

Enforcement Status of Water Pollution Related Laws in FY2009

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Ministry of the Environment compiled a summary of the FY2009 enforcement status of the Water Pollution Control Law, the Law concerning Special Measures for Environmental Conservation of the Seto Inland Sea and the Law concerning Special Measures for the Conservation of Lake Water Quality. The number of specified commercial facilities subject to effluent control totaled approximately 274,000 (Table 1), among which hotels and inns are the most numerous with approximately 68,000 establishments comprising approximately 25% (Table 2) of the total during FY2009.

The number of on-site inspections of these specified commercial facilities was approximately 42,000. Administrative guidance was conducted in approximately 7,200 cases (Table 3). Administrative orders to improve the situation were conducted in 26 cases, administrative orders to suspend operations were not issued (Table 4), and 6 arrests were made for violation of effluent standards (Table 5).

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Table 1 Number of Specified Commercial Facilities

	Total number of the specified commercial facilities				
		specified commercial facilities which discharge effluent 50m ³ /day or above	specified commercial facilities using toxic substances	specified commercial facilities which discharge effluent less than 50 m ³ /day	specified commercial facilities using toxic substances
FY2009	274,039	34,271	4,179 (1)	239,768	10,348 (7)
FY2008	276,952	34,807	4,336 (1)	242,145	10,611 (8)

Notes:1. Effluent Standard relevant to living environment items are not applied to the specified commercial facilities which discharge effluent less than 50m³/day.

2. Figures in parentheses are numbers of specified commercial facilities in which specified underground infiltrated water is infiltrated into the ground. This Figure is included in the total.

Table2 Top Three Specified Commercial Facilities

	First	Second	Third
FY2009	Hotels and Inns 67,578	Automatic car washing machines 30,409	Animal husbandry and agriculture 30,294
FY2008	Hotels and Inns 68,130	Animal husbandry and agriculture 30,380	Automatic car washing machines 30,335

Table3 Status of On-Site Inspection and Administrative Guidance

	Total number of On-Site Inspections (Article 22 of the Water Pollution Control Law)			Administrative Guidance
		Daytime	Nighttime	
FY2009	42,367	41,786	581	7,172
FY2008	43,509	42,934	575	7,631

Notes: On-Site Inspection is conducted in accordance with the Paragraph 1, Article 22 of the Water Pollution Control Law

Table4 Status of Administrative Orders

	Discharge of effluent to the public water areas (Para.1 of Article 13)		Infiltration into ground (Para.1 of Article 13-2)		Administrative order to clean up polluted groundwater (Article 14-3)
	Administrative order to improve the situation	Administrative order to suspend operation	Administrative order to improve the situation	Administrative order to suspend operation	
FY2009	26	0	0	0	0
FY2008	23	1	0	0	0

Table5 Violation of effluent standard under the Water Pollution Control Law

	Violation of effluent standard (Article 31 etc.)	Violation of other provisions (including total pollutant load control)	Total
FY2009	6	0	6
FY2008	13	0	13