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**Independent Investigation Committee for Sakai Refinery Sulfur Leak Holds
Second Meeting**

The second meeting of the independent investigation committee for the molten sulfur leak, previously announced on July 18, that occurred at the TonenGeneral Sekiyu (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo) Sakai Refinery, was held as follows.

We once again offer our deepest apologies to local communities and all others involved for any inconvenience and anxiety caused by the sulfur leak.

The second meeting of the independent investigation committee was held on August 25, 2012. The agenda included discussion of areas for improvement based on the investigation report on the root causes of and preventative actions for the sulfur leak and the failure to report it. The committee also discussed how to proceed with future deliberations.

The third committee meeting is scheduled for mid-September.

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