

Decontamination
Status of Removed Soil Outside Fukushima Prefecture

- Removed soil outside Fukushima Prefecture has been stored safely by respective municipalities based on the storage methods regulated by the national government.
- Municipalities are to follow the disposal methods regulated by the national government, if they collect removed soil and dispose of it by means of landfill in the future.
- However, specific disposal methods have not been determined, and the national government is required to specify disposal methods by Enforcement Regulation.

→ At present, the Study Team on Disposal of Removed Soil, which consists of intellectuals, is deliberating on disposal methods from professional standpoints. Furthermore, demonstration projects on landfill disposal have been implemented in Tokai Village in Ibaraki Prefecture, Nasu Town in Tochigi Prefecture, and Marumori Town in Miyagi Prefecture.

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Municipalities are to follow the disposal methods regulated by the national government, in case of disposing of removed soil by means of landfill.

However, specific disposal methods have yet to be determined, and the national government is required to specify disposal methods by an Enforcement Regulation, etc.

Accordingly, the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) established the Study Team for Disposal of Removed Soil, which consists of intellectuals, in December 2016, and the Study Team has been continuing deliberations from professional standpoints. Furthermore, the MOE has been implementing demonstration projects on landfill disposal at three locations, Tokai Village in Ibaraki Prefecture, Nasu Town in Tochigi Prefecture (completed in March 2020), and Marumori Town in Miyagi Prefecture, with the aim of confirming influence on the workers and surrounding environments in case of disposing of removed soil by means of landfill.

Based on the results of the demonstration projects and deliberations by the Study Team, the national government will establish a necessary Enforcement Regulation and Guidelines.

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