

Collecting comments for the interim report for the revision of the Basic Environment Plan

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1. Abstract

The 3rd Basic Environment Plan will be revised by around March 2012 after about five years passed since the current plan was approved. The Central Environment Council, consists of academic experts, NGOs and industry, has discussed basic idea for the new plan and formulated an interim report. For reference, comments regarding the revision of the Basic Environment Plan are welcome from 9 of August to 7 of September, 2011.

2. Background

The Basic Environment Plan is a comprehensive and long-term plan of environmental policy, which the Basic Environment Law mandates to develop. The first plan was adopted in 1994 and revised in 2000 and 2006. The 3rd plan (http://www.env.go.jp/en/policy/plan/3rd_basic/outline.pdf) is supposed to be revised after some five years of implementation. During the five years, while environmental performance improved, some challenges, such as increased GHGs emissions, remained. Many environmental, economical and social situations have changed in the period, triggered by the economic crisis in 2008-2009 and the following movement toward green growth in several countries, the catastrophic earthquake in Japan on 11th March this year and international debates on climate change and biodiversity. The new Basic Environment Plan is now under discussion in the Central Environment Council taking these into account, and the interim report on basic idea for the revision has just been formulated (<http://www.env.go.jp/en/headline/headline.php?serial=1634>). The revised Basic Environment Plan is expected to be adopted by around March 2012.

3. Period of submission

Comments for the interim report for the revision of the Basic Environment Plan are welcome and appreciated from 9 of August to 7 of September, 2011 (local time, GMT+8).

4. How to submit

-By E-mail to sokan-keikaku@env.go.jp or by fax to +81 3 3581 5951

-Titled “Comments for the interim report for the revision of the Basic Environment Plan”

-Necessary information includes:

1. Name, 2. Address, 3. Age, 4. Sex, 5. Occupancy, 6. Telephone Number and E-mail address, 7. Comments

5. Others

-Comments by telephone are NOT accepted.

-We don't answer comments individually.

-Comments could be shown to public without name, address, telephone number, e-mail address

6. Inquiry

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