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Inspection of a temporary storage site by 20 people, including members of the Special Committee on the Great East Japan Earthquake and Nuclear Accident, Yabuki (Fukushima Prefecture) Town Council

On December 5, twenty people, including members of the Yabuki (Fukushima Prefecture) Town Council, inspected the temporary storage site set up in the decontamination model demonstration project in the Yamakiya Area of Kawamata Town. This inspection tour was organized by Fukushima Prefecture, at the request of the municipalities working to establish temporary storage sites, with the aim of deepening understanding of the storage site, dispelling worries, and promoting set-up of temporary storage sites. The tour has already been conducted four times. JAEA dispatched five staff members, mainly from the team of experts on decontamination promotion. They responded to the inspection and provided technical explanation of the structure and safety of the site.

During the inspection tour, staff from the Ministry of the Environment first explained the temporary storage site to the participants, and then, under the guidance of JAEA staff (upper photograph), the air dose rate around the storage site was measured using an NaI scintillation survey meter (lower photograph). As a result of the measurement, it was confirmed that flexible containers packed with uncontaminated soil and placed around the removed materials have adequate shielding

effect. Also, regarding the structure of the temporary storage site, it was confirmed that equipment for ensuring safety in compliance with guidelines (e.g., water gathering basins, peripheral water channels) has been properly installed.

After the tour was finished, some of the participants expressed the view that: "It is difficult to obtain the consent of residents for setting up temporary storage sites, but this inspection tour deepened our understanding of safety of the

site. We will communicate what we saw today to the local community, and provide an explanation so that we can obtain their understanding for the construction of temporary storage sites."

