

Estimation of Radiation Dose Human Body Receives Based on FY2020 Survey Results

Assuming that the concentration of radioactive cesium in cedar pollen is the same as the highest concentration (10.4kBq/kg) in male flowers of cedar measured in the FY2020 survey, the radiation dose a person receives when the pollen is scattered into the air and the person inhales it was estimated. The result was 0.0000096 μ Sv per hour at maximum.

Category (condition)	Cesium-137	Cesium-134
Concentration of radioactive cesium contained in cedar pollen (1)	9.7 kBq/kg	0.7 kBq/kg
The highest count of pollen scattered in the air measured to date (2)	2,207 pollen/m ³	
Weight of one cedar pollen	12ng	
Concentration of radioactive cesium contained in cedar pollen scattered in the air (Calculated from the concentration (1), count (2), and pollen weight)	0.000257 Bq/m ³	0.000018 Bq/m ³
Radiation dose an adult person receives by inhaling the air (Calculated by the concentration above and (3) and (4))	In 1 hour	0.0000096 μ Sv
	Total over pollen scattering period (February to May)	0.000027mSv

Conditions:

- (1) For the concentration of radioactive cesium contained in cedar pollen, the highest measurement value in male flowers of cedar surveyed in FY2020 (10,400Bq/kg) was used. (The concentration of radioactive cesium contained in pollen is assumed to be the same as that in male flowers.)
- (2) For the count of cedar pollen scattered in the air, the highest measurement result by the Pollen Information System of the Ministry of the Environment (2,207 pollen/m³) was used.
- (3) For the amount of air an adult person inhales a day, the value by the International Commission on Radiological Protection (22.2 m³) was used, which was divided by 24 to give inhalation amount per hour.
- (4) For the effective dose coefficient (inhalation), 0.039 μ Sv/Bq was used for Cs-137 and 0.020 μ Sv/Bq for Cs-134.

[Past estimation results (radiation dose per hour)]

FY2011:0.000192 μ Sv FY2012:0.0000715 μ Sv FY2013:0.0000484 μ Sv FY2014:0.0000215 μ Sv
 FY2015:0.0000077 μ Sv FY2016:0.0000069 μ Sv FY2017:0.0000187 μ Sv FY2018:0.0000224 μ Sv
 FY2019:0.0000113 μ Sv

Radiation dose measured in Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo (On February 1, 2021)	In 1 hour	0.041 μ Sv
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