

Impact of Feb. 13 Fukushima Offshore Earthquake on Operations

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (Tokyo: 4183; President & CEO: HASHIMOTO Osamu) extends its condolences to all those affected by the Feb. 13 earthquake off the coast of Fukushima Prefecture.

As has already been reported in the media, this earthquake resulted in a power outage at Ichihara Works* in Ichihara, Chiba Prefecture. The details of this are outlined below. There has been no impact on any other Mitsui Chemicals domestic sites, including Head office, business sites, production sites, or R&D sites.

Details

1. Employee safety

Mitsui Chemicals has confirmed the safety of all Ichihara Works employees and their families. There were no injuries.

2. Operations

With the Feb. 13 earthquake disrupting power supply from TEPCO, only the site's service facilities have remained operational, with all production facilities coming to a safe stop. The earthquake and subsequent power outage did not cause any material damage to the site's production facilities.

As part of the stoppage, operations were halted at Ichihara Works' ethylene plant, which serves as a major source of raw materials. Mitsui Chemicals will work to restart operations at this plant once it has been confirmed safe to do so. Other production facilities at the site will then also be started back up in a gradual manner. The expectation at present is for this recovery to take 10–14 days. All efforts will be made to restore operations as quickly as possible.

3. Product deliveries to customers

Although production facilities at Ichihara Works are currently suspended, there is still inventory for making shipments as we endeavor to minimize the impact to our customers.

* Ichihara Works: <https://jp.mitsuichemicals.com/en/corporate/ds/works.htm>