



# ***The Fourth Basic Environment Plan***

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*Ministry of the Environment, Japan*

# Features

## Features of the 4<sup>th</sup> plan, in comparison with the 3<sup>rd</sup> :

- 1. Pursue a sustainable society which achieves low-carbon society, sound material-cycle society and society in harmony with nature, while ensuring security and safety**

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- 2. Include policy measures in cross-cutting fields such as green economy & innovation, strategic approaches for international negotiation and cooperation, and local environmental development and capacity building**

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- 3. Implement policy measures for recovery and decontamination of radioactive materials after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, and the following nuclear power plant accident**

The Basic Environment Plan is a long-term comprehensive national plan for environmental conservation, based on the Basic Environment Law.

This is the 4th plan, revised in 2000, 2006, and 2012 after the establishment in 1994.

# -A Sustainable Society We Want-

**Sustainable society we pursue is a society which achieves (1) low-carbon society, (2) sound material-cycle society, and (3) society in harmony with nature, while ensuring security and safety as a basis, with citizens' participation, and which preserves a sound and rich environment both globally and locally**



# ***-Environmental Policy Directions-***

**1.**

**Policy integration to create a sustainable society  
(e.g. environment-economy-society, environmental fields such as climate change and biodiversity)**

**2.**

**Strengthening strategic policy measures appropriately corresponding to international situation (both national interests and global environmental interests)**

**3.**

**Maintaining land and nature as foundation of a sustainable society**

**4.**

**Promotion of action and cooperation by various actors at local level**