

Implementation of in-house environmental education

In-house environmental education

For effective environmental management, it is essential that all employees have appropriate knowledge on environmental issues. We provide environmental education lectures to a large number of our employees, ranging from new employees to people who are promoted in order to develop environmental activities in JR East and group companies. Through these lectures, we aim to expand the scale of our environmental activities. In the fiscal year ending March 2007, to enhance environmental activities at each group company, we began an “Environmental management training” program for people in charge of environmental matters in those companies.

■ Environmental education & training system

Education of environmental-activity promoters at organizations of JR East and group companies
Environment management training (group companies)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Persons trained: those responsible for environment at group companies ● Objective: improvement of ability in environment management ● Number of participants: 72
Environment management practical training
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Persons trained: those responsible for environment at local organizations, etc. ● Objective: improvement of ability in environment-related matters as trainers to field offices, etc. ● Number of participants: 33
Training for personnel responsible for environmental measures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Persons trained: those responsible at each branch office ● Objective: acquisition of basic knowledge such as environment-related laws ● Number of participants: 17
Environment education targeting a large number of participants
Training for new recruits: 1,769 Training for work-implementation managers: 237 Training for new on-site supervisors: 167 Implementation of training and lectures in branch offices

Environment-related commendation system

Formal recognition was first extended for contributions to environmental preservation during the fiscal year ending March 2006. The system is to encourage JR East bodies and JR East Group companies to be engaged in environmental preservation, as well as to share information on exceptional efforts. As for activities during the fiscal year ended March 2010, two bodies and two group companies were recognized for their responsible, independent approaches to environmental activities.



Official commendations from the Chair of the Committee on Ecology to organizations dedicated to environmental activities

Internal environmental audits

At our General Rolling Stock Centers, in-house auditors are trained through external training programs, and conduct routine audits at the centers in order to evaluate environmental activities. For the internal environmental audits in the fiscal year ending March 2010, following recommendations to include cafeterias in our environmental activities, we held meetings in the beginning of the fiscal year to make our environmental activities more integrated.

■ ISO14001-certified facilities

Certified facilities	Year and month of certification	Certified facilities	Year and month of certification
(JR East)		(Group companies)	
Niitsu Rolling Stock Manufacturing Factory	Feb-99	East Japan Eco Access Co., Ltd.	Nov-99
Kawasaki Thermal Power Plant	Mar-01	LUMINE Co., Ltd.	Dec-00
Tokyo General Rolling Stock Center	Mar-01	Nippon Restaurant Enterprise Co., Ltd. (manufacturing section)	Sep-02
Niigata Mechanical Technology Center	Mar-01	Nagano Railway Servicing Co., Ltd.	Jan-07
Omiya General Rolling Stock Center	Feb-02	JR East Mechatronics Co., Ltd.	Mar-08
Shinkansen General Rolling Stock Center	Nov-02	East Japan Marketing & Communications, Inc.	Aug-08
Koriyama General Rolling Stock Center	Dec-03		
Nagano General Rolling Stock Center	Feb-05		
Akita General Rolling Stock Center	Jul-05		

Thorough management of chemical substances

JR East is working to establish a system to prevent environmental accidents by more rigidly managing chemical substances. We prepared emergency response manuals for on-site locations such as our thermal power plants and General Rolling Stock Centers that handle chemical and hazardous substances. We are also preparing ourselves to properly respond to any contingencies by holding workshops and training sessions on how to handle such substances, and ensuring that related information reaches all related personnel.

Compliance with environmental laws and regulations

Other than those detailed in this Report, there were no major violations of environment-related laws and regulations resulting in penalties in the fiscal year ending March 2010.