

4. Suggestions and Improvements from Inspection (Environmental Audits) in the Second Half of FY2000

Kyushu Electric Power sets annual environment action plans, incorporates the environmental targets in the company-wide medium-term business plan, and has its achievement status checked by its Management Administration Office. Further, for the steady and effective promotion of the environmental activities within the company as a whole and at each office, environmental audits are conducted in branch offices, customer service offices, power system maintenance offices and power stations about every three years, as a part of the Management Administration Office inspection.

In the audits, measures for management and reduction of environmental load as well as conformity with related laws are checked. The results and items that require improvement are reported to the Board of Managing Directors for approval. The environmental audits (inspection for the second half of FY2000) were conducted between December 2000 and March 2001. Suggestions for improvement in environmental activities, which were offered during the audits, were put into practice.

(1) Suggestions and their contents

subjects for environmental audit	Suggestions	Details
Measures for environmental preservation	1. Comprehend the recycling rate, amount of emission and possession for waste, specify policies and set the target values	Waste management should be done at each office and for each type of waste, in addition to keeping records and setting targets for the company or for departments.
Measures for environmental management	2. Address environmental management such as ISO14001 and the Green Electric Power System in a positive manner 3. Address environmental issues as the Kyushu Electric Power Group	Positive measures are required for the application of the company-wide environmental management system and promotion of the Green Electric Power System. Environmental management for the entire Kyushu Electric Power Group should be promoted.

(2) Improvements in environmental activities

Steps are taken for improvement measures and activities in response to the suggestions of the environmental audit.

For the achievement of zero-waste, the target recycling rate for each type of waste is set for each department and branch office, and a company-wide movement (challenges towards zero-waste) is launched. (See p.16.)

In the environmental management system, model offices were selected from each business area, such as branch offices, power stations, power system maintenance offices and customer service offices to acquire ISO14001 certification. A system conforming to ISO14001 was developed based on achievements and will be applied company-wide in fiscal 2002 and 2003. (See p.6.)

Environmental administrators were designated in all departments and offices to supervise and manage environmental activities. (See p.6.)

The promotion of the Green Electric Power System included seminars for NGOs and awareness enhancement for environmental administrators from each office. This has prompted better understanding both inside and outside the company, enforced measures at each branch office such as thorough voluntary target establishment, and increased the number of subscribers to the system. (See p.13.)

To propel the Group companies' environmental management, the Group Environmental Management Promotion Subcommittee was established under the Group Management Association. The subcommittee draws up an environment philosophy and policies as well as activity targets in order to enhance the Group' efforts. (See p.46.)