



As a step toward achieving sustainable growth in society, companies have recently been asked to take a more active role in fulfilling their social responsibilities by contributing to environmental preservation and social advancement, as well as thoroughly respecting human rights and managing corporate safety and hygiene. The Osaka Gas Group aims to maximize its social value from a variety of perspectives, from information disclosure and compliance to environmental protection and social contributions.

Environmental Activities

The Osaka Gas Group has formulated the Osaka Gas Environmental Activity Guidelines, which serve as a basis for comprehensive environmental preservation beyond resource and energy conservation in the business activities of each Group company. As an energy services provider, the Company strives to spread the use of natural gas, which has the lowest environmental impact among the fossil fuels. Osaka Gas is promoting the reuse of resources while aiming to develop and diffuse technologies that conserve energy and protect the environment.

In 2003, Osaka Gas created the 2005 Medium-Term Environmental Goals as a concrete action plan for achieving the objectives in the long-term 2010 Environmental Goals. There are a total of 34 action plan targets, including numerical targets for the reduction of CO₂ emissions and final disposal of excavated soil from gas pipeline installation, as well as the achievement of zero emissions at LNG terminals and the acquisition of ISO 14001 certification across the Group.

Moreover, from the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, Osaka Gas has established three sets of guidelines for environmental management targets, including environment management efficiency, which is the relative efficiency of business activities related to the environmental impact of those activities, and the quantification of environmental impact controls, which shows numerically the amount environmental impact was reduced through business activities.

These and other activities to protect the environment are disclosed in detail through the publication of our environmental and social action report and the compilation and disclosure of environmental accounting.

Social Activities

In 2000, the Company compiled the Osaka Gas Group Code of Conduct, which for compliance reasons determines appropriate standards of behavior for executives and personnel of the Osaka Gas Group. In 2003, the Company inaugurated the Compliance Committee to create standards and a framework for promoting compliance throughout the organization.

As a gas company, Osaka Gas is fulfilling its duties by making concerted efforts to provide a secure, stable supply of gas and convenient services to its customers. At the same time, we pay particular attention to our corporate activities to ensure they respect human rights, and provide suitable employment conditions and safety and hygiene in the workplace.

Main Points of the Osaka Gas Group Code of Conduct

1. Respect for human rights and pursue environmental preservation
2. Fulfill duties as a gas company and ensure safety of products
3. Ensure compliance with anti-monopoly laws, execute fair transactions with business partners
4. Handle information properly in its disclosure and publication, as well as intellectual property
5. Create a worry-free work environment and fair and equal employment conditions
6. Prohibit associations and conflicts of interest with anti-social groups, and pay appropriate taxes