

Editing Policy for an Environmental Report

We changed our editing policy from last year's environmental report and have moved from the comprehensive-type of record that can be seen in most environmental reports to one which focuses on our company's environmental undertakings and activities for the concerned fiscal year. In addition, we have reflected in this year's report various thoughts we received in regard to the last report (i.e. "Being outside the company, I do not understand exactly what it is that Nitto Denko does") in order to make it "easier to understand and relate to" and thereby encourage more people to read it. One attempt we have made this year in this regard is to present products that are closely related to the environment and to introduce their developers as well, so that readers can feel closer to operations. Also, as of this year, we are making more information known from plants and operation centers located outside of Japan.

As a result of this editing policy, technical details and data tend to be lacking, so that information will be made up through the company website.

In the future, we will continue to constructively apply everyone's opinions to our environmental reporting as part of our overall effort to improve this report. We look forward to your thoughts and opinions.

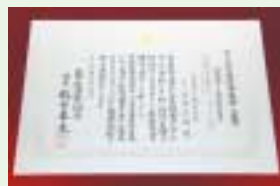
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2002 Topics

1. Nitto Denko launched an inflammable (UL94 HF1) foamed sealing made with absolutely no halogens whatsoever. Because it contains no halogens or phosphorous, customers find it supportive of their green procurement systems.

2. Nitto Denko's semiconductor cleaning wafer for closed system applications got the 2002 Nikkei Superior Products and Services Award, Award of Excellence and Nikkei Business Daily Award for Excellence.



3. The SWC Series of reverse osmosis membranes for desalination and the ES Series of ultra low pressure reverse osmosis membranes headed up a host of other products that Nitto Denko exhibited at the 3rd World Water Forum.



4. The Tohoku plant reduced atmospheric emissions of organic solvent by 90%, by introducing a new deodorizing furnace.



5. Yoshikuni Furukawa of Nitto Denko's Governmental Relations Department lectured on environmental management at Sophia University.

6. Operations commenced at a new plant in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, USA, equipped with state-of-the-art environmental systems.



7. Nitto Denko (Australia) Pty. Ltd. acquired ISO14001 certification.