

Enforcement Status of Water Pollution Related Laws in FY2008

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The Ministry of the Environment compiled a summary of the FY2008 enforcement status of the Water Pollution Control Law, the Law concerning Special Measures for Conservation of the Environment of the Seto Inland Sea and the Law concerning Special Measures for the Conservation of Lake Water Quality. The number of specified factories and business establishments subject to effluent control totaled approximately 277,000 (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 FY2008. The number of on-site inspections of these specified business establishments was approximately 44,000. Administrative guidance was conducted in approximately 7,600 cases (Table 3). Administrative orders to improve the situation were conducted in 23 cases, administrative orders to suspend operations were issued in one case (Table 4), and 13 arrests were made for violation of effluent standards (Table 5).

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Table 1 Number of Specified Business Establishments

(As of March 31, 2009)

	Total number of the specified business establishments				
		specified business establishments which discharge effluent 50m ³ /day or above	specified business establishments which discharge effluent less than 50 m ³ /day		
			specified business establishments using toxic substances	specified business establishments using toxic substances	
FY2008	276,952	34,807	4,336 (1)	242,145	10,611 (8)
FY2007	280,517	35,506	4,330 (1)	245,011	10,757 (12)

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

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

Table2 Top Three Specified Business Establishments

(As of March 31, 2009)

	First	Second	Third
FY2008	Hotel Business 68,130	Stock breeding farms 30,380	Automated car washers 30,335
FY2007	Hotel Business 68,962	Stock breeding farms 31,027	Automated car washers 30,114

Table3 Status of Administrative Guidance and On-Site Inspection

(As of March 31, 2009)

	Total number of On-Site Inspections (Article 22 of the Water Pollution Control Law)			Administrative Guidance
		Daytime	Nighttime	
FY2008	43,509	42,934	575	7,631
FY2007	47,410	46,724	686	8,374

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

(As of March 31, 2009)

	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	
FY2008	23	1	0	0	0
FY2007	27	1	0	0	0

Table5 Violation of effluent standard under the Water Pollution Control Law

(As of March 31, 2009)

	Violation of effluent standard	Violation of other provisions	Total
FY2008	13	0	13
FY2007	11	0	11