

For Restricted Areas, relevant municipalities formulated plans for environmental development (decontamination and development of infrastructure, etc.) for Specified Reconstruction and Revitalization Base Areas based on the Act on Special Measures for the Reconstruction and Revitalization of Fukushima. After obtaining approval for the formulated plans from the Prime Minister, they are making efforts to achieve the lifting of evacuation orders within five years.

The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) is now carrying out decontamination work and the demolition of houses and other buildings in the Specified Reconstruction and Revitalization Base Areas based on their plans. Evacuation orders were lifted for Katsurao Village on June 12, 2022, for Okuma Town on June 30, 2022, and for Futaba Town on August 30, 2022. For the remaining three municipalities (Namie Town, Tomioka Town, and litate Village), efforts are being made to lift evacuation orders by around the spring of 2023.

At present, decontamination work has been completed for over 90%, and the demolition of houses and other buildings has been completed for approximately 84% out of the total number of applications (as of the end of November 2022). Specified waste from demolished houses and other buildings is to be disposed of after volume reduction for disposal at the controlled landfill site managed by the Futaba Regional Municipal Association (Clean Center Futaba). In August 2019, the MOE, the Association and Fukushima Prefectural Government concluded the basic agreement thereon.

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