

# History of Environmental Activity

Environmental Activity	Year	Japan	World
	1967	●Basic Law for Environmental Pollution Control passed	
	1970	●14 pollution laws passed (by "Pollution Diet")	
●Environment Preparation Section established at head office ●Wakayama Steel Works concludes anti-pollution pact	1971	●Environment Agency established	
●Environmental Management Dept. established at head office ●Environmental management regulations instituted	1972		●First session of UN Human Environment Conference ●UN Environment Program (UNEP) established
●Kashima Steel Works concluded anti-pollution pact	1973	●First oil shock ●Pollution-related Health Damage Compensation Law passed	
●Energy Management Section established at head office ●First Energy Conservation Plan drawn up	1974		
●Slag Utilization Dept. established at head office	1976		
	1979	●Second oil shock ●Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy passed	
●Energy Management Dept. established at head office	1982		
	1987		●Montreal Protocol Concerning Ozone Layer Protection adopted
	1988		●Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) established
	1989		●Basel Convention on the Regulation of Transboundary Movement and Disposal of Hazardous Wastes
	1990	●Action Plan to Arrest Global Warming drawn up	
●Global Environmental Development Dept. established at head office (organizational integration)	1991		
●Environmental audit system introduced	1992	●Waste Disposal and Public Cleansing Law passes	●Rio Earth Summit adopts Framework Convention on Climate Change
●Action Guidelines for the Global Environment drawn up	1993	●Basic Environment Law passed	
●Nishi-Yodogawa pollution suit settled amicably	1995		●First Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP1*1)
●Voluntary Action Program for Environmental Protection by Steelmakers drawn up (Japan Iron and Steel Federation)	1996		●ISO 14001 issued
●Kashima Steel Works, Wakayama Steel Works and Kokura Steel Works (now Sumitomo Metals (Kokura)) obtained ISO 14001 certification	1997	●Environmental Impact Assessment Law passed	●COP3 Kyoto Protocol adopted
●Kansai plant (now Steel Tube Works) and Naoetsu Steel Works (now Sumitomo Metals (Naoetsu)) obtained ISO 14001 certification	1998	●Law to Promote Measures to Cope with Global Warming passed	
●Amagasaki pollution suit settled amicably ●Kansai plant (now Osaka Steel Works) obtained ISO 14001 certification (all plants thus completing certification) ●First edition of Environmental Report issued	1999	●Law Concerning Special Measures Against Dioxins passed ●Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) Law passed	
●Global Environmental Development Section established in organization change	2000	●Basic Law on Formation of a Zero-Waste Society passed	
	2001	●Ministry of the Environment established	●Stockholm Convention on POPs*2 adopted
●Global Environmental Development Section integrated with Technology Section ●First annual PRTR filing	2002	●Soil Pollution Prevention Law passed ●Law to Promote Measures to Cope with Global Warming amended ●Basic Law on Energy Policy passed ●Kyoto Protocol ratified	●World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg)
	2003	●Basic plan for the formation of a zero-waste society drawn up ●Environmental Education Promotion law established	●RoHS Directive (EU) adopted and established
●Environment Committee and Group Environment Meeting established	2004	●Waste Recycling Governance established ●Air Pollution Control Law revised	
●Environment Dept. established at head office (organizational change)	2005	●Kyoto Protocol Target Achievement Plan (cabinet decision)	●Kyoto Protocol takes effect
●Action Guidelines for the Global Environment revised ●Group Environment Supervisor Council established ●Environmental audit for Group companies started	2006	●Amended Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy enforced ●New Act Concerning Asbestos enforced	●EU RoHS Directive comes into effect ●Adoption of REACH (EU)
●Environmental audits at overseas Group companies launched	2007	●Law Concerning the Promotion of Measures to Cope with Global Warming amended	●Bali Road Map adopted (COP13)
	2008	●Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy revised ●Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) Law revised	●First Commitment Period of the Kyoto Protocol starts

\*1 COP (Conference of the Parties) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that became effective in 1994.

\*2 POPs (Persistent Organic Pollutants)