

(News Release)

The Results of Radioactive Material Monitoring of the Surface Water Bodies within Miyagi Prefecture (January-March Samples)

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In accordance with the Comprehensive Radiation Monitoring Plan determined by the Monitoring Coordination Meeting, the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) is continuing to monitor radioactive materials in water environments (surface water bodies (rivers, lakes and headwaters, and coasts), etc.).

Samples taken from the surface water bodies of Miyagi Prefecture during the period of January 8-March 12, 2013 have been measured as part of MOE's efforts to monitor radioactive materials; the results have recently been compiled and are released here.

The monitoring results of radioactive materials in surface water bodies carried out to date can be found at the following web page: <http://www.env.go.jp/jishin/rmp.html#monitoring>

1. Survey Overview

(1) Survey Locations

71 environmental reference points, etc. in the surface water bodies within Miyagi Prefecture
(Rivers: 43 locations, Lakes: 16 locations, Coasts: 12 locations)

(2) Survey Method

- Measurement of concentrations of radioactive materials (radioactive cesium (Cs-134 and Cs-137), etc.) in water and sediment
- Measurement of concentrations of radioactive materials and spatial dose-rate in soil in the surrounding environment of water and sediment sample collection points (river terraces, etc.)

2. Outline of Results (* denotes the results of the previous survey (October-December 2012))

(1) Water Quality (Lower detection limit: 1Bq/L)

Cs-134 + Cs-137: Not detectable (ND) at any location (* ND at any location)

<Reference>

Specification and Standards for Food, Food Additives, etc. in accordance with the Food Sanitation Act (Drinking Water) (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Public Notice No.130, March 15, 2012)
Radioactive cesium (total for Cs-134+Cs-137): 10Bq/kg

Target value for radioactive materials in tap water (management target for water supply facilities) (March 5, 2012; 0305 Notice No.1 from the Director of the Water Supply Division, Health Service Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

Radioactive cesium (total for Cs-134+Cs-137): 10Bq/kg

(2) Sediment (Lower detection limit: 10Bq/kg (dried mud))

Overall, the levels of both the rivers and lakes/headwaters measured were around 1,000Bq/kg or below at most of the locations (coasts: 500Bq/kg or below), and have generally remained constant or had a declining tendency.

(Rivers)

Cs-134 + Cs-137: ND-2,270Bq/kg (dried mud) (*ND-3,400Bq/kg (dried mud))

(Lakes and headwaters)

Cs-134 + Cs-137: 320-1,670Bq/kg (dried mud) (*44-9,700Bq/kg (dried mud))

(Coasts)

Cs-134 + Cs-137: ND-1,530Bq/kg (dried mud) (*ND-1,530Bq/kg (dried mud))

<Reference> Number of locations by radioactive cesium concentration (500Bq/kg)

Numbers in () denote results measured on the previous occasion.

	500 or below	501 -1,000	1,001 -1,500	1,501 -2,000	2,001 -2,500	2,501 -3,000	3,001 or more	Total
Rivers	35 (39)	6 (8)	2 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (1)	44 (51)
Lakes and headwaters	2 (11)	0 (3)	0 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (1)	0 (2)	3 (19)
Coasts	27 (17)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	29 (19)

(3) Surrounding Environment (Lower detection limit: 10Bq/kg (dry))

(Rivers)

Cs-134 + Cs-137: 13-3,400Bq/kg (dry) (*35-4,300Bq/kg (dry))

Spatial dose: 0.04-0.42 μ Sv/h

(Lakes and headwaters)

Cs-134 + Cs-137: 229-1,860Bq/kg (dry) (*47-4,100Bq/kg (dry))

Spatial dose: 0.05-0.24 μ Sv/h

(Annex for details)
(Map attached)

Future Plans

MOE intends to continue to measure radioactive materials in water, sediment, etc. in rivers, lakes, etc. in FY2013, since concentrations of radioactive materials seem to show fluctuations, depending on locations, due to minor differences in sampling points or properties of samples of each survey.

○River: Sediment Monitoring Results

No.	Sampling point			Sampling date	Weather	Full depth m	General items			Concentration of radioactive material Bq/kg (dried mud)				Remarks
	Water body	Point	Municipality				Mud sampling depth cm	Mud content %	Property	Radioactive iodine I-131	Cs-134	Radioactive cesium Cs-137	Total	
1	Shishiorigawa River	Kinzanbashi Bridge	Kesennumashi City	2013/1/29	Sunny	0.2	2	87	Gravel	<30	31	55	86	
2		Namiitabashi Bridge		2013/1/29	Sunny	1.8	5	53	Silt	<30	92	170	262	
3		Tateyamaohashi Bridge		2013/1/8	Sunny	2.2	3	89	Sand	<30	19	37	56	
4		Okawa River		2013/1/8	Sunny	1.5	3	70	Sand	<30	70	120	190	
5		Okawa River Estuary		2013/1/8	Cloudy	1.8	5	93	Sand	<30	<10	<10	-	
6		Ozakibashi Bridge		2013/1/29	Sunny	0.6	5	56	Silt	<30	230	440	670	
7	Kita	Arimagawa River	Kuriharashi City	2013/1/29	Cloudy	0.2	3	90	Gravel	<30	150	290	440	
8		Kiryugawa River		2013/1/29	Cloudy	0.2	3	80	Sand	<30	210	360	570	
9		Kinakamigawa River		2013/1/30	Sunny	0.3	3	84	Sand/silt	<30	26	45	71	
10		Hasamagawa River	Sanhasamagawa River	2013/1/29	Snow	0.6	3	85	Sand	<30	<10	20	20	
11				2013/1/29	Sunny	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect mud due to snow on the ground
12				2013/1/29	Snow	0.8	2	90	Gravel/sand	<30	<10	14	14	
13				2013/1/30	Sunny	0.2	2	90	Gravel/sand	<30	21	44	65	
14				2013/1/30	Sunny	0.6	5	53	Silt	<30	220	380	600	
15	Eaigawa River	Todorokibashi Bridge (Todoroki)	Osakishi City	2013/2/1	Sunny	1.0	4	90	Sand	<30	23	43	66	
16		Shimizukomon Weir		2013/3/1	Sunny	1.2	2	93	Sand	<30	<10	<10	-	
17		In Furukawa District, Osakishi City		2013/3/1	Sunny	1.8	2	70	Sand/silt	<30	240	450	690	
18		Dekigawa River		2013/1/31	Sunny	0.2	3	82	Sand/silt	<30	83	150	233	
19		Eaigawa River		2013/1/30	Cloudy	0.4	3	82	Sand/silt	<30	22	51	73	
20		Oikawabashi Bridge (Tandai)		2013/1/8	Sunny	0.2	3	91	Sand	<30	<10	10	10	
21		Kadonowakawa River		2013/1/8	Sunny	0.3	5	83	Sand	<30	<10	17	17	
22	Nanakitagawa River	Onobashi Bridge (Ono)	Sendai City	2013/1/29	Sunny	0.3	5	83	Sand	<30	<10	17	17	
23		Tagajozeki Weir		2013/1/9	Snow	2.2	10	45	Silt	<30	420	760	1,180	
24		Nenbutsubushi Bridge		2013/1/9	Snow	2.5	5	65	Silt	<30	180	310	490	
25		Teizan-unga Canal (Kyusunaoshigawa River)		2013/1/9	Snow	2.5	3	72	Gravel/sand	<30	37	64	101	
26		Nanakitagawa River		2013/2/27	Cloudy	0.2	3	84	Sand	<30	16	27	43	
27		Umedagawa River		2013/2/27	Cloudy	0.2	5	89	Sand	<30	<10	17	17	
28		Nanakitagawa River		2013/1/9	Snow	0.4	3	60	Silt	<30	160	290	450	
29		Yuringehobashi Bridge	Natori City/Natoriishi City	2013/1/23	Sunny	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect mud due to increased water level
30		Yakushibashi Bridge		2013/1/23	Sunny	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect mud due to snow on the ground
31	Natori River System	Koyamabashi Bridge		2013/1/23	Sunny	0.4	2	80	Mud	<30	86	150	236	
32		Bishamonbashi Bridge		2013/1/23	Sunny	1.8	6	53	Clay/sludge	<30	770	1,500	2,270	
33		Hadeniwabashi Bridge	Marumori-machi Town	2013/1/10	Sunny	0.5	3	86	Sand	<30	130	240	370	
34		Marumoribashi Bridge		2013/2/7	Sunny	0.4	5	88	Sand/gravel	<30	120	210	330	
35		Ejiribashi Bridge	Kakudashi City	2013/1/10	Sunny	0.2	3	86	Sand	<30	200	380	580	
36		Shiroishigawa River		2013/2/7	Sunny	1.0	5	82	Sand	<30	440	790	1,230	
37	Shiroishigawa River	Before the confluence with Kawagosawa River (Sunashibashi Bridge)	Shiroishi City	2013/1/22	Rain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect mud due to snow on the ground
38		Saikawa River		2013/1/24	Sunny	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect mud due to construction
39		Matsukawa River	Zaomachi Town	2013/1/24	Sunny	0.2	2	78	Sand	<30	24	42	66	
40		Arakawa River	Niragamibashi Bridge	2013/1/24	Sunny	0.3	2	86	Sand/silt	<30	37	64	101	
41		Shiroishigawa River	Shirahatabashi Bridge	2013/1/24	Sunny	0.3	2	83	Sand	<30	23	45	68	
42	Abukumagawa River	Abukumiohashi Bridge (Iwanuma)	Iwanumashi City/Wataricho Town	2013/1/10	Sunny	0.7	5	80	Sand	<30	87	160	247	
43		Abukumagawa River Estuary (Watariohashi Bridge)		2013/2/7	Sunny	0.5	3	81	Sand	<30	180	320	500	

* Sampling points for rivers are listed from north to south, and for different points along the river, from upstream to downstream.

O Lake and Headwater: Water Quality Monitoring Results

No.	Sampling point Point				Sampling date	Weather	Full depth m	General items			Concentration of radioactive material Bq/L			Remarks		
								Sampling depth m	Secchi disk depth m	Electrical conductivity mS/m	SS mg/L	Turbidity	Radioactive iodine I-131	Radioactive cesium Cs-134	Cs-137	
1	K i s s y s t e r m e r g a w a	Kurikoma Dam	Dam site	Surface layer	2013/1/29	Snow		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to freezing
2				Lower layer				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to freezing
3	Nanugo Dam	Dam site	Surface layer	2013/1/22	-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to freezing
4			Lower layer					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to freezing
5	Izunuma Lake	Lake exit	Surface layer	2013/1/30	Sunny	0.9		0.0	0.6	27	22	20	<1	<1	<1	Collected only from the surface layer due to shallow water
6			Lower layer					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Collected only from the surface layer due to shallow water
7	Narusegawa River System	Urushizawa Dam	Surface layer	2013/1/16	-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to freezing
8			Lower layer					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to freezing
9	Nanakitaigawa River System	Nanakita Dam	Surface layer	2013/1/22	Snow			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to freezing
10			Lower layer					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to freezing
11	Amanuma Lake		Lake exit	Surface layer	2013/1/21	Cloudy		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to freezing
12	Natorigawa River System	Kamafusa Dam	Dam site	Lower layer				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to freezing
13			Kawarago Dam	Dam site	2013/1/23	Sunny		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to freezing
14	Abukumagawa River System	Kawarago Dam	Dam site	Surface layer	2013/1/24	Sunny	0.2	0.0	0.2	11	<1	1	<1	<1	<1	Collected only from the surface layer due to shallow water
15			Lower layer	-				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Collected only from the surface layer due to shallow water	
16	Bagyunuma Lake		Lake exit	Surface layer	2013/1/24	Sunny		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to freezing
			Lower layer	-				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to freezing	

*Sampling points are listed from north to south.

O Lake and Headwater: Sediment and Surrounding Environment (Lake Shore) Monitoring Results

No.	Sampling point Point				Sampling date	Weather	Full depth m	Sediment			Surrounding environment (lake shore)				Remarks				
								General items			Concentration of radioactive material Bq/kg (dried mud)								
								Mud sampling depth cm	Mud content %	Property	Radioactive iodine I-131	Cs-134	Cs-137	Total	Air dose $\mu\text{Sv}/\text{h}$				
1	Kitakamigawa River System	Kurikoma Dam	Dam site	2013/1/29	Snow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to snow on the ground			
2		Hanayama Dam	Dam site	2013/1/29	Sunny	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to snow on the ground			
3		Narugo Dam	Dam site	2013/1/22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to snow on the ground			
4		Izunuma Lake	Lake exit	2013/1/30	Sunny	0.9	3	43	Silt	<30	120	200	320	Loamy	<30	79	150	229	0.05
5		Naganuma Lake	Lake exit	2013/1/30	Sunny	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to snow on the ground			
6	Narusegawa River System	Futatsushi Dam	Dam site	2013/1/31	Sunny	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to snow on the ground			
7		Urushizawa Dam	Dam site	2013/1/16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to snow on the ground			
8		Minamikawa Dam	Dam site	2013/1/22	Snow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to snow on the ground			
9	Nanakitaigawa River System	Nanakita Dam	Dam site	2013/1/22	Snow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to snow on the ground			
10	Natorigawa River System	Okura Dam	Dam site	2013/1/23	Sunny	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to snow on the ground			
11	Amanuma Lake	Lake exit	2013/1/21	Cloudy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to snow on the ground			
12	Natorigawa River System	Kamafusa Dam	Dam site	2013/1/23	Sunny	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to snow on the ground			
13		Kawarago Dam	Dam site	2013/1/23	Sunny	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to snow on the ground			
14	Abukumagawa River System	Kawarago Dam	Dam site	2013/1/24	Sunny	0.2	8	68	Sand	<30	170	290	460	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to snow on the ground		
15		Shichikashuku Dam	Dam site	2013/1/24	Sunny	20.2	10	46	Silt	<30	570	1,100	1,670	-	-	-	Unable to collect samples due to snow on the ground		
16	Bagyunuma Lake	Lake exit	2013/1/24	Sunny	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Loamy	<30	660	1,200	1,860	0.24

*Samples for surrounding environment (lake shore) were generally collected from 5 points in 3m square on the lake shore, etc., and mixed. Depending on the site situation, factors such as the area of sampling may be much smaller, may cause figures to vary significantly.

*Sampling points are listed from north to south.

*Air dose was measured with a survey meter, TCS-171 or TCS-172 of Hitachi-Aloka Medical, Ltd.

○Coast: Sediment Monitoring Results

No.	Sampling point	Water body	Sampling date	Weather	Full depth	General items			Concentration of radioactive material Bq/kg (dried mud)				Remarks	
						Mud sampling depth cm	Mud content %	Property	Radioactive iodine I-131	Cs-134	Radioactive cesium Cs-137	Total		
1	Kesennumawan Bay (B)	Offshore of Hachigasaki	2013/1/8	Cloudy	10.0	4	76	Gravel/silt	<30	16	34	50		
			2013/2/13	Sunny	13.9	3	83	Sand	<30	<10	16	16		
			2013/3/5	Sunny	10.0	3	76	Sand	<30	16	32	48		
2	Kesennumawan Bay (C)	Offshore of Oshimakita	2013/1/8	Cloudy	21.0	5	47	Silt	<30	140	270	410		
			2013/2/13	Sunny	40.8	15	47	Sludge	<30	31	60	91		
			2013/3/5	Sunny	40.2	5	45	Silt	<30	26	52	78		
3	Offshore of Tsuyagawa River Estuary		2013/2/27	Cloudy	12.8	3	85	Sand	<30	<10	<10	-		
4	All other neighboring sea areas	Oppawan Bay (Jyusanhama Beach)	2013/1/9	Cloudy	19.0	10	63	Silt	<30	91	190	281		
			2013/2/5	Sunny	18.5	5	83	Sand	<30	<10	12	12		
			2013/3/5	Sunny	19.0	5	69	Sand/silt	<30	33	68	101		
5	Neighboring sea area of Ishinomaki (C)	Mangokuura Lake, M-6 (center)	2013/1/9	Cloudy	3.7	10	60	Sand/silt	<30	38	63	101		
			2013/2/6	Snow	3.4	10	62	Sand/sludge	<30	28	49	77		
			2013/3/7	Sunny	3.9	5	59	Silt	<30	53	92	145		
6	Neighboring sea area of Ishinomaki (B-3)	Offshore of Kitakamigawa River Estuary	2013/1/8	Cloudy	8.2	5	89	Sand	<30	<10	<10	-		
			2013/2/6	Snow	8.4	5	84	Sand	<30	<10	<10	-		
7	Neighboring sea area of Ishinomaki (C)	Offshore of Naruse	2013/1/8	Cloudy	14.9	10	56	Sludge	<30	21	35	56		
			2013/2/6	Cloudy	14.8	5	64	Sludge	<30	28	65	93		
8	Matsushima Bay (B)	Nishihama Beach	2013/1/8	Snow	10.0	5	45	Silt	<30	160	310	470		
			2013/2/7	Cloudy	13.5	15	41	Sludge	<30	110	290	400		
9	Neighboring sea area of Sendai Port (A)	Naiko Inner Port, 4-Nai	2013/1/8	Snow	19.0	5	40	Silt	<30	530	1,000	1,530		
			2013/2/7	Cloudy	18.0	15	43	Sludge	<30	330	690	1,020		
10	Neighboring sea area of Sendai Port (B)	Gamo-3	2013/1/8	Snow	13.5	5	81	Sand	<30	13	20	33		
			2013/2/7	Cloudy	17.4	5	84	Sand	<30	<10	10	10		
11	All other neighboring sea areas	Ido-5	2013/1/9	Cloudy	9.5	5	90	Sand	<30	<10	<10	-		
			2013/2/22	Sunny	4.0	6	91	Sand	<30	<10	<10	-		
12	Offshore of Abukumagawa River Estuary			Snow	4.2	5	81	Sand	<30	63	130	193		
	2013/1/30		Sunny	9.5	3	85	Sand	<30	45	86	131			
	2013/2/22		Sunny	9.3	5	85	Sand	<30	37	66	103			
	2013/3/12		Sunny	9.0	3	81	Sand	<30	39	76	115			

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