

In order to prevent environmental pollution such as air pollution and water pollution, Oki is conducting activities leading to the reduction of environmental pollutants, including periodic measurement/inspection and facility maintenance, as well as personnel training to deal with emergencies.

Prevention of Air Pollution

Dioxin is a toxin which may cause carcinogens and teratogenic substances to be produced which are harmful to humans and animals. It is believed that dioxin is produced mostly by waste disposal incinerators and is regulated by the Air Pollution Control Law. The Oki group eliminated all waste disposal incinerators in 1999 as a part of our efforts to counter these problems.

The waste which was incinerated in the past is now reduced in volume through the use of crushing machines, and materials are being recycled whenever possible.

Soil and Ground Water Contamination Problems

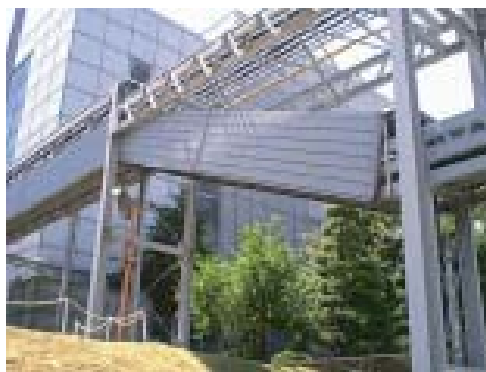
Contamination of soil and ground water caused by organic chlorine compounds has been attracting a lot of public attention in recent years. The Oki group has already entirely eliminated the use of 1,1,1-trichloroethane, tetrachloroethylene, trichloroethylene, and dichloromethane.

In order to check the effects of the use of these substances in the past, we investigated soil and ground water contamination and are conducting periodic inspections.

Measures Taken to Prevent Abnormal Incidents from Occurring

Accidents involving the leaking of chemical substances may occur due to natural disasters, fire, malfunction of facilities, or human error during operation of equipment. To prevent the leakage of chemical substances, we are conducting the following:

- (1) "Guidelines for procedures in the event of emergency" has been created and personnel are trained according to the guidelines.
- (2) Chemicals are stored in cases. A tray is put at the bottom of each case to prevent the chemicals from leaking. A maximum height to which the cases can be stacked is also specified and regulated.
- (3) Liquid waste processing tanks are encased in concrete for unforeseen leakage. The tanks and pipes are installed above ground for visible inspection.



Pipes are installed above ground

Responding to Complaints

There were no fines or penalties imposed in 2001. However, we did receive one complaint about noise from residents in the neighborhood. In order to respond to this complaint, we made an investigation to locate the source of the noise, which was the boiler noise resonating in the chimney. Soundproofing construction was immediately conducted to resolve this problem.

Soundproofed chimney

