

Various contaminants, sources of ground contamination and environmental laws

Ground water usages in US, 1990

2015 =>20% of total (USGS) water withdrawal (330Bgal/d)

Category	Ground Water Use (Million gallons/day)	Percent of total use supplied by ground water
Public Water Supply	15,100	39.2
Domestic, self-supplied	3,260	96.2
Commercial, self-supplied	908	38.0
Irrigation	57,200	37.4
Livestock	1,220	54.2
Industrial, self-supplied (fresh)	3,950	20.5
Industrial, self-supplied (saline)	9.7	2.9
Mining (fresh water)	2,020	61.2
Mining (saline water)	1,210	71.5
Power plant cooling	525	2.7

NGWA(2010)	US	JPN
Irri	71	23
Domes	23	29
Indust	6	48

Source: Solley, Pierce, and Perlman, 1993.

C.W.Fetter: "Contamination Hydrology", 1994

Japan: 14% for drinking water,
Denmark: 95%
=> 98% of total (2010: NGWA)

In the world
2 billion people
20% of global water (600-700km³)
(UNDP2000)
NGWA =>980km³ (2010)

Facts About Global Groundwater Usage compiled by NGWA (The Groundwater Association)

The 15 nations with the largest estimated annual groundwater extractions (2010)⁷ are:

Country	Population 2010 (in thousands)	Estimated groundwater extraction 2010 (km ³ /yr)	Groundwater extraction		
			Groundwater extraction for irrigation (%)	Groundwater extraction for domestic use (%)	Groundwater extraction for industry (%)
India	1224614	251.00	89	9	2
China	1341335	111.95	54	20	26
United States	310384	111.70	71	23	6
Pakistan	173593	64.82	94	6	0
Iran	73974	63.40	87	11	2
Bangladesh	148692	30.21	86	13	1
Mexico	113423	29.45	72	22	6
Saudi Arabia	27448	24.24	92	5	3
Indonesia	239871	14.93	2	93	5
Turkey	72752	13.22	60	32	8
Russia	142985	11.62	3	79	18
Syria	20411	11.29	90	5	5
Japan	126536	10.94	23	29	48
Thailand	69122	10.74	14	60	26
Italy	60551	10.40	67	23	10

⁷ Margat, J., and J. van der Gun. 2013. *Groundwater around the World*. CRC Press/Balkema.

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The 15 nations with groundwater having the largest share in total annual freshwater withdrawals, ranked by all water use sectors⁸

Country or territory	Groundwater share in total freshwater withdrawal (excluding reservoir losses)			
	All water use sectors (%)	Irrigation sector (%)	Domestic water sector (%)	Industry sector (%)
Bahrain	100	90	100	100
Barbados	100	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported
Malta	100	100	100	100
Montenegro	100	Not reported	100	Not reported
Palestinian Territory	100	61	69	Not reported
Oman	100	97	100	100
Qatar	100	84	100	0
United Arab Emirates	100	84	0	0
Denmark	98	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported
Libya	98	97	100	100
Croatia	97	Not reported	100	100
Iceland	97	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported
Djibouti	95	95	67	100
Saudi Arabia	95	94	100	100
Mongolia	91	83	100	100

⁸ Margat, J., and J. van der Gun. 2013. *Groundwater around the World*. CRC Press/Balkema.

Type of ground water contaminants

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Table 1.2 => contaminants & examples of use
synthetic organic chemicals(有機化合物)
hydrocarbons (炭化水素)
inorganic cations
inorganic anions
pathogens(病原体)
radionuclides(放射性物質)

Table 1.3: Contamination in single hazardous waste site:
about 80 compounds were detected at former organic solvent
recycling facility. (有機溶剤)

Cost of analysis: **Table 1.4**
The higher, the lower the detection limit.

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Drinking water standards

Table 1.5:

In the US the Safe Drinking Water Act directs
the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
to establish
maximum contaminant-level goals (MCLGs);
maximum contaminant-level (MCLs)
for drinking water supplied by public water agencies.

carcinogen: zero
chronically toxic
compound: not zero

MCLG: nonenforceable goal set with a *wide margin of safety*
MCL: enforceable standard, taking account water-treatment
technology and cost.
Primary MCL: based on health risk
Secondary MCL: based on aesthetics.

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Risk and drinking water

US EPA uses **risk assessment approach** in required cleanup level
for ground water and soil contaminated sites that are under federal
supervision, primarily Superfund sites.

Cancer risk levels are expressed in terms of the chance that an
individual will develop cancer due to a **thirty (30)-years exposure**
within a seventy (70) years lifetime, assuming **two liter (2L) of water**
from the same source. If one individual out of a million would
develop cancer from the exposure alone, the risk is 10^{-6} . If 100 out of
a million, 10^{-4} .

The official EPA position in determining site remediation is
 10^{-6} or less: no cleanup;
 10^{-6} - 10^{-4} : the state officials decide; **Big uncertainty??**
over 10^{-4} : cleanup is mandated. **Safety margins**

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Risk assessment

not average

The EPA always uses upper estimates (95th percentile) of the various
factors in the risk assessment. ex) use of highest concentration of a
chemical found at a site.



The calculated risk is about 100 times greater than it would be if the
average values of the risk factors were used.



Very expensive remediation has been driven in low risk site.

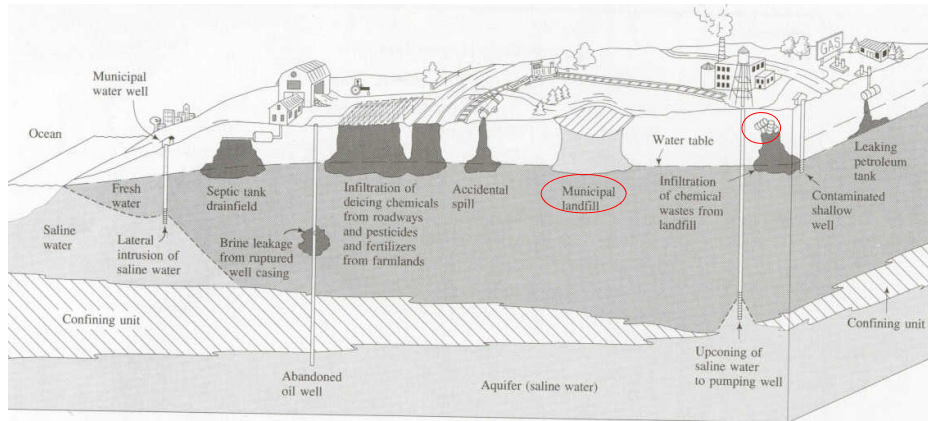
Risk of cancer in **chlorinated water**: **Table 1.6**
is compared with those of the other source

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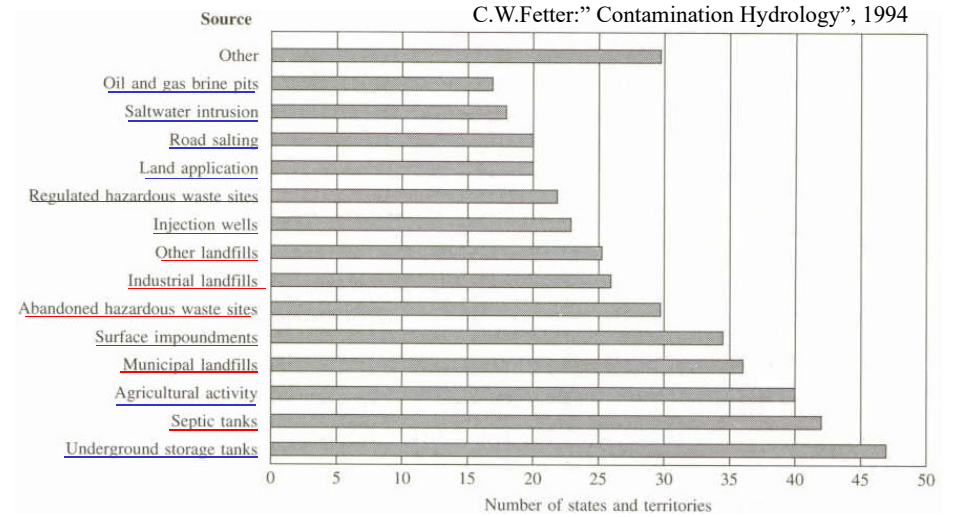
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Mechanisms of ground and ground water contamination



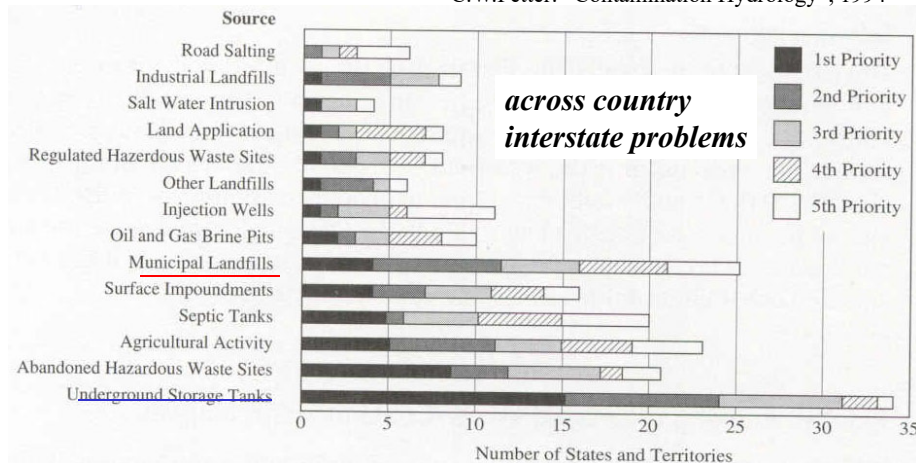
C.W.Fetter: "Contamination Hydrology", 1994

Frequency of various contamination sources considered by states and territories in US to be threats to ground water quality



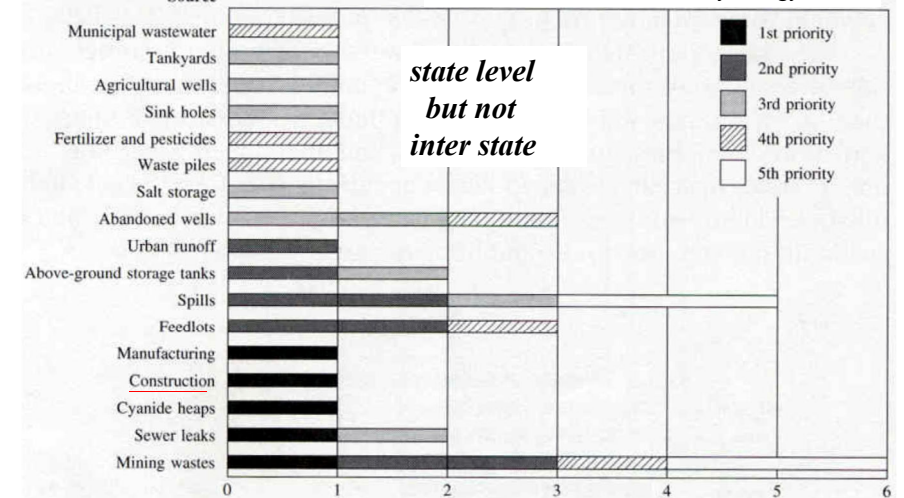
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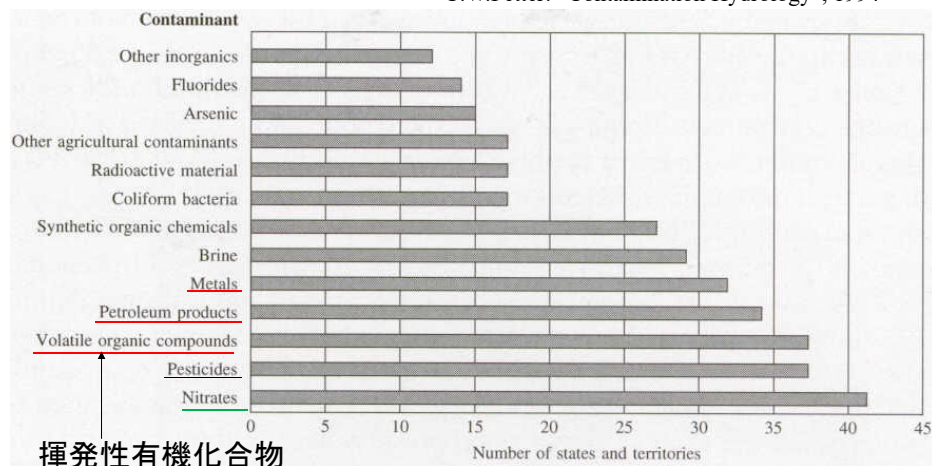
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Well quality investigation in Japan by Ministry of Environment

Nation wide investigation on quality of water in wells is conducted annually in order to survey the ground water contamination in Japan.

Number of investigated well: **8,327** in 2017.

Three types of survey

General survey, Near contaminated well, Monitoring survey
 概況調査 汚染井戸周辺地区調査 定期モニタリング調査
 Investigation chemicals: those listed in

- Environmental Standard for human health 28 chemicals
- Monitored Substances and Guideline Values

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Types well water investigation for Groundwater Surveys

Name of survey	Purpose of survey	Details of survey (number of wells investigated in 2017)
Survey of overall conditions	Collection of data about overall conditions of groundwater quality	Implementation of measurements at one spot in each block (3,196) => 177 (5.5%) over ES
Survey of areas adjacent to the contaminated well	Confirmation of the range of contamination in the block where new contamination is detected according the results of the survey on overall conditions	Measurement of water quality collected from wells adjacent to the block where new contamination is detected (818) => 119 (14.5%)
Regular monitoring survey	Collection of data about annual changes in quality of water from the contaminated well	Continuous measurement of water quality from the contaminated well (4,313) => 1,909 (44.3%)

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Environmental Standards on Groundwater in Japan

Chemical	Standard	Remarks
cadmium カドミウム	0.01mg/L	
cyanide 全シアン	Not detected	
lead 鉛	0.01mg/L	
hexa chromium 六価クロム	0.05mg/L	
arsenic 砒素	0.01mg/L	
total mercury 総水銀	0.0005mg/L	
alkyl mercury アルキル水銀	Not detected	
PCB(Polychlorinated Biphenyl) ポリ塩化ビフェニール	Not detected	
dichloromethane ジクロロメタン	0.02mg/L	
carbon tetrachloride 四塩化炭素	0.002mg/L	
vinyl chloride 塩化ビニルモノマー	0.002mg/L	added 2009.11
1,2-dichloroethane 1,2-ジクロロエタン	0.004mg/L	
1,1-dichloroethene 1,1-ジクロロエチレン	0.1mg/L <= 0.02mg/L	revised 2009.11
1,2-dichloroethene 1,2-ジクロロエチレン	0.04mg/L	revised 2009.11
1,1,1-trichloroethane 1,1,1-トリクロロエタン(TCA)	1mg/L	
1,1,2-trichloroethane 1,1,2-トリクロロエタン	0.006mg/L	
trichloroethene トリクロロエチレン(TCE)	0.01mg/L	revised 2014
tetrachloroethene テトラクロロエチレン(PCE)	0.01mg/L	
1,3-dichloropropane 1,3-ジクロロプロパン	0.002mg/L	
thiram チウラム	0.006mg/L	
simazine シマジン	0.003mg/L	
thiobencarb チオベンカルブ	0.02mg/L	
benzene ベンゼン	0.01mg/L	
selenium セレン	0.01mg/L	
nitric and nitrous nitrogen 硝酸性窒素及び亜硝酸性窒素	10mg/L	added 1999
fluorine ふっ素	0.8mg/L	added 1999
boron ほう素	1mg/L	added 1999
1,4-dioxane 1,4-ジオキサン	0.05mg/L	added 2009.11

others



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Results of quality investigation of wells: general survey invest. in Japan by Ministry of Environment, 2017

Chemical	2017				2016			
	sample (well)	detected (well)	detected ratio(%)	exceeding (well)	exceeding ratio(%)	sample (well)	exceeding (well)	exceeding ratio(%)
cadmium	2,627	26	1.0	2	0.1	2,668	0	0.0
cyanide	2,450	0	0	0	0	2,494	0	0
lead	2,689	114	4.2	4	0.1	2,758	9	0.3
hexa chromium	2,673	2	0.1	0	0	2,708	0	0
arsenic	2,725	328	12.0	60	2.2	2,809	64	2.3
total mercury	2,619	1	0.0	1	0.0	2,668	0	0
alkyl mercury	774	0	0	0	0	678	0	0
PCB	1,952	1	0.1	0	0	1,981	0	0
dichloromethane	2,723	2	0.1	0	0	2,751	0	0
carbon tetrachloride	2,661	9	0.3	0	0	2,703	0	0
vinyl chloride	2,433	14	0.6	4	0.2	2,448	1	0
1,2-dichloroethane	2,631	3	0.1	0	0	2,672	0	0
1,1-dichloroethene	2,625	12	0.5	0	0	2,663	0	0
1,2-dichloroethene	2,734	35	1.3	1	0.0	2,769	2	0.1
1,1,1-trichloroethane	2,768	18	0.7	0	0	2,799	0	0
1,1,2-trichloroethane	2,525	4	0.2	1	0	2,572	1	0
trichloroethene	2,816	53	1.9	5	0.2	2,849	3	0.1
tetrachloroethene	2,812	89	3.2	4	0.1	2,839	2	0.1
1,3-dichloropropane	2,335	1	0.0	0	0	2,371	0	0
thiram	2,216	2	0.1	0	0	2,267	0	0
simazine	2,213	1	0.0	0	0	2,264	0	0
thiobencarb	2,213	1	0.0	0	0	2,263	0	0
benzene	2,676	0	0	0	0	2,722	0	0
selenium	2,441	43	1.8	0	0	2,494	0	0
nitric and nitrous nitrogen	2,925	2,503	85.6	81	2.8	2,976	107	3.6
fluorine	2,751	1,134	41.2	17	0.6	2,807	16	0.6
boron	2,603	910	35.0	7	0.3	2,631	3	0.1
1,4-dioxane	2,429	5	0.2	0	0	2,463	0	0
Total sample	3,196	2,923	90.0	177	5.5	3,278	200	6.1

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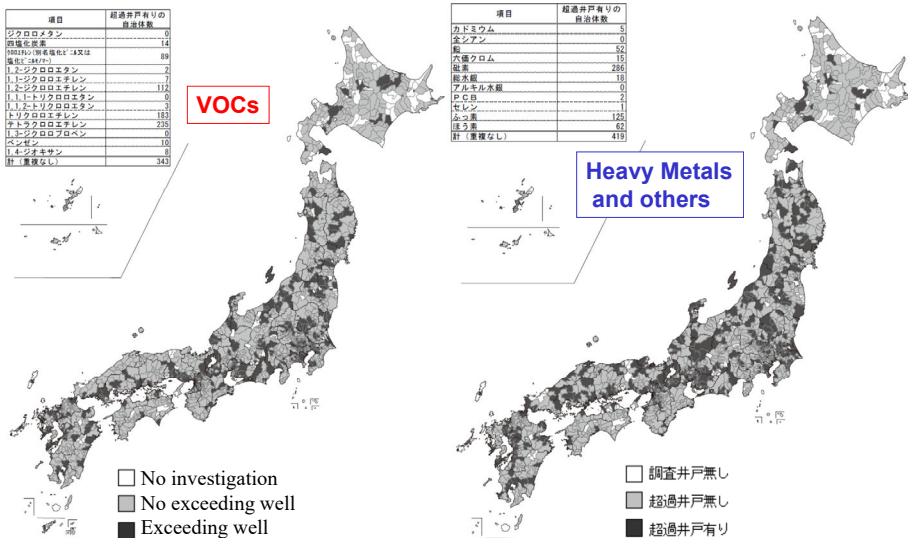
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cadmium	42	5	11.9	2	4.8	42	2	4.8
cyanide	52	0	0	0	0	59	0	0
lead	162	44	27.2	12	7.4	173	17	9.8
hexa chromium	128	42	32.8	22	17.2	136	26	19.1
arsenic	632	490	77.5	380	60.1	613	358	58.4
total mercury	91	23	25.3	19	20.9	103	19	18.4
alkyl mercury	29	0	0	0	0	19	0	0
PCB	20	2	10.0	2	10.0	17	2	11.8
dichloromethane	357	1	0.3	0	0	350	0	0
carbon tetrachloride	497	27	5.4	16	3.2	471	14	3
vinyl chloride	1,355	161	11.9	92	6.8	1,344	87	6.5
1,2-dichloroethane	514	12	2.3	0	0	510	0	0
1,1-dichloroethene	1,549	80	5.2	4	0.3	1,583	5	0.3
1,2-dichloroethene	1,632	452	27.7	115	7	1,673	120	7.2
1,1,1-trichloroethane	1,051	79	7.7	0	0	1,051	0	0
1,1,2-trichloroethane	500	7	1.4	0	0	484	1	0.2
trichloroethene	1,800	617	34.4	224	12.4	1,833	240	13.1
tetrachloroethene	1,737	878	50.5	346	19.9	1,774	360	20.3
1,3-dichloropropane	191	0	0	0	0	197	0	0
thiram	29	0	0	0	0	34	0	0
simazine	29	0	0	0	0	34	0	0
thiobencarb	29	0	0	0	0	34	0	0
benzene	280	9	3.2	5	1.8	290	5	1.7
selenium	44	4	9.1	1	2.3	49	0	0
nitric and nitrous nitrogen	1,649	1,607	97.5	683	41.4	1,613	654	40.5
fluorine	420	321	76.4	179	42.6	413	176	42.6
boron	172	129	75.0	44	25.6	177	40	22.6
1,4-dioxane	108	10	9.3	4	3.7	109	5	4.6
Total sample	4,372	3,675	85.2	1,909	44.3	4,372	1,888	43.2

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Results of quality investigation of wells in Japan done, '13-17



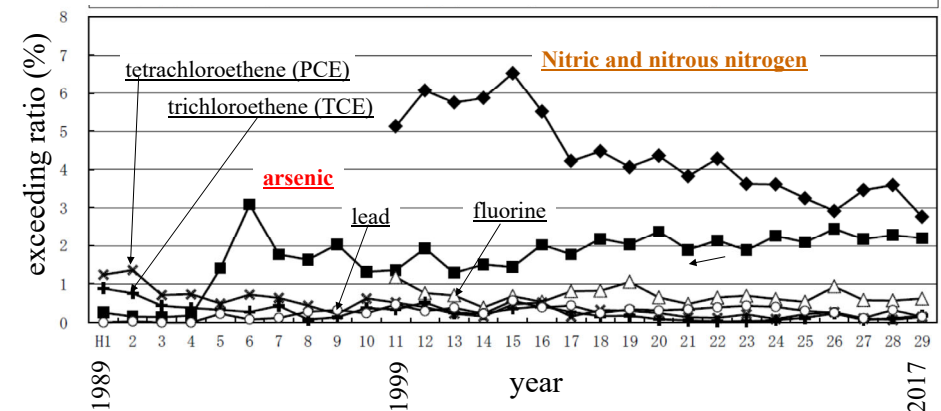
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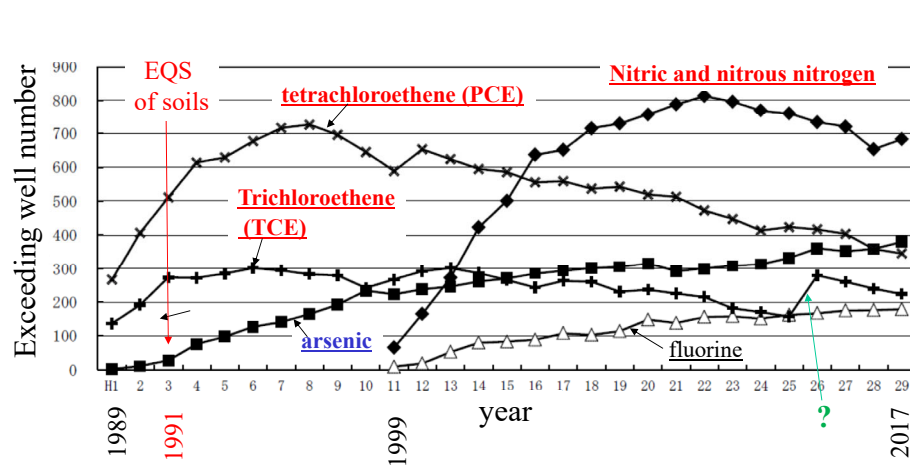
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Chronological variation of exceeding ratio : General survey investigation



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Chronological variation of exceeding well number found in monitoring well quality investigation



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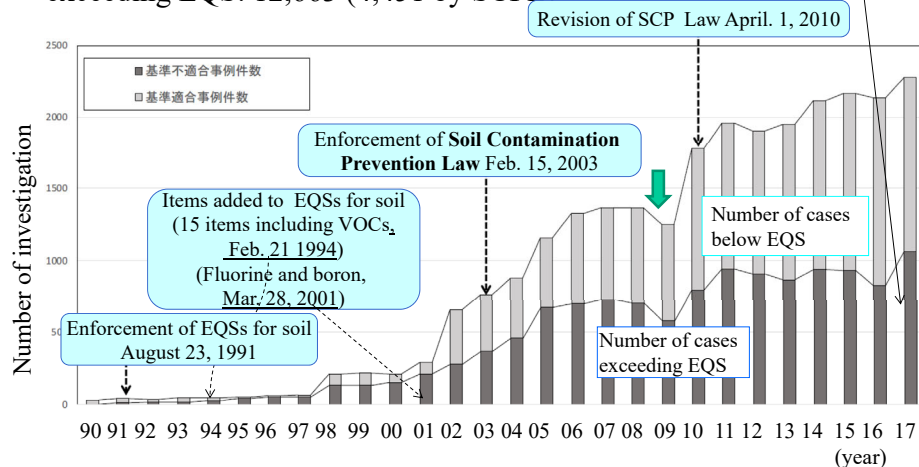
Estimation of soil contaminated sites in Japan

Geo-environmental Protection Center
 土壤環境センター (April, 2000)

- Possible sites : manufacturer:646,000、non-manufacturer:282,000; 928,000sites in total
- Total cost of investigation: 2.3T yen
- Possible contaminants:
 226,000sites: Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)
 83,000sites: Heavy Metals (HMs)
- Total cost of remediation:11T yen
- Current market on cleanup business:
 70.0~80.0 B yen

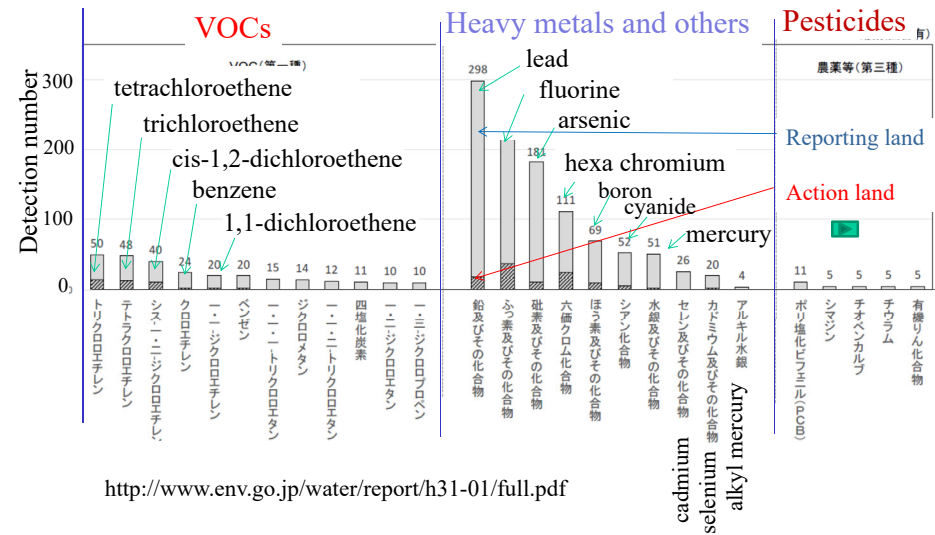
Number of soil contamination cases identified in Japan

Total number of IV: 26,506 (6,480 by SCPL)
 exceeding EQS: 12,663 (4,451 by SCPL)
 2017: 1,064 (by SCPL:578)



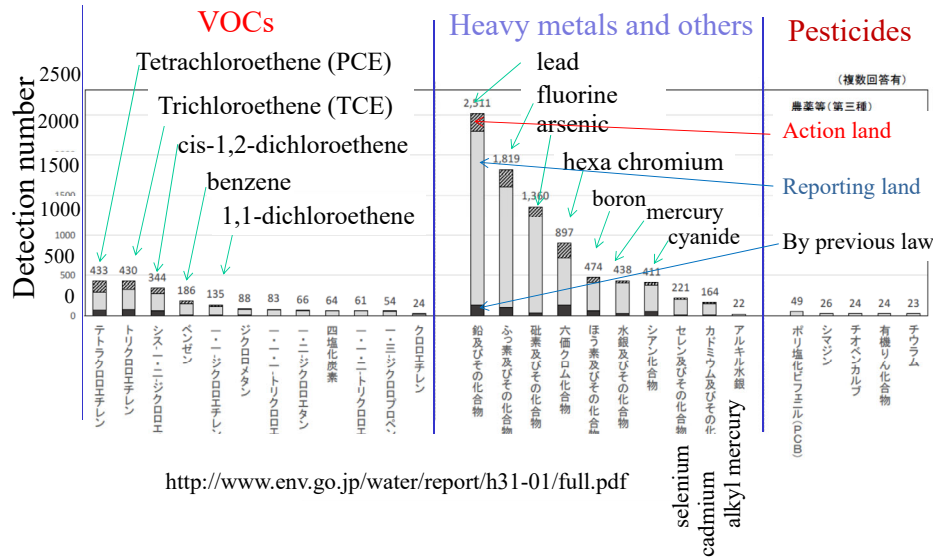
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Types of pollutant of soil contamination found in 2017



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Types of pollutant of soil contamination cumulative number 2002-2017



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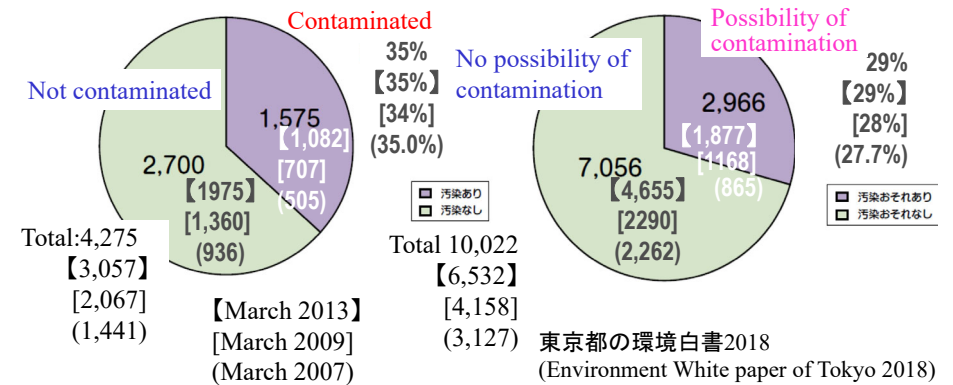
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Ground contamination of MGT

2001 the Tokyo Metropolitan Environmental Security Ordinance
東京都環境確保条例

Conditions of Contamination at the
Time of Closing Factories (Article 116)
(Period: October 2001–March 2017)

Conditions of Contamination at the Time of
Land Reform (Article 117)
(Period: October 2001–March 2017)



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Environmental laws and regulations

Protection and preservation of environment should be properly done artificially, i.e., by means of **new technology** and **regulations** in the most countries, where the power of nature cannot solve the threads to the environment from the human activities. **Environmental laws** have been introduced and modified to meet this purpose. 環境法

Normally public awareness on a specific problems, which might be initiated by some incidents (e.g. Love Canal, 1978), or publication (e.g., "Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson, 1962), becomes a driving force to the introduction of laws and regulation. *For examples, design standards have been revised after severe accident or disaster.* Not only laws but also, the governmental agency plays important roles.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in US was formed to administer environmental programs and establish standards to protect the environment in 1970.

In Japan, **Ministry of the Environment**, former Environment Agency
THE BASIC ENVIRONMENT LAW (環境基本法, 1993)

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Environmental laws and regulation on geoenvironment

- Basic law for environment pollution control (公害対策基本法, 1967 => ended 1993 廃止)
- THE BASIC ENVIRONMENT LAW (環境基本法, 1993)** Motivation??
- National Environmental Policy Act (USA) 1970**
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** before taking any action that may have a significant environmental impact.
- => **Environmental Impact Assessment Law (環境アセス法) 1997**
- Occupation and Safety and Health Act (USA) 1970
- Clean Air Act (USA) 1963, 1970, 1977 and 1990
- => **Environmental Quality Standards in Japan -Air Quality- 1973, 1997, 1999**
- Clean Water Act (USA) 1972, 1977, 1981, 1987, 1990
- => **Environmental Quality Standards for water Pollution, 1993**
- => **Environmental Quality Standards for Soil Pollution, 1991, 1994**
- => **National Effluent Standards (排出基準) in Japan**
- Safe Drinking Water Act (USA) 1974. <http://www.env.go.jp/en/lar/index.html>
- => **Standard for drinking water in Japan (not by MOE but MOHLW)**
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (USA) 1947, 1983

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•Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabilities Act (CERCLA) =“ Superfund Act” (USA) 1980, 1986

Liability, compensation, cleanup and emergency response for hazardous substances released to the environment and for the cleanup of inactive hazardous disposal sites.

EPA is given the authority and fund to cleanup the site to respond to emergencies. Money for the Superfund came from a trust fund created using taxes on crude oil and chemical companies. EPA can sue any responsible parties which compensates the cleanup cost. Superfund covers the cost if the responsible parties cannot be detected or cannot have enough resources.

Onset of Superfund Act is Love Canal episode.

- Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (USA) 1986
- Oil pollution Act (UAS) 1924, 1990
- Pollution Prevention Act (USA) 1990

- Solid Waste Disposal Act and Resource Recovery Act(UAS) 1965,1970 emphasizing better management of waste disposal: reduction, recycling, energy recovery

=>Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law in Japan,1970-2000 (廃棄物の処理及び清掃に関する法律:廃掃法)

- Toxic Substance Control Act (USA) 1976 regulation of manufacturing, processing and distribution toxic substance, PCB was banned under TSCA. =>Law Concerning Reporting, etc. of Releases to the Environment of Specific Chemical Substances and Promoting Improvements in Their Management in Japan 1999 (化学物質排出把握管理促進法:PRTR制度(Pollutant Release and Transfer Register))

- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (USA) 1976, 1980,1984 controlling nonhazardous waste and regulating hazardous waste => Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law in Japan

- Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendment (USA) 1984

Amendment of Soil Contamination Countermeasures Law 土壤汚染対策法(土対法) Enforced 2003.2.15 Amended 2010.4.1



Brownfield

Definition:

(US_EPA : <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/index.html>)

Real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties protects the environment, reduces blight, and takes development pressures off greenspaces and working lands.

Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act = “the Brownfields Law“, 2002. [S4_2](#)

Increasing the value of BF, creating business chance, and job (1\$=>18\$, 61,000 jobs)

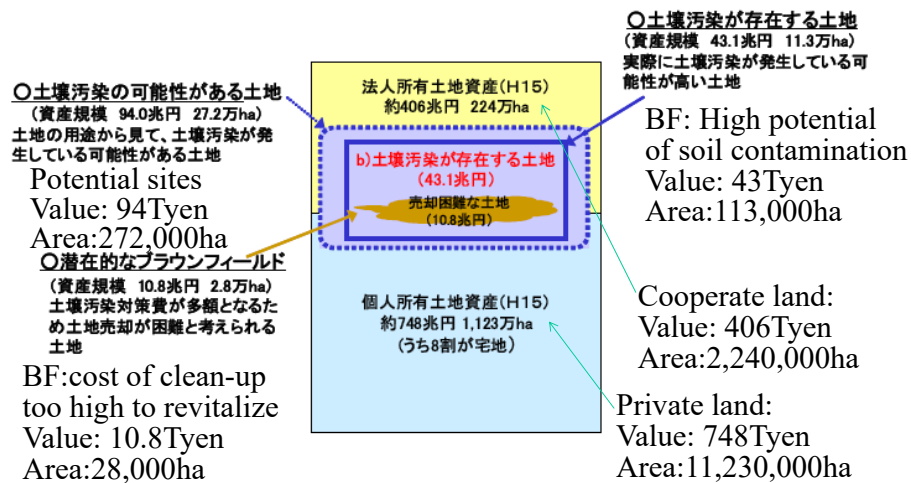
Japan: 土壤汚染をめぐるブラウンフィールド問題の実態等について中間とりまとめ

<http://www.env.go.jp/houdou/gazou/8300/9506/2641.pdf>

「土壤汚染の存在、あるいはその懸念から、本来、その土地が有する潜在的な価値よりも著しく低い用途あるいは未利用となった土地」

Survey about BF in Japan

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Dioxin: ダイオキシン

Dioxin is generic name of these three chlorinated hydrocarbon

Co-PCB (coplanar polychlorinated biphenyl)
PCDF(polychlorinated dibenzofuran)
PCDD(polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxin)

carcinogen, endocrine disruptors (environmental hormone)

Most toxic: 2,3,7,8 PCDD: **Agent Orange** in Vietnam War
Herbicide(枯葉剤、除草剤)

“Dioxin Special Measures Law”

ダイオキシン類対策特別措置法(1999.12)

Tolerable daily intake by human body:

in Japan 4pg/kg by TEQ (pg=10⁻¹²g)

Environmental quality standards

Air: 0.6pg-TEQ/m³

Water: 1.0pg-TEQ/L

Sediment under water: 150pg-TEQ/g

Soil:1,000pg-TEQ/g

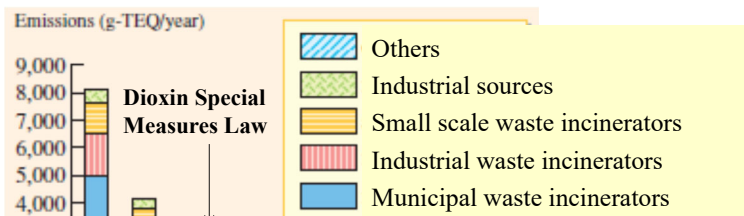
TEQ:toxicity equivalent to 2,3,7,8PCDD

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Change in total emission of Dioxin



sources:

Not naturally existing

-incineration of plastic material

-chlorinate breaching of paper

Reduction rate to 1997 level (%)

Base year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	49.0 - 51.9	60.6 - 62.6	68.8 - 68.9	75.2 - 75.3	87.7 - 88.1	95.1 - 95.2	95.5 - 95.6

•new law banning old type incinerator
•opposition to incineration

Source: Ministry of the Environment

<http://www.env.go.jp/en/wpaper/2006/index.html>

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Basic Environmental Law: Chap1 General Provisions

Article 1 (purpose: 目的 Chap.1*)

*Chap. of the former law

The purpose of this law is to comprehensively and systematically promote policies for **environmental conservation** to ensure healthy and cultured living for both the **present and future generations of the nation** as well as to contribute to the **welfare of mankind**, through articulating the basic principles, clarifying the **responsibilities of the State, local governments, corporations and citizens**, and prescribing the basic policy considerations for environmental conservation.

Article 2 (Terminology: 定義 Chap.2*)

“**global environmental conservation**:地球環境の保全”

environmental conservation regarding such phenomena as global warming, the ozone layer depletion, marine pollution, decrease in wildlife species and others which are caused by human activities and affect the environment of the entire globe or a large part of it, which contributes to the welfare of mankind as well as to the healthy and cultured living of the people.

Seven “environmental pollutions: 7つの公害”

Air pollution(大気汚染), Water pollution(水質汚染), Soil contamination(土壤汚染)
Noise(騒音), Vibration(振動), ground subsidence(地盤沈下), offensive odors (異臭)

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Article 3: **Enjoyment and Future Success of Environmental Blessings**

(環境の恵沢の享受と継承等:)

Article 4: **Creation of A Society Ensuring Sustainable Development with Reduced Environmental Load**(環境への負荷の少ない持続的発展が可能な社会の構築等)

Article 5: **Active Promotion of Global Environmental Conservation through International Cooperation** (国際的協調による地球環境保全の積極的推進)

Article 6: Responsibility of the State(国の責務:Chap.4*)

Article 7: Responsibility of Local Governments (地方公共団体の責務:Chap.5*)

Article 8: Responsibility of Corporations (事業者の責務:Chap.3*)

Article 9: Responsibility of Citizens (国民の責務:Chap.6*)

Article 10: **Environment Day** (環境の日) => **when?**

Article 11: **Legislative Measures etc.** (法制上の措置等)

Article 12: Annual Report(年次報告等:Chap.7*)

Article 13: Prevention of Air Pollution and the like by Radioactive Substances
(放射性物質による大気汚染等の防止:Chap.8*)



公害対策基本法 vs 環境基本法

公対法第一条(目的) この法律は、**国民の健康で文化的な生活を確保**するうえにおいて公害の防止がきわめて重要であることにかんがみ、事業者、国及び地方公共団体の**公害の防止**に関する責務を明らかにし、並びに公害の防止に関する**施策の基本となる事項を定める**ことにより、**公害対策**の総合的推進を図り、もつて**国民の健康**を保護するとともに、生活環境を保全することを目的とする。

現在の公害対策

環基法第一条(目的) この法律は、**環境の保全**について、**基本理念**を定め、並びに国、地方公共団体、事業者及び国民の責務を明らかにするとともに、環境の保全に関する**施策の基本となる事項を定める**ことにより、環境の保全に関する施策を総合的かつ計画的に推進し、もつて**現在及び将来の国民の健康で文化的な生活の確保**に寄与するとともに**人類の福祉**に貢献することを目的とする。

環境全般、現在、将来、日本、世界