

Labour Standards Bureau Notification No.1226-15

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To:

Executive heads of the separately-mentioned groups concerned

From:

Director

Labour Standards Bureau

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

**Organization for Registration Control of Radiation Exposure Doses for
Decontamination and Related Works**

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

Regarding the above subject matter, the Bureau is now pursuing efforts 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 had been carried out in the Committee on the Organization for Registration Control of Radiation Exposure Doses for Decontamination and Related Works, in which the primary contractors concerned have participated. This system was launched on a temporary basis on 15 November 2013, and a request for cooperation was sent to you by means of the Labour Standards Bureau Notification No.1115-3.

In addition, today, as described in Attachment 1, the Committee has made a final decision about the method of registration control system, and operation of the system is planned to start on 1 April 2014 for the decontamination works for which local governments or state organizations other than the Ministry of the Environment place an order.

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 as will be notified to you separately, the Bureau has revised the Guidelines on Prevention of Radiation Hazards for Workers Engaged in Decontamination Works, etc. (Labour Standards Bureau Notification No. 1222-6, 22 December 2011) and will urge the employers concerned to participate in this system.

Therefore, for the purpose of promoting this system, you are asked to provide notification to your members' office on the basis of your understanding of the following notices.

Notices

1 Matters to note regarding the participation in the system

- (1) The primary contractors that have received a contract for the decontamination works or the works under a designated dose rate shall participate in the system through the methods listed below:
 - (a) Regarding the decontamination works in the special decontamination area, the primary contractors shall participate in all activities provided in Sections 2 to 4 of Attachment 1-III; 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 primary contractors shall only participate in the delivery of the radiation exposure dose record, etc. after leaving work, as is provided in Attachment 1-III, Section 4.
- (2) The primary contractors that have received a contract for the disposal work of accident-derived wastes, etc. shall participate in all activities provided in Sections 2 to 4 of Attachment 1-III regardless of the region.

2 Ordering business and financial measures related to the system

- (1) Regarding the decontamination works for which the national government places an order (excluding the works for handling designated contaminated soil and wastes), the Ministry of the Environment shall give required due consideration to the expenses for the system, while regarding the works for handling designated contaminated soil and wastes for which the national government places an order, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism or the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall give consideration required in relation to the expenditures of this system.

- (2) As for the decontamination works (excluding the works for handling designated contaminated soil and wastes) for which the local governments, or the state organizations which have been entrusted with the obligation of expenditure by the Ministry of Environment, consideration shall be given as required for the financial measures in relation to this system.

Other groups concerned:

Japan Federation of Construction Contractors

National General Constructors Association of Japan

The Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan (FEPC)

Radiation Effects Association

Technical Advisory Council on Remediation and Waste Management