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Contaminated soil might have been illegally dumped in Fukushima

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Some Japanese contractors are suspected of having illegally dumped radioactively contaminated soil, vegetation and water into rivers or other places close to the tsunami-hit Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, the Environment Ministry said Friday.

The ministry has decided to summon senior officials of those contractors to the Fukushima Office for Environmental Restoration and question them about how they have managed contaminated materials.

Some contractors responsible for decontamination work in areas affected by the March 2011 disaster are suspected of having illegally dumped tainted soil and other substances in the city of Tamura, the town of Naraha and the village of Iitate, which are all located in Fukushima Prefecture, according to the ministry.

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