

Introduction

This environmental report can be summarized as follows.

Chapter 1 describes the NTT Group's basic approach toward environmental issues, focusing on NTT Group Ecology Program 21, a new strategy for environmental protection actions taken up by the entire Group. NTT Group Ecology Program 21 was formulated on July 1, 1999, upon the reorganization of NTT.

Chapter 2 summarizes the NTT Group's overall environmental goals and achievements, primarily for fiscal 1998, describing improvements in use of paper resources, activities to prevent global warming and protect the ozone layer, and to reduce industrial wastes.

Chapter 3 explains the basic measures common to all Group companies.

Chapter 4 describes major and characteristic environmental goals and their status of implementation at Group companies.

Chapter 5 describes contributions to environmental protection activities made through our information-sharing services.

Chapter 6 describes our social contribution efforts for environmental protection and environmental awards presented to NTT Group for its environmental activities.

The data in this report (primarily drawn from fiscal year 1998) for the overall environmental goals and achievements have been taken from the former NTT, prior to its reorganization (currently, NTT East, NTT West, NTT Communications, and NTT <holding company>). Information on prevention of global warming also includes data for NTT DoCoMo, NTT Data, NTT-ME, NTT-TE (Telecom Engineering) companies.

Summarizing environmental protection promotion activities at the NTT Group for the fiscal year 1998 (from April 1998 through March 1999), this report is the first environmental annual report issued by the NTT Group and contains an overview of activities in previous years. Due to the reorganization of the NTT Group in July 1999, the report may contain certain irregularities in methods of calculation and applicable ranges. We ask the reader to be aware of these inconsistencies.