

**Waste**

**Waste to be Treated by the National Government under the Act on Special Measures Concerning the Handling of Environment Pollution by Radioactive Materials**

**(i) Waste from the countermeasure area**

- Contaminated **waste from the countermeasure area\*** designated by the Minister of the Environment that satisfies certain requirements
  - \* An area that satisfies certain requirements, such that it is found that waste located in that area is likely to be contaminated to the extent requiring special management  
(= municipalities containing former Restricted Areas and former Deliberate Evacuation Areas)

<Examples of waste from the countermeasure area>

- Debris due to the earthquake and the tsunami
- Waste from demolition of houses, etc.

**(ii) Designated waste**

- Waste contaminated with radioactive materials derived from the accident **whose radioactivity concentration is found to exceed 8,000 Bq/kg and which is designated\*** by the Minister of the Environment
  - \* In light of the survey results concerning contamination status of incinerated ash at incineration facilities and based on applications filed by possessors of waste, the Minister of the Environment makes a designation when radioactivity concentration of waste is found to exceed 8,000 Bq/kg

<Examples of designated waste>

- Incinerated ash
- Agricultural and forestry waste (rice straw, compost), etc.

Incinerated ash

Agricultural and forestry by-products (rice straw)

**⇒ The national government takes charge of the treatment of waste from the countermeasure area and designated waste**

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At present, the area extending over 10 municipalities in Fukushima Prefecture is designated as an Area for Contaminated Waste Countermeasures (an area designated by the Minister of the Environment as an area in which the national government needs to take charge of the collection, transport, storage and disposal of waste located therein; meaning the same as a Special Decontamination Area). Waste discharged from this area is being treated by the Ministry of the Environment as waste from the countermeasure area.

Waste contaminated with radioactive materials derived from the accident whose radioactivity concentration exceeds 8,000 Bq/kg is to be treated as designated waste by an appropriate method under the responsibility of the national government.

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