

Impact of Feb. 13 Fukushima Offshore Earthquake on Operations (2nd Report)

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 a result of this earthquake, Mitsui Chemicals experienced large-scale disruption to its TEPCO power supply at Ichihara Works* in Ichihara, Chiba Prefecture. This caused production to come to a safe stop at all Ichihara Works facilities, including the ethylene plant.

Since then confirming the safety of these various facilities and carrying out recovery operations, Mitsui Chemicals was able to restart operations yesterday at the site's ethylene plant. Further details on the current state of Ichihara Works are outlined below.

Details

1. Employee safety

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

2. Operations

By Feb. 23, Mitsui Chemicals had completed all safety inspections and start-up work at the ethylene plant, that night resuming operations that had been halted there by the earthquake. The plant is currently running with no issues, and is expected to make a full recovery within the next several days.

Following the resumption of operations at the ethylene plant, Mitsui Chemicals has started gradually resuming operations at other Ichihara Works facilities. None of these facilities have been found to have issues, and Mitsui Chemicals will continue making all efforts to restore operations as quickly as possible while adhering to a safety-first approach.

3. Product deliveries to customers

Production at all Ichihara Works facilities is expected to be gradually brought back up to pre-earthquake levels. Until this is achieved, Mitsui Chemicals will continue to use its inventory to make shipments as it endeavors to minimize the impact to its customers.

◆ References

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

* Previous press release (Feb. 15):

<https://jp.mitsuichemicals.com/sites/default/files/media/document/2021/20210215e.pdf>