

Observance of Laws and Regulations

Compliance with environmental laws

(1) Air quality management

In June 2006, combustion gas leaked from a waste incinerator plant in Kitakami, Iwate, and a fire broke out the ensuing September. The facilities were shut down.

(2) Water quality management

There was one case of hexavalent chrome, one case of zinc, and two cases of hydrogen ion concentration exceeding regulatory effluent standards. All four cases were reported to authorities and measures were taken to prevent reoccurrence.

(3) Noise and vibration management

One location exceeded noise regulatory standards and soundproofing measures are currently underway. As for vibration, all locations cleared regulations.

(4) Management of pollution by hazardous substances

Periodic measurements are taken from monitoring wells at plants to check for groundwater contamination. No groundwater contamination by chlorinated organic compounds was detected.

(5) Environmental claims

One claim each was made regarding paint odor and abnormal equipment alarm sounds. Countermeasures were quickly taken in both cases. Daily efforts are being made in management operations to prevent similar reoccurrences.

(6) Information disclosure on environmental and safety measures taken for products etc.

MSDS are prepared and provided to customers. Information on emergency countermeasures and environmental and safety measures for products is also provided to distribution companies in the event of an accident during distribution.

Environmental risk management

KUBOTA promotes work activities that adhere to work standards and thoroughly implements the regular inspections and necessary maintenance that will secure compliance to the law, prevent the generation of environmental damage, and minimize environmental risks in all our business activities.

Based on the premise that an environmental accident may occur at any time, we have established accident-

response procedures to control contamination and carry out regular training to prepare for unusual events and emergencies. We also review and reinforce our preparatory organization and emergency environmental accident response structure based on the possibilities of a major environmental accident, and promote companywide crisis-response management towards such potential accidents.



Emergency drills were conducted at the Sakai Rinkai plant with a hypothetical situation in which liquid waste spilled during piping to a storage tank. (Nov. 15, 2006)