

Temporall Effluent Standards

The national effluent standard is applied to all specified factories in the country. Some factories have difficulty meeting the common effluent standards which require those temporal standards to be applied for a given period. (Okada and Peterson ed., *Water Pollution Control Policies and Management: The Japanese Experience*, pp. 63) The given period for standards for hazardous substances is three years, and for standards for protecting the living environment it is five years. During the given period, industries are encouraged to either introduce or improve their wastewater treatment process to meet the standards.

Example of the introduction of temporary effluent standards

Parameter	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Zn						strengthen the standard	Five years				
B	setting a standard	Three years			Three years			Three years			
F	setting a standard	Three years			Three years			Three years			
Nitrate- Nitrogen	setting a standard	Three years			Three years			Three years			