

Labour Standards Bureau Notification No.1115-1

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To:

Deputy Vice-Minister of Ministry of the Environment
Director-General of Environmental Management Bureau

From:

Director
Labour Standards Bureau
Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

**Organization for Registration Control of Radiation Exposure Doses for
Decontamination and Related Works (Request for Cooperation)**

The Bureau expresses its deepest gratitude for your continued outstanding cooperation and understanding regarding the promotion of the labour standards administration policy.

As for the above subject matter, efforts are being pursued toward the prevention of radiation hazards to workers by means of the Ordinance on Prevention of Ionizing Radiation Hazards at Works to Decontaminate Soil and Wastes Contaminated by Radioactive Materials Resulting from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Related Works (Ionizing Radiation Ordinance for Decontamination) as well as the Ordinance on Prevention of Ionizing Radiation Hazards (Ionizing Radiation Ordinance).

At present, as private efforts to ensure more reliable compliance with laws, for the purpose of establishing a systematic control organization of the radiation exposure doses, etc. of workers engaged in decontamination works etc., studies have been carried out with the participation of the Ministry of the Environment as an observer in the Committee on the Organization for Registration Control of Radiation Exposure Doses for Decontamination and Related Works (refer to Attachment 1), in which the concerned primary contractors have participated. Today, as mentioned in Attachment 2, the Committee published its Interim Report, and this system has been launched on a temporary basis.

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare considers that this system is useful for the secure and smooth management of radiation exposure dose, as is provided in the Ionizing Radiation Ordinance for Decontamination and the Ionizing Radiation Ordinance, and by means of immediate revision etc.

of the Guidelines on Prevention of Radiation Hazards for Workers Engaged in Decontamination Works (Labour Standards Bureau Notification No. 1222-6, 22 December 2011) etc. in the future, the Bureau will urge the employers engaged in decontamination works etc. to participate in this system.

In order to promote their participation in this system, consideration is required in terms of order placement regarding the expenditures needed to participate in this system. In addition, as for the decontamination works for which the local governments (these include the state organizations which have been entrusted with the obligation of expenditure by the Ministry of the Environment; the same shall apply hereinafter) place orders, it is believed that consideration will be required in the financial measures of the Ministry of the Environment for the local governments concerned.

Therefore, for the purpose of promoting this system, your cooperation is requested on the basis of your understanding of the following notices.

Notification of this matter has also been given to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism as well as the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries by means of Attachment 3, and to employers' groups concerned by means of Attachment 4.

Notices

1 Matters to note regarding the implementation of the system

- (1) For the time being, the system is meant to target those employers that are engaged in the decontamination works which are under the direct control of the national government (excluding the works for handling designated contaminated soil and wastes) and the disposal works of accident-derived waste etc.
- (2) The employers engaged in the decontamination works for which local governments place orders should be encouraged to participate in this system in consideration of the following methods:
 - (a) Regarding the decontamination works in the special decontamination area, the employer shall participate in all activities provided in Attachment 2-III, Sections 2 to 4; i.e. the delivery of the radiation passbook, documents on the registration of radiation dose/inquiry of past records, and the radiation exposure dose record, etc.
 - (b) Regarding the decontamination works in other than the special decontamination area, the employer shall only participate in the delivery of the radiation exposure dose record, etc. after leaving work, as is provided in Attachment 2-III, Section 4.

2 Considerations in the ordering business and the financial measures related to the system

- (1) You are asked to give due consideration in the specifications and operation, etc. relating to the decontamination works for which you place an order or have already placed an order, as

well as the decontamination works which you have entrusted other ministries and government offices to carry out.

- (2) You are asked to give due consideration in the financial measures which are related to the system and are meant for the decontamination works carried out by the local governments concerned (excluding the works for handling designated contaminated soil and wastes).