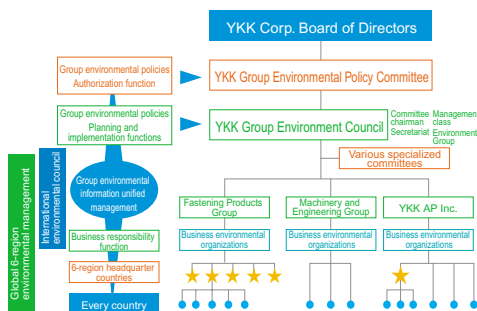


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**YKK Group Environmental Management System:** In order to clarify our commitment to society to protect the global environment as an enterprise, in 1994, we made "promotion of business activity that is in harmony with the environment" our top priority and established a unified group environmental policy based on the YKK philosophy. Believing that it is essential to approach environmental problems with a global perspective, we are implementing a six-region environmental management system that makes simultaneous progress possible in every part of the world.

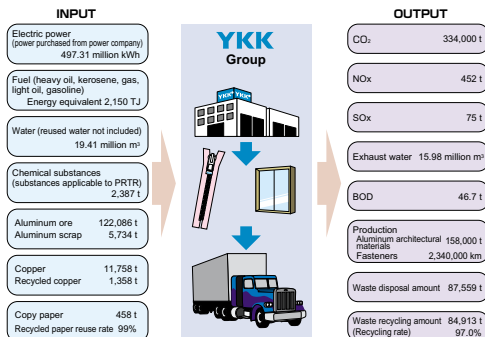


**Fundamental directives and policies of environmental management:** Having made our environmental pledge, the YKK Group has made contribution to the creation of a sustainable society as our fundamental environmental management directive for the mid-term. We have also set four fundamental mid-term environmental management policies in order to reduce the environmental impacts of our main businesses, architectural products and fastening, and are pursuing environmental action targets in accordance with them.

### ○ Fundamental environmental management policies

1. Respond and contribute to the green market
2. Make environmental impact reduction management even more thorough
3. Build and utilize our global environmental management system
4. Promote communication about the environment

Environmental impact mass-balance of YKK Group domestic plants/offices (Fiscal 2004)



**Environmental impacts of our enterprises:** Manufacture of fastening and architectural products requires large amounts of energy and chemical substances and produces CO<sub>2</sub> and waste materials.

In addition to proactively incorporating the most advanced energy efficient equipment, switching to fuels with reduced CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emissions, and using substitutes for harmful chemical substances, the YKK Group is promoting appropriate use of resources and the achievement of zero emissions (no landfill disposal). We are working to reduce the environmental impact of raw materials by increasing use of internally-produced scraps, aluminum foil, sash scraps, sawdust, recycled chips, recycled copper and other recycled materials from the marketplace.