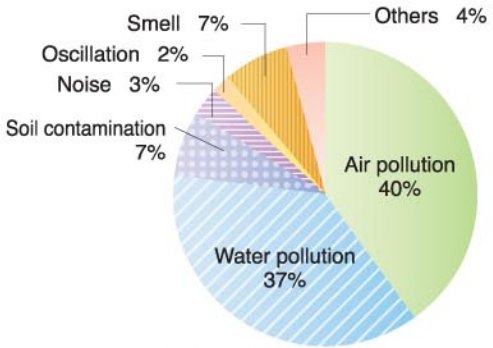
Environment and Recycling Industry in Kyushu

The environment and recycling industry of Kyushu forms the basis for creating a recycling-oriented society, and is becoming one of the region's main industries.
In the 1960s, while the heavy and chemical industries were developing, Kyushu suffered serious industrial pollution, especially in Kitakyushu City and Minamata City. Since then, however, as a result of joint efforts by the public and private sectors, the region has now not only successfully recovered its clean environment, it is home to a growing number of companies involved in the industrial pollution control technology and energy saving and recycling technologies that were fostered in the process of regional recovery.
As a result, the region currently has three eco-towns that operate recycling facilities (Kitakyushu, Omuta and Minamata Cities). As well, Kyushu Recycle and Environmental Industry Plaza (K-RIP), which was designated an Industrial Cluster Project by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, has launched various projects toward creating a recycling-oriented society, including diverse assistance to environment-related companies, using its network with industry, academia and government.

Technological Accumulation in Kyushu
(Industrial Pollution Control Technology)



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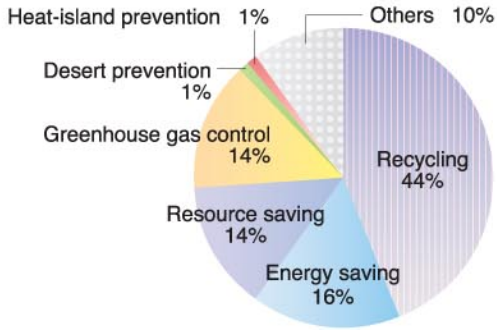

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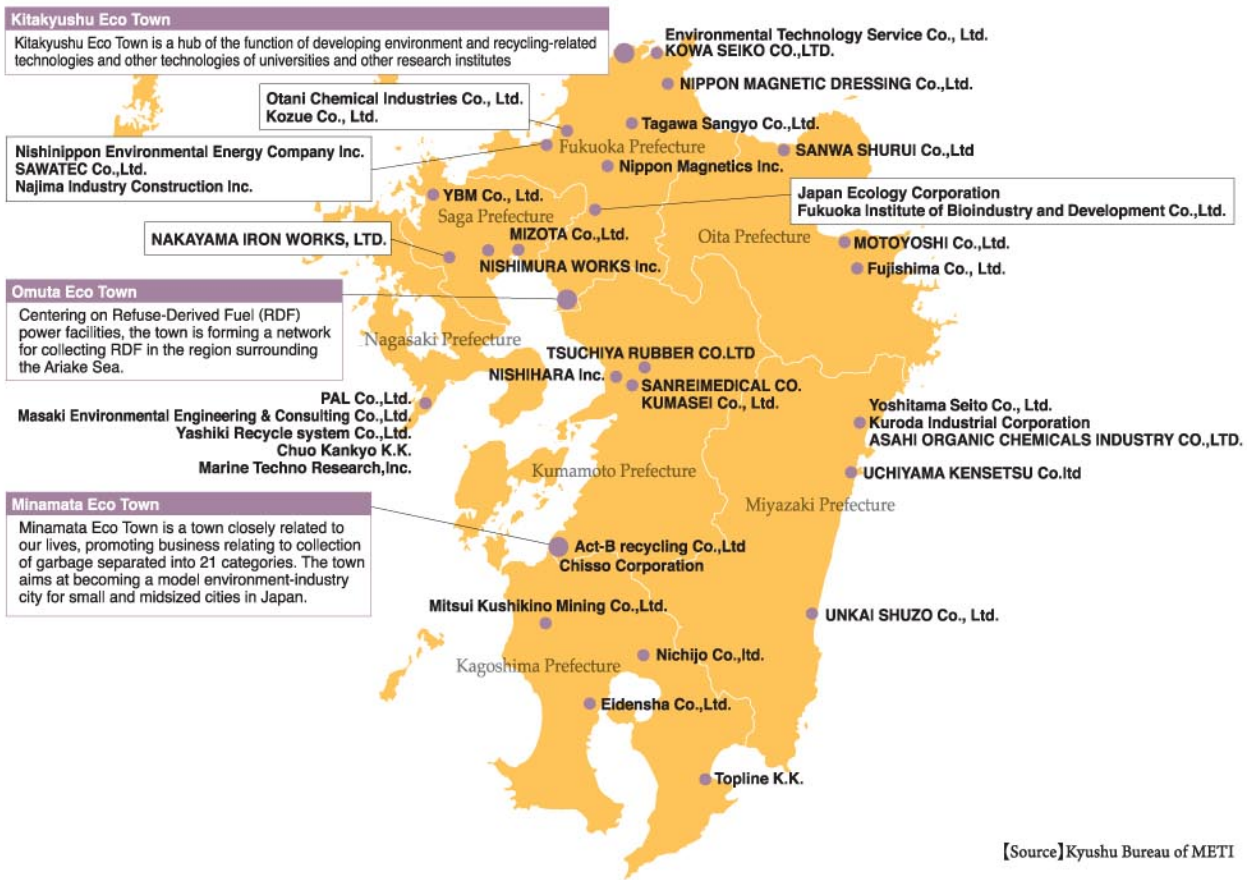
The Map of 'Eco-Town' and Major Environment – related Industry in Kyushu



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