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### **Independent Investigation Committee for Sakai Refinery Sulfur Leak Holds Fourth Meeting**

The fourth 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 described below.

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

The fourth meeting of the independent investigation committee was held on October 1, 2012. An interim report was drafted at the meeting.

TonenGeneral Sekiyu plans to disclose the content of the report and its reaction plan based on the report by the end of October.

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