

Table 2 Results of General Monitoring Survey after the Establishment of Environmental Quality Standards for Groundwater

Year of survey	Number of wells surveyed	Number of wells Exceeding EQSs	Rate of exceeding EQSs (%)	Number of substances for which EQSs set
FY 1997	3,986	81	2.0	23
FY 1998	4,850	101	2.1	
FY 1999	5,199	293	5.6	26
FY 2000	4,911	398	8.1	
FY 2001	4,722	341	7.2	
FY 2002	5,269	351	6.7	
FY 2003	5,129	421	8.2	

Note: Environmental quality standards (EQSs) for 23 substances including cadmium were set for the groundwater in 1997. Nitrate-N and nitrite-N, fluorine and boron were added to the list of substances for which EQSs are set in 1999, making the total number of such substances 26.