

Survey Report

Facts and Issues of Decontamination by Municipalities in Fukushima Prefecture: Based on Questionnaire Surveys to Municipalities from 2012 to 2016

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Summary

This study discusses facts and issues of decontamination by municipalities in 52 out of the 59 municipalities in Fukushima Prefecture, that is, in all municipalities except for the 7 whose entire administrative area has been designated as Special Decontamination Area based on questionnaire surveys to the 52 municipalities which were conducted every year from 2012 to 2016. Decontamination work based on the Act on Special Measures Concerning the Handling of Radioactive Pollution is planned to complete by the end of March 2017 which is six years after the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident. However, this study clarifies that many issues concerning decontamination are left. This study identifies (1) early completion of interim storage facilities and development of institutional and financial conditions to store removal soils at temporary storage sites and decontamination sites, (2) implementation of “decontamination” of forests, rivers and reservoirs to restore environments based on a new act, and (3) implementation of follow-up decontamination in accordance with the characteristics of places as one of a mean of radiation protection measures as main issues concerning decontamination.

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