

Ministry of the Environment

Minister's Secretariat

(Organization)

- Personnel Division
- Policy and Coordination Division
- Budget and Accounts Division
- General Policy Division
- Environmental Strategy Division
- Environment and Economy Division
- Environmental Impact Assessment Division

(Functions)

The Minister's Secretariat is responsible for the general coordination of ministry affairs relating to personnel, laws and budgets. It also 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.

It also 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. It also leads efforts on drafting environmental measures, makes policy evaluations and handles general coordination of the affairs of related government bodies.

Environmental Health Department

(Organization)

- Environmental Health Policy Planning and Management Division
- Environmental Health and Safety Division
- Director for Radiation Health Management

(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
- Director for International Strategy on Climate Change

(Functions)

The Global Environment Bureau tackles global environmental conservation issues such as climate change mitigation and adaptation 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.

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.

Through these efforts, the bureau protects the health of citizens and conserves their living environments.

Nature Conservation Bureau

(Organization)

Policy and Coordination Division
Biodiversity Policy Division
National Park Division
Park Facilities 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.

Environmental Regeneration and Material Cycles Bureau

(Organization)

Policy and Coordination Division
Waste Management Division
Industrial and Hazardous Waste Management Division
Director for Environmental Regeneration
Director for Facilities for Contaminated Waste and Soil
Director for Land Acquisition and Compensation
Director for Decontaminative Technology of Radioactive Materials

(Functions)

Environmental Regeneration and Material Cycles Bureau engages in restoration of the environment from the radioactive pollution by the accidents at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant as well as promotes waste prevention, reuse, recycling and sound management of waste.

Director-General for Environmental Policy

(Functions)

Director-General for Environmental Policy is responsible for the affairs regarding to planning and drafting general Environmental policies concerning to the affairs of the Ministry of the Environment and general coordination of affairs of the Ministry of the Environment necessary for implementing the policy.

Nuclear Regulation Authority

Secretary-General's Secretariat

(Organization)

- Policy Planning and Coordination Division
- Personnel Division
- Directors (2)
- Regulatory Standard and Research Division
- Divisions of Research (4)
- Radiation Protection Policy Planning Division
- Radiation Monitoring Division
- Divisions of Regulation (2)

(Functions)

The Secretary-General's Secretariat is responsible for the general coordination of secretariat affairs including personnel, laws and budgets.

In addition, The mission of the Secretary-General's Secretariat is to ensure safety in the use of nuclear energy (the mission shall include affairs concerning regulations for implementing safeguards based on international commitments, and affairs concerning the prevention of radiation hazards, and affairs concerning the development and promotion of basic policies on the monitoring and measurement of radioactive material and radiation levels, and affairs concerning the adjustments of affairs of the relevant administrative organs regarding the physical protection of nuclear fuel material and other radioactive material, and surveys and studies necessary for conducting the affairs under its jurisdiction, etc.) 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.

Nuclear Regulation Department

(Organization)

- Nuclear Regulation Policy Planning Division
- Oversight Planning and Coordination Division
- Divisions of Regulation (7)

(Functions)

The mission of the Nuclear Regulation Department 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 the regulations on the use of nuclear source material and nuclear fuel material, and for otherwise ensuring safety in relation to these, etc.) 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.