

## **$^{129}\text{I}/^{137}\text{Cs}$ ratios for atmospheric particulate matters collected just after TEPCO FDNPP accident**

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We have been determining  $^{134}\text{Cs}$  and  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  in suspending particulate matters (SPM; aerosols less than 10  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter) collected hourly from Mar. 12 to 23, 2011 at SPM monitoring stations in eastern Japan to reveal spatio-temporal trajectory of radioactive plums caused by TEPCO FDNPP accident, and the dataset for 99 monitoring stations was reported [1].

Recently, we are trying to estimate atmospheric  $^{131}\text{I}$  concentration just after the accident by determining  $^{129}\text{I}$  in those SPM samples. Because the SPM samples are very valuable, a part of sample (generally a part of 1/4) is subjected to  $^{129}\text{I}$  determination and the remaining part was held for any other purposes. Therefore it is essential that radionuclides are distributed uniformly in a SPM sample. Uniformities of distribution of  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  and  $^{129}\text{I}$  in large filter samples on which particulate matters were collected were examined by analysis of several parts of a sample.  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  was found to be distributed inhomogeneously for some SPM samples in which particulates with stronger activity were observed by autoradiography. On the contrary  $^{129}\text{I}$  distributions were generally uniform for all samples. Thus, radioactivity ratio of  $^{129}\text{I}/^{137}\text{Cs}$  was not necessarily consistent within a SPM sample. It was maybe suggested that carriers of Cs and I were different.

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