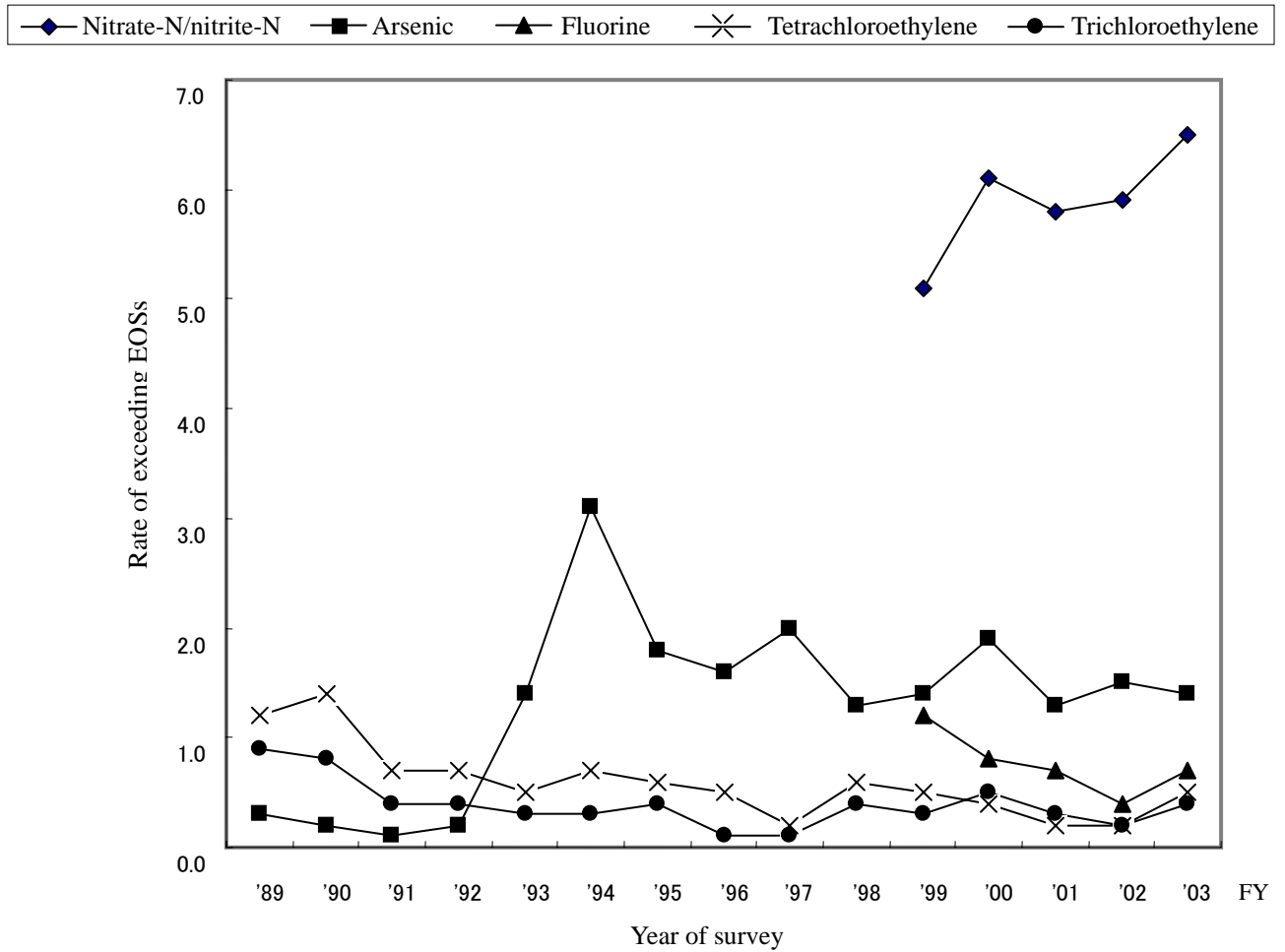


Fig. 1 Changes in the Exceeding Rate of Environmental Quality Standards of the Top Five Substances



- Notes:
1. Different wells were used for the general monitoring survey every year.
  2. The EQSs for groundwater were established in FY 1997. Assessment standards were used before the establishment of EQSs. (The assessment standard for arsenic was revised from "0.05 mg/L or less" to "0.01 mg/L or less" in 1993.
  3. Nitrate-N/nitrite-N, fluorine and boron were added to the list of substances for which environmental quality standard shall be set in 1999.