

Removed soil outside Fukushima Prefecture has been stored safely by respective municipalities (decontamination entities) based on the storage methods regulated by the national government.

Municipalities are to follow the disposal methods regulated by the national government, in case of disposing of removed soil by means of landfill.

However, specific disposal methods have yet to be determined, and the national government is required to specify disposal methods by Enforcement Regulation.

Accordingly, the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) established the Study Team about Disposal of Removed Soil, which consists of intellectuals, in December 2016, and the Study Team has been continuing deliberations from professional standpoints. Furthermore, MOE has been implementing demonstration projects on landfill disposal at two locations, Tokai Village in Ibaraki Prefecture and Nasu Town in Tochigi Prefecture, with the aim of confirming influence on the workers and surrounding environments in case of disposing of removed soil by means of landfill.

Based on the results of the demonstration projects and deliberations by the Study Team, the national government will establish a necessary Enforcement Regulation and Guidelines.

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