

■The Current Condition of Iitate Village, Fukushima Prefecture

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1 Group Evacuation

1.1 At 1:00pm today, the second group evacuation took place. The group evacuation included residents from areas outside of the indoor refugee zone. (The indoor refugee zone refers to a geographical area where residents are instructed to stay indoors to avoid atmospheric radiation.)

1.2 The second group evacuation included 202 people and used buses provided by the Japanese self-defense force and Iitate Village school buses. After being screened at Matsukawa highway rest-stop, the buses continued towards Kanumashi City.

1.3 Two village officials accompanied the group evacuation.

2 Additional Refugee Reception Discontinued

2.1.1 Although 1,200 refugees have taken shelter in Iitate Village, the village has decided to discontinue receiving additional refugees from outside of the village. This decision is partially based on the fact that the neighboring city, Minamisomashi City, has begun evacuating Minamisomashi City residents.

3 Daily Necessities, Medicine, Health Care

3.1 A private company in Ibaraki Prefecture is distributing six tons of vegetables such as daikon, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, burdock root, king trumpet mushrooms and maitake mushrooms to special care nursing homes and elderly residents living alone.

3.2 However, medical supplies have not been arranged. In particular, elderly residents cannot obtain their regular medications.

3.3 Using official vehicles, three village officials in charge of welfare services are providing home visits to elderly residents living alone. However, these village officials are being exposed to atmospheric radiation.

4 The Level of Atmospheric Radiation and Subsequent Countermeasures

4.1 As of 1:00pm, the atmospheric radiation level has dropped to $15\mu\text{sv}$

4.2 Please find below a graph of recent atmospheric radiation readings.

4.3 At 1:00pm, prefectural inspectors measured outdoor and indoor radiation levels. Indoor radiation levels ranged from $1.9\text{-}2.0\mu\text{sv}$.

4.4 Iodine preparation has not yet been administered to village residents.

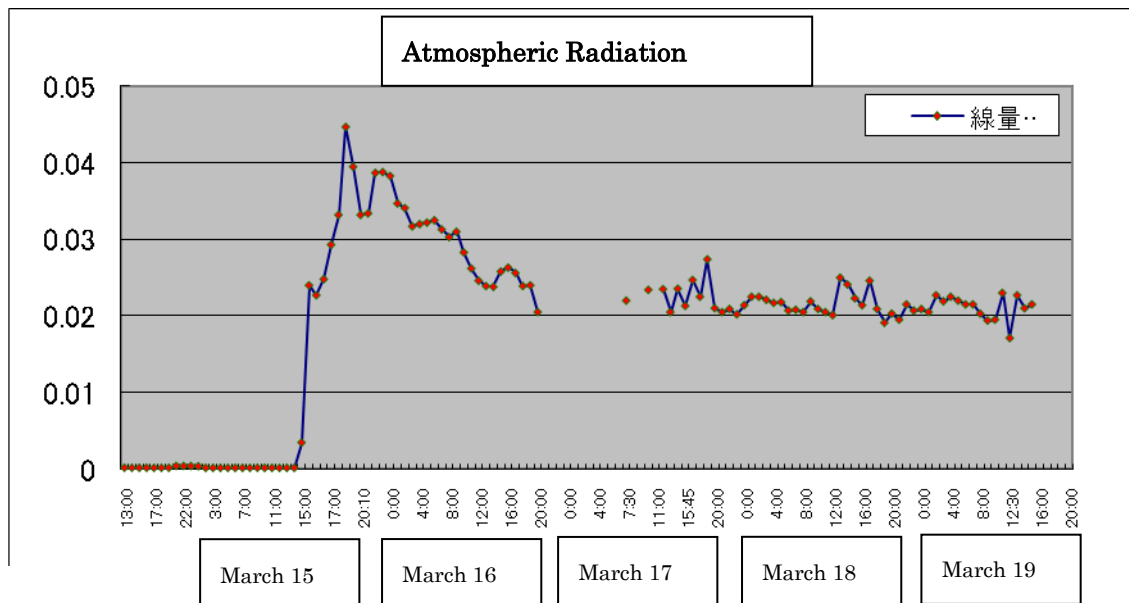


Figure 1: Radiation Levels Recorded near the Iitate Village Hall

5 Current Policy <Finalized Items>

- 5.1 Because there are no more residents wishing to leave Iitate Village, the group evacuation planned for tomorrow not take place.
- 5.2 The village is no longer accepting new refugees from outside of the village in public facilities.
- 5.3 Residents within the indoor refugee zone wishing to leave are responsible for their own travel.
- 5.4 “Long Distance Health Insurance” will be issued to refugee Iitate Village residents seeking medical care in other areas of Japan.