

Securing Appropriate Decontamination Works

Press reports of Inappropriate Decontamination works (Asahi-Shimbun on Jan. 4, etc.)



- * Highly regrettable to receive these reports
- * Fact investigation and strict measures based on the result

Establishing Taskforce for Securing Appropriate Decontamination Works in the Ministry (Instructed by Minister Ishihara)

Head : Senior Vice-Minister Inoue Deputy Head: Parliamentary Secretary Akino, etc.

Investigation for fact confirmation

- Instruction to the Contractors for investigation by Senior Vice-Minister Inoue (Jan. 8)
- Site visit by Senior Vice-Minister Inoue and Parliamentary Secretary Akino (Jan. 9)
- Hearing from the Contractors and instruction to submit reports by the Fukushima Office for Environmental Restoration (Jan.7)
- On-site investigation for specified sites ▪ Interviewing workers/ reporters who could be reached

Launch of **Appropriate Decontamination Promotion Program** on Jan. 18

<Investigation result & Response to individual cases>

28 cases reported >> Summarized into 19 cases as some of the 28 cases considered identical

- 2 cases: Ministry instructed the Contractors, who acknowledged the reported facts, to take corrective actions
 - ✓ Naraha Town : Treatment of wastewater from high-pressure cleaning for a house balcony was inappropriate
 - ✓ Iitate Village : Treatment of wastewater from high-pressure cleaning for a post office was inappropriate
- 1 case: Ministry found the case in its site inspection and instructed the Contractor to take appropriate actions
 - ✓ Tamura City : Edged plants and trees were left by the river side after the work
- other 2cases: Ministry gave the Contractor a guidance to take appropriate actions
- ✘ Ministry also conducted an investigation of its response to the reported cases (questionnaire survey for staff in charge, checking the number of calls to the decontamination call center, etc)

The Key Elements of the Appropriate Decontamination Promotion Program

Countermeasures to prevent inappropriate decontamination works

Actions

Thorough responsibility of contractors

- Establishment of system for responsible execution of works
- Imposing strict measures (suspension of bidding qualification by the entire government)
- reinforcement of no-notice inspection etc.



Establishment of broader management framework

- Collaboration w/ municipalities on check & info. exchange
- Information provision to the local residents about decontamination implementation (time & place)
- Effective monitoring by a third-party etc.



Reinforcement of MOE's administration system

- Drastic reinforcement of supervisory system (Increase field supervisors)
- Establishment of special hotline for inappropriate decontamination reports
- System for uniform management of such reports etc.



problems

Inadequate system of operation & management

- Necessity of improving implementation system & awareness raising of contractors
- Necessity of deterrence against inappropriate works
- Gap between order intention & field management

Lack of viewpoints of locals and third-parties

- Anxiety of local residents on decontamination effects
- Necessity of the improvement of monitoring system: more specialty/ objectivity/ transparency

Insufficient response system of MOE

- Necessity of proper management system to secure effectiveness of decontamination works in various and broad areas
- Incompleteness of reception and transaction system of inappropriate decontamination reports

Promotion of reliability/ Acceleration of decontamination works