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WA state pulls back on radiation testing

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Radiation from Japan has been so miniscule in Washington that health officials announced Thursday that they're ending regular rainwater tests and reducing daily air tests for radioactive material.

The state Department of Health had started daily air monitoring for radioactive iodine shortly after a tsunami damaged Japan's nuclear reactors in Fukushima in March. Since then, all detected levels have been far below levels that would cause health concerns, officials said. Radioactive levels have also been dropping, often below detectable amounts.

The health department said air monitoring will now be done weekly. The tests supplement federal testing of air and rainwater in Washington. The tests, which include air air monitoring, will continue.

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