Securing the Supply of Gasoline and Light Oil in the Tohoku Region (Disaster Area) and the Kanto Region: Emergency Measures to Ensure Supply Lines and Establish an Expanded Distribution Network

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**Private Sector Stockpiling Obligation: 70 days → 45 days**

In order to secure an adequate supply of oil throughout Japan by reducing stocks of oil products held by oil companies, and by promoting smooth coordination between companies and local communities, METI has reduced private sector stockpiling requirements by an additional 22 days, from the initial 3 days. As a result, private sector stockpiling obligations have now been reduced by a total of 25 days.

**Supplying the Quake-hit Tohoku Region**

### Special dispatch of additional tanker trucks (300 vehicles)

- 285 additional vehicles have already arrived in the Tohoku region, and approx. 300 vehicles in total are expected to be secured in early April.

### Mass transfer of gasoline, etc. from western Japan to the Tohoku region

- Supply capacity of 38,000 kl/day is already secured.
- Current supply to the Tohoku region: approx. 30,000 kl/day.
- Operating ratios of refineries: ensure operation at full capacity.
- Suspension of exports: approx. 700,000 kl for the time being.
- Emergency imports: expectation to secure 500,000 kl or more in March and April.

### Support for areas around the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plants

- Regarding requests on March 19, 22, 26, and 30 from the Fukushima prefectural government to provide approx. 1,110 kl of gasoline, etc., to area residents: the full amount was supplied by March 31. Responding additional request (400kl) on April 3. As of April 7, 70 kl has been supplied.

### Securing railway transportation routes

- After March 21, transport approx. 1,300 kl/day of gasoline, etc. from Negishi to Morioka.
- After March 21, transport approx. 6,000 kl/day of gasoline, etc. to Utsunomiya. One part is to be transported to the Tohoku region via Utsunomiya.
- After April 1, shipment of gasoline, etc. from Negishi to Koriyama will increase (approx. 1,200 kl).

### Response to requests from affected areas

Responded to some 1,380 of 1,450 requests from hospitals, etc.; approx. 15,300 kl of gasoline and light oil, etc., were delivered as of April 6.

**Early restoration of oil storage facilities (Shiogama/Hachinohe) on Pacific Coast**

- (Shiogama Oil Storage Facility) As of April 7, 42 tankers (approx. 120,000kl) have docked at the pier.
- (Hachinohe Oil Storage Facility) As of April 5, 14 tankers have docked at the pier (total of 36,000kl).
- (JX Sendai Oil Storage Facility) As of April 4, approx. 1,000 drums of kerosene and light oil have been shipped.

### Designation of key service stations and concentrated supply

- Supply has been concentrated to a cumulative total of 2,613 service stations between March 19 and April 5, out of 207 emergency key stations in 6 Tohoku prefectures.
- As of April 6, 2,835 out of 3070 service stations (92%) located in the Tohoku regions were in operation.
- Oil distributors updated information on operation status of their service stations on the websites.

### Intensive supply measures to areas where shortages are serious

- On March 27, approx. 4,000 drums of kerosene and light oil were delivered to Self-Defense Forces for quake survivors.
- Regarding donated kerosene (2000 drums) from The Petroleum Association of Japan, shipment has started from April 4. 850 drums are delivered to Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima Prefectures each. As of April 7, total of approx. 600 drums has been delivered.

### LP gas supply measures (to the Tohoku region (affected area))

- Gas cylinders and large cookers for 6,800 people were delivered free of charge to hospitals and evacuation areas for cooking.
- Approx. 24,000 table-top stoves and 130,000 cassette gas cylinders have been donated to the affected areas.
- Total of 40,000 tons of LPG has been released by April 7 by utilizing national stockpiles.

### Establishment of Temporary fueling sites

- March 27 to April 7, temporary fueling sites were established in 9 municipalities and fueled a total of 6,500 vehicles.

**Supply to the Kanto Region**

- Transfer of stocks to the Kanto region
  - After March 21, railway shipment returned to normal (transport of a total of approx. 11,000 kl/day of gasoline, etc.)

- From March 21, shipments to the Kanto region recovered to the normal average yearly level.

- Designation of key service stations and intensive supply to them (as noted above)

**As of April 6, 6,589(99%) service stations out of 6,661 in the Kanto region were in operation.**

- Two refineries that had suspended operations (Tonen Kawasaki and Kyokuto Chiba) have already resumed operations. JX Negishi resumed operations on March 21.

- As of April 6, approx. 1,650,000 kl (approx. 75% of the normal level) were delivered to the Kanto region.

- Draw on stock in operating refineries in the Kanto region.
- Enhance supply structure via cooperation among companies.

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