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Municipalities' Understanding Concerning Current Status and Issues of Decontamination in Municipal Decontamination Area One Year and a Half after Completion of Decontamination

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● **Summary** ● Fukushima Prefecture was contaminated with large amounts of radioactive materials by the accident at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station caused by the Tohoku-Pacific Ocean Earthquake of March 11, 2011. Although decontamination based on the Act on Special Measures Concerning the Handling of Radioactive Pollution has been implemented, it was completed in the municipal decontamination area by the end of March 2018 which is seven years after the accident. This study discusses issues of decontamination one year and a half after completion of decontamination in the municipal decontamination area of Fukushima Prefecture based on questionnaire surveys to municipalities. This study clarifies that many issues concerning decontamination are left. This study identifies (1) early convey of contaminated soils and wastes to interim storage facilities, restoration of temporary storage sites corresponding to conditions and consideration of long-term storage and management of removed soils and wastes, (2) implementation of “decontamination” of forests, rivers and water channels 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 at one year and a half after completion of decontamination.

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