



**Environmental Remediation in Affected Areas in Japan**May, 2019



Ministry of the Environment, Japan

## < Topic of the Month >

### "Fukushima Environmental Regeneration" is published!

- MOE has published a leaflet, "Fukushima Environmental Regeneration" (only available in Japanese) to show the residents how MOE has been tackling on the regeneration of Fukushima Prefecture.
- ➤ This leaflet will be issued on a monthly basis. In the first edition, the regeneration of Okuma Town (newly-built town hall) and Tomioka Town (Cherry Blossom Festival) are reported.





# Result and Effect of the Whole Area Decontamination

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### **Decontamination and Waste Treatment based on the "Act on Special Measures"**

Measures on decontamination of soil contaminated by radioactive materials

#### ① Special Decontamination Areas (SDA)

<u>Designation of SDA</u> by the Minister of the Environment

Development of the decontamination implementation plan in the SDA by the Minister of the Environment

<u>Decontamination</u> <u>implementation by the</u> National Government



#### 2 Intensive Contamination Survey Areas (ICSA)

#### **Designation of the ICSA by the Minister of the Environment**

(The areas with more than 0.23µSv/h)

 $30.23 \mu Sv/h$  is not the decontamination target, but designation criteria for the ICSA

If the area is more than 0.23 μSv/h, after the monitoring survey by municipality mayors

<u>Development of Decontamination Implementation Plan</u> by the municipality mayors

Implementation of decontamination by municipality mayors based on the plan (the national government allocates the budget)

\*\*Removed soil generated by decontamination work inside NPS, is implemented by the relevant nuclear producer, TEPCO

## Management of waste contaminated by radioactive materials

#### **Specified waste**

## ① Waste within the countermeasure area

Designation of contaminated waste management area by the Minister of the Environment

Designated areas which meet requirements to be contaminated by radioactive materials at certain level necessary to manage waste under special management

A management plan for waste within the countermeasure area is formulated by the Minister of the Environment

Implemented by the national government pursuant to the treatment plan for waste

Survey on sewerage sludge, incinerated ash, etc. (obligatory)

Report to the Minister of the Environment

Survey on waste other than that specified in the left box (voluntary basis)

Application



#### 2 Designated waste

Designated as "designated waste" by the Minister of the Environment 

Contaminated waste above

certain level (8,000Bq/kg)



Implemented by the national government

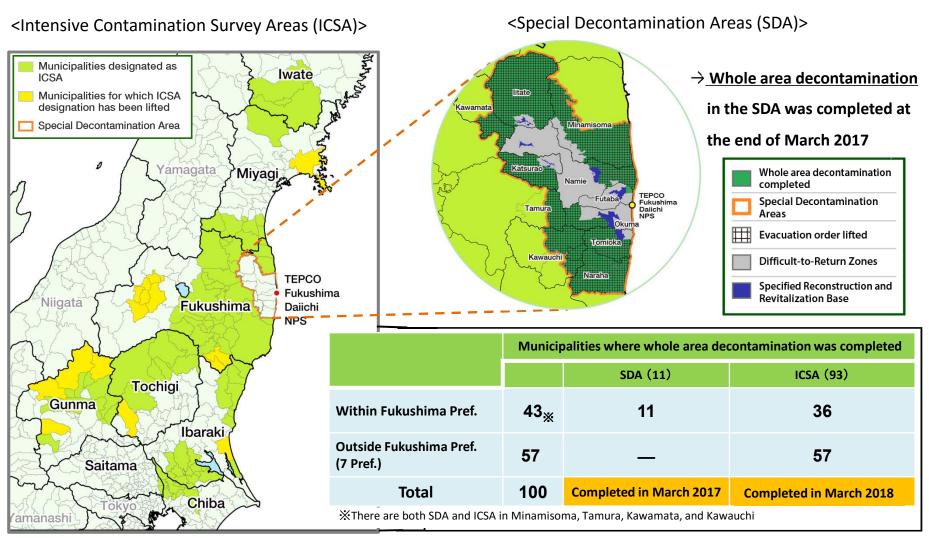
Prohibition on unauthorized actions (ex. unauthorized dumping)

#### Specified domestic waste and specified industrial waste

It is stipulated by MOE's ordinance that the waste applied for waste treatment law, but might be contaminated by radioactive materials diffused from the NPS accident. It is managed based on treatment criteria of the waste treatment law and special treatment criteria on the Act on Special Measures

### **Result of Whole Area Decontamination**

Whole area decontamination based on the Act on Special Measures was completed on March 19, 2018, excluding the Difficult-to-Return Zones (DRZ)



### **Effects of Decontamination in SDA**

<Air dose rate measured at the height of 1m from the ground / Transition according to land category> [Air dose rate (µSv/h)] (N=561,232)3.00 Before decontamination After decontamination Air dose rate in residential areas has been decreased 60% by the decontamination and it is confirmed that effect of the whole Post-decontamination area decontamination is maintained monitoring 30% reduction 55% reduction 59% reduction
72% reduction 2.00 44% reduction 64% reduction 1.59 1.45 1.21 1.00 1.11 0.67 0.59 0.56 0.410.00 **Residential areas Farmland Forests** Roads

NOTE: The chart shows the air dose rate average in each category (aggregated data of measuring points).

(n=119,226)

Residential areas include schools, parks, cemeteries, and large-sized facilities, farmland includes orchard, and forests include slopes, grassland and lawn.

Post-decontamination monitoring was implemented after 6 months to a year after the decontamination work. The latest result of post decontamination monitoring in municipalities were summarized

[Implementation period] • Monitoring before decontamination

(n=261,153)

Monitoring after decontamination

Post decontamination monitoring

Nov.2011 - Nov. 2016

(n=93,938)

(n=86,915)

Dec. 2011 - Dec. 2017

Oct. 2014 - Aug. 2018

## **Scale of Whole Area Decontamination Project**

- ◆The MOE has budgeted approx. JPY 2.9 trillion (= USD 27 billion) for decontamination until FY2018.
- ♦17mil. m (among which approx. 16.5mil. m were from Fukushima Prefecture) of contaminated soil and wastes were removed until the end of FY2017.
- ◆MOE published "Decontamination Project Report" to leave a record behind of the experiences, knowledge and lessons learned through decontamination works.

#### **Decontamination in SDA**

- Total number of labor: approx. 13,700,000 workers
- Budget: approx. JPY 1.5 trillion

   MOE's budget until FY2018
- Volume of the generated soil: approx. 9,100,000 m<sup>3</sup>

  \*Estimation as of the end of March 2018
- Transported volume of soil from TSS\*: approx. 1,900,000 m<sup>3</sup>

(ISF: approx. 280,000 m³, Volume Reduction Facility: approx. 1,620,000 m³) 

\*Estimation as of the end of 2018

#### **Decontamination in ICSA**

- Total number of labor: approx. over 18,400,000 workers
  - estimated from interviews with relevant municipalities as of the end
     of March 2018
- Volume of the generated soil: approx. 7,900,000 m<sup>3</sup> (estimation)

(within Fukushima Pref.: approx. 7,400,000m³, outside Fukushima Pref.: approx. 500,000m³, both are estimation as of March 2018)

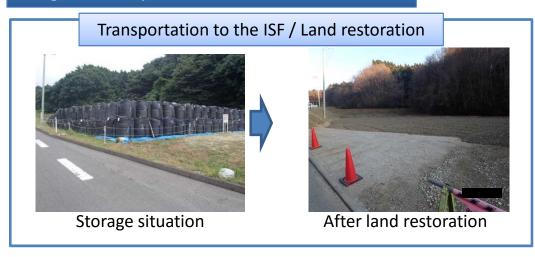
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## Prospects on Export of Removed Soil and Restoration of Land in Temporary Storage Sites (TSS) < Estimation >

By early 2020, max. 60% of the removed soil from approx. 1,300 TSS\* will be transported to the ISF, and up to 40% of land restoration will be completed, according to estimation based on prospect\* of the transportation to the ISF and continuously aim to proceed transportation and land restoration at an early stage

\*FY2018: Approx. 1.8 mil. m³ FY2019: Approx. 4 mil. m³ are planned

#### Image of transportation and land restoration



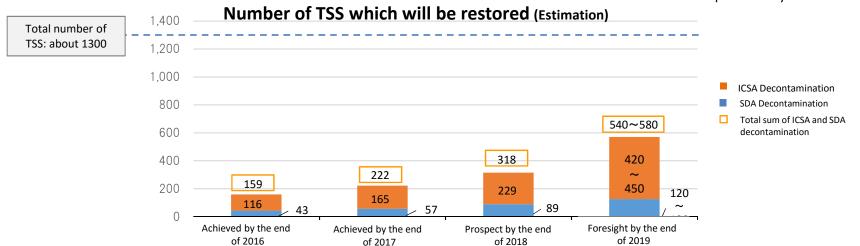




Restart farming by the land

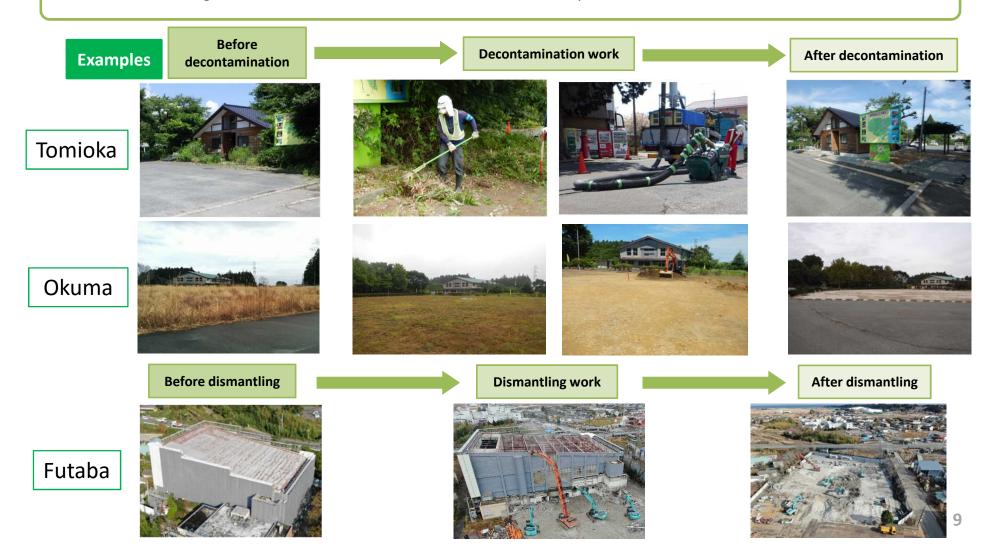
Photos provided by Nihonmatsu City

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## **Progress in Specified Reconstruction and Revitalization Base (SRRB)**

- ◆ By revised "Act on Special Measures for the Reconstruction and Revitalization of Fukushima in 2017, 6 municipalities could make plans to construct "Special Reconstruction and Revitalization Base(SRRB)", aiming at lifting evacuation orders and allowing the residents to return homes.
- ◆ The dismantling and decontamination works started in 6 municipalities.



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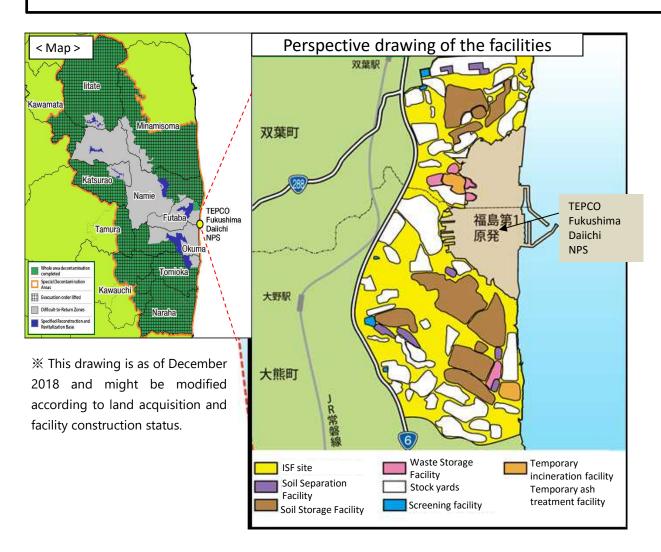
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## **Interim Storage Facility (ISF)**

- In Fukushima Prefecture, large quantities of removed soil and waste have been generated from decontamination works.
- The Interim Storage Facility is necessary to safely and intensively manage and store the soil and waste until the final disposal.
- > Removed soil and waste derived of decontamination works, and specified wastes (> 100,000 Bq/kg) are stored.
- $\triangleright$  The total volume is currently estimated at around 14 mil.  $\vec{m}$ , with the further review reflecting the actual circumstances.



## [Process of the ISF Project] **Land acquisition Construction of facilities** For soil separation and soil storage facility **Transportation of soil** and waste from TSS to ISF **Processing and storage** of soil and waste 11

## **Current Status of Interim Storage Facility**

## Photo of the ISF taken by drone

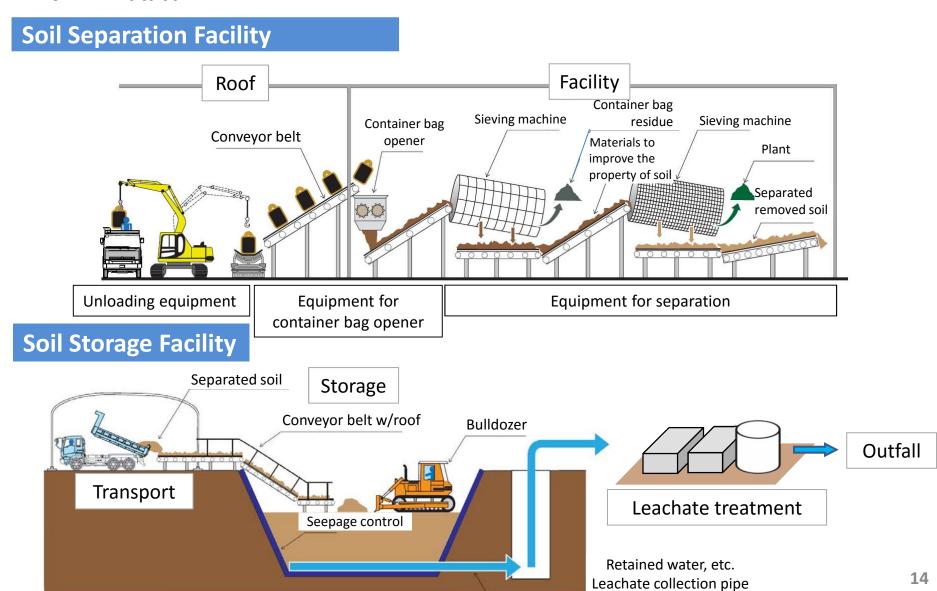


## **Progress of Land Acquisition of the ISF**

| Whole Area                             |                                     | Item  | Ratio to the whole area       |   | Ratio and the number of people registered to whole registration record (2,360 pers.*1)   |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Ca. 1,600ha                            | Landowners with contact information |   | Ca. 1,560ha ¾1<br>97.5%       |   | Ca. 1,950 pers. <b>%</b> 1<br>82.6%  |
| Private land<br>Ca.1,270ha<br>(Ca.79%) | <u>Contracted</u>                   | Private land out of contracted land Ca. 1,075ha | <u>Ca. 1,114ha</u><br>(69.6%) | ∠Poforonco>                                 | 1,692 pers. *2<br>71.7%  |
| National/<br>Municipality              |                                     | Public land out of contracted land Ca. 39ha     |                               | <reference> Ca. 1,405ha (87.8%)</reference> | The ratio to 1,950 pers. landowners with contact information: 86.8%  |
| land<br>Ca.330ha<br>(Ca. 21%)          | Other public land                   |   | Ca. 291ha<br>(18.2%)          |   | <ul> <li>※1 Including National/Municipality institutions</li> <li>※2 Private landowner: 1,690 pers. Public land: 2pers.</li> </ul> |

## **Soil Separation / Storage Facility**

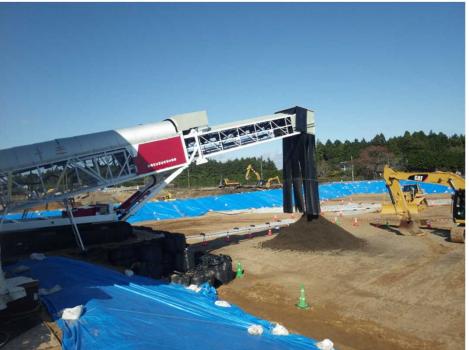
◆ Soil Storage Facility started the operation in October 2017 in Okuma and in December 2017 in Futaba



## **Operational Status of the ISF**

- ◆ Construction of the facility started in November 2016
- ◆ The operation of Soil Separation Facilities started in June 2017 in Futaba, and in August 2017 in Okuma
- ◆ The storage of the removed soil started in October 2017 in Okuma and in December 2017 in Futaba after the completion of the Soil Storage Facilities





Soil Separation Facility (in Futaba)

Soil Storage Facility (in Okuma)

## **Transportation to the ISF**

- ◆ In FY2018, approx. 1,800,000m³ of the removed soil was already transported to the ISF
- ◆ In FY2019, approx. 4,000,000 m³ of the soil is planned to be transported
- ◆ Safe and secure transportation will be sequentially conducted managing whole numbers of transport objects, managing traffic of trucks, and implementing environmental monitoring, and etc.

#### Actual achievement (As of April 23, 2019)

♦ Stored volume: 1,839,054 m in FY2018
180,135 m in FY2019
(2,804,564 m in TTL)

\* Calculated on the assumption that the volume of a large bag is 1 m<sup>3</sup>

**◆** Total number of trucks used: 270,135 in FY2018

26,365 in FY2019

(422,176 in TTL)

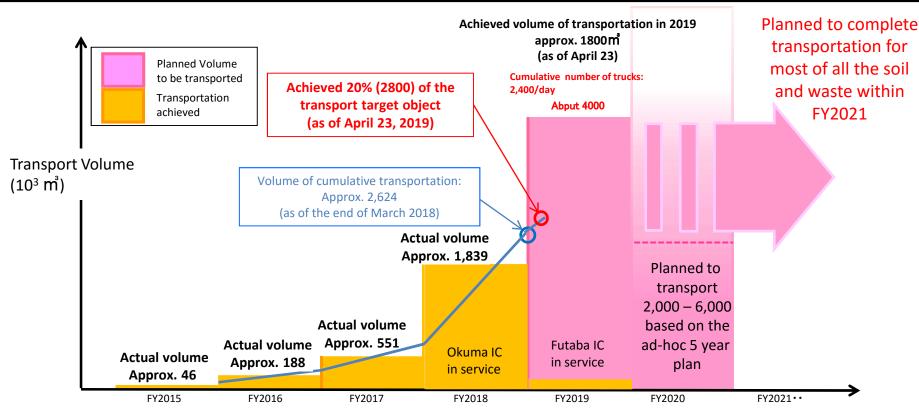
\* 6 m³ (6 bags) of removed soil is lorded on each truck



A truck transporting removed soil

## **Prospect for Ad-hoc Policy on Interim Storage Facility**

- ◆ Towards the delivery to the ISF of 14 mil. m³ (\*)of transport target objects, transportation volume will be sequentially increasing in the light of land acquisition and facility construction situation
  - \*As of January 2019
  - < Announcement of "Policy on Interim Storage Facility Project in FY2019" on December 6, 2018 >
  - In FY2019, 4mil. m³ will be transported aiming to reduce a number of TSS close to the residential areas
  - By FY2021, MOE aims to complete transportation of most of the removed soil and waste (except DRZ) which temporarily stored in Fukushima Prefecture.



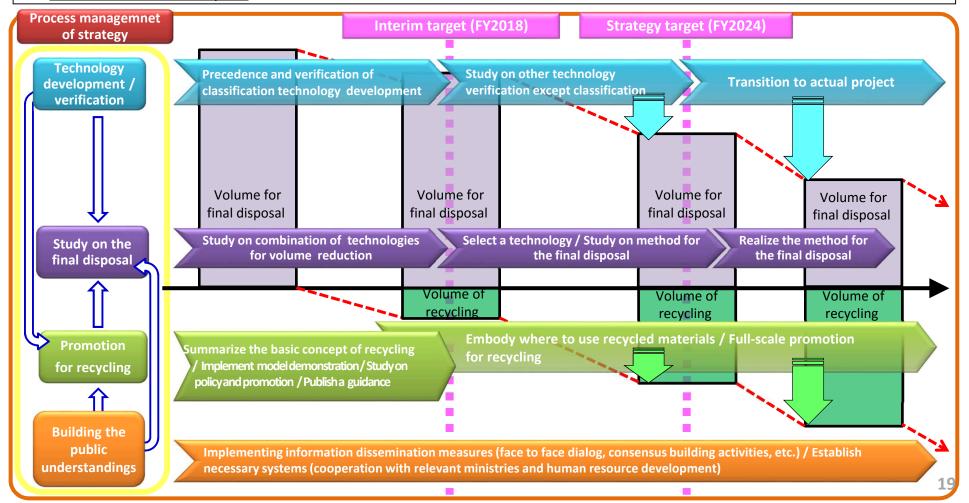
## 8 Steps towards the Final Disposal outside Fukushima Prefecture within 30 years from the Start of the ISF

- ➤ MOE conducts R&D to examine how the final disposal to be implemented taking into account the effect of radioactive decay and the potential of volume reduction and recycling
- MOE shares the information with the public to build the consensus for recycling of lower contaminated soil and the final disposal outside Fukushima Prefecture

|  | Start of ISF                             | ears from the star                        |  |  |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| STEP1: Comprehension of trends in R&D domestically and internationally   | STEP 1                                   | 22  |  |  |
| STEP2: Studying the direction of future R&D  | STEP 2                                   |   |  |  |
| STEP3: Furthering R&D  | STEP 3                                   |   |  |  |
| <b>STEP4:</b> Studying the direction of the final disposal, taking into account studies of possibilities of volume reduction and recycling | STE                                      | P 4                                       |  |  |
|  | facility through v                       | waste out of the volume reduction cycling |  |  |
| STEP5: Investigation, review and adjustment concerning final disposal sites  | understanding of final                   | EP 5                                      |  |  |
| STEP6: Land preparation of final disposal sites  | disposal outside Fukushima<br>Prefecture | STEP 6                                    |  |  |
| STEP7: Installation of waste to final disposal sites   |  | STEP 7                                    |  |  |
| STEP8: Completion of final disposal  |  | STEP 8                                    |  |  |

## Technology Development Strategy for Volume Reduction & Recycling of the Removed Soil

- Towards the final disposal of the removed soil outside Fukushima Pref., MOE will promote recycling of the soil after volume reduction technology as much as possible, which consequently would lead to reduce the volume of soil for the final disposal
- After clarifying the objectives and priority of technology development and volume reduction & recycling, <u>basic technology development is planned to be completed within 10 years, then move onto a phase of treatment</u>
- > On the premise of securing safety, MOE will try to realize the recycling in the possible field, building public understandings for the safety
- Based on technology development and prospect of recycling in the future, MOE would <u>propose some options for structure and necessary</u> dimension of the final disposal



### Concepts on Safe Use of the Removed Soil after Recycling (June 2016)

#### [Basic Concept]

The removed soil should be used mainly for public projects with a responsible management system for the controlled materials (with a radioactivity level below 8,000Bq/kg in principle and set according to purpose) after necessary treatment, e.g. removal of debris, classification treatment. The use will be limited, such as the basic structure material of an embankment which is not assumed to change shape artificially, and be managed appropriately.

#### **Limited use**

The use will be limited to the material which is not assumed to change shape artificially for a long time period, e.g. basic structure material of banking for coastal levees or seaside protection forests, embankment materials for roads, cover soil for waste disposal sites, landfill materials and basic structure for farms of flowers and energy crops.

Cover soil
Recycled
soil

**Appropriate** management

- The projects will be mainly public projects with a responsible management system.
- The radioactive cesium concentration in the removed soil should be limited in order to confine the additional exposure dose. The additional exposure dose should be below 1mSv/y during the construction and below 0.01mSv/y at the time of service.
- Covering soil should be installed, scatter and leakage should be prevented, ground form change should be observed, and the data should be recorded.

Take into account thickness for the maintenance of the construction

Thickness of Cover soil

Cover soil

Thickness to confine the additional exposure dose

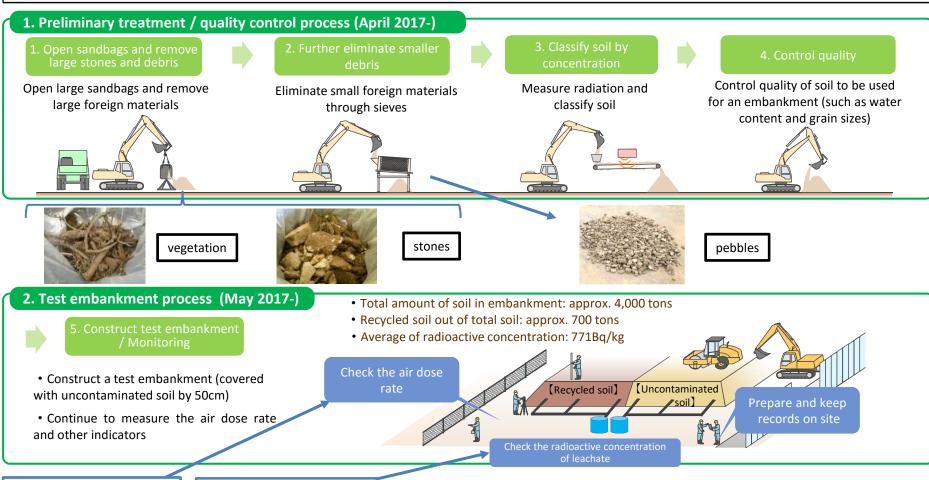
The thickness of cover soil should be designed to ensure the necessary thickness to confine the additional exposure dose, even when the general maintenance for the construction is conducted.

#### How to proceed recycling

As the environmental improvement towards the practical recycling of the removed soil, demonstration projects and model projects based on the above concepts should be implemented keeping the safety against radiation, studying specific verification of the management method and building stakeholders' and public understanding.

## **Demonstration Project for Recycling in Minamisoma City**

Demonstration project is currently being implemented in Minamisoma City, studying specifically on handling radiation during the procedure of recycling and ensuring the quality of the recycled soil as construction material in order to promote safe recycling and reuse of the removed soil in a step by step manner.



Air dose rate was not much changed before and after opening of sandbags of the removed soil Since the test embankment was constructed, radioactive materials have not been detected in the leachate



#### Result of council of advisers

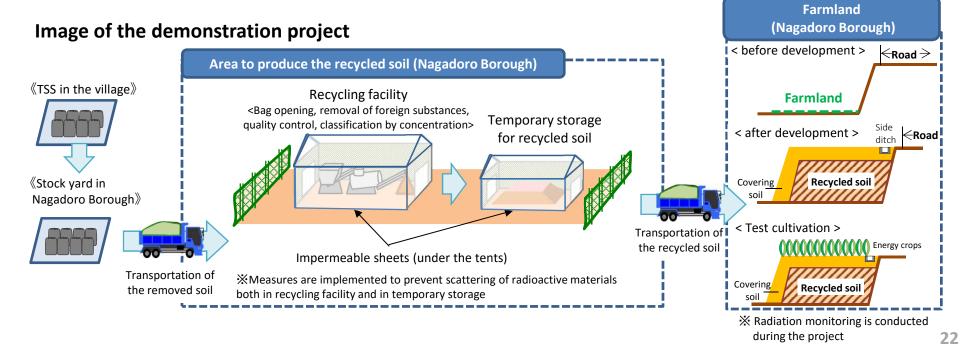
- ◆ Confirmed safety in this method for recycling demonstration
- ◆ To accumulate data continuously conducting demonstration project

## **Demonstration Project for Recycling in litate Village**

Another demonstration project is planned in litate Village. In response to the request from litate Village, the removed soil stored at TSS in litate Village will be recycled, and experimented in cultivation of flowers and energy crops in Nagadoro Borough of the village.

#### **Contents of the demonstration project**

- 1) Transport the removed soil from TSS in litate Village to the stock yard in Nagadoro Borough
- 2) Produce the recycled soil by separating foreign materials from the removed soil, classifying upon the radioactive concentration, and controlling the quality after construction of the recycling facility
- 3) At the demonstration project site, develop the basement of the farmland with the recycled soil covering the surface with uncontaminated soil
- 4) Conduct test cultivation at the farmland in the demonstration project site



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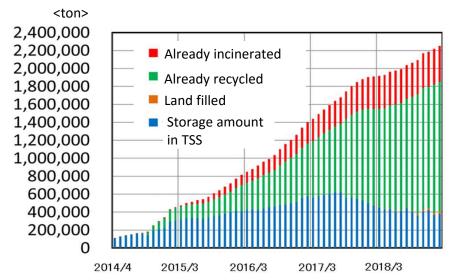
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## **Disposal of the Specified Waste**

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## Progress on Disposal of waste in the Countermeasure Areas (Fukushima Prefecture) As of April 26, 2019

- ◆ Transportation of disaster waste to the TSS has completed 2.26mil. tons as of the end of March 2019 (of which 400,000 tons were incinerated, 1,440,000 tons were recycled and 28,500 tons were landfilled)
- ◆ Transported disaster waste has been recycling as large as possible
- < Status of disaster waste by category>
- (1) Disaster waste disposal generated by Tsunami
- ◆ All the debris excluding that from Difficult-to-Return Zones (DRZ) has completed to remove and transport to the TSS as of March 2016
- (2) Dismantling and removal of collapsed houses
- ◆ It is under operation to take application for dismantling and investigation, then conduct dismantling and removal
- Application for dismantling and removal of which <u>15,800</u> <u>cases</u> were registered, already announced dismantling work, <u>14,300cases</u>, among which <u>12,500cases</u> were removed
- (3) Treatment of household waste
- Pick-up service at garbage stations or door-to-door visit
- Door-to-door retrieval is conducted after adjusting the schedule of the owner



Transported amount of disaster waste already transported to the TSS in the countermeasure area

★ Including the treated amount without transporting to the TSS



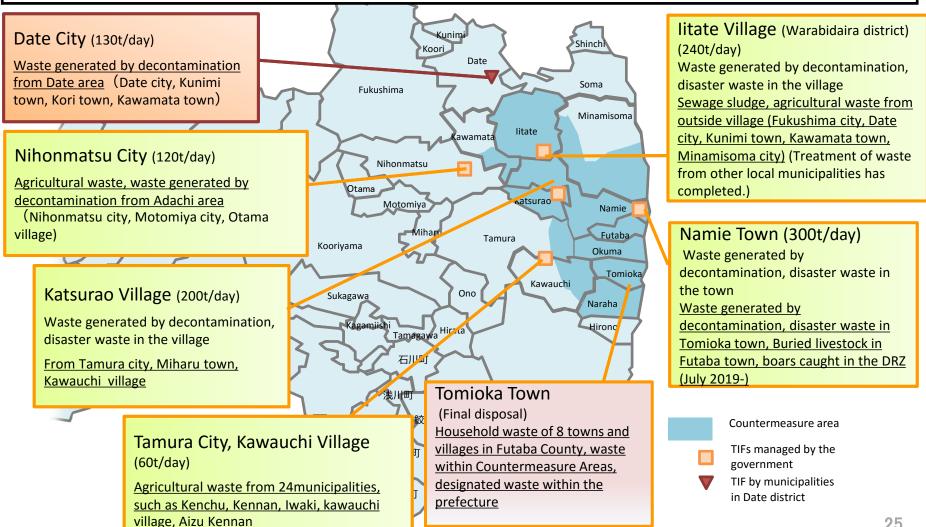
Dismantling of a collapsed house



**TIF in Okuma** 

### Implementation Situation of Waste Disposal across Municipalities

- To promote 'Waste disposal across municipalities': city/town/village hosting TIFs accept waste from other cities.
- Currently, Namie Town decided to accept boars' disposal caught at DRZ in Futaba County.
- Nihonmatsu City will start 'Waste disposal across municipalities' at the TIFs in April.2019.



## **Disposal Project utilizing Existing Controlled Landfill Site**

- ◆ As for Landfill disposal project for specified waste, the transportation to the site started on Nov. 17, 2017
- 68,873 container bags of waste mostly from Tomioka and Naraha Towns were transported (as of the end of April. 2019)
- ◆ Monitoring survey result before and after transportation shows no significant increase of air dose rate

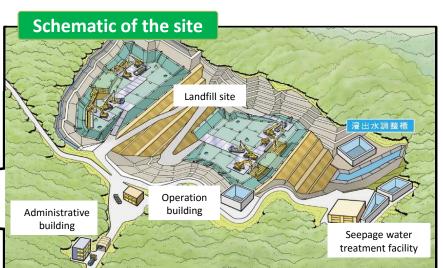
#### **Outline of the facility**

- ◆ To use existing controlled landfill site (formerly Fukushima Eco Tech Clean Center)
- ◆ To locate it in Tomioka (access from Naraha)
- The facility has been nationalized after local coordination
- Positioning as the final disposal site

#### TIFs (incl. those under construction and those removed) litate• 俣町 Contaminated waste Preparation Areas for Lift of Evacuation Order countermeasure area Difficult-to-Return Habitation restricted Minamisomai Zones Katsurao ( Namie Futaba 田村市 Fukushima Dai-ichi NPS Okuma Tomioka Naraha

#### Target object for landfill / Transport period

- ◆ Waste within the countermeasure areas (less than 100,000Bq/kg of radioactive concentration) [about 440,000m³] – about 6 years
- ◆ Designated waste (less than 100,000Bq/kg of radioactive concentration) [about 180,000m³] about 6 years
- ◆ General waste from houses about 10 years in 8 municipalities in Futaba
- ◆ Waste with more than 100,000Bq/kg of radioactive concentration will be delivered to the ISF



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# Communication to the Public and International Societies

## **Information Exchange with Local Communities**

MOE has been making efforts to share the information with local communities;

- ◆ "Environmental Regeneration Plaza" provides seminars and dispatches experts to town meetings and schools with the cooperation of Fukushima Prefecture
- "Reprun" helps you to understand specified waste landfill project.
- ◆ "Interim Storage Facility(ISF) Information Center" provides you the progress of ISF and radiation monitoring data.

Fukushima Regeneration Plaza at Fukushima City



Reprun at Tomioka Town

ISF Information Center at Okuma Town



## **Current PR Activities by MOEJ**

Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) released an English booklet in August 2017. English web-site, "Environmental Remediation" was also renewed and two TV shows are now available on MOE's web site.

#### English booklet



A comic style booklet, "Nasubi no Gimon" was released in August 2017, explaining radiation measures for food, etc.

#### Renewal of the MOE web-site



MOE renewed the web-site, adding more updated information <a href="http://josen.env.g">http://josen.env.g</a> <a href="o.jp/en/">o.jp/en/</a>

#### TV programs

"Fukushima Diaries" by Discovery Channel: In this 30-minitues show, three famous bloggers from overseas visited different destinations in Fukushima Pref. with their own interests. They showed the viewers what is really going on in Fukushima <a href="http://josen.env.go.jp/en/movie\_publication/cooperation\_index.html">http://josen.env.go.jp/en/movie\_publication/cooperation\_index.html</a>



Channel Japan/CNBC ASIA: CNBC broadcasted 15-minitues program 4times in a row.

Each program showed you the key persons in Fukushima how hard they work to fight against misconceptions and to revitalize Fukushima. Each content is as follows:



#1 The story of Mr. McMichael, who tries to help widely communicate correct information on Fukushima to international communities



#2 The story of two young people who are eager to revitalize their hometown, Fukushima

#3 The story of small factories that tackle on the development of robots for decommission. #4 The story of Dr. Hayano, who teaches what is radiation from academic point of views.

## **Cooperation with International Societies**

#### Dec. 5, 2016

The 4th Meeting of Japan-Ukraine Joint Committee for the cooperation to advance aftermath response to accidents at nuclear power stations (@Tokyo)

#### Apr. 17-21, 2017

The 3rd IAEA-MOE Experts Meeting on Environment Remediation of Off-Site areas after the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station Accident (@Tokyo)

#### Oct. 26-27, 2017

The 6th Annual Japan-UK Nuclear Dialogue (@London)

#### Nov. 6-10, 2017

The 4<sup>th</sup> IAEA-MOE Experts Meeting on Environment Remediation of Off-Site areas after the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station Accident (@Tokyo)

#### Nov. 21, 2017

The 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Japan-France Nuclear Cooperation Committee (@Tokyo)

#### Nov. 27, 2017

The 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Japan-Ukraine Joint Committee for the cooperation to advance aftermath response to accidents at nuclear power stations (@Kiev)

#### Aug. 8, 2018

The 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of US-Japan Bilateral Commission on Civil Nuclear Cooperation (@Tokyo)

#### Oct. 25, 2018

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Japan-UK Nuclear Dialogue (@Tokyo)

#### Nov. 21, 2018

The 8th meeting of the Japan-France Nuclear Cooperation Committee (@Paris)



