

Minute for consideration by New York Yearly Meeting, July 27, 2021

Minute on release of radioactive water from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant

The Japanese Government plans to begin the release of 1.25 million metric tons of highly radioactive water from the damaged Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant into the Pacific Ocean in 2023. The release of this water will have incalculable long-term impacts on the Pacific Ocean and beyond. The government will begin planning this release in September 2021.

New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) has a strong commitment to caring stewardship of the earth. We would like to invite our monthly and quarterly meetings, other yearly meetings, Quaker organizations, and others to express opposition to this dangerous plan. Letters might be modeled on the [letter](#) accompanying this minute.

In addition, organizers would like to invite Friends to join us in the planning of a march on Saturday, October 2, in New York City to protest the release of radioactive water. If you are interested in helping organize the march and communications around the march, please indicate your interest by emailing morningsidequakermeeting@gmail.com.

Concerned Friends are also invited to participate in the march. We will gather at Bryant Park (5th Ave. & 42nd St.) around 10:30 am, and start walking at 11:00 am. The march will end around 12:00 pm (it depends on the number of participants) at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (1st Ave. & 47th St. in front of the UN). Organizers plan to contact local representatives of other nations in the Pacific Region that might be most immediately affected as well as environmental organizations to see if they want to join us. We will let newspapers in Japan as well as New York City Japanese newspapers know about the march, hoping coverage might influence the Japanese Government.

We invite you to organize additional actions, especially local marches on October 2.

For more information on the issue, see the attached letter to the Consulate General of Japan in New York and the Japanese Mission to the United Nations, which was signed by some seventy anti-nuclear, peace, and environmental organizations.

Action requested

NYYM send to:

- NYYM quarters, monthly meetings, and worship groups
- Tokyo Friends Meeting
- Japan Yearly Meeting
- all Quaker Yearly Meetings world-wide
- other Quaker organizations