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.

**Supply to the Quake-hit Tohoku Region**

- **Major increase of tanker trucks (300 vehicles)**
  - 236 vehicles have already been introduced to the Tohoku region, and at least 290 vehicles are expected to be secured.

- **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: 22,000 kl/day
  - Operating ratios of refinery: ensure operation at full capacity
  - Suspension of exports: approx. 700,000 kl for the time being
  - Emergency imports: expected to secure 500,000 kl or more in March and April

- **Early restoration of oil storage facilities (Shiogama/Hachinohe) on Pacific Coast**
  - By March 22, 3 tankers (approx. 6,000kl) have docked at the pier. On the 22nd, another 2 tankers are expected to leave for Shiogama (approx. 4,000 kl)
  - By March 22, approx. 3,000kl have been shipped. On the 23rd, approx. 2,700kl is to be shipped
  - (Hachinohe Oil Storage Facility) On March 22, shipped approx. 700 kl/day of kerosene, etc., from its stocks. After March 23, continue to ship the same quantity.

- **Support for areas around the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plants**
  - Responding to request from Fukushima pref. government for approx. 600 kl of gasoline, etc., to area residents. Of this, total of 510 kl has been supplied up to March 23.
  - In the middle of night of March 22, there is a request for additional 235 kl of gasoline and immediate response is expected.

  - **Securing railway transportation routes**
    - On March 22, plan to transport approx. 1,300 kl of gasoline, etc., from Negishi to Morioka
    - After March 21, due to normalization of railway shipment, transported approx. 6,000 kl/day of gasoline, etc. to Utsunomiya. One portion was transported to the Tohoku region via Utsunomiya. This is to be continued.

- **Response to requests from disaster areas**
  - Responded to about 640 requests from hospitals etc., approx. 7,280kl of gasoline and light oil have been delivered.

- **LP gas supply Measures (to the Tohoku region (affected area) )**
  - Gas cylinders and large cookers for 500 people were delivered free of charge to hospitals and evacuation areas for cooking
  - 11,000 table-top stoves and 60,000 cassette gas cylinders have been donated to the affected areas. (have been shipped)

**Supply to the Kanto Region**

- **Transfer 50,000 kl from stocks in refineries in western Japan to the Kanto region**
  - March 19 - 21: approx. 56,000 kl have been transferred to the Kanto region.
  - In the 3 days following March 22, an additional approx. 59,000 kl is expected to be transferred.

- **Enhance supply structure via cooperation among companies (provide tanker trucks to other companies etc.)**
  - Two refineries that had suspended operations (Tonen Kawasaki and Kyokuto Chiba) have already resumed operations. JX Negishi is to resumed operations on March 21.

- **Mass transfer of gasoline, etc. to surrounding prefectures (161 → 187) March 19-21, intensive supplies to a total of 453 SSs have been implemented.

- **Designation of key service stations and concentrated supply**
  - Expansion of the number of emergency key service stations including SSs on highways (178 → 207).
  - March 19-20, intensive supplies to reach a total of 348 SSs have been implemented.

- **From March 21, shipment to the Kanto region recovered to the same level in an average year.**
  - Draw on stock in operating refineries in the Kanto region (approx. 30,000 kl).
  - March 19-21, draw on an additional 28,000 kl

- **Normalization of supply to the North Kanto region**
  - After March 21, railway shipment return to normal (Transport total of approx. 11,000 kl/day of gasoline, etc.)

- **Expansion of the number of service stations in Tokyo and 6 surrounding prefectures (161 → 187) March 19-21, intensive supplies to a total of 453 SSs have been implemented.**