

NIES Basic Policy on Addressing Abusive and Unreasonable Behavior by External Parties

The National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES) is committed to advancing environmental research and sharing its outcomes with the public based on our Charter, “contribute to society through research that fosters and protects a healthy environment for present and future generations.”

NIES responds appropriately and sincerely to opinions, requests, and concerns expressed by the members of the public and other stakeholders, based on the facts and circumstances of each case.

At the same time, abusive and unreasonable behavior by external parties may undermine the personal dignity and well-being of our personnel, adversely affect the working and research environments, and interfere with the proper conduct of research activities and other operations.

NIES will respond firmly and resolutely, as an institute, to such behavior in order to protect the safety and physical and mental well-being of our personnel and to maintain fair research activities and smooth operations. In addition, to prevent such behavior and ensure appropriate responses when it occurs, NIES will establish a consultation and support system, raise awareness among our personnel, and provide necessary training and education.

NIES strives to provide careful and thorough explanations in response to opinions and requests expressed by members of the public and other stakeholders. However, if serious disruptive or abusive behavior that compromises the safety of our personnel or adversely affects the working or research environment is identified, we may suspend or discontinue our response.

Furthermore, if violence, threats, obstruction of business operations, stalking, or any other unlawful conduct, or conduct that may constitute such unlawful conduct, is identified, NIES will respond firmly and resolutely in cooperation with the police, legal counsel, and other relevant authorities.

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