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Established in 1992 as a top management organization to promote environmental activities and chaired by the president and CEO of JR East, the Committee on Ecology Promotion surveys the environmental impact of business activities, sets environment-related targets, implements environmental conservation activities and monitors progress toward target achievement, which is also examined by top management. In July 2010, the "Environmental Management Promotion Office" was established, overseeing environmental management for the entire JR East Group.

Organizational structure to promote environmental management (as of August 1, 2012)

	President)		
Co	mmittee on Ecology			
 Chair: President and CEO, JR East Vice-Chair: Executive Vice President, Director Generals of Corporate Planning Headquarters, Railway Operations Headquarters, and Life-Style Business Development Headquarters Members: Deputy Director Generals of Corporate Planning Headquarters, Railway Operations Headquarters, Lifestyle Business Development Headquarters, General Managers of Reconstruction Planning Dept., Investment Planning Dept., Information Systems Planning Dept., Technology Planning Dept., International Dept., Inquiry & Audit Department, Transport Safety Dept., Customer Service Quality Reformation Dept., Marketing Dept., Transport & Rolling Stock Dept., Facilities Dept., Electrical and Signal Network System Dept., Life-Style Business Development Headquarters, IT & Suica Business Development Headquarters, Construction Dept., Public Relations Dept., Finance Dept., Personnel Dept., Health & Welfare Dept., edu Administration Dept., Research & Development Center of the JR East Group Environmental Engineering Research Laboratory Director 				
Department name	Main activities	Working group name		
Environmental management	Promotion of environment conservation activities each work place, promotion of environment management as a whole group, management of environmental targets and publication of environmental activities, etc.	* JR East Eco Activities WG		
Measures to prevent global warming	Reduction of CO ₂ emissions through reduced electricity use and new energy technologies, reduction of CO ₂ emission volume throughout th entire transport system, etc.	* Eco station WG * Eco railcar WG * Railway usage promotion WG * Illuminance optimization WG		
Measures for resource circulation	Recycling of wastes from stations and trains, reduction and recycling of industrial waste, eco-friendly procurement, etc.	* Station & train waste WG		
Chemical substance management	Management of ozone depleting substances, chemical substances, PCB, etc.	* PCB waste WG		
Environmental activities and the sum of the				

Creating an environment-conscious climate

JR East believes that it is important to promote environmental activities with clear goals established for the entire JR East Group, and to have every employee actively involved. To build a climate in which all employees participate voluntarily, we are expanding the scale of our environmental activities by promoting "JR East Eco Activities" at each work place, developing leaders through environmental education, and sharing recognition of exceptional environmental efforts through the presentation of awards.

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 our employees in training 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 practical training				
(ullet 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: 18			
Training for personnel responsible for environmental measures				
•	Persons trained: those responsible for environment at each Branch Office			
•	lacksquare Objective: acquisition of basic knowledge such as environment-related laws			
•	Number of participants: 21			
Implementation of training and lectures in Branch Offices				

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.

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	East Japan Transport Technology Co., Ltd.	Feb-02	
Omiya General Rolling Stock Center	Feb-02	(Omiya Branch)		
Shinkansen General Rolling Stock Center	Nov-02	Nippon Restaurant Enterprise Co., Ltd.	6 00	
Koriyama General Rolling Stock Center	Dec-03	(manufacturing section)	Sep-02	
Nagano General Rolling Stock Center	Feb-05	Nagano Railway Servicing Co., Ltd.	Apr-06	
Akita General Rolling Stock Center	Jul-05	JR East Mechatronics Co., Ltd.	Mar-08	
L		East Japan Marketing & Communications, Inc.	Aug-08	
		Tohoku Rolling Stock Machinery Co., Ltd.	Dec-11	

■ ISO14001-certified facilities

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 these substances, and ensuring that related information reaches all concerned personnel.

Compliance with environmental laws and regulations

There were no major violations of environment-related laws and regulations resulting in penalties in the fiscal year ending March 2012.