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Independent Investigation Committee for Sakai Refinery Sulfur Leak Holds

Third Meeting

The third meeting of the independent investigation committee for the molten sulfur leak, previously disclosed on July 18, that occurred at the Sakai refinery of TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo), 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 third meeting of the independent investigation committee was held on September 19, 2012. The agenda included identifying the root causes of the sulfur leak and the failure to report it, as well as discussion of actions to prevent reoccurrence.

The committee also discussed the development of a written report and will consider the content of the report at its fourth meeting, to be held at the beginning of October.

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