suppressed as well.

of course they're not going to tell the truth

by picard-fortune-500 on 16.07.2007 [18:00]

It would cause a major panic in the area. Governments always lie.

Nuclear Power is Truly a Dead-End

by Rubber on 16.07.2007 [22:09]

Note to Mr. Fukuda: same to youda!

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