EHS Management

TEL’s environmental, health and safety initiatives have spread across the globe.

EHS Activities for Improving the Environment, Health and Safety
TEL is firmly aware how important it is to undertake strong and continuous environmental, health and safety (EHS) initiatives, and the entire group is constantly conducting such activities. Our Management Philosophy emphasizes these topics in the following sentences: “The TEL Group places the highest consideration on the global environment, as well as the safety and health of its employees, customers and every person connected, directly or indirectly, with our business activities. We believe that keeping safety, health and the environment foremost in our thoughts will build trust in our business and result in long-term profit growth for the company.”

EHS Promotion System
Our EHS system takes the form of three pillars: “Product EHS,” which advances EHS priorities in our products in general; “Customer-site EHS,” which advances those priorities during and after start-up of our products; and “Factory and Office EHS,” which concerns TEL’s facilities.

TEL’s EHS Promotion System

EHS Activities Monitoring System
In order to strengthen our EHS management system, we are increasing the monitoring that verifies the system function and results. Monitoring is done within plants and offices, within the Group, or by third parties. We are especially focusing on the TEL Internal Assessment, a program of mutual EHS evaluations by representatives of many plants and offices, which was instituted in FY 2003. In FY 2005, the three topics of Product EHS Compliance, Product EHS Performance, and Environmental Performance and Legal Compliance were added to the earlier programs, which focused on labor safety and health. These measures have reinforced our ability to check the environmental and safety performance of individual pieces of equipment as well as to allow plants to check each other’s environmental management.

Environmental Risk Management
All our plants use the Plan → Do → Check → Action (PDCA) cycle for product improvements. This cycle is mandated under the ISO 14001 standard for reducing environmental burden. Estimates of risks to the environment are also determined in accordance with this system and measures are taken for designs which have especially serious environmental burden. There are some issues which we are addressing in advance of environmental law. We believe that taking action on global warming in accordance with the Kyoto Protocol is the most important issue for the near future.

Abiding by the Law
TEL operates in strict obedience to the law. We closely track new environmental laws and emissions regulations and for some substances have enacted independent standards that are stricter than legally required. In FY 2005, we were not subject to legal actions of any kind with regard to environmental accidents, violations, fines or complaints.