Additional Drastic Reductions in Private Sector Stockpiles: Enhancing Measures to Ensure Stable Supplies of Gasoline, Kerosene, and Light Oil (As of March 21)

In order to secure an effective 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, to 45 days from 70 days.

### Supplies to quake-hit Tohoku region
- **Major increase of tanker trucks (300 vehicles)**: *198 are now in the region*
- **Support for areas around Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant**
- **Securing railway transport routes (Shipping supplies to Morioka and Fukushima)**

### Kanto-region supplies
- **Transfer of 50,000 kl from western Japan to the Kanto region. (From March 19 to 21, transferred approx. 56,000 kl to the Kanto region.)**
- **Drawing down stock in refineries operating in the Kanto region (approx. 30,000 kl).**
- **Designation of 161 emergency key service stations in Tokyo and the surrounding 6 prefectures, with focused supply activities being implemented.**

### Emergency measures announced on March 17
- **Mass transfer of gasoline, etc. from western Japan to the Tohoku region**
  - Supply capacity of 38,000 kl/day of gasoline, etc. (equivalent to normal demand in Tohoku region) already secured.
  - Current supply volume to the Tohoku region: 22,000 kl/day

### Enhanced Measures
- **<Tohoku Region>**
  - Intensive supply measures to areas where shortages are very serious
  - Restoration of operations at Shiogama Oil Storage Facility (from March 21)
    - Resumption of supply to Miyagi Prefecture
  - Normalization of shipments by tanker freight train to Utsunomiya
    - Expansion of supply to Fukushima via Utsunomiya (from March 19)
  - Note: There is one other route to Fukushima, via Niigata, that does not depend on railways.
  - Expansion of supplies to oil storage facilities in Iwate, Aomori, and Niigata.
  - Furthermore, conduct intensified efforts to supply gasoline, kerosene, and light oil using oil drums to areas where shortages are serious.

- **<Kanto Region>**
  - From March 21, shipments of oil products to the Kanto region recovered to the same level as in an average year
  - Transfers from western Japan (transfer an additional 50,000 kl)
  - Draw down stocks in the Kanto region
  - Normalization of shipment to the North Kanto Region (Utsunomiya and Takasaki; to ship 11,000 kl/day)
  - On March 21, JX Negishi Refinery resumed operation

- **Kerosene supply measures**
  - Delivered 600 drums of kerosene for quake sufferers. Additional 2,000 drums are planned to be delivered. Donated 2,000 drums of gasoline are being prepared.

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- **Increase the number of emergency key service stations**
  - Tohoku region: Currently 178 → to be expanded to 207
  - The Kanto region: Currently 161 → to be expand to 187

- **Measures related to the LP gas supply to the Tohoku region (disaster area)**
  - Free delivery of gas cylinders and large cookers to evacuation areas and hospitals begun.
  - 30,000 cassette cookers, 190,000 cassette gas cylinders secured. Delivery to areas of need upon request. (Delivered 41,000 cassette cookers and 37,000 cassette gas cylinders to cities, towns, and villages in Miyagi Prefecture.)