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.

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

- **Major increase of tanker trucks (300 vehicles)**
  - 247 vehicles have already been sent 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

- **Securing railway transportation routes**
  - After March 21, to transport approx. 1,300 kl/day of gasoline etc. from Negishi to Morioka
  - After March 21, to transport approx. 6,000 kl/day of gasoline etc. to Utsunomiya. One portion is transported to the Tohoku region via Utsunomiya.
  - After March 25, to ship approx. 600 kl of gasoline etc. from Negishi to Koriyama.

- **Response to requests from affected areas**
  - Responded to about 1,010 requests out of 1,220 from hospitals etc., approx. 10,290 kl of gasoline and light oil have been delivered by March 26.

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

- (Shiogama Oil Storage Facility) By March 26, approx. 2,220 kl/day of gasoline, etc. was shipped. On the 26th, one tanker (approx.3000 kl) docked at the pier.
- (Hachinohe Oil Storage Facility) By March 24, approx. 870 drums of kerosene and light oil were shipped.

**Designation of key service stations and concentrated supply**

- Supply has been concentrated to a total of 891 service stations between March 19 and 26, out of 207 emergency key stations in 6 Tohoku prefectures.
- As of March 26, 2,400 service stations (78%) out of 3070 located in the Tohoku regions are in operation.

**Supply to the Kanto Region**

- **Transfer 50,000 kl from stocks in western Japan to the Kanto region**
  - In the 3 days following the 25th, approx. 50,000 kl is to be transferred to the Kanto region.
  - Two refineries that had suspended operations (Tonen Kawasaki and Kyokuto Chiba) have already resumed operations. JX Negishi resumed operations on March 21.
  - Normalization of supply to the North Kanto region.
  - After March 21, railway shipment returned to normal (Transports total of approx. 11,000 kl/day of gasoline, etc.)

- **Draw on stock in operating refineries in the Kanto region**

- **Enhance supply structure via cooperation among companies**

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

- By March 27, approx.4,000 drums of kerosene and light oil will have been delivered to Self Defense Forces for quake survivors
- The Petroleum Association of Japan is discussing specific destinations for 2,000 drums of donated kerosene with local authorities.

**LP gas supply Measures (to the Tohoku region (affected area))**

- Gas cylinders and large cookers for 2000 people were delivered free of charge to hospitals and evacuation areas for cooking.
- Approx.20,000 table-top stoves and 110,000 cassette gas cylinders have been donated to the affected areas.

**Start up “Temporary mini Service stations (SSs)”**

- On March 27, the first “Temporary mini SSs” started to provide fuel at 5 places in Rikuzentakada-city

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

187 emergency key service stations in Tokyo and 6 surrounding prefectures concentrated supplies to 1043 SSs from March 19 to 26.