

Ministry of the Environment

Minister's Secretariat

(Organization)

- Personnel Division
- Policy and Coordination Division
- Budget and Accounts Division
- Policy Coordination / Evaluation and Public Relations Division

(Functions)

The Minister's Secretariat is responsible for the general coordination of ministry affairs relating to personnel, laws and budgets. It also leads efforts on drafting environmental measures, makes policy evaluations, conducts publicity and collects environmental information. Through all these efforts, the Minister's Secretariat works to ensure that the Ministry of the Environment fulfills its duties as effectively as possible.

Waste Management and Recycling Department

(Organization)

- Policy Planning Division
- Waste Management Division
- Industrial Waste Management Division

(Functions)

The Waste Management and Recycling Department works to control waste generation and to promote reuse, recycling and proper disposal of cyclable resources*, with a view to preserving living environments and making effective use of natural resources.

* "Cyclable resources" is a new term indicating that all waste materials should be considered as resources for potential reuse and recycling.

Environmental Policy Bureau

(Organization)

- Policy and Coordination Division
- Environmental Strategy Division
- Environment and Economy Division
- Environmental Impact Assessment Division

(Functions)

The Environmental Policy Bureau carries out planning, drafting and promotion of basic policies related to environmental conservation, such as the Basic Environment Law, the Basic Environment Plan and environmental impact assessments. The bureau also handles general coordination of the affairs of related government bodies.

Environmental Health Department

(Organization)

- Policy Planning Division
- Environmental Health and Safety Division
- Director

(Functions)

The Environmental Health Department takes comprehensive measures to prevent environmental pollution caused by chemicals from threatening human health and the environment.

The department also works to ensure prompt and fair relief for those who have suffered from the effects

of pollution.

Global Environment Bureau

(Organization)

- Policy and Coordination Division
- Climate Change Policy Division
- International Strategy Division

(Functions)

The Global Environment Bureau tackles global environmental conservation issues such as global warming prevention and ozone layer protection. At the same time, it promotes the environmental policies of the entire government, it negotiates and coordinates with international organizations connected to the Ministry of the Environment as well as with foreign government bodies, and it handles administration work related to environmental cooperation for developing regions.

Environmental Management Bureau

(Organization)

- Policy and Coordination Division
- Air Environment Division
- Environmental Transport Policy Division
- Water Environment Division
- Soil Environment Management Division

(Functions)

The Environmental Management Bureau is tackling air pollution issues generated by factories and automobiles, and problems of noise, vibration and offensive odors. It is also monitoring environmental pollution resulting from radioactive substances. Through these efforts, the bureau protects the health of citizens and conserves their living environments.

The bureau also develops general measures to ensure sound water cycles, to prevent water pollution and to conserve underground water.

In addition, it works to rehabilitate soil environments so that future generations are not left with the burden of soil polluted by dioxins and other toxic materials.

Nature Conservation Bureau

(Organization)

- Policy and Coordination Division
- Biodiversity Policy Division
- National Park Division
- Wildlife Division

(Functions)

The Nature Conservation Bureau works to preserve and restore ecosystems and to ensure that humans can coexist with nature. It is also securing a variety of places to provide people with opportunities to enjoy nature, and to learn and feel nature's blessing.

Director General for Decontamination Technology of Radioactive Materials

(Organization)

- Director for Decontamination Technology of Radioactive Materials

(Functions)

Director General for Decontamination Technology of Radioactive Materials is responsible for the affairs regarding to the technology which copes with environment pollution caused by radioactive materials from the nuclear power station accident.

Nuclear Regulation Authority

(Organization)

General Affairs Division

Policy Review and Public Affairs Division

International Affairs Division

Regulatory Standard and Research Division

Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Division

Radiation Monitoring Division

Radiation Protection and Safeguards Division

Director for Nuclear Regulation (5)

(Functions)

The mission of the Nuclear Regulation Authority is to ensure safety in the use of nuclear energy (the mission shall include affairs concerning refining activities, fabricating and enrichment activities, interim storage activities, reprocessing activities and waste disposal activities concerning nuclear energy, as well as regulations on reactors, and affairs concerning regulations for implementing safeguards based on international commitments, and other regulations for ensuring the peaceful use of nuclear energy) for the purpose of contributing to the protection of the life, health, and property of the citizens, preservation of the environment, and national security of Japan.