Restoration of city gas supplies in the Tohoku and Kanto regions

- Restoration work has been completed with the help of gas utilities throughout Japan -

City gas

City gas supplies were suspended at 400,000 households in 19 regions in 8 prefectures due to damage to production facilities and pipes.

As restoration work has gradually progressed with the help of 58 gas utilities throughout Japan, it was completed on May 3.

Afterwards, each gas utility is continuing restoration individually depending on the progress of maintenance of town districts in the affected areas that have been seriously damaged by the earthquake and tsunami, as well as in cases where starting restoration work for customers is difficult due to the collapse of houses, etc.

Measures for restoration by gas utilities so far

Recovery aid/ measures from utilities throughout Japan

Under the initiative of the Japan Gas Association, 58 gas utilities around Japan organized recovery aid teams and assisted restoration work with a cumulative total of 100,000 workers. Sendai City Gas Bureau, which had the largest number of customers awaiting reconnection, after securing the alternative source of gas supply on March 23, had been engaged in intensive restoration work and completed it on April 16 with support of a maximum of 4,000 workers.

Supply via pipelines from Niigata

To compensate for the tsunami-damaged LNG base in Sendai, which will take a considerable amount of time to repair, supplies via pipelines from Niigata were increased to resume supplies from Sendai City Gas and Shiogama Gas.

Portable gas generators

For temporary supplies, 83 portable gas generators were provided to high priority facilities such as hospitals, welfare facilities and evacuation centers from gas utilities throughout Japan.

Provision of portable gas cartridge stoves

The Japan Gas Association reported that approx. 9,000 portable gas cartridge stoves and approx. 30,000 gas cartridges sent to the affected gas utilities, and onboard shower facilities were provided.

Community gas

Community gas supplies were suspended in approx. 15,000 households in apartment houses in the 7 prefectures.

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