# Overview of Japan's Offsite Cleanup Efforts

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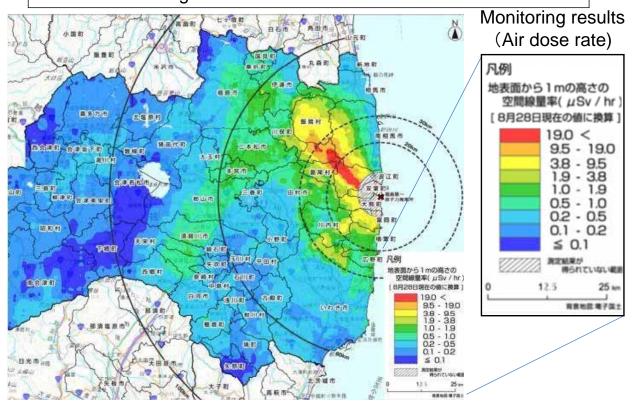
# **Outline**

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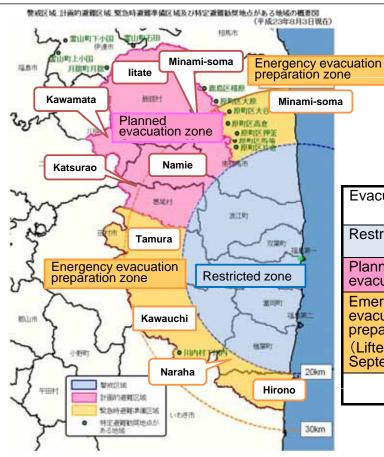
# Framework of policy and measures for decontamination

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Radioactive materials spread widely including to the area in NW direction where high dose areas are distributed.



#### Zones of Evacuation Instruction



Evacuation zones	Population (thousand)
Restricted zone	78
Planned evacuation zone	10
Emergency evacuation preparation zone (Lifted on September 30.	58
Total	150

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# **Legal Framework**

Act on Special Measures concerning the Handling of Radioactive Pollution

Promulgated: at the end of August 2011, Fully came into force: January 1, 2012

### Basic Principles of the Act

-Decided by the Cabinet: November 11, 2011

#### The Order and Ordinance

-Promulgated: December 14, 2011

Decontamination-related regulations:

Standards for decontamination, standards for collection and transfer, storage standards for the removed soil, etc.

Designation of the target areas: December 28, 2011

Special Decontamination Areas: 11 municipalities\*

(20km radius from NPP + area with 20 mSv of annual cumulative dose)

**Intensive Contamination Survey Areas**:104 municipalities (area with 1-20 mSv annual cumulative dose)

Waste-related regulations:

Designation standards for Designated Waste, collection and transfer standards, storage standards and final disposal standards for decontaminated waste, etc.



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### **Outlines of the Act**

#### Measures for Decontamination of the Soil and Waste

#### (1) Special Decontamination Area

#### **Area designation**

by the Minister of the Environment(MOE)



#### **Decontamination Plan**

to be formulated by MOE in consultation with municipalities concerned



#### **Implementation**

by the national government

(2) Intensive Contamination Survey Area

#### **Area designation**

by the Minister of the Environment(MOE)

# **Detailed Survey of pollution**

conducted by municipalities

#### **Decontamination plan**

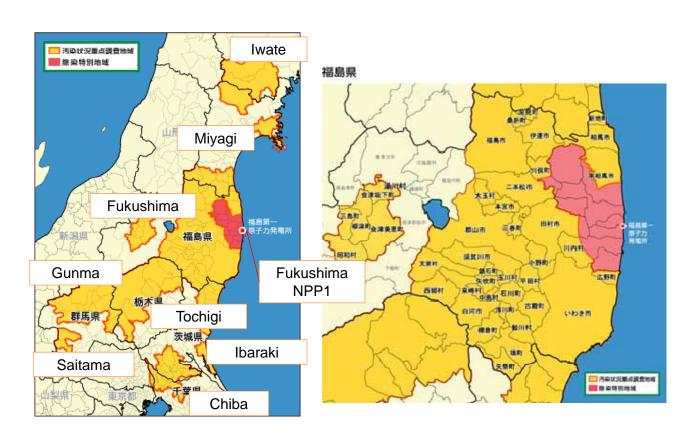
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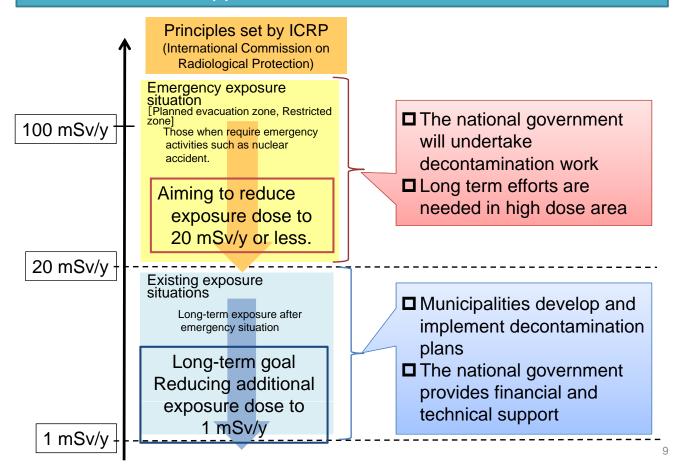
(national and prefectural governments implement work in lands they manage)

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# Special Decontamination Area and Intensive Contamination Survey Area



## Basic Approach of Decontamination Work



# **Target values for the Decontamination**

#### Additional \* exposures over 20mSv/y

- Aim at stepwise and rapid reduction of those areas based on the ICRP Recommendation (2007).
  - \* 'additional' means beyond natural background and medical exposure

### Additional exposures < 20mSv/y

As a long term goal, aim at reducing to 1 mSv/y or less



- Reduce estimated annual exposure of the general public by 50 % in 2 years (by Aug 2013)

by radioactive decay, decay by natural factors and by decontamination

<u>Children</u>

 Reduce estimated annual exposure of children by 60 % in 2 years (by Aug 2013) by thorough decontamination of their living environment.

by radioactive decay, decay by natural factors and by decontamination

- The goals will be reviewed periodically

# Financial Resources and Institutional Arrangements

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# FINANCIAL RESOURCES

# Principles

- The national government takes fiscal action
- Decontamination works are implemented at the expense of the relevant nuclear power producer as a general rule.

# Budget

- FY 2011 464 billion JPY
- FY 2012 451 billion JPY

## INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

## Office

- Tokyo Headquarter (ministry of the Environment)
- Fukushima Office (newly opened in January 2012)
- 5 branches under Fukushima Office (additionally opened in April 2012)

#### Staff

- 60 in Tokyo Headquarter
- 300 in Fukushima office and its branches, including experts from relevant entities (JAEA, TEPCO and others)

# **Decontamination Progress**

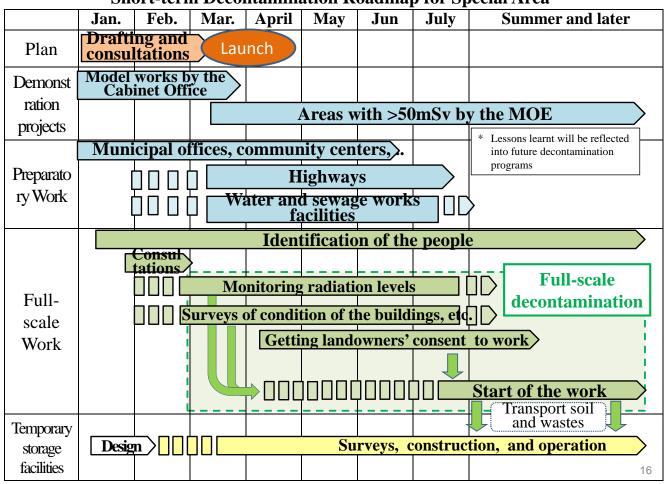
In areas directly managed
 by the national government –
 (Special Decontamination Area)

#### **Decontamination Policy for New Evacuation Zones**

FY 2011			FY2012			FY2013			FY 2014-		
		Jan -Mar	April	July	Oct	Jan	April	July	Oct	Jan	11
Full-scale decontamination	Areas not more than 20 mSv/yr		Schools	vith 10-2 with 5-20	) mSv/xr						
			]	Areas with 5-10mSv/yr							
		Areas with 1-5 mSv/yr									
	Areas with 20-50 mSv/yr										
					Areas with 20-50 mSv/yr						
	Areas >50 mSv/yr										
		Demonstration Works					Verification of the resu				
Temporary Design Surveys and preparation Delivery and management (in the order agreed by the community)											
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**Short-term Decontamination Roadmap for Special Area** 



## **Decontamination Activities by Model Projects (Example1)**

#### ⟨Residential land⟩

roof: water cleaning,





Gutter (vertical): high-pressure water cleaning



Concrete floor: **High-pressure** water cleaning



Concrete floor: **Shot blast** 



Concrete floor: **Surface grinding** machine



Garden: removal of topsoil



Reference: Decontamination model project (JAEA)

#### **Decontamination Activities by Model Projects (Example2)**

#### **(Street Surface)**

High-pressure water cleaning by vehicle for recovering functions of water drainage pavement





⟨Roadside tree⟩

**Cleaning of trunk** (with water and brush)



Surface grinding by shot blast





Removal of topsoil

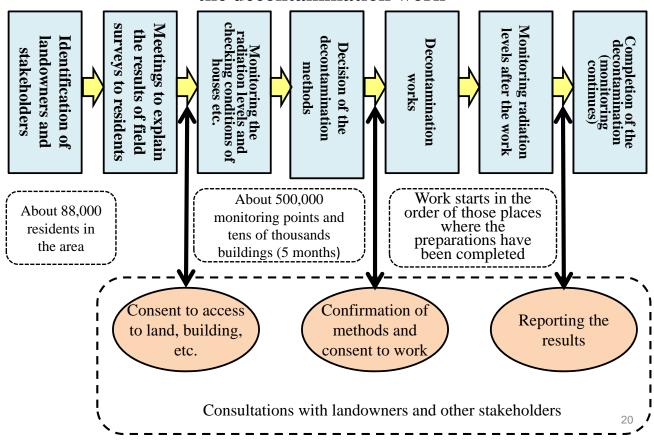


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#### Progress in each municipality within the Special Decontamination Area

	Preparatory Decontamination	Preparation	Plan	Full scale Works	Temporary storage sites
Tamura	V	V	<b>√</b> (4/13)	✓ (From Aug.)	•
Naraha	V	~	<b>√</b> (4/13)	✓ (From Aug.)	<b>✓</b>
Kawauchi	V	V	<b>√</b> (4/13)	In the public offering	<b>✓</b>
litate	~	V	<b>√</b> (5/24)	in the public offering	~
Minami-Soma	>	<b>v</b>	<b>√</b> (4/18)		coordination process
Katsurao	V	V	local coordination in process		•
Kawamata	~	V	local coordination in process		coordination process
Namie	~	~	local coordination in process		coordination process
Ookuma	<	~	local coordination in process		coordination process
Tomioka	<b>&gt;</b>	~	local coordination in process		coordination process
Futaba					

# Actions to obtain the residents' consent and to implement the decontamination work



# Communication efforts with residents and local governments in a week of July 2012

# Area for national governments' decontamination

- 7/17 Member of assembly of Tomioka-town
- 7/17 Residents of Iidate-village
- 7/19 Member of assembly of Naraha-town
- 7/20 Residents of Iidate-village

# Area for local governments' decontamination

50 times in July, 200 times in April through June

- 7/17 Soma-city, Koriyama-city
- 7/18 9 towns incl. Minamisoma-city, Shinchi-town
- 7/19 4 towns incl. Tamagawa-village, Hirata-village

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# **Decontamination Progress**

- managed by municipalities – (Outside Special Decontamination Area)

# Decontamination Progress In municipalities

- 104 municipalities in 8 Prefectures (41 in Fukushima Pref.)
- 33 municipalities in Fukushima Pref. have already developed Decontamination Plans as of today, while other municipalities have been preparing for the formulation of decontamination plans.

Costs for the formulation of the plans, related surveys, and decontamination work are to be covered by the national government, and then to be claimed to TEPCO

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## **Conclusions**

- Decontamination work began last year in parallel with development of legal and technical framework, and full-scale work is to be started soon.
- Planning challenges (priority and target setting etc.)
- Technical challenges (appropriate tech. for various land use, volume reduction of contaminated soil & wastes, etc.)
- Siting challenges (temporary storage, incinerators etc.)
- Communication challenges (trust building, knowledge base, effective approach for Japanese people, etc.)