

# 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**