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Japan apologizes to S.Korea for water release

Japan's Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency has apologized to neighboring countries for causing concern over the release of contaminated water into the sea from the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

A senior official of the agency, Hidehiko Nishiyama, told a news conference on Tuesday that Japan failed to contact South Korea before taking the measure.

South Korea's foreign ministry expressed concern on Monday that Japan hadn't notified the country of the release in advance.

Nishiyama said he is sorry for raising concern in the country, although the release was an emergency measure.

He added that the government will fully explain the decision to related countries and reply to questions about the situation at the troubled plant.

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