

Environmental Audits



At TEL, environmental audits are one key activity for promoting the environmental preservation activities referred to in the “Credo.” We independently conduct internal environmental audits of every plant where an environmental management system has been implemented. The audit findings are reported to the top management at each plant and used for review and improvement of the environmental management system. To ensure that internal environmental audits are conducted reliably, they are conducted only by certified internal environmental auditors. An auditor certification system has been established at every applicable plant.

Internal Environmental Audit Implementation Status (FY1999)

Plant	Tohoku	Sagami	Yamanashi	Saga	Kumamoto	Koshi	Ozu
Month of Audit (First audit)	'99/8	'99/7	'99/10	'00/2	'99/12	'99/6	'99/4
(Second audit)	—	—	—	—	—	'99/12	'99/6
(Third audit)	—	—	—	—	—	—	'99/12

*The Koshi and Ozu Plants have been conducting internal environmental audits since fiscal year 1999.

Number of Certified Environmental Auditors in TEL Group

(as of July 1, 2000)

Plant	Tohoku	Sagami	Yamanashi	Saga	Kumamoto	Koshi	Ozu	Total
Chief auditors	2	11	37	21	24	4	16	115
Auditors	24	16	94	5	54	13	18	224
Total	26	27	131	26	78	17	34	339

Topics (Audits conducted at Ozu Plant)

The Ozu Plant conducts internal environmental audits to continually upgrade its environmental management system. In April and June 1999, the plant conducted preliminary audits of all its organizational units. In December 1999, they conducted a regular audit. In August 1999, the plant was ISO14001-certified by an external certification organization. The audit results improved with each audit as the system steadily took root. The overall audit score was 42.3% for the first preliminary audit, 83.2% for the second preliminary audit, and 96.0% for the regular audit. As the graph at right shows, the audit results improved dramatically after certification.

