

Soil conservation

We believe that soil conservation is important for risk management in terms of both regional environmental protection and land capital value.

Environmental action targets

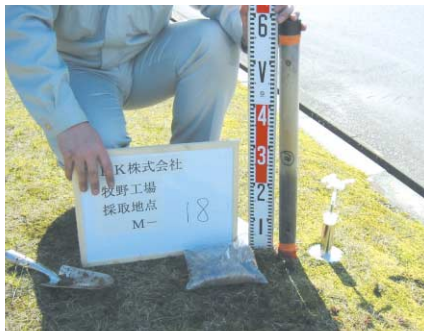
- Conduct environmental impact assessments for land we use
- Require pollution evaluations when purchasing land (set in accordance with legal reforms)

● Soil inspections

On February 15, 2003 the Soil Contamination Countermeasures Law was implemented. Since fiscal 1999, YKK has voluntarily conducted groundwater inspections, and, in accordance with the new law, we have also begun conducting soil contamination inspections.

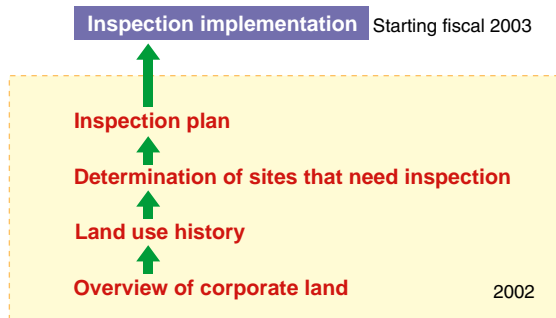
In fiscal 2002, after completing overall inspections and land use history investigations, we created the Soil Inspection Plan for land in our possession identified as needing soil analysis to complement our other inspection methods.

In fiscal 2003, we will implement soil inspections according to this plan.



Collecting a soil sample

◆ Inspection methods



Collecting a soil gas sample

● Groundwater inspections

Depending on regional characteristics, some YKK Group factories use groundwater for both daily life and industrial purposes. These plants continuously conduct inspections to prevent soil and groundwater pollution.

Among substances inspected for are some that are no longer used, but were used in the past. None of these tested substances has been detected.

◆ Groundwater inspection results

Unit: mg/L

	Tri-chloro-ethylene	Tetra-chloro-ethylene	1,1 Tri-chloro-ethane	Di-chloro-methane	Hexavalent chromium	Selenium	Cyanide compounds
1999	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.002	<0.02	<0.001	<0.01
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2001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.002	<0.02	<0.001	<0.01
2002	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.002	<0.02	<0.001	<0.01