

## Soil Pollutions: Experience of Incidents and Measures Related to Mining in Japan

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## Topics

- Soil Pollution
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## Soil pollution

- Soil forms the foundation for human life and economic activity. It plays a vital role in the sound material cycle and maintaining the biosphere.
- If soil becomes polluted, it will impact human health and living environments, as it migrates into groundwater, and is absorbed by crops.
- It is thus vital to prevent soil pollution and maintain appropriate measures.

## Common Causes of Soil and Groundwater Contamination/Pollution

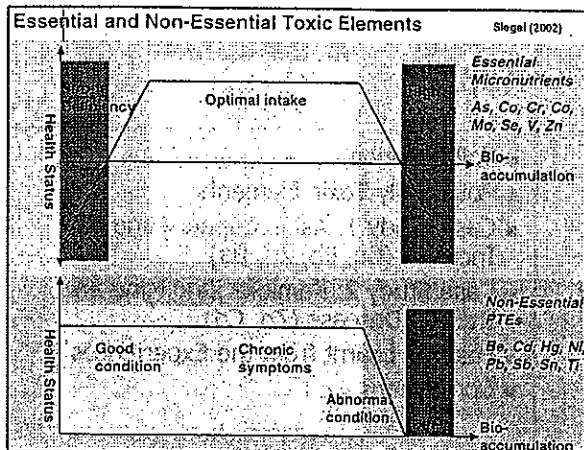


## Periodic Table Showing Averaged Concentration in Earth's Crust and Soil

<p>Averaged concentration of elements in Earth's crust (upper part) and soil (lower part) (ppm/100g dry soil)</p>																																
<p>Legend</p> <p>Concentration in Soil &lt; Concentration in Earth's crust</p> <p>Similar concentrations in between soil and Earth's crust (less than 2 times)</p> <p>Concentration in Soil &gt; Concentration in Earth's crust</p>																																
H	He																	Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F	Ne							
Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar	K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	Xe	Rn							
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## Element Concentration in Soil vs. Earth's Crust

- Enriched in Soil
  - Biological: N, C, S
  - Not identified: B, As, Se, Br, Zr, Cd, Te, I, Bi
- Depleted in Soil
  - Eluvial: Na, Mg, P, Cl, Ca,
  - Not identified: Be, F, Sc, Co, Cu, Mn, Cr, Ni

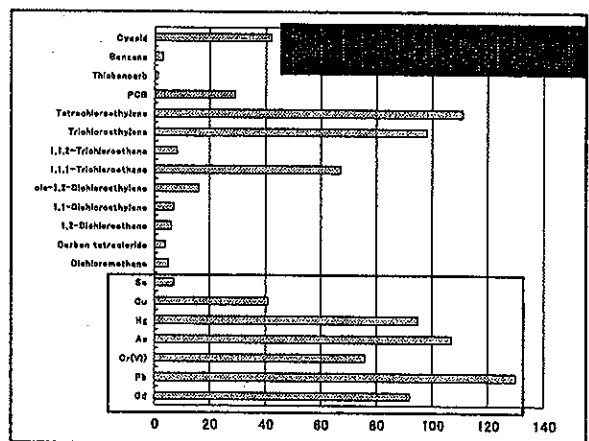


**Criteria for screening soil/sediment contamination (PTEs)**

PTEs	NOAA SQARs for Marine Sediment*					Netherlands**		Japan	
	Background	TEL	ERL	PEL	ERM	AET	Rel.	Interv.	Test
Al	0.26%					1.8%			
Sb	0.16					9.3			
As	1.1	7.24	8.2	41.6	70	35	29	50	30
Ba	0.7					48	200	2000	400
Cd	0.1-0.3	0.676	1.2	4.21	9.6	3	0.8	12	5
Cr	7-13	52.3	81	160.4	370	62	100	380	250
Co	10					10	10	300	50
Cu	10-25	18.7	34	108.2	270	390	35	190	100
Fe	0.99-1.8%					22%			
Pb	4-17	30.24	46.7	112.18	218	400	85	530	150
Mn	400					260			600
Mo	10						10	200	40
Hg	0.004-0.051	0.13	0.15	0.696	0.71	0.41	0.3	10	2
Ni	9.9	15.9	20.9	42.8	51.8	110	35	210	100
Se	0.29					1			
Ag	<0.5	0.73	1	1.7	3.7	3.1			
Sn	5					33.4	20	300	50
Ti	0.1-0.8								
U	0.7-9								
V	50					57			
Zn	7-38					410	140	720	500

**Environmental Quality Standards for Soil Pollution in Japan**

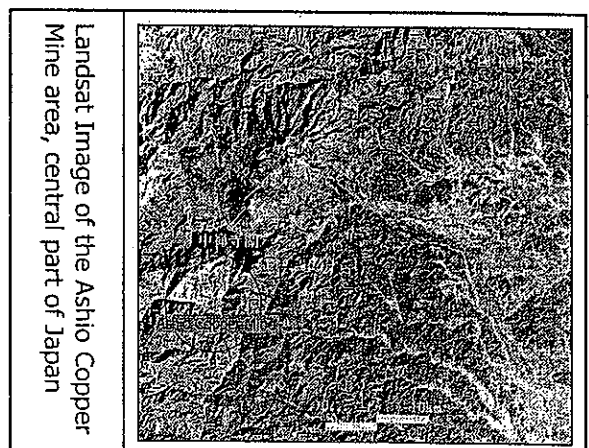
- The Basic Environment Law currently defines Environmental Quality Standards (EQS) for 27 substances, as preferable standards for protecting human health and the living environment.
- The EQS relating to soil pollution consist of
  - elutriation standards, whose goal is to preserve the soils function of purifying water,
  - agricultural standards for preserving the food-production function of soils,
  - and concentration standards, whose goal is to preserve the role as a foundation for human life and economic activity.
- The EQS were determined relied on previous bitter experiences on soil pollution in Japan.



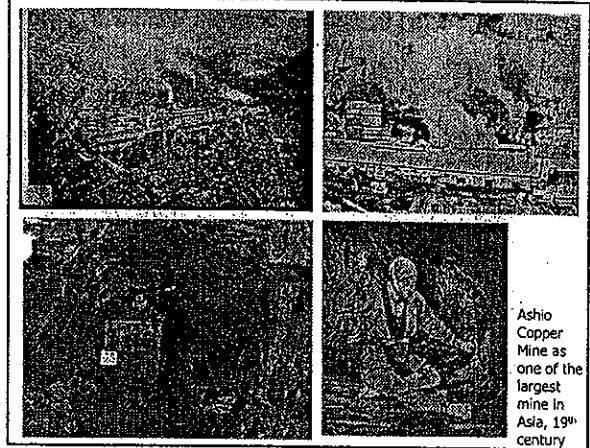
**Case Study #1**

**Ashio Copper Mine**

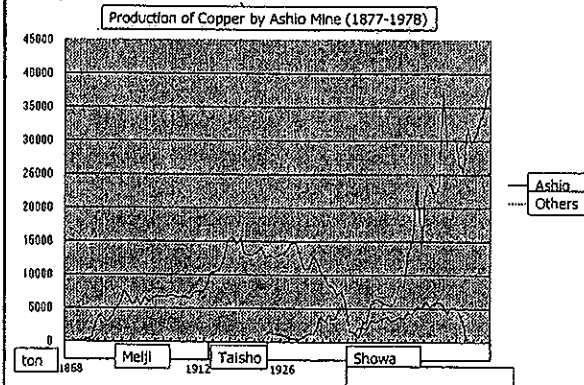
Pollutants: Cu, Pb, Zn, Ba



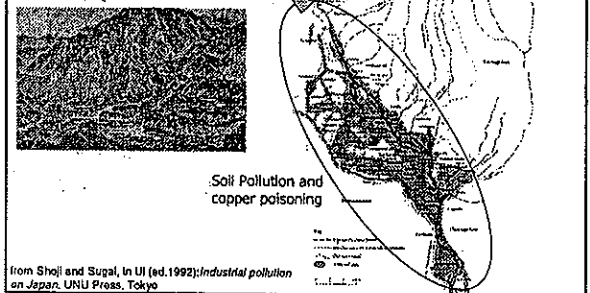
The Ashio Copper Deposits were explored since 18<sup>th</sup> Century (Yedo Era).



## Production of Copper



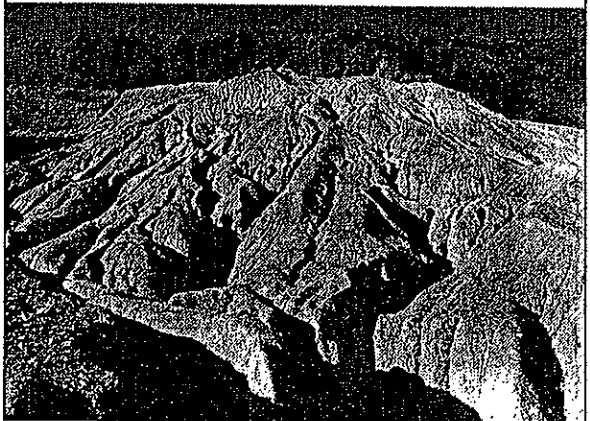
## Area affected by copper poisoning soil pollution and smoke hazard by Ashio Copper Mine (surveyed in 1897)



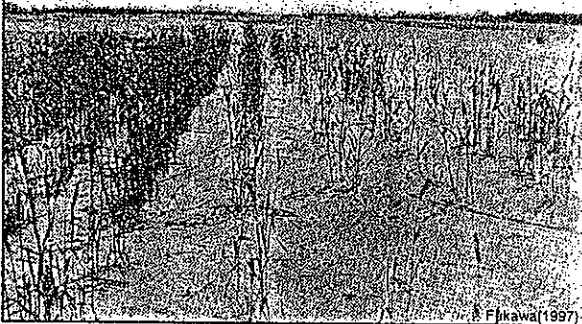
## The Beginning

- 1885 August: Mass grave of fishes in Watarase river, but the cause was unclear.
- 1885 October: Deforestation around Ashio Copper Mine
- 1886-: Stand dead of crops in the fields irrigated by the Watarase River water or flood zone.

Desert Landscape by Mining Wastes, Ashio Copper Mine



Crop field affected by polluted water in Watarase River



## Groundwater Pollution

- Toxic metals migrated into the groundwater from the polluted soils.
- The groundwater was used for drinking water for local people.
- The local villages suffered a number of victims possibly caused by the polluted groundwater (approximately 1064 after the survey in 1899).
- Three villages were abandoned due to the pollution.

## Victims by Ashio Poisoning in the 19<sup>th</sup> century

Print art by Ichiro Oguchi, painter, after Fukawa(1997)



## Protest by Farmers against the Ashio Copper Mine



## Mr. Shozo Tanaka and his Partisans in Yanaka Village



Fukawa(1997)

## Measures against the Pollution

- 1897: The central government organized a committee to survey the pollution. Then, based on the results of survey, the Government ordered to the mining company to improve the facilities of wastewater treatment, waste disposal, and desulfurization.
- However, these facilities had big limitations to control the pollution. The tailing dam for accumulating sludge was often overflowed, and in 1898, the dam was eventually broken.
- The desulfurization facility was also not effective, and the deforestation was continuing.

## Present State of the Soil Pollution

Sampling Sites										
mg/kg	Miyata sediment	Hitachi rock	Hitachi sediment	Hitachi karumi	Watarase sediment	Watarase soils	Nikkou soils	Akagi soils	Akagi rocks	Ashio rocks
As	12.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Cd	0.19	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.14	0.19	0.23	0.20	0.23	0.14
Co	1.29	1.28	1.11	1.26	1.53	1.11	1.28	1.20	1.16	1.14
Cu	189.22	41	115	195	51	83	37	29	8	32
Fe	18	22	29	48	24	30	13	14	5	22
Mn	1730.81	24	155	209	162	113	30	35	18	30
Zn	1849.24	138	414	150	225	172	90	89	68	70
Al	108.95	n.d.	4	18	27	6	4	n.d.	n.d.	10
Pb	22	37	21	21	20	35	43	18	22	12
Se	28	23	23	22	16	18	13	15	13	12
Y	14	19	14	12	20	20	18	17	15	24
Zr	163.33	13	105	77	127	130	86	153	79	152
Hg	9	7	8	4	9	9	5	8	3	11
Cr	5	0	0	10	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
B	240.34	119	788	1074	557	427	389	286	268	713
Pb	480.25	19	49	100	47	34	22	17	10	30

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## Lessons for today from the Ashio Copper-mine poisoning

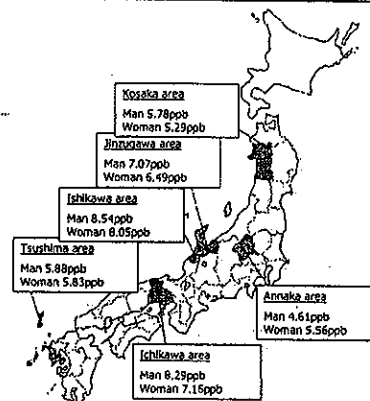
- More than 100 years have passed since the first public warnings were issued about mining-related environmental problems.
- The vast desert in this area attests to the fact that, at the end of the 19th century, Japan attempted to catch up with the advanced capitalist nations of the world through policies that stressed the development of industrial capacity and military might.
- The deeply ravaged conditions of the once pristine forest areas around the Ashio copper mine are the result of this primary-order, introduction of technologically based industrial capacity into Japan without the slightest consideration for environmental preservation.

## Case Study #2

### Kamioka Mine and Itai-Itai Disease

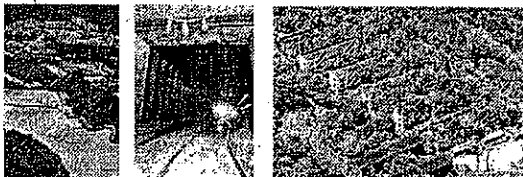
Pollutants: Zn, Cd

## Cadmium Pollution in Japan



Kanazawa Medical Univ. Web site

## Kamioka Mine: One of the Largest Zinc Mines in Asia



The mining wastes associate with cadmium as impurity.

## Dr. Noboru Ogino characterized Itai-Itai Disease



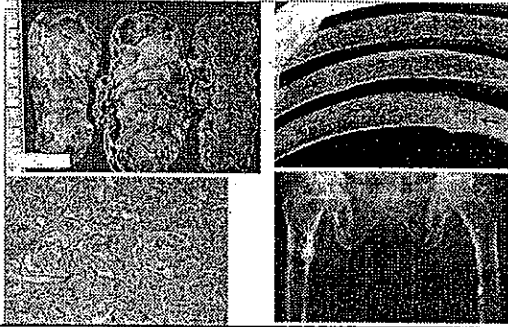
Yomiuri Shinbun(2001)

The affliction suffered by the victims was called "Itai-Itai Disease," because the cadmium made patients' bones so brittle that they would cry out "Itai! Itai!" (It hurts! It hurts!) merely upon being touched.

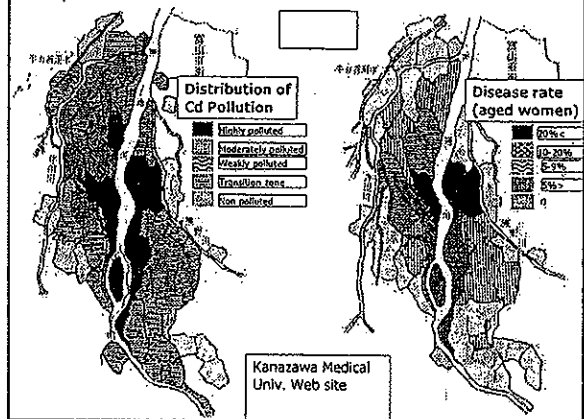
## Itai-Itai Disease

Kidney atrophy

Department of Epidemiology and Public Health,  
Kanazawa Medical University Web site (2005)



## Itai-Itai disease



## Summary of Japan's Bitter Experiences

- In the late 1870s, there was a major pollution problem in which poisoned mine water from the Ashio Copper Mine containing copper contaminated farmland, damaging crops in the Watarase River basin. More than 1000 people were the victims.
- Then in 1968, an outbreak of chronic cadmium poisoning struck the Jinzu River basin. The disease was caused by cadmium from polluted soil being absorbed into rice and water. More than 1000 people were the victims.
- These events resulted directly from the civil anti-pollution movement, which clearly changed the attitude of government and industries.

## Local Government Leadership

- Decentralization of responsibility has been a key feature of Japan's overall environmental policy, for local governments are on the front line when it comes to dealing with specific environmental incidents.
- Indeed, while formal mechanisms suggest that the national government takes the lead for the development policies, historically local governments have been in the vanguard of environmental policy reform in Japan.
- The success of Japan's pollution control strategy therefore rests heavily upon the competence and status of local government officials.

## Ex-Post Approach



- Japan's experience in pollution control demonstrates that democracy, public awareness, and mechanisms to integrate people's opinion into policymaking are indispensable for adequate environmental management.
- In Japan, intensive pollution abatement measures taken during the 1970s were an *ex-post* approach. Measures were taken after local people had complained.
- Very few procedures for public participation had been integrated into policymaking before 1970s.
- The first law that fully integrated this process in Japan was the Basic Environment Law (1993).

## Law and Enforcement

- The government responded by adding the category of "soil pollution" to the Basic Law for Environmental Pollution Control (Basic Environment Law) in 1970, identifying it as one of seven major types of pollution. In that same year, the Agricultural Land Soil Pollution Prevention Law was enacted.
- Under this law, each local government designates areas where the soil has become polluted, and areas where there is a risk of pollution, and plans countermeasures.
- To date, cadmium, copper, and arsenic have been identified as specified hazardous substances, and pollution is removed by soil removing, soil dressing, and changing the water source or otherwise changing the use of the land.

Selected Environmental Quality Standards	Elements	Conditions (Leaching and Concentration)
	Cadmium	0.01 mg per liter of sample solution, For agricultural land, less than 1 mg/kg rice
	Lead	0.01 mg per liter of sample solution
	Chromium (VI)	0.05 mg per liter of sample solution
	Arsenic	0.01 mg per liter of sample solution, For agricultural land (rice paddies) <15 mg/kg
	Total Mercury	0.0005 mg per liter of sample solution
	Alkyl Mercury	Must not be detected in sample solution
	Copper	For agricultural land (rice paddies), <125 mg/kg
	Selenium	0.01 mg per liter of sample solution
	Fluorine	0.8 mg per liter of sample solution
	Boron	1 mg per liter of sample solution

## Conclusions

### Lessons from our Experiences

- Most observers perceive the images of Japanese progress in environmental management in terms of advanced technological (and expensive) approaches, for example, in waste treatment, site remediation, and emissions control equipment.
- Sophisticated technology is indeed an important contributor to Japan's success in cleaning up urban and industrial pollution.
- However, not generally recognized is the broad range of innovation in policy and institutional reforms from civil movements, based on very bitter experience, tragedy, and a number of pollution victims.



Seeding of the spirits of dead on lanterns floated on the water of a river in Minamata.  
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## Next Presentations:

- Administration System of Soil Contamination in Japan by *Mr. J.Hirano*
- Soil Contamination - Regulation, Criteria and Measures in Japan by *S.Nakamura*
- Technology on Survey and analysis for Soil & water Contamination by *T.Mizuno*

Thank you.

## Towards the Project

- Soil Contamination Management related to Mining Activities
- Pilot Project in Zletovica basin
  - Survey and Analysis
  - Soil Contamination Map
  - Risk Assessment >>> Land Use Planning
- Master Plan

## Soil Screening Process

- Develop Conceptual Site Model (CSM)
- Compare soil component of CSM to soil screening scenario
- Define data collection needs for soils to determine which site areas exceed soil screening levels (SSLs)
- Sample and analyze soils at the site
- Derive site-specific SSLs, if needed
- Compare site soil contaminant concentrations to calculated SSLs
- Decide How to address areas identified for further study

## Administration System of Soil Contamination in Japan

by Mr. Hirano

## Soil Pollution Incidents and its Measures in Japan

- Poisoning of Ashio Copper Mine
- Itai-Itai Disease along Jinzu River basin
- Hexavalent Chromium contamination in Tokyo

### Proactive Measures

→ Controls by Water Pollution Control Law and Waste Management Law

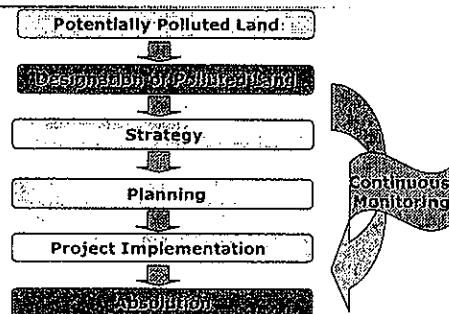
### Remediation Measures

→ Agricultural Land Soil Pollution Prevention Law: Soil dressing on farm land and so on

## Agricultural Land Soil Pollution Prevention Law

- Enacted December 1970
- Enforced from June 1971
- The purpose of the Law is to prevent poisoning of agricultural products caused by soil pollution of farm land, which adversely affects human health.

## Legislation of Agricultural Land Soil Pollution Prevention Law



## Conditions for designation of *Pollution Land* based on the Soil Pollution Prevention Law

- Cadmium
  - The land where the concentration of Cd in harvested rice exceeds 1mg/kg, and its surrounding area.
- Copper
  - The paddy field where the concentration of Cu in soil exceeds 125mg/kg
- Arsenic
  - The paddy field where the concentration of As in soil exceeds 15mg/kg

## Environmental Quality Standards for Soil Pollution (issued 1991)

- Environmental quality standards for protecting environment in order to secure human health and life environment.
- 27 substances
- Contract-out areas: soil pollutions clearly caused by natural origin, material deposit sites, landfill sites, and so on



Environmental Quality Standards in Japan	
cadmium	0.01 mg per liter of sample solution, For agricultural land, less than 1 mg/kg rice
total cyanide	Must not be detected in sample solution
organic phosphorus	Must not be detected in sample solution
lead	0.01 mg per liter of sample solution
chromium (VI)	0.05 mg per liter of sample solution
arsenic	0.01 mg per liter of sample solution, For agricultural land (rice paddies) <15 mg/kg
total mercury	0.005 mg per liter of sample solution
alkyl mercury	Must not be detected in sample solution
PCB	Must not be detected in sample solution
copper	For agricultural land (rice paddies only), <125 mg/kg
dichloromethane	0.02 mg per liter of sample solution
carbon tetrachloride	0.002 mg per liter of sample solution
1,2-dichloro ethane	0.004 mg per liter of sample solution
1,1-dichloro ethene	0.02 mg per liter of sample solution
cis-1,2-dichloro ethylene	0.04 mg per liter of sample solution
1,1,1-trichloro ethane	1 mg per liter of sample solution
1,1,2-trichloro ethane	0.006 mg per liter of sample solution
trichloroethylene	0.03 mg per liter of sample solution
tetrachloroethylene	0.01 mg per liter of sample solution
1,2-dibromoethene	0.002 mg per liter of sample solution
thiam	0.006 mg per liter of sample solution
simazine	0.002 mg per liter of sample solution
thiobencarb	0.02 mg per liter of sample solution
benzene	0.01 mg per liter of sample solution
selenium	0.01 mg per liter of sample solution
fluorine	0.8 mg per liter of sample solution
boron	1 mg per liter of sample solution

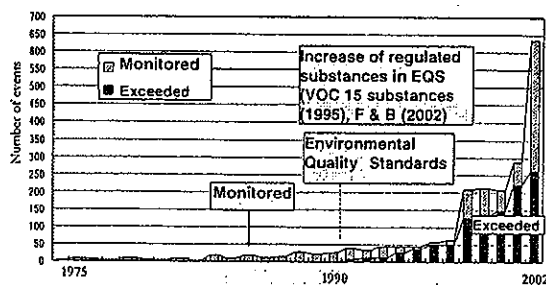
## Increases of Soil Pollution Incidents since 1980s

- Shifting of factory sites caused by restructuring of industrial system in Japan
- Redevelopment of urban area for effective use of land
- Clear criteria for identifying soil pollution based on the Environmental Quality Standards (EQS) for soil pollution

Increase of soil pollution identified by the soil survey at land transactions

Increase of soil pollution incidents identified by groundwater monitoring

## Number of Soil Pollution Reported



## Soil Pollution Prevention Law

- Increase of Soil Pollution Incidents
- Unclear guideline for survey, monitoring, and counter-measures
- Risk for health caused by soil pollution

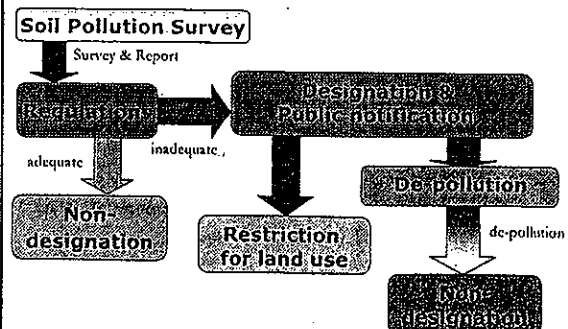
Soil Pollution Prevention Law (proclamation: May 2002, enforcement: February 2003)

## Purpose of Soil Pollution Prevention Law

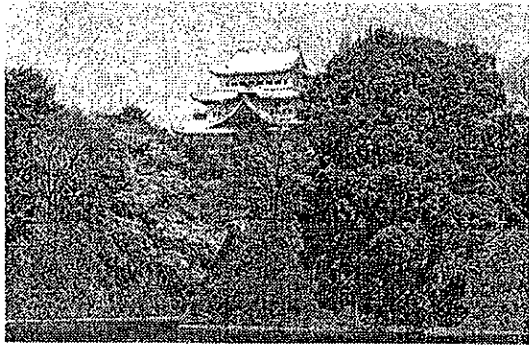
Identifying soil pollution state by regulated toxic substances  
Determination the measures for soil pollution protection


Implementation of the measures for soil pollution  
To protect peoples healthy life

## Legislation of Soil pollution Prevention Law



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THANK YOU  
VERY MUCH

END



## SOIL CONTAMINATION Regulation, Criteria and Measures in Japan

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### Environmental Law System for Soil Contamination in Japan

#### <Soil Pollution Prevention>

- Agricultural Land Soil Prevention Law
- Soil Pollution Prevention Law
- The Law for anti-pollution Measures for Dioxins

#### <Ground water Pollution through soil>

- Water pollution Control Law
- Environmental Quality Standard for Groundwater Pollution

#### <Pollution through Mining>

- Mine safety Law
- Special Measures for Mine Damages Caused by Metal Mining Industries

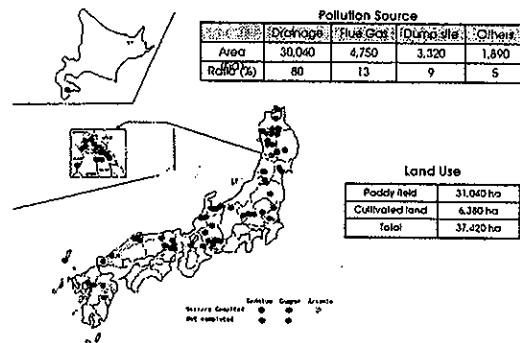
#### <Others>

- Pesticide Control Law
- Fertilizer Control Law
- Waste Disposal Law

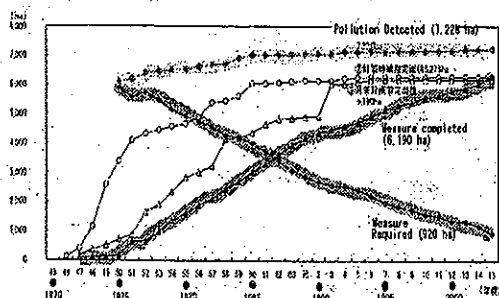
### Law for Agricultural Land

- Enforced 1970
- Adopted PPP for the measures
- Background : Itai Itai Disease, Minamata, etc
- Specified toxic substance :  
Cadmium (1mg/kg in the Rice)  
Copper (125mg/kg in the soil)  
Arsenic (15mg/kg in the soil)
- Measure : Dressing filling etc.

### Polluted Agricultural Land in Japan



### Progress of the Abatement



### Law for Urban Area

- Enforced 2003
- Target is limited to artificial pollution
- Duty of the soil survey is imposed to land owner
- Pollution of the past is also targeted
- Necessary measure is limited to Human Health
- Situation of the pollution is disclosed to the public
- One strict criteria is adopted for the judgment of pollution
- Pollution from mining is not included

## Duty of the Survey

- **Where** : the area designated facility or material is equipped or used
- **When** : factory / facility stopped its activities
- **What** : Specified toxic substance
- **Who** : the land owner / land manager
- **Surveyed** : by designated institution
- **Inform to whom** : Prefectural governor

• If the situation is judged as harmful for the human health, the governor can order the survey to the land owner even when the condition is different from above

## Criteria of Polluted Land

	Item	Elution Criteria (mg/l)	Content Criteria (mg/kg)
Heavy Metals, etc. (Direct and Indirect Intake)	Cadmium	0.01	150
	Hexavalent chromium	0.05	250
	Cyanide	ND	50
	Mercury	0.0005 (Alkyd) ND (Other)	15
	Selenide	0.01	150
	Lead	0.01	150
	Arsenic	0.01	150
	Fluorine	0.8	4000
	Boron	1	4000
VOCs (Indirect Intake)	Tetrachloromethane, 1,2 dichloroethane, etc. (5 items)	0.002 - 1.0	
Pesticide (Indirect Intake)	PCB, Thiram, etc. (11 items)	ND - 0.02	

If the survey result exceed above value, the land is designated as polluted land. Its result is disclosed to the public and the pollutant have to conduct the measures.

## Specified Measures

### to prevent direct intake

- Off Limit the area
- Dress filling
- Replace the polluted soil
- Remove polluted soil or In-situ remediation

### to prevent intake through groundwater

<If groundwater is no contaminated>

- Monitoring of groundwater quality

<If groundwater is contaminated >

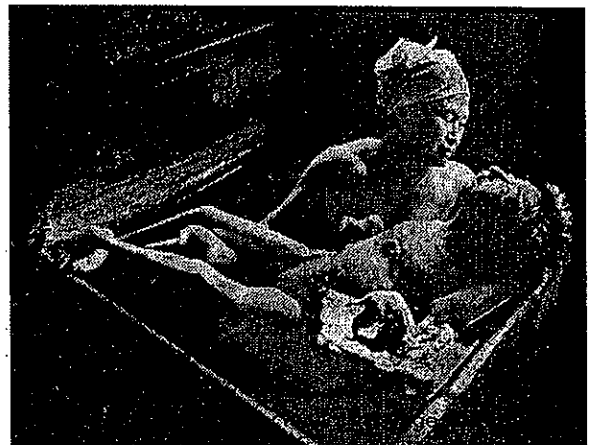
- Remediation, Removal soil, Confinement, Insoluble treatment

## Difference with EU and USA

- Land Owner has the Duty for Initial Investigation
- Necessity of the Registration for the Polluted Land
- Specify the toxic substance
- No Description for the Consideration for the Natural Environment
- One Simple Criterion for Risk evaluation

## Law for Mining

- Mine safety Law (1949)
- Special Measures for Mine Damages Caused by Metal Mining Industries (1973)
- Purpose : to prevent mine pollution
- Managed by Ministry of Industry (not by MoE)
- Mining company have to prepare pollution prevention plan. The plan have to be approved by the government.
- Reserve fund for the measures have to be deposited by mining company.



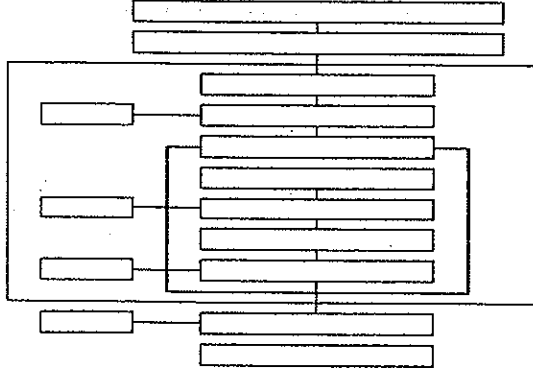


by Mr. Mizuno

## Triggers For Site Assessment

1. Periodical groundwater monitoring.
2. Relocation of a plant and/or development of the relocated area.
3. Detection of contamination.

## Process of A Site Assessment



## Information Gathering

1. Objectives
  - To collect information required for making a on-site study plan.
2. Applicable Information
  - Maps, photographs
  - Land use history
  - Geological/hydro geological records
  - Storm and flood waters
  - Environmental monitoring records
  - Environmental management records

## Characteristics Of Heavy Metals Contamination

- Low water solubility (Except Cr and As)
- Easy to adsorb to soil particles



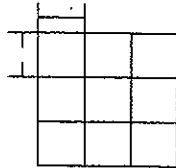
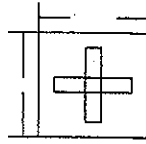
Remain in a surface layer

## Preliminary Study

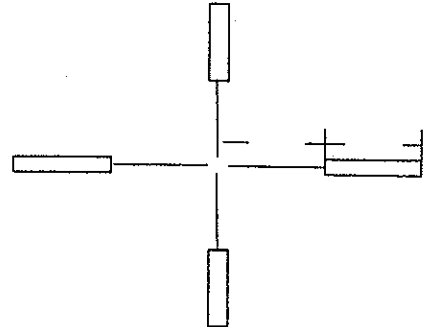
1. Objectives
  - To identify the pollution source
  - To identify contaminants
  - To assess the extent of contamination
2. Method
  - Chemical analysis of surface soil
  - Chemical analysis of groundwater

## Grid Design and Sampling Method

- Grid size
  - Category 2: 30 m x 30 m
  - Category 3: 10 m x 10 m
- Sample preparation
  - Mixing the two samples taken at <5 cm and at 5-50 cm in depth



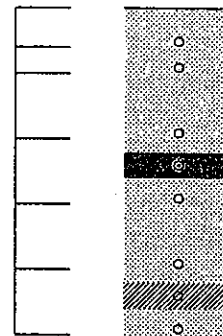
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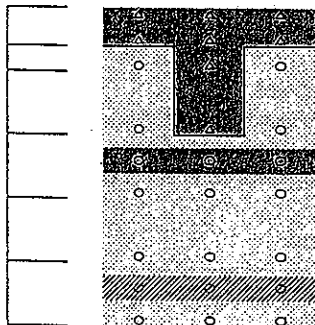
## Detailed Study

- Objectives
  - To obtain a spatial distribution of contaminants in soil and underground water.
  - To define the area for remediation.
- Method
  - Geological study of underground.
  - Chemical analysis of subsoil.

## Sub-soil Sampling



## Spatial Area Contamination Map



## Sampling Equipment



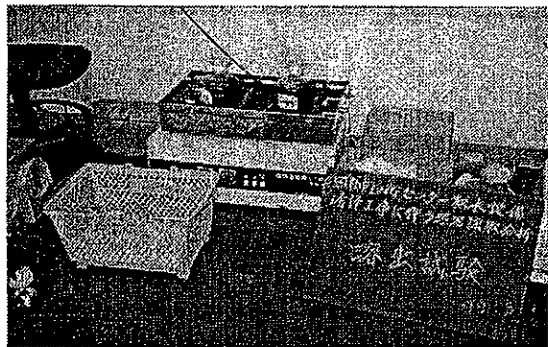
### Analytical Methods

- Leaching test
  - Extraction with water
  - Extraction with hydrochloric acid (HCl)
- Decomposition test
  - Acid decomposition
  - Alkaline fusion

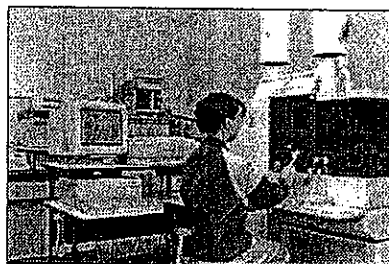
### Leaching Test Extraction With Water

1. Air drying.
2. Sieving with 2 mm non-metal screen.
3. Extraction of heavy metals with water (pH 5.8 – 6.3, w/v = 1/10) for 6 hours.
4. Centrifugal separation (3000 rpm, 20 min).
5. Filtration with 0.45 membrane filter.
6. Analyze the filtrate with AA, ICP.

### Agitation Apparatus

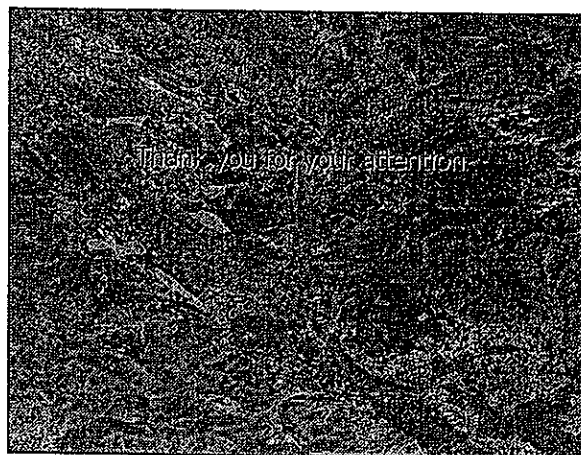


### Analysis Of Filtrate (ICP)



### Quality Assurance

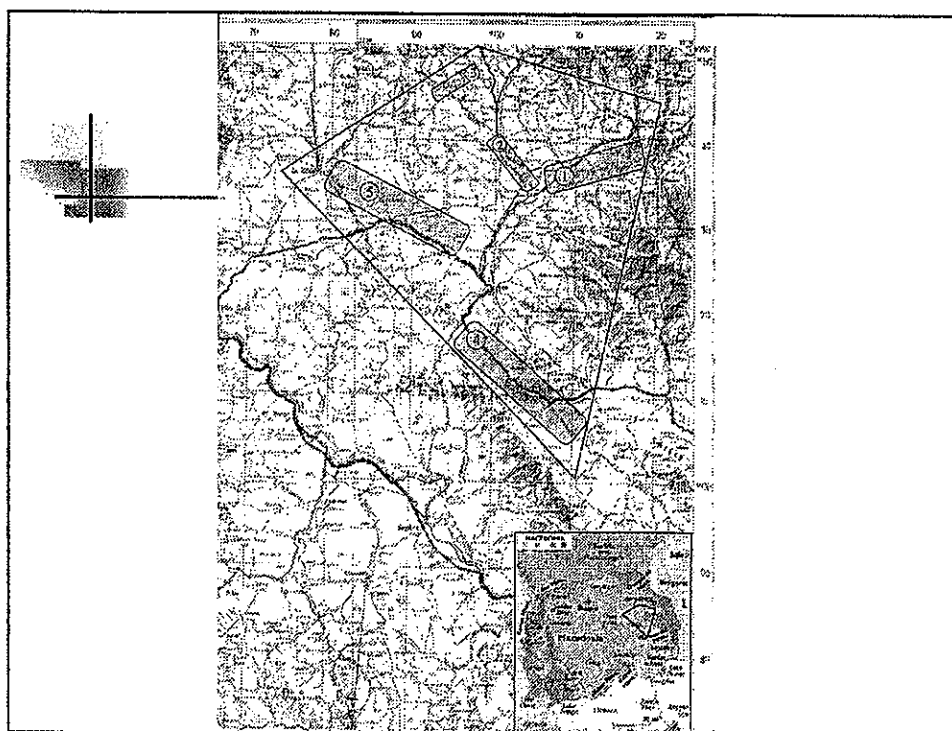
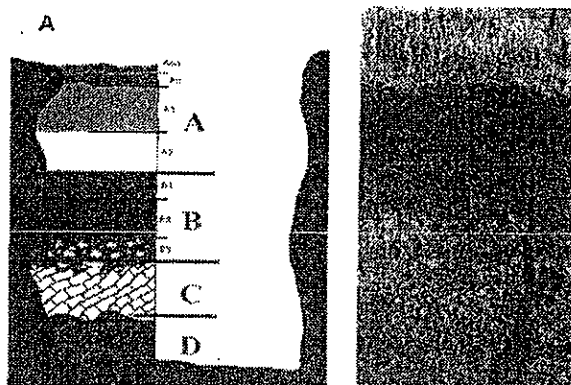
- Matrix spike  
Recovery rate 70 – 120%
- Certified reference material  
Within a certified range




# TRACE ELEMENTS IN SOILS OF SOME REGIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

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## Methods of work

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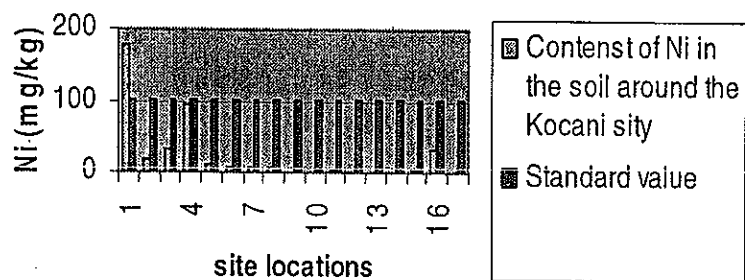
ethods applied consisted of

- sampling,
- samples preparation,
- determination of the presence of microelements and trace elements in soils by AES-ICP,
- interpretation of results obtained.

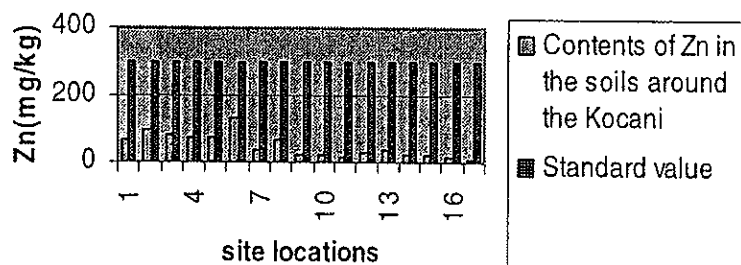


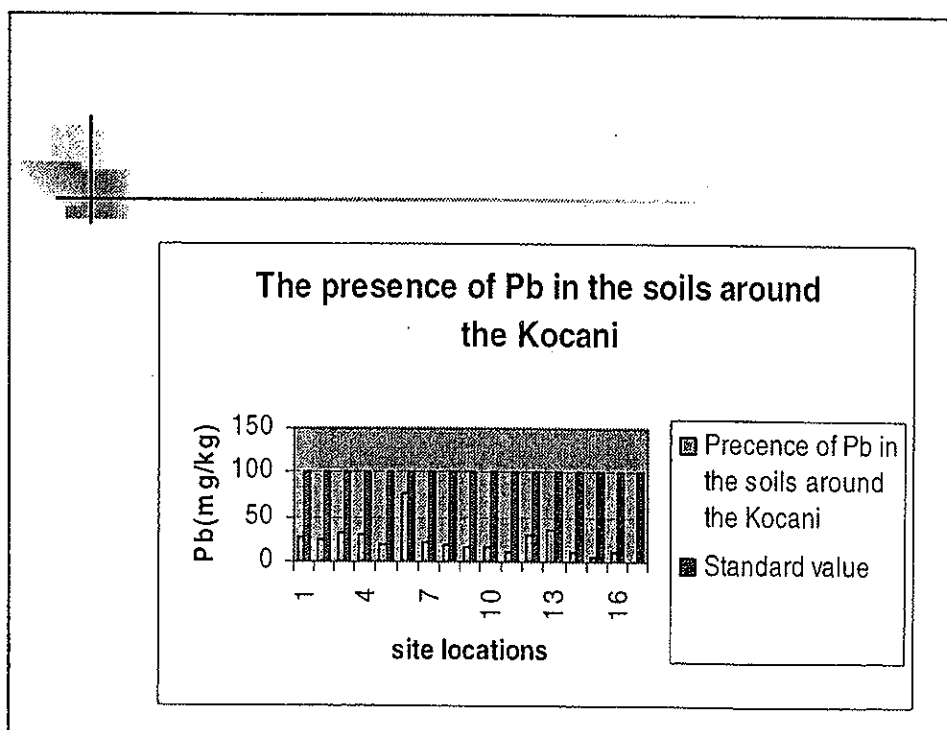
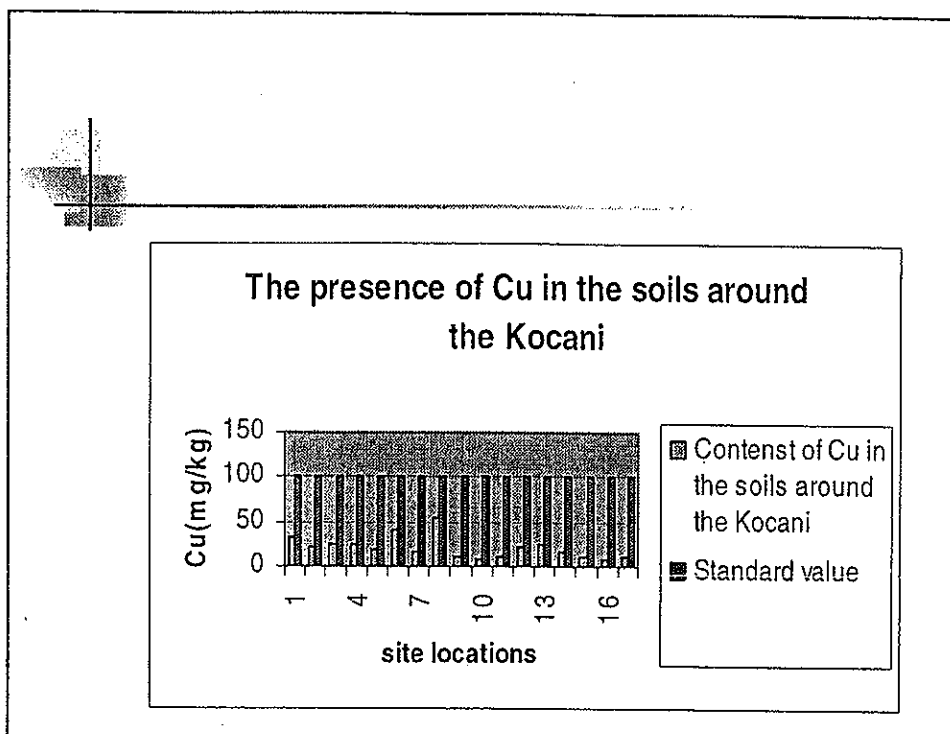
## Kocani locality

### The presence of Ni in the soils around the Kocani

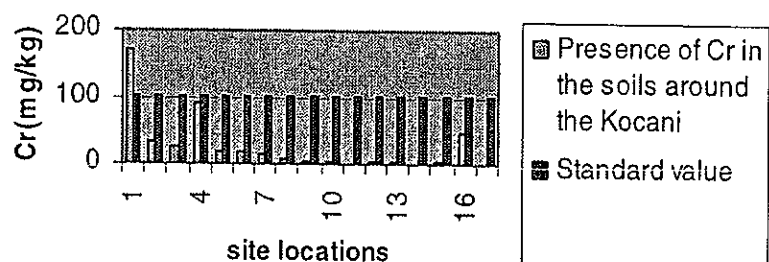


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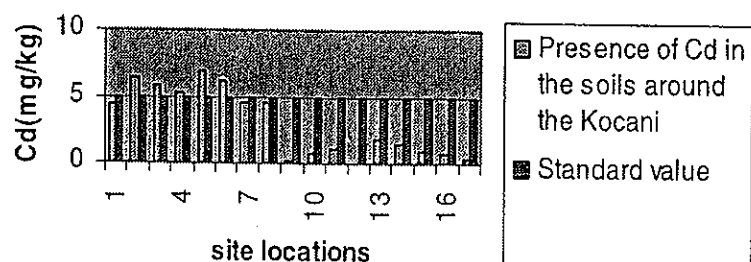




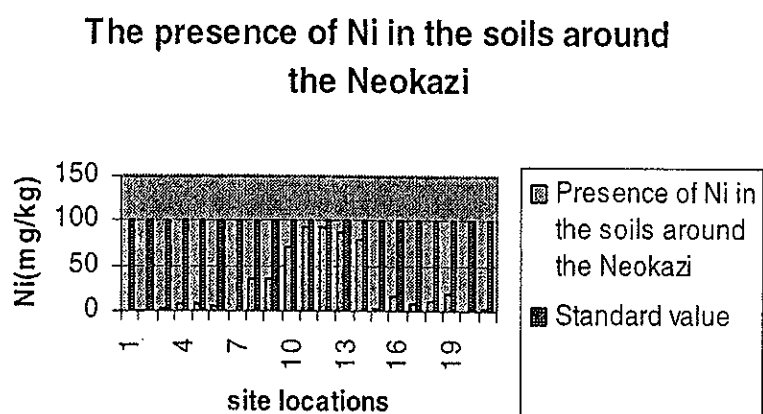
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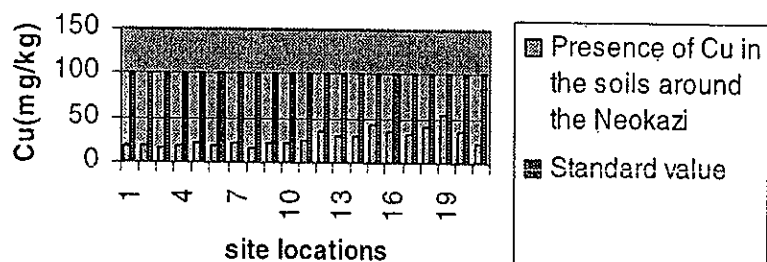
### The presence of Cd in the soils around the Kocani



## Neokazi (Probistip)



### The presence of Cu in the soils around the Neokazi



### The presence of Pb in the soils around the Neokazi

