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## TEPCO sees delay in new water treatment facility at Fukushima plant

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Tokyo Electric Power Co. is seeing a delay in starting operation of a new water treatment facility that can remove more radioactive substances than the one currently being used at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, government officials said Tuesday.

The facility was expected to be introduced by the end of September as part of the utility's efforts to deal with a massive amount of contaminated water created as a result of continuing water injection into the damaged reactors.

But the utility still needs to check the strength of containers it plans to use to store radioactive waste generated through the water treatment process, the officials said following a meeting between the government and TEPCO to confirm progress toward decommissioning the reactors.

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